

My name is Anna Kochetkova, and I'm in grade 11. I live in the town of Murom. My town is one of the oldest cities and concurrently one of the oldest centers of Russian orthodoxy. It is located on the left bank of the Oka River. Now my town is 1150 years old. The name of the town comes from the ancient tribe Muroma. I admire Murom for its rich history. The history of my town is closely connected with the names of saints Peter and Theuronia.



There is a beautiful legend about their love. In the 13-th century, Prince Peter ruled Murom. The serpent brought much grief to citizens. Peter struck a terrible evil, but in the fight he was wounded and fell ill. A country girl Theuronia cured him and asked to marry her after recovery. Peter became healthy and forgot his promise. His illness appeared again and he went to Theuronia's place. He begged to forgive him. She cured him and Peter married her. Peter and Theuronia lived in peace and harmony. The boyars didn't like Theuronia and demanded Peter to get rid of her. Peter and Theuronia decided to leave Murom. Then horrible time came to Murom. The boyars begged Peter to return to Murom. Peter and Theuronia came back to Murom, lived a long life and died in one day.



It's no wonder that Peter and Theuronia have been honoured in Russia for more than 7 centuries as the patron saints of family and love. There is no one devoted to one another than Peter and Theuronia were. In our hectic world there is nothing dearer than peace and harmony at home, healthy and happy children and a close person nearby. The citizens of our city honour saints Peter and Theuronia. On June 25 we celebrate the holiday of love, family, faithfulness.

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