

Medal for the Defense of Sevastopol, 1856.

In silver, measures 28.1 mm wide, 2.2-2.3 mm thick at the edge; weighs 12.3 g. Obverse shows monograms of the two Russian emperors, Nicholas I and Alexander II, who in succession fought the rather hopeless war - known in the West as the Crimean War - against the grand coalition of three empires: French, British and Ottoman, plus the Kingdom of Sardinia. The reverse has inscription along the edge "For the Defense of Sevastopol". The center shows the dates of the heroic defense of the city according to the old Julian calendar: "From 13 September 1854 through 28 August 1855".

In very fine condition. Shows mild, even wear to the raised points of the artwork on the obverse; the raised details of the crowns and cyphers are very nicely defined. The reverse is even better preserved having only minimal wear in the center, while the lettering along the edge is beautifully crisp, almost pristine. The medal is completely free of the edge knocks, bumps or significant dings. Both sides exhibit extremely attractive patina to silver. The medal comes on a Soviet-era suspension with a new St. George ribbon which is appropriate for it.

/See Dimitri Romanov, [The Orders, Medals and History of Imperial Russia](#), pp. 168-169/.

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