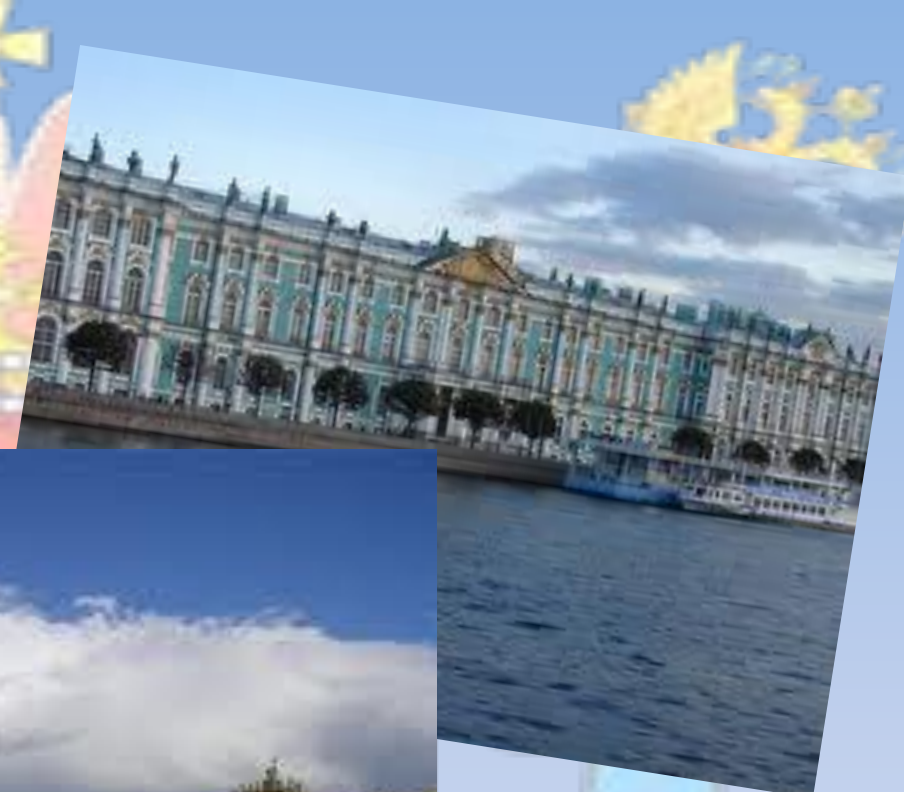


# ARCHITECTURAL MONUMENTS OF SAINT PETERSBURG. ST. ISAAC'S CATHEDRAL



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**The beauty of the city amazes and takes the breath away. There are a lot of architectural monuments. St. Petersburg can be called Palace City indeed.**

One of the  
most amazing  
constructions  
in  
St. Petersburg  
is St. Isaac's  
Cathedral.



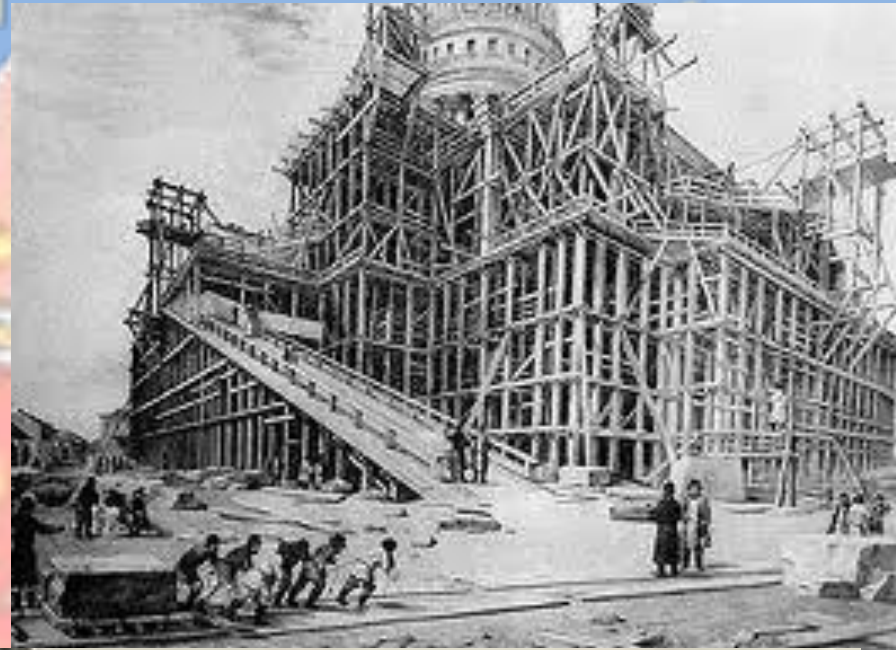
*In 1816 Alexander I charged the young  
French architect Auguste Ricard  
Montferrand with designing the Cathedral.*



