

# The Peter and Paul Fortress



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**The foundation stone of the fortress was laid on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May (27<sup>th</sup> of May by new style) in 1703.**

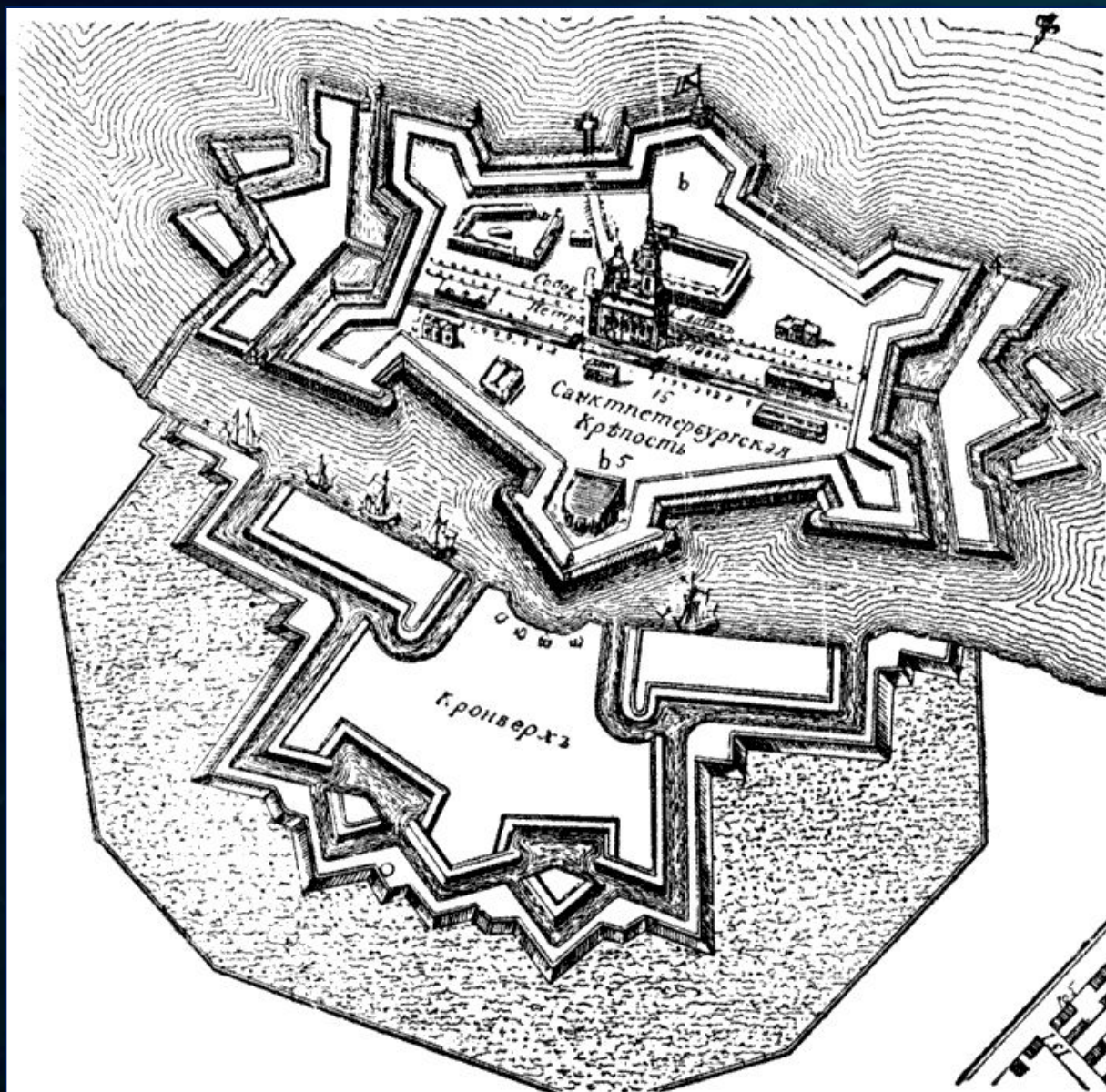


Peter I marked the place for fortress gates with two birch-trees.









