Church "Mântuleasa"

Descriere

Located in the center of Craiova, the Church was built from brick between 1786-1792, by the governor Barbu Stirbei and Ioan, the tailors' foreman, instead of an older church, made by Dospina Strâmbeanu. It was radically repaired in 1896, 1938, 1975 and 2010-2013. The first founder was Dospina Strâmbeanu, a distant relative of the Brâncoveanu family. