

# THE CHEST GAZETTE

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## St. Anne's church

St. Anne's church was most likely built between 1495–1500 in Gothic style when the rest of the continent was already crazy about Renaissance. The reason for this may be that most of western style art and architecture came here with Catholic Church. And Grand Duchy of Lithuania was the last pagan country in Europe (baptized only in 1387). So, most of European fashions reached Vilnius years later. Nonetheless, St. Anne's church is still one of the most striking gothic churches in the region and one of the most popular attractions in Vilnius Old Town.

As the most famous church in Vilnius, St. Anne's church has its own legend. According to it, Napoleon, while visiting Vilnius in 1812, expressed a wish to carry it back home 'in the palm of his hand'.



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