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As the name St.Petersburg isn't particularly poetical, Russian poets (Derzhavin, Pushkin, etc) invented Greeko-Slavic names for their capital: Petropol(is), Petrograd, Nevograd, etc. When the WWI started 90 years ago, there was a discussion if the name should be changed to Petrograd or to Nevograd. The former version proved more popular in official circles, because it was coined by Pushkin in "The Bronze Horseman". The popular nickname has always been Peter.

regards