

2. Legends about Andrew the Apostle (Andrii Pervozvannyi) and the Andriivs`ka Church in Kyiv

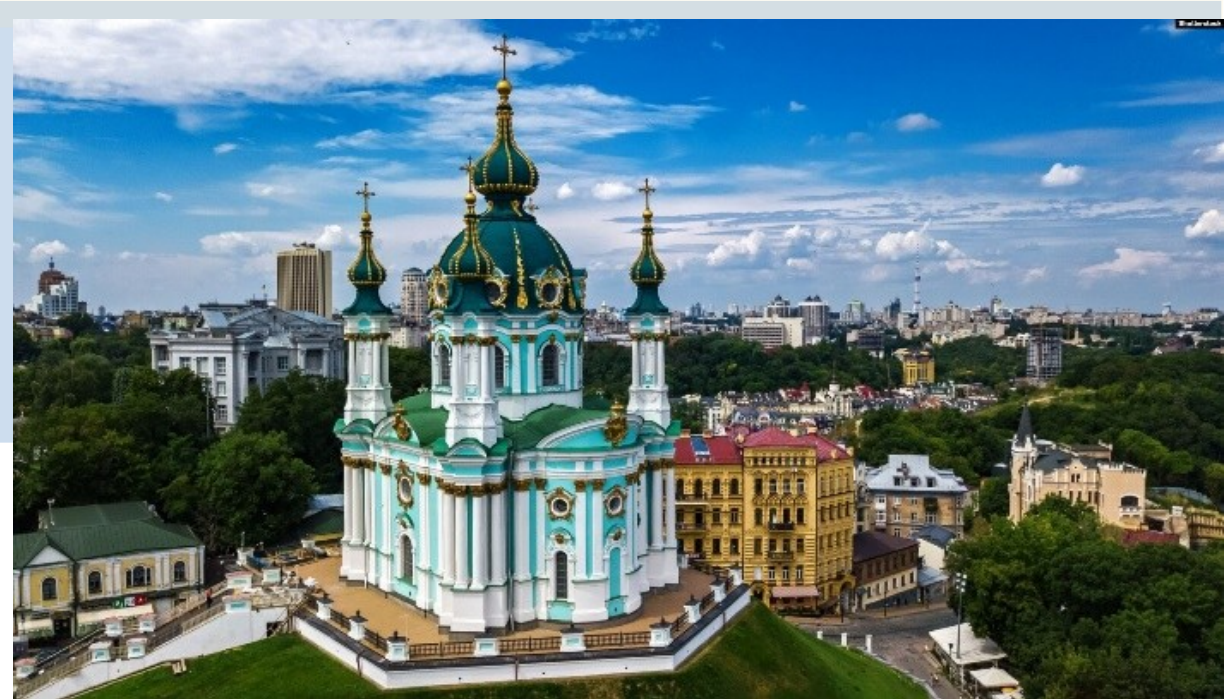


Andriivs`ka Church, photo from the 1850s, lithography.

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The legend tells about the mountain on contemporary Andriiv's'yi Descent in Kyiv, where there were wooden churches in honor of this legend. Later, in 1747-1762 the Andriiv's'ka Church (Andriiv's'ka tserkva) was built and is where it stands nowadays.

и приде въ устье Днепръское; и оттолѣ поиде по Днѣпру горѣ, и по приключаяю Божию приде и ста подѣ горами на березѣ. И заутра вѣставѣ, рече к сущимъ с нимъ ученикомъ: «видите горы сия? яко на сихъ горахъ вссияетъ благодать Божия, имать и городъ великъ быти, и церкви многы имать Богъ въздвигнути». И въшедѣ на горы сия, и благослови я, и постави крестъ, и помолився Богу, и слѣзе съ горы сея, а идеже послѣже бысть Киевъ, и поиде по Днѣпру горѣ. И приде въ Словены, идеже нынѣ



Andriiv's'ka Church nowadays.

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This place is also surrounded by both apocryphal and urban legends. The apocryphal legend says, “*The place below the hill once had been flooded, until one day the Andrew the Apostle appeared here. He struck with his staff, and the water receded, and part of it formed an underground lake inside the mountain on top of which the church now stands. That is why the temple does not have a bell tower: the first bell would awaken these primary waters*” (collected by Daria Antsybor, published at <https://project.weekend.today/kyiv-legends>).

Another version tells, “There are seven large underground springs that feed the city under this church. If something happens to the hill or church, they will rise up and instantly flood the entire city region Podil, and after it, joining the Dnipro will start the next great flood” (collected by Daria Antsybor, published at <https://project.weekend.today/kyiv-legends>).

The hill and Andrew the Apostle also appear in Oleksandr Il'chenko's novel "The City with Chimaeras" (2009) which is built on Kyivan legends and a biography about famous architecture Vladyslav Horodets'kyi who created some of the most beautiful buildings in Kyiv.

In his novel, Il'chenko says that Andrew's the Apostol stuff restrains the Serpent who lives under Kyiv

