Georgian Currency

The lari is the official currency of Georgia. The currency was officially circulated in 1995.

October 2008 Exchange Rate:
1 Georgian Lari (GEL) = 0.70822 USD
1 USD = 1.41200 GEL

One Lari
The front of the Georgian lari features the late 19th-early 20th century Georgian primitivist painter Niko Pirosmani.

Two Lari
Zakaria Paliashvili, a famous Georgian composer, graces the two laris banknote. He is considered the founder of Georgian classical music.
Five Laris
Pictured on the five laris banknote is Georgian historian Ivane Javakhishvili.

Ten Laris
Akaki Tsereteli, a Georgian poet whose lyrics were used to create the famous folk song “Suliko”, is displayed on the ten laris banknote.

Fifty Laris
The famous Georgian queen, Tamar, is portrayed on the fifty laris banknote. She was the Queen of the Kingdom of Georgia from 1184 to 1213. Because of her successful reign during Georgia’s “golden age,” she was dubbed “King of Kings and Queen of Queens” by her subjects.
One Hundred Laris

On the one hundred laris banknote Shota Rustaveli, the renowned Georgian poet of the 12th century, is shown. He is considered one of the greatest representatives of medieval literature.