*The cathedral was being built for  
40 years.*

*Looking at it one can understand  
how much effort was made in  
order to carry out the architect's  
plans.*

*The Cathedral was being built on a  
swampy soil. Nearly 11 thousand  
piles and 120 granite columns were  
used to build it. The heaviest  
columns' weight was 144 tons. It  
took workers only 45 minutes to set  
the columns in their places.*



*In plan the Cathedral is an equilateral Greek cross with four porticos. It is faced with grey Karelia marble. There are a lot of big arch windows. On the top of the Cathedral there is a great golden dome. The Cathedral is 101 m high.*





*The diameter of outer dome is 25 m.  
100 kg of pure gold was used for building the  
main dome.*





*On the porticos there  
are statues of 12  
apostles. In the left side  
Peter the apostle hands  
the keys to the gate of  
Eden.*

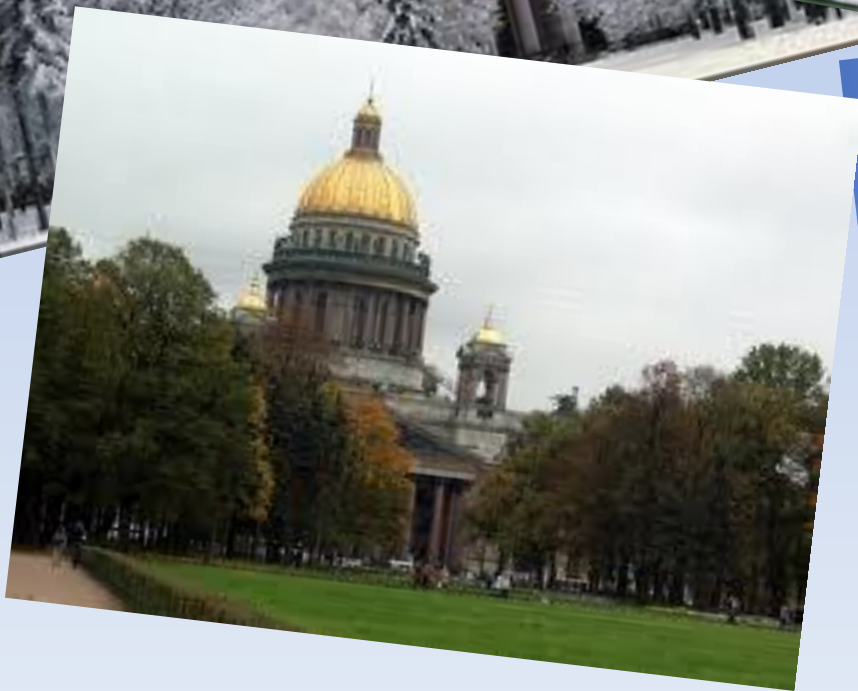
*In the right side  
Paul the apostle  
hands a sword  
which is the symbol  
of his earnest service  
to Christ.*





*On the northern relief you can see resurrection of Christ and in the centre there is Christ risen from the dead. Beautifully made sculptures wonder.*

*The Cathedral is wonderful in any season.*



The background of the page features the coat of arms of the Russian Empire. It consists of a red shield with a white cross, a golden scepter, and a golden orb. The shield is supported by two blue lions holding golden scepters. Above the shield is a golden crown with a cross on top. The entire emblem is set against a light blue background.

## *Fill in the missing words:*

- 1. In \_\_\_\_\_ Alexander I charged the young architect with designing the cathedral.*
- 2. It was being built for \_\_\_\_\_ years.*
- 3. It took workers \_\_\_\_\_ minutes to set the column in its place.*
- 4. The total height of the cathedral is \_\_\_\_\_ meters.*
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ kg of pure red gold was used for building the main dome.*
- 6. On the porticos there are \_\_\_\_\_ apostles.*
- 7. Peter the apostle hands \_\_\_\_\_*
- 8. Paul the apostle hands \_\_\_\_\_*
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ supervised the building of the cathedral and was its architect*

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