План Петропавловской крепости в С-Петербурге







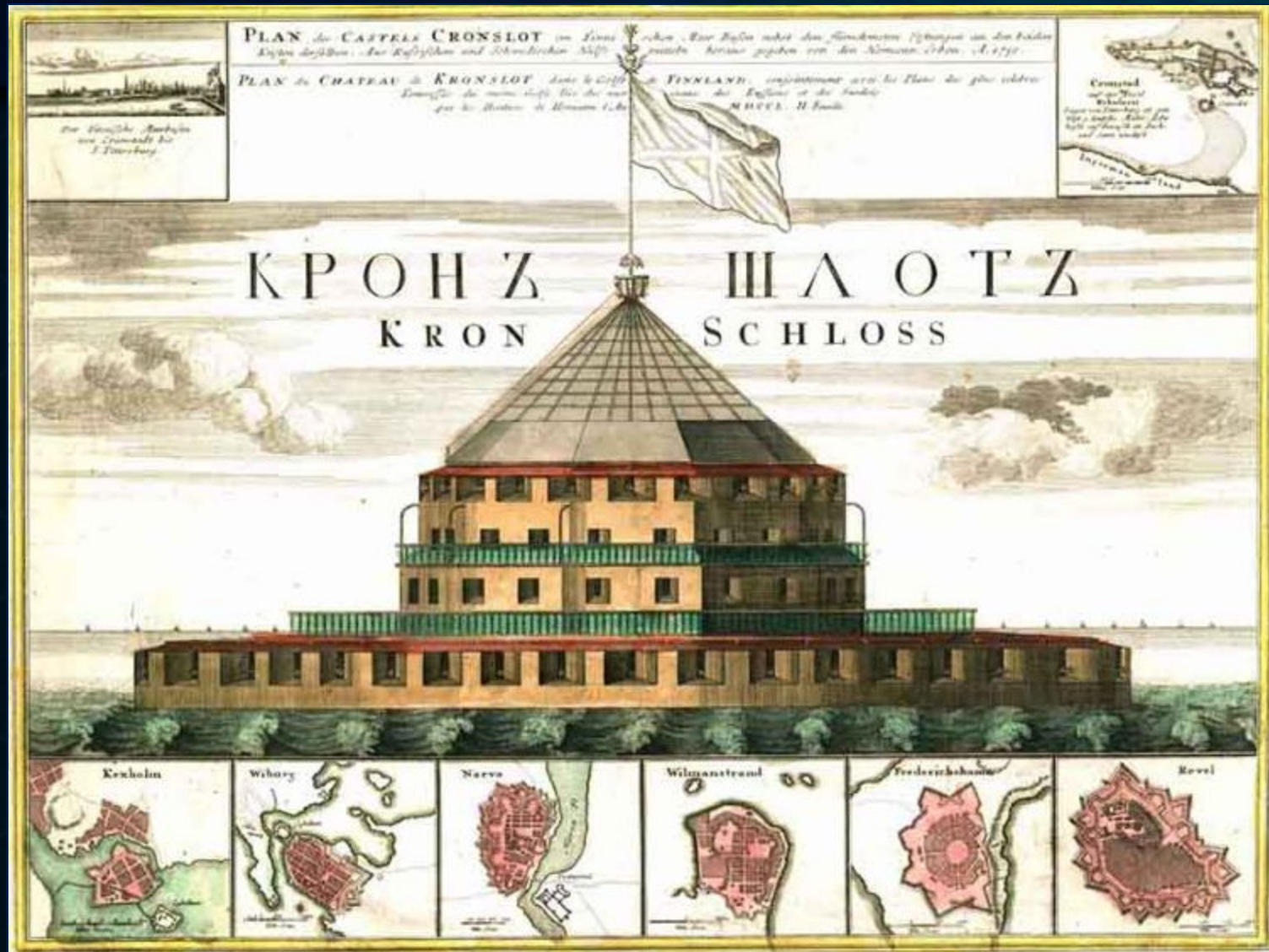
The fortress took its name from the small wooden church in the center of the unfinished fortress. This church was dedicated to the Apostles Peter and Paul.





**One of the first images of the Peter and Paul Fortress.**





Soon after that another fortress on Cronshlodt Island was built and the Peter and Paul fortress lost its military role .





The fortress turned into a political prison.





Alexei the son of  
Peter I, was one of  
the first prisoners.



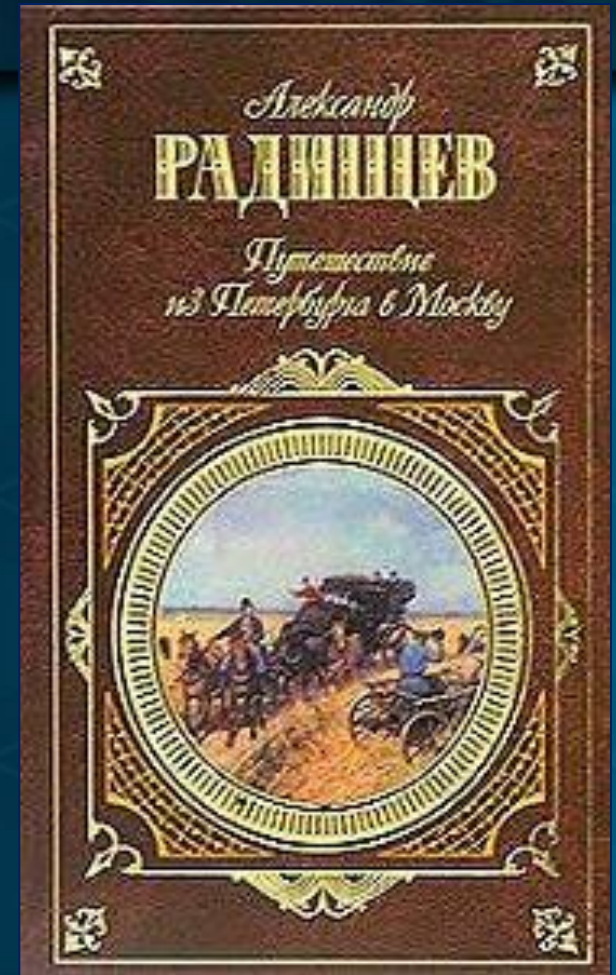




He opposed  
Peter's reforms  
and joined in a  
conspiracy against  
him.

Alexei was imprisoned  
and executed in one of  
the casemates of the  
fortress.





The writer Alexander Radishev wrote the book “Voyage from St. Petersburg to Moscow”. The book was directed against the tsar’s system. He was imprisoned in 1790.





Five of the Decembrists were hung in the Peter and Paul's Fortress. They took part in the revolt against autocratic rule of the tsar in December 1825.

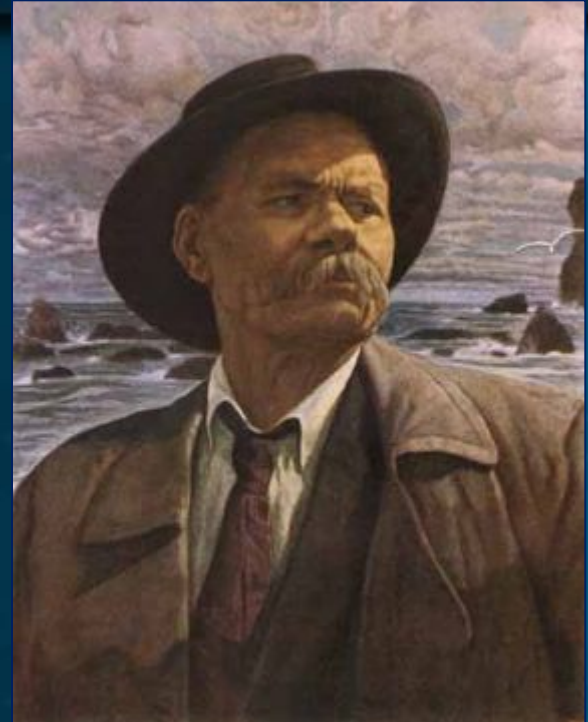


НА ЭТОМ МЕСТЕ  
13/25 ИЮЛЯ 1826 ГОДА  
БЫЛИ КАЗНЕНЫ  
ДЕКАБРИСТЫ  
П. ПЕСТЕЛЬ  
К. РЫЛЕЕВ  
П. КАХОВСКИЙ  
С. МУРАВЬЕВ-АПОСТОЛ  
М. БЕСТУЖЕВ-РЮМИН





Fyodor Dostoevsky



Maxim Gorky

These writers were imprisoned in the fortress.

# The Mint



In the center of the fortress stands the Mint. It was founded in 1724. Coins, badges, orders, medals have been minted there.





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