**The Legend of the founding**

**of Vilnius**

***One day Lithuanian Grand Duke Gediminas went for a hunt ten miles away from his then capital Trakai.***

***Hunting was successful – the Duke came upon a huge beast, taurus, and killed it.***

***As it was too late to go back to Trakai, Grand Duke Gediminas stopped at Šventaragis valley and took a night’s sleep there. Then, during his sleep, he had a dream that on the mountain a large iron wolf was standing and it was howling so loud as if it were hundreds of wolves howling inside him.***

***Gediminas woke up from his sleep and said to his priest Lizdeika: „I have dreamt a strange dream“ and described everything that had happened in his dream. Lizdeika was the chief pagan priest. He said: „Grand Duke, iron wolf means that the great capital will be located here and a howling of the wolf means that the sound of this capital will be heard all over the world“.***

***Next day, Grand Duke Gediminas, immediately sent people and founded one castle in Šventaragis valley another – on a high mountain nearby. And for those castles he gave a name of Vilnius.***