



THE ALBUM OF LEGENDS AND MYTHS



LET'S MYTH TOGETHER!

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PUNTUKAS

the second -
largest boulder in Lithuania. It is
situated some 5 kilometres south
of Anykščiai on the left bank of
the Šventoji River.

Legend

A local legend says that velnias
(a devil in the Lithuanian mythology)
carried the stone to destroy
the Anykščiai Church, however
a rooster crowed. The devil
disappeared back into the
underworld, leaving only Puntukas
behind.



The Gediminas Castle, Vilnius

Legend

Long, long ago, the Lithuanian Grand Duke Gediminas was hunting in the woods of Sventaragis valley. After the tiring hunting he had a dream that on top of the hill, where he had hunted down a taurus that day, a large iron wolf was standing and howling so hard and loud, like a hundred wolves. The mage Lizdeika explained that this is an omen indicating to build a city in this place, which would later become known around the world and will become a magnificent capital city of Lithuania.

Historical site

The Gediminas Castle was built around 1323. This small but powerful castle withstood numerous Crusader attacks. The tower of the castle has become a symbol of not only the capital city, but also of Lithuania.



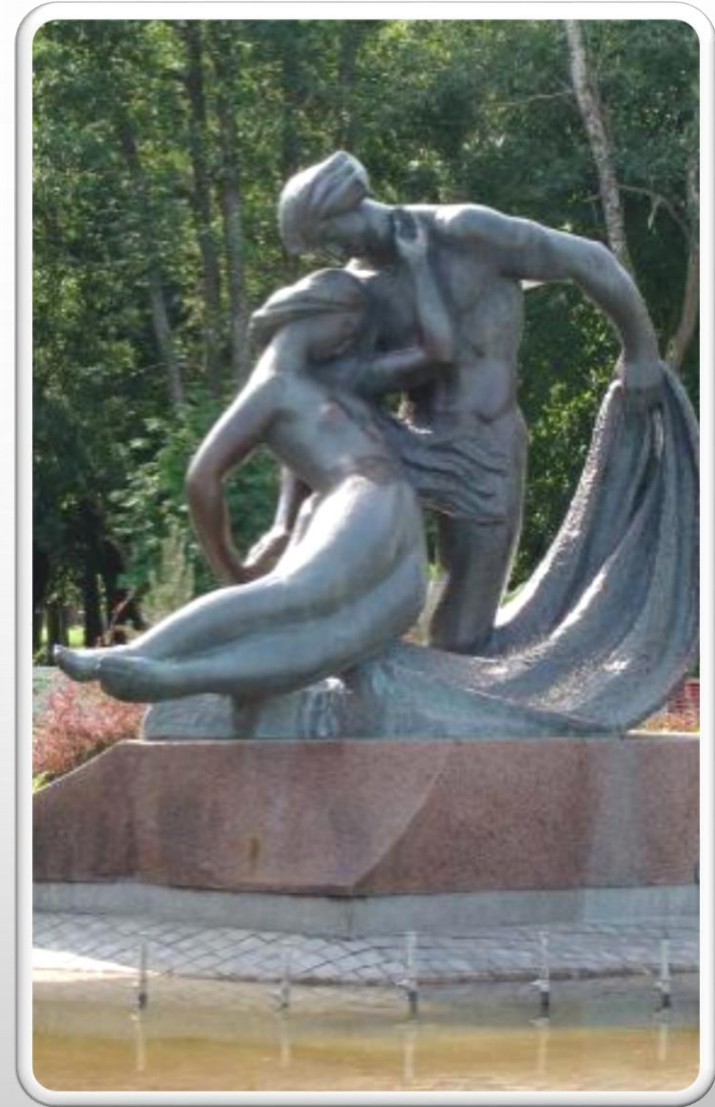
BARSTYCIAI BOULDER



PUOKES VILLAGE SKUODAS DISTRICT. THE BIGGEST BOULDER IN LITHUANIA BROUGHT BY GLACIERS FROM SOUTH -WESTERN PART OF FINLAND 13 - 14 THOUSAND YEARS AGO. IN 1968 THIS BOULDER WAS NOTIFIED A GEOLOGICAL MONUMENT. IN THE PAST THE STONE SITE WAS A PAGAN TEMPLE, AND THERE WAS A FIREPLACE LOOKED AFTER BY A BEAUTIFUL PRIESTESS. WHEN THE PRIESTESS LOST HER VIRGINITY, PERKUNAS THE GOD, THREW A LARGE BOULDER ON THE TEMPLE. IT KILLED THE PRIESTESS. THE TEMPLE COLLAPSED AND DISAPPEARED UNDER THE GROUND BUT THE STONE REMAINED

MONUMENT DEDICATED TO JURATE AND KASTYTIS, PALANGA

SCULPTURED BY NIJOLE GAIGALAITE
IN 1958 SYMBOLIZING ETERNAL
LOVE OF THE SEA GODDESS JURATE
AND A FISHERMAN NAMED KASTYTIS
, WHO WAS KILLED BY THE GOD
PERKUNAS. JURATE'S AMBER CASTLE
WAS RUINED AND SMASHED INTO
SMALL PIECES AND NOWADAYS
PEOPLE CAN FIND SMALL OF AMBER
DROPS ON THE SEASHORE.



MONUMENT TO EGLE, THE QUEEN OF SERPENTS, PALANGA



REPRESENTS A SAD LOVE STORY . ONE WARM SUMMER DAY, EGLĖ, THE YOUNGEST DAUGHTER OF A LOCAL FARMER, WENT BATHING IN THE SEA WITH HER TWO SISTERS.

WHEN SHE STARTED TO DRESS, SHE FOUND A SERPENT IN HER CLOTHES. THE SERPENT DEMANDED THAT EGLĖ HAD TO BECOME HIS WIFE FOR THE RETURN OF HER CLOTHES.EGLĖ KEPT HER PROMISE AND MARRIED HIM. THEY LIVED HAPILLY UNTIL EGLĖ BECAME HOMESICK AND ASKED ŽILVINAS TO ALLOW HER AND THE CHILDREN TO VISIT HER PARENTS' FARM. HE LET HER GO BUT TOLD HER SECRET WORDS HOW TO GET HIM TO APPEAR FROM THE SEA.THE BROTHERS TRIED TO FIND OUT THE WORDS BUT THE SONS REFUSED TO COMPLY, BUT THE YOUNGEST DAUGHTER DREBULĖ BECAME FRIGHTENED AND REVEALED THE SECRET CALL. EGLĖ'S TWELVE BROTHERS RUSHED TO THE SEASHORE, CALLED ŽILVINAS, WHO APPEARED IN SERPENT FORM, AND KILLED HIM WITH SCYTHES.EGLĖ TURNED HER CHILDREN INTO TREES AND BECAME A FIR TREE HERSELF.

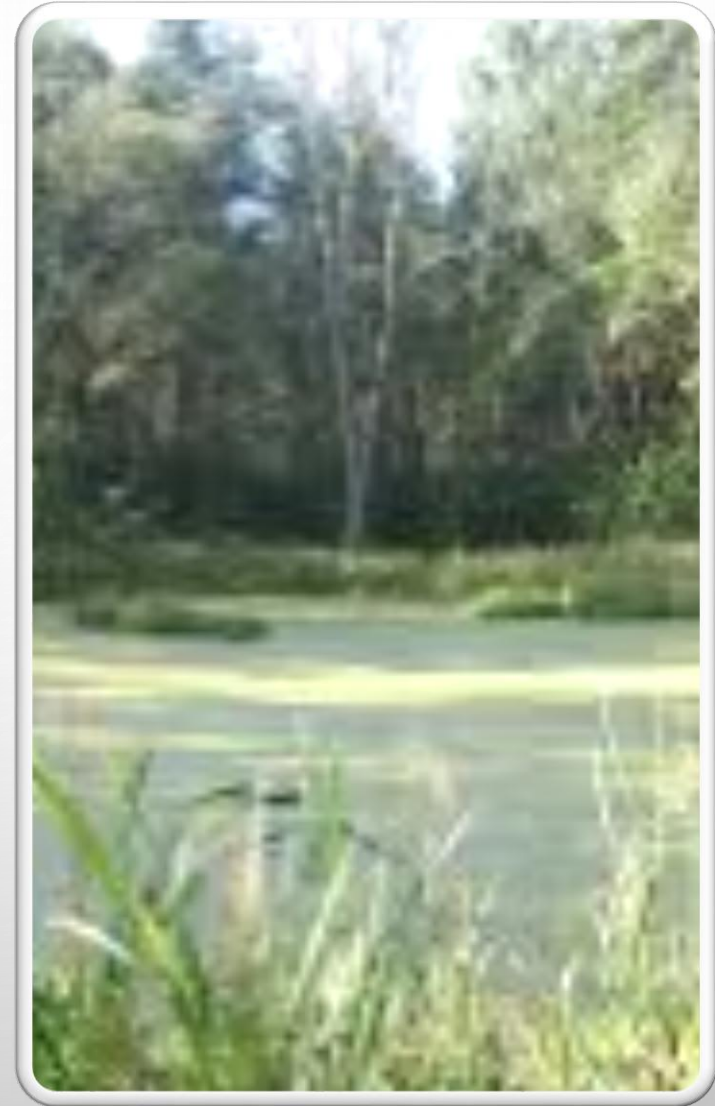
BIRUTE'S HILL, PALANGA

IT IS A LEGENDARY SITE 21 METERS
ABOVE SEA LEVEL IN PALANGA. THIS
SANCTUARY IS LINKED WITH THE
NAME OF THE PRIESTESS BIRUTĖ, THE
WIFE OF DUKE KĘSTUTIS AND THE
MOTHER OF VYTAUTAS. STORIES TELL
THAT SHE LIVED HERE AND KEPT THE
HOLY FIRE BURNING AND WAS
BURIED HERE AFTER HER DEATH.



QUAGMIRE OF QUEEN IN ANYKSCIAI

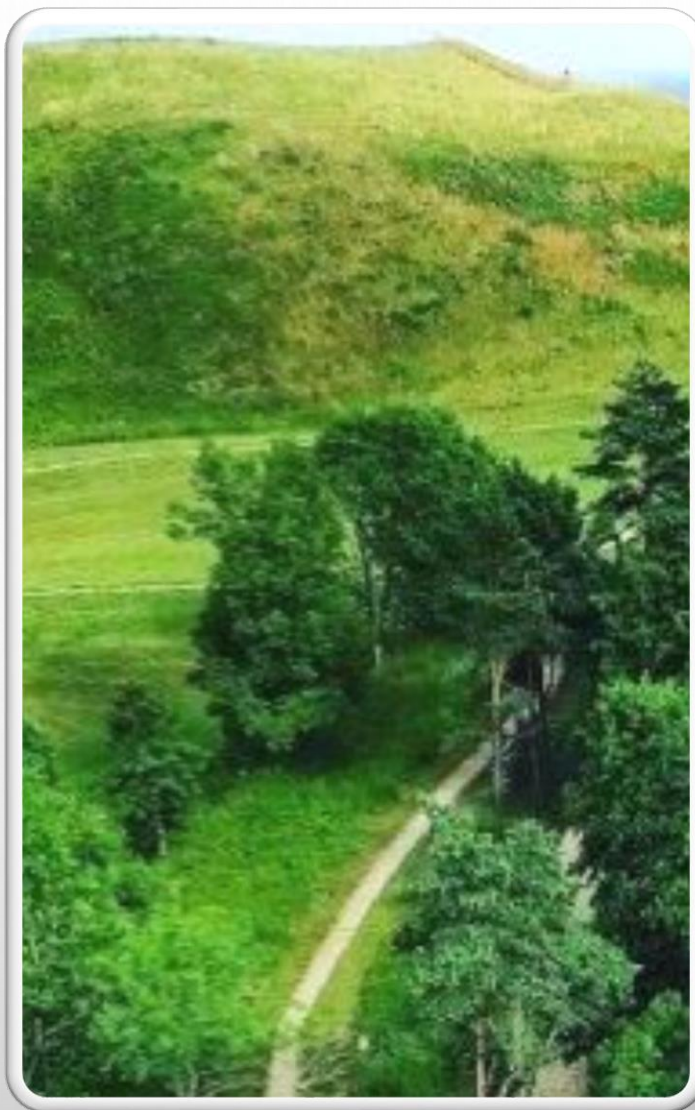
THE STORY TELLS ABOUT A
DWELLING OF LAUMES (BALTIC
NATURE SPIRITS SIMILAR TO FAIRIES)
IN THE SWAMPS NEAR PUNTUKAS
STONE. QUAGMIRE OF QUEEN IS A
SACRED PLACE FOR BALTIC PAGANS.
ACCORDING TO A LEGEND, A QUEEN
DROWNED HERSELF THERE AFTER THE
CHRISTIANIZATION.



SATRIJA HILL, PASATRIJA VILLAGE, IN TELSIAI'S LUOKE DISTRICT

According to legends, all the witches in Lithuania used to gather on Satrija Hill at certain times of the year.

It is said that the hill itself was built by witches when they buried a Christian church under a mound of soil. The purpose of these gatherings was to predict the future, and summon the power of nature through rituals involving fire and worship.



Trakai Island Castle, located in Trakai, on an island in Lake Galve.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STONE CASTLE WAS
BEGUN IN THE 14TH CENTURY BY KESTUTIS, AND
AROUND 1409 MAJOR WORKS WERE COMPLETED
BY HIS SON VYTAUTAS THE GREAT, WHO DIED IN
THIS CASTLE IN 1430. TRAKAI WAS ONE OF THE
MAIN CENTERS OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF
LITHUANIA.

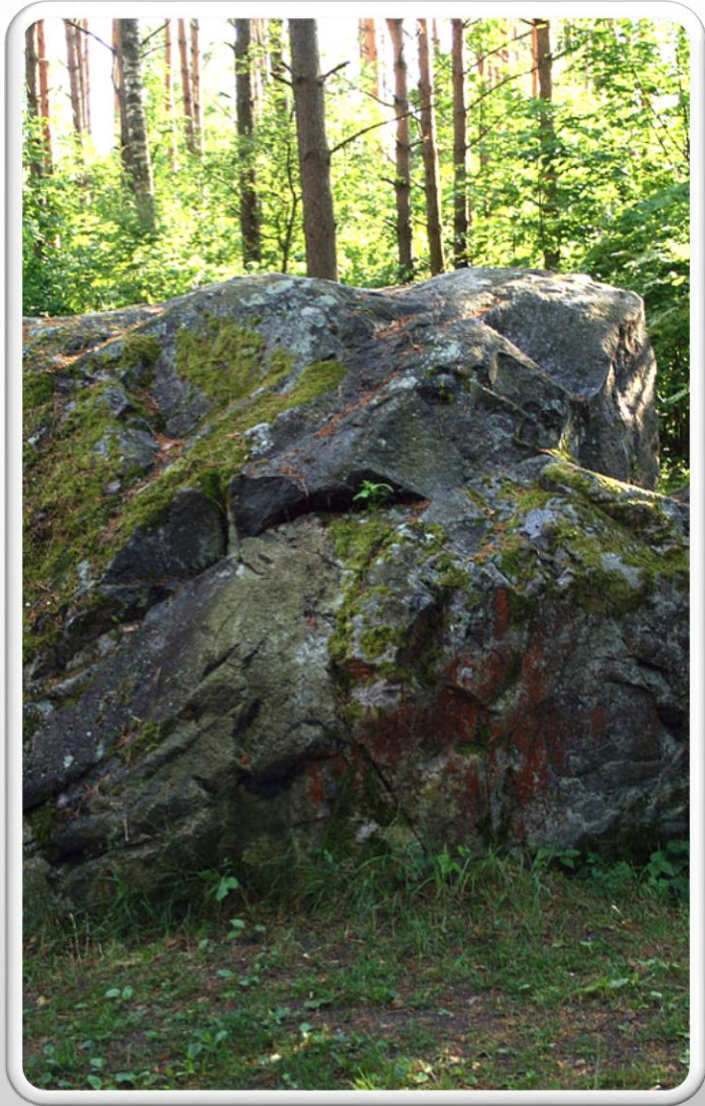
THE LEGEND TELLS THAT THE CASTLE WAS BUILT
BECAUSE OF A WOMAN'S WHIM. DUKE'S KESTUTIS
WIFE BIRUTE DID NOT LIKE LIVING IN OLD TRAKAI
BECAUSE THERE WAS TOO LITTLE WATER AROUND,
AS SHE HAD BEEN USED IN HER HOME IN PALANGA.
THEREFORE KESTUTIS, IN ORDER TO PLEASE HIS
WIFE, BUILT A CASTLE.



GEIDZIAI BOULDER, MAZEIKIAI DISTRICT

THIS MYTHOLOGICAL STONE, WHICH IS LOCATED
ALONG THE GEIDŽIAITIRKŠLIAI ROAD, IS A
GEOLOGICAL MONUMENT OF NATIONAL
IMPORTANCE AND IS THE LARGEST BOULDER IN
THE MAŽEIKIAI DISTRICT.

THE LEGEND TELLS THAT VELNIAS (DEVIL) DECIDED
TO DAM THE VENTA RIVER AS HE WAS ANGRY
WITH IT. HE PICKED UP A LARGE BOULDER AND
WAS GOING TO FULFIL HIS INTENT BUT THE
ROOSTER CROWED AND THE BOULDER FELL OFF
HIS HANDS INTO THE PLACE IT LIES NOW IN
GEIDZIAI FOREST.



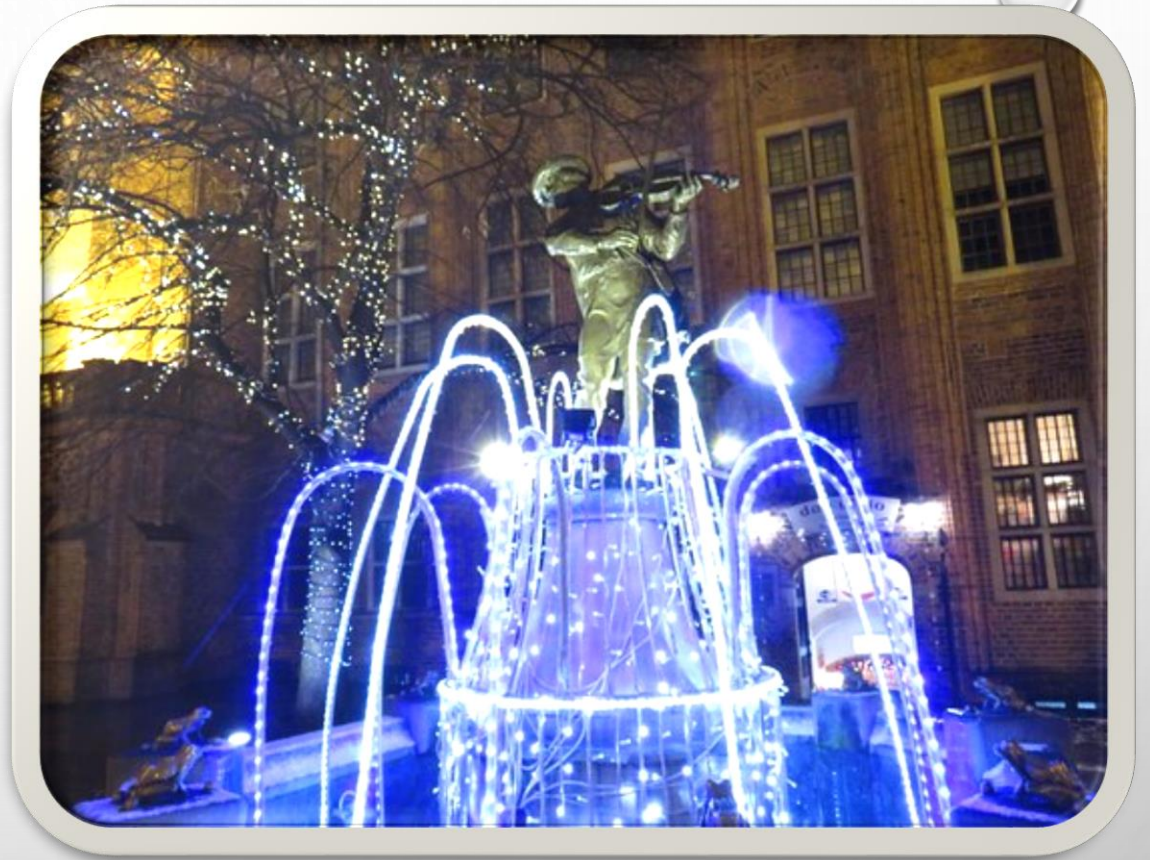
SMOK WAWELSKI

**THIS IS A LEGEND ABOUT CITY IN POLAND -
KRAKÓW. IT TELLS A STORY ABOUT A
DANGEROUS DRAGON, THAT WANTED TO
DESTROY THE WHOLE CITY. HOWEVER A BRAVE
BOY SZEWCZYK STUFFED A SHEEP WITH SULFUR
AND GAVE IT TO THE DRAGON AND IT ATE IT.
IN THIS WAY THE BRAVE SZEWCZYK SAVED THE
CITY**



O FLISAKU I ŻABACH

LEGEND ABOUT A RAFTSMAN AND FROGS
COMES FROM TORUŃ – OUR TOWN. IT TELLS THE
STORY ABOUT A YOUNG RAFTSMAN WHO SAVED
TORUŃ FROM THE PLAGUE OF FROGS. HE HAD
TO PLAY HIS VIOLIN FIRST AND THE FROGS
FOLLOWED HIM. THAT WAS THE WAY HE LED THE
FROGS OUT OF TORUŃ AND SAVED THE TOWN.



KRZYWA WIEŻA – TORUŃ

THE LEANING TOWER. ACCORDING TO THE LEGEND, ITS ORIGIN COMES FROM THE TEUTONIC TIMES. ONE OF THE TEUTONIC KNIGHTS FELL IN LOVE WITH A BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER OF THE WEALTHY MERCHANT. THE PUNISHMENT FOR BREAKING THE VOW OF CHASTITY WAS ERECTING THE LEANING TOWER AS A SYMBOL OF LEAVING STRICT RELIGIOUS RULE.



WARS I SAWA

LONG TIME AGO, THERE WAS A SMALL VILLAGE ON THE BANKS OF THE WISŁA RIVER, WHERE PEOPLE SPENT ALL THEIR DAYS FISHING. ONE EVENING, WHEN WARS WAS COLLECTING HIS WEB AND FISH BEFORE GOING HOME, HE HEARD A QUIET SONG. HE SAW THE SINGER. IT WAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL LADY IN THE WORLD. HER NAME WAS SAWA. THEY FELL IN LOVE WITH EACH OTHER. THERE WAS ONE SECRET. SHE KNEW THAT IF SHE FELL IN LOVE WITH A HUMAN BEING SHE WILL LOSE HER FISH TAIL AND BECOME A WOMAN. WARS ASKED HER TO MARRY HIM AND SHE SAID YES WITH GREAT JOY. THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER WITH MUTUAL LOVE AND RESPECT. PEOPLE DECIDED TO NAME THE PLACE WARS-SAWA = WARSZAWA



BAZYLISZEK

ONE DAY, HALINA AND MACIEK MET WALUŚ , WHO SAID THAT THERE IS SOME GOLD IN THE PLACE CALLED KRZYWIA KOŁO. THE ADULTS WARNED THEM ABOUT THIS PLACE AND TOLD THEM TO AVOID IT. IN THE END, HOWEVER, THEY WENT THERE AND SAW A MONSTER – BASISLISK, THAT LOOKED LIKE A CROSS BETWEEN A ROOSTER AND A SNAKE. THE MONSTER CHANGED EVERYONE WHO LOOKED INTO ITS EYES INTO STONES.

THEY WERE TERRIFIED, BUT THEY COULD NOT GET OUT. THEIR FATHERS WERE REALLY WORRIED ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN AND LOOKED FOR THEM EVERYWHERE. THEY FOUND OUT THAT HALINA, MACIEK AND WALUŚ WENT TO THIS FORBIDDEN PLACE. SO THEY WENT FOR HELP FROM THE ALCHEMIST, WIZARD AND DOCTOR, HERMENEGILIUS FABULE. HE KNEW ONLY ONE WAY TO KILL THE BEAST,NAMELY, THAT THE MONSTER HAD TO LOOK IN THE MIRROR. THE FATHERS OF THE CHILDREN APPROACHED THE CROOKED CIRCLE TOGETHER WITH THE GREAT MIRROR. THEY GOT INTO THE MONSTERS PLACE AND KILLED BASILISK WITH ITS OWN REFLECTION.



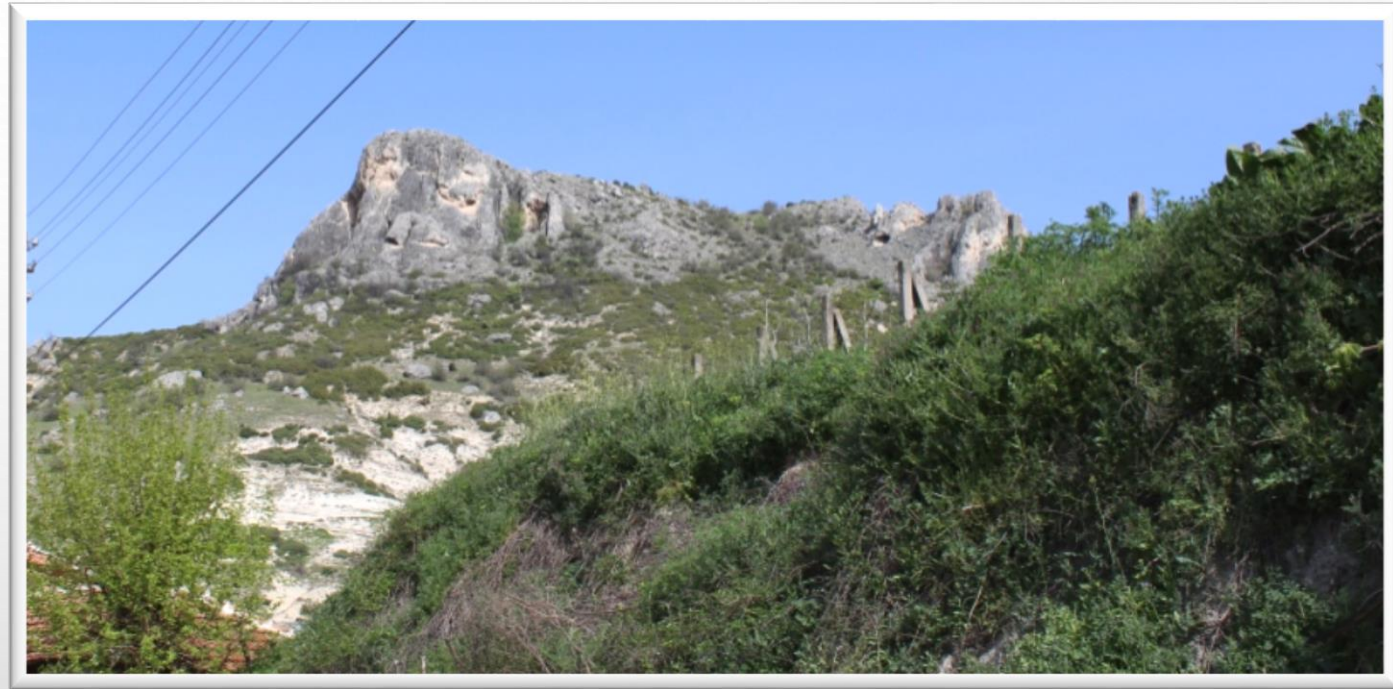
THE HOLY WATER

ABOUT 1.5 – 2 KM TO THE NORTH-WEST OF ILINDENTSI VILLAGE IS LOCATED THE SPRING **HEALING /HOLY/ WATER**. THE FAMOUS BULGARIAN PROPHET VANGA USED TO ADVISE THE LOCAL PEOPLE TO DRINK WATER FROM THIS SPRING AND TO WASH THEIR EYES THERE WHEN THEY ARE ILL. TO THE EAST OF THE SPRING THERE ARE ROCKS, WHICH LOOK LIKE A COUPLE /GROOM AND BRIDE/. BETWEEN THE “HEADS” OF THE COUPLE THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT STONE, WHICH FORMS A STONE ARCH, WITH AN EAST-WEST ORIENTATION



THE BLACK ROCK

THE BLACK ROCK IS LOCATED NEAR THE VILLAGE OF ILINDENTSI. THE BLACK ROCK HAS A NATURAL ROCK SITE ON THE SUMMIT. ON THE NORTH-WEST END OF THIS ROCK SITE THERE ARE A FEW ROCK-CUT ALTARS. A LOT OF CERAMIC ARTEFACTS CAN BE FOUND THERE. THIS PROVES THAT THE AREA USED TO BE A MEGALITH SANCTUARY, WHICH WAS USED BY THE ANCIENT THRACIAN TRIBES, WHO LIVED THERE. IN THE SOUTHERNMOST PART OF THE ROCKY PLATEAU THERE IS A HUGE ROCK PIECE, WHICH FORMS A LARGE-SCALE ROCK ARCH THROUGH WHICH THE SUN'S RAYS PENETRATE WHEN THE SUN IS AT ITS ZENITH ON THE SKY. IT IS A SYMBOL OF THE GREAT THRACIAN MOTHER GODDESS KIBELA.



PALAT VILLAGE

THE MOST IMPORTANT HOLIDAY FOR THE PEOPLE FROM PALAT VILLAGE IS THE ASCENSION OF THE GOD /THE DAY OF SAINT SPAS/. IT IS CELEBRATED BY THE LOCAL PEOPLE. THE PREPARATIONS START IN THE EVENING BEFORE THE HOLIDAY. EACH FAMILY BUYS A LITTLE MALE GOAT. THEY ROAST THE MEAT. PEOPLE GO TO PALAT PEAK IN FESTIVE CLOTHES. THEY CELEBRATE AND EAT THE MEAT NEAR THE THRACIAN ALTAR, CONNECTED WITH THE LEGEND OF KING MARKO /KRALI MARKO/. THE ALTAR IS LOCATED NEXT TO PALAT PEAK.



THE WATER ROCK

THE AREA “**WATER ROCK**” IS LOCATED NEAR PALAT VILLAGE, AT THE FOOTSTEPS OF PALAT PEAK.

ACCORDING TO THE LEGEND ABOUT THE “WATER ROCK” THERE IS A WATER SPRING ON THE ROCK.

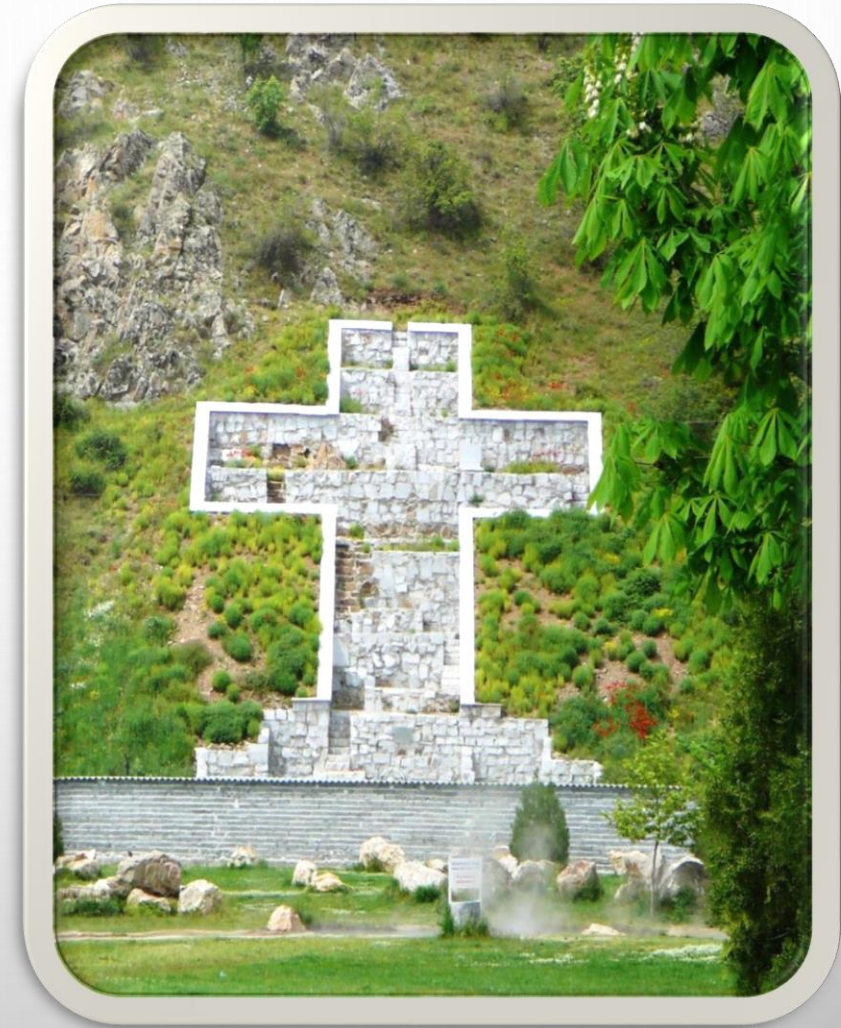
THIS SPRING APPEARED FROM THE STEP OF KING MARKO /KRALI MARKO/. KING MARKO PROTECTED THE LOCAL PEOPLE FROM THE TURKISH ENSLAVERS. ONCE KING MARKO JUMPED AT PALAT PEAK FROM PIRIN MOUNTAIN AND HE STEPPED ON THIS ROCK.

AFTER THE BATTLES WITH THE TURKISH ENSLAVERS MARKO WAS VERY TIRED AND THIRSTY, SO THE GOD GAVE HIM WATER AND THE WATER STARTED FLOWING FROM THE ROCK.



STRUMITSA

A VERY FAMOUS LEGEND IS THE ONE ABOUT THE BEAUTIFUL GIRL STRUMITSA, WHO WAS A DAUGHTER OF THE LOCAL RULER. HE USED TO LIVE IN A PALACE ON THE TOP OF THE MOUND, AND STRUMITSA USED TO LIVE IN A CASTLE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FIELDS. THE TOWN WAS ATTACKED BY THE TATAR ARMY. THE BRAVE WARRIORS FROM THE TOWN DIDN'T SURRENDER. THEY WERE DEFENDING THE ENTRANCE TO HERACLEA SINTICA. STRUMITSA WENT ON THE TOP OF THE CASTLE TO HAVE A LOOK AT THE BATTLE. SHE SAW THE YOUNG LEADER OF THE TATARS. SHE FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM. THROUGH A SECRET TUNNEL SHE WENT OUT OF THE TOWN AND CAME CLOSER TO THE TATAR WARRIOR. THE TATAR LEADER ASKED HER HOW SHE CAME AND STRUMITSA SHOWED HIM THE SECRET TUNNEL TO HERACLEA SINTICA. THE TATAR ARMY ENTERED IN THE TOWN. A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE KILLED. STRUMITSA'S FATHER WAS CAPTURED. THE RULER FOUND OUT THAT HIS DAUGHTER HAD BETRAYED HERACLEA SINTICA. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WERE KILLED. THE RULER SAID THAT STRUMITSA HAS TO BE KILLED. BEFORE THAT HE TOLD HER: "YOUR SOUL WILL NEVER REST IN PEACE, AND THE EARTH WILL REJECT YOUR BODY SEVEN TIMES." DURING THE EXCAVATIONS THERE WERE FOUND SEVEN HUGE STEPS – THIS SHOWS THAT THE EARTH HAS REJECTED STRUMITSA'S BODY.



HERACLEA SINTICA

IN 340 BC HERACLEA SINTICA WAS CONQUERRED BY PHILIP THE SECOND /THE FATHER OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT/. HE USED TO COME HERE TO HUNT FOR LIONS. ALEXANDER HAS PLANNED HIS FIRST GREAT MILITARY CAMPAIGNS, WHILE HE WAS LIVING IN HERACLEA SINTICA.

HERE PHILIP'S SON PERSEUS KILLED HIS BROTHER DEMETRIUS BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE HIS CROWN. THE BATTLE HAPPENED DURING A GREAT RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY.

THE LEGEND SAYS THAT THE BATTLE WAS REALLY VERY LONG AND TIRING, BUT DEMETRIUS WAS NOT KILLED. HE WAS HEAVILY WOUNDED. SOME WARRIORS, WHO USED TO GUARD HIS BROTHER PERSEUS, POISONED DEMETRIUS AT NIGHT.



HERACLEA SINTICA

HOMER IN THE ILIAD AND THE ODYSSEY DESCRIBED THE REGION OF HERACLEA SINTICA. OTHER ANCIENT AUTHORS LIKE TITUS LIVIUS, DIODORUS, STRABO, PLINY THE OLD AND CLAUDIUS PTOLEMY ALSO MENTIONED THE TOWN.

THERE WAS A LIVELY CENTER IN HERACLEA SINTICA WITH SHOPS, STRAIGHT STREETS, SEWERS, CRAFT WORKSHOPS, A LOT OF SUBURBAN VILLAS AND FORTRESS WALLS IN THE OUTSKIRTS.

DURING THE EXCAVATIONS IN 2014, A FULLY PRESERVED WORKSHOP FOR THEATRICAL AND FUNERAL MASKS AND TERRACOTTA OBJECTS WAS FOUND.



THE LEGEND OF SCILLA

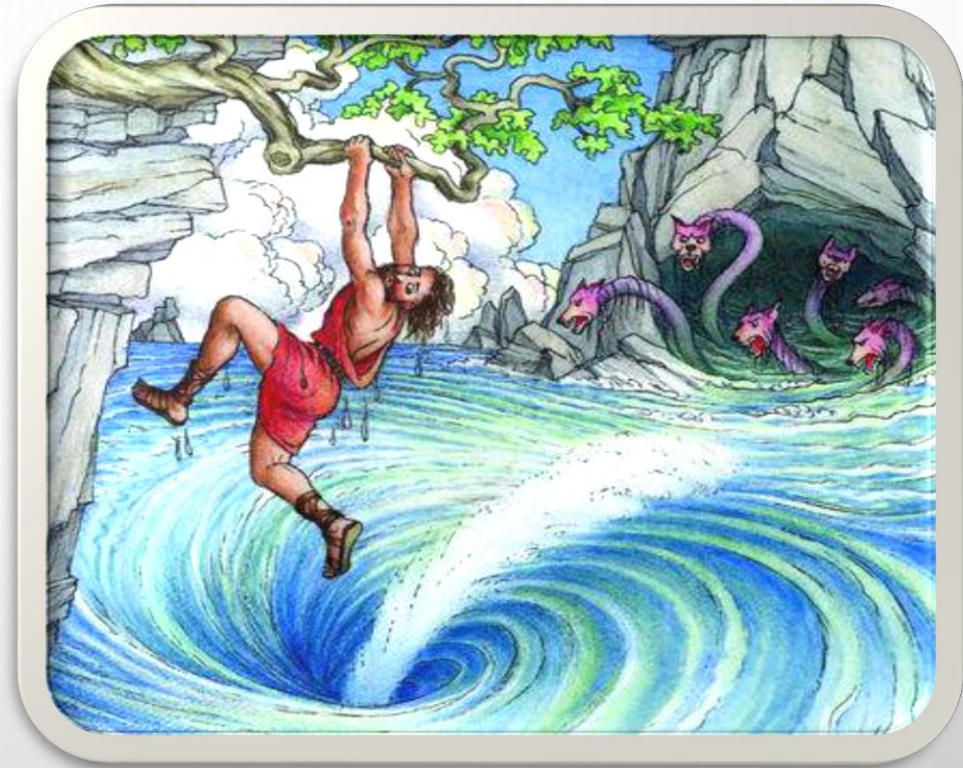
SCYLLA A BEAUTIFUL NYMPH USED TO GO ON
THE ROCKS OF ZANCLE TO WALK ON THE
BEACH AND SWIM IN THE CLEAR WATERS OF
THE TYRRHENIAN SEA



ONE EVENING, SHE MET A MARINE GOD WHO HAD
ONCE BEEN A FISHERMAN NAMED GLAUCUS. GLAUCUS
FELL MADLY IN LOVE WITH THE NYMPH, SO MUCH SO
AS TO REJECT CIRCE FOR HER. THE SORCERESS,
OFFENDED AND ANNOYED, DECIDED TO TAKE REVENGE
BY TURNING HER INTO A MONSTROUS CREATURE, WITH
SIX HEADS OF RABID, SNARLING DOGS.

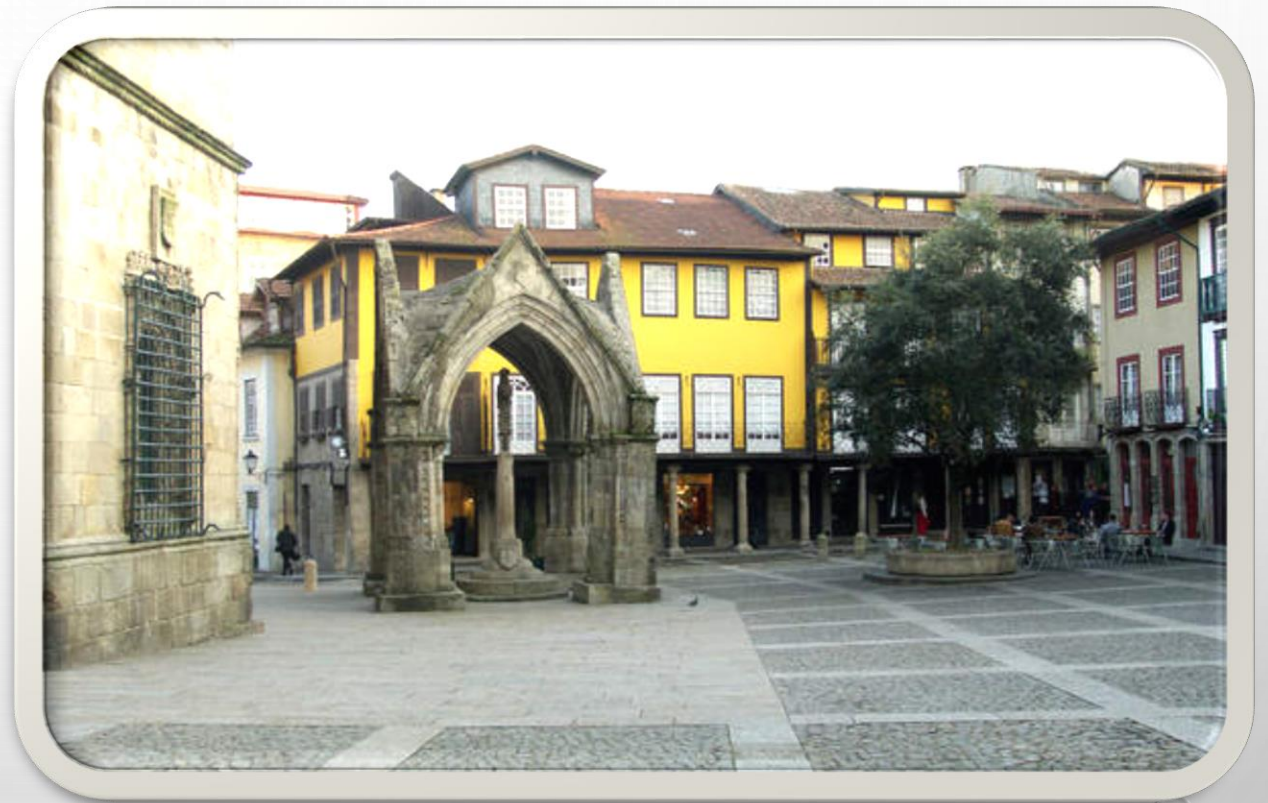


SO SCILLA WENT TO HIDE AT THE STRAIT OF
MESSINA IN A CAVE WHERE THE CALABRIAN
COAST REACHES OUT TO SICILY. FROM THERE HE
SOWED SLAUGHTER AND TERROR AMONG
SAILORS WHO CARELESSLY PASSED BY.



LEGEND OF OUR LADY OF THE OLIVE TREE

THE LEGEND SAYS THAT IN THE FOURTEENTH CENTURY, IN GUIMARÃES, THERE WAS AN OLIVE TREE BROUGHT FROM THE GARDEN OF OLIVES IN JERUSALEM, WHICH DRIED UP. AND SO IT CONTINUED UNTIL THEY PLACED NEAR IT, A CROSS THAT STILL STANDS TODAY UNDER THE MONUMENT OF SALADO. THREE DAYS LATER, THE OLIVE TREE REAPPEARED, SHEDDING NEW SHOOTS AND GRACING ITSELF WITH LUSH FOLIAGE. THE NEWS ATTRACTED MANY PEOPLE, WHO CAME TO ADMIRE THE MIRACLE IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE OLIVE TREE. SINCE THEN SEVERAL MIRACLES HAVE OCCURRED



MYTH OF ADAMASTOR

ADAMASTOR IS A GREEK-TYPE MYTHOLOGICAL CHARACTER FAMED BY THE PORTUGUESE POET LUÍS DE CAMÕES IN HIS EPIC POEM OS LUSÍADAS AS A SYMBOL OF THE FORCES OF NATURE PORTUGUESE NAVIGATORS HAD TO OVERCOME DURING THEIR DISCOVERIES.

ADAMASTOR REPRESENTED THE DANGERS PORTUGUESE SAILORS FACED WHEN TRYING TO ROUND THE CAPE OF TORMENTS.



LEGEND OF THE MIRACLE OF THE ROSES

ONE OF THE MOST KNOWN LEGENDS IN PORTUGAL, IT TELLS THE TALE OF QUEEN ISABEL'S KINDNESS. THE QUEEN HELPED THE POORER PEOPLE OF THE LAND EVERY DAY.

THE KING DECIDED TO SURPRISE THE QUEEN ONE MORNING AND NOTICED HOW SHE TRIED TO CONCEAL WHAT SHE HAD IN HER LAP. ACCUSED OF WASTING MONEY, THE QUEEN INSISTED SHE HAD ROSES IN HER LAP, ALTHOUGH THE KING DIDN'T BELIEVE HER AS THE FLOWERS WERE OUT OF SEASON. THE QUEEN THEN PROCEEDED TO UNCOVER WHAT SHE HAD WITH HER, AND ROSES FELL TO THE FLOOR IN FRONT OF THE AMAZED KING AND OTHER ONLOOKERS.



LEGEND OF THE SEVEN CITIES' LAGOONS

LEGEND SAYS THAT MANY YEARS AGO, WHERE THE SETE CIDADES PARISH IS LOCATED, THERE WAS A BIG KINGDOM WITH A BEAUTIFUL, BLUE-EYED PRINCESS CALLED ANTÍLIA. ONE DAY SHE MET A GREEN-EYED SHEPHERD. THEY TALKED ABOUT THEIR LIVES AND DREAMS AND QUICKLY FELL IN LOVE.

THE KING WAS UNHAPPY TO HEAR OF THE DAILY MEETINGS AND FORBID THEM FROM MEETING AGAIN. THE PRINCESS AND THE SHEPHERD CRIED OVER THEIR LOST LOVE AS THEY SPOKE OF BEING SEPARATED, AND THEIR TEARS RAN DOWN THE VALLEY. THE PRINCESS' TEARS FORMED A BLUE LAGOON AND THE SHEPHERD'S TEARS FORMED A GREEN LAGOON, TOGETHER SINCE THEN SIDE BY SIDE – NEVER UNITED BUT NEVER APART.



THE ROOSTER FROM BARCELOS MYTH

A PILGRIM WAS LEAVING BARCELOS ON HIS WAY TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA WHEN HE WAS ACCUSED OF STEALING SILVER FROM THE LANDOWNER. FOR HIS ALLEGED CRIME, HE WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH BY HANGING.

AS A FINAL EFFORT TO SAVE HIMSELF, THE PRISONER PLEADED FOR A MEETING WITH THE JUDGE. THE JUDGE WAS ABOUT TO TUCK INTO HIS ROAST COCKEREL, WHEN THE PILGRIM SAID TO THE JUDGE THAT AS PROOF OF HIS INNOCENCE, THE COCKEREL WOULD STAND UP ON THE PLATE AND CROW.

THE JUDGE IGNORED THE PILGRIM'S CLAIM AND PUSHED ASIDE HIS MEAL. BUT, AS THE PILGRIM WAS HANGED, THE COCKEREL JUMPED UP AND CROWED. REALISING HIS MISTAKE, THE JUDGE RUSHED TO THE GALLOWS AND FOUND THAT THE PILGRIM HAD MIRACULOUSLY SURVIVED DUE TO A LOOSE KNOT.



LEGEND OF SAINT MARTINHO

THE AUTUMN OF THE YEAR 337 OF THE 4TH CENTURY WAS COLD, FREEZING THE LAND ALL OVER EUROPE. MARTINHO, A SOLDIER RETURNING TO HIS HOME IN FRANCE, WAS STOPPED BY A BEGGER WHO ASKED FOR MONEY. THE SOLDIER WAS CLOTHED FOR THE STORMING WEATHER BUT HE HAD LITTLE ELSE TO GIVE THE BEGGER, SO HE CUT HIS CAPE IN HALF WITH HIS SWORD AND GAVE IT TO THE MAN. IN THAT MOMENT, THE STORM INSTANTLY CLEARED AND A RADIANT SUN SHONE ON THEM.

THIS MIRACLE WAS KNOWN AS THE 'SUMMER OF SAINT MARTINHO'. EVERY YEAR AROUND NOVEMBER, THE COLD WEATHER OF AUTUMN GIVES WAY TO A WARM SUN. THE DAY OF SAINT MARTINHO, IS CELEBRATED ON 11TH NOVEMBER.

