Decembrists Square



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Senate Square, formerly known as **Decembrists' Square** in 1925-2008, and **Peter's Square**, before 1925, is a city square in Saint-Petersburg. It is situated on the left bank of the Bolshaya Neva, in front of Saint Isaac's Cathedral. In 1925 it was renamed *Decembrists Square* to commemorate the Decembrist Revolt, which took place there in 1825.

The square is bounded by the Admiralty building to the east. On the west is the Senate and Synod Building (now headquarters of the Constitutional Court of Russia). The Bronze Horseman monument adorns the square. On July 29, 2008, the square was renamed back to Senate Square.

The square was named in honour of the young revolutionary noblemen. The uprising took place in December 1825. That's why the participants came to be known as Decembrists.



The monument to Peter the First



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Senate(on the left), 1801



Senate(on the left), 1824-1827 years



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Panoramic view of Neva downstream



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The buildings of the Senate and Synod were rebuilt by the architect Carlo Rossi in 1829-1834



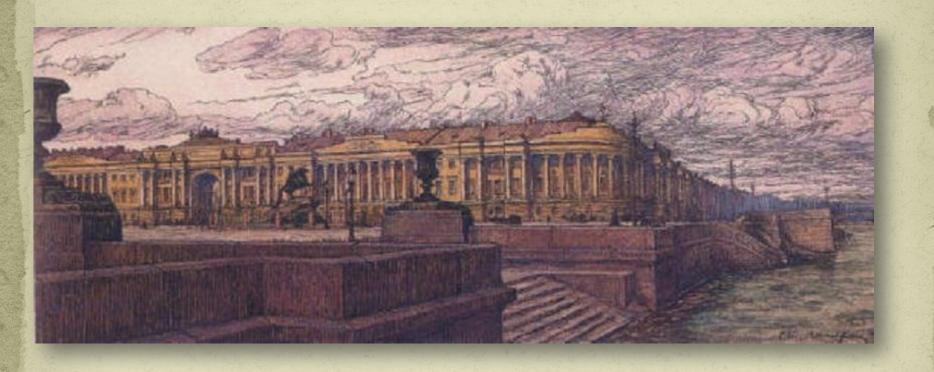
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Senate Square. 1904





an arch across Galernaya Street

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Triumphal arch across the street Galernaya came to symbolize the unity of church and state. In its design Rossi used one of unrealized projects Arch on Palace Square. Height of the arch, along with a statue is 26 meters, the arch height - 12 meters, width of the arch - 20 meters. Above the arch is placed sculptural group "Piety and Justice", symbolizing faith in the law.





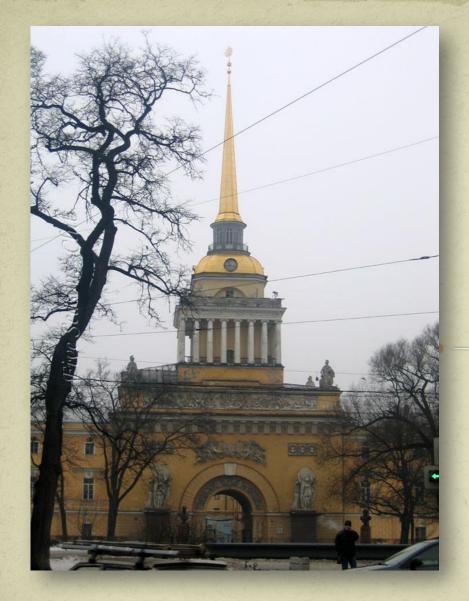
Sculptural decoration of buildings was created by the sculptor W. Demuth-Malinovsky, S. Pimenov, N. Tokarev, Pyotr Sokolov, P.V. Svintsov, N. Ustinov, I.I. Leppe. Ustinov created a statue of "Faith" (the first alcove on the left), Sokolov - "Piety" (the second niche on the left). S. Pimenov carried statues of "law" and "justice." While working on them, he died. In 1833 model was completed by his son, N.S. Pimenov.







Decorating the arch bas reliefs and allegorical reveal the history of Russian legislation, praised the state power. The largest bas-relief "civil law" - over the arch, was made by P.V. Svintsov and I.I. Leppe. Among others we can see bust of Peter I and Catherine II. The same sculptors has created a bas-relief in the left side of the arch - the "Law of God" (dedicated to the Synod), on the right - "natural law" (dedicated to the Senate).



The Admiralty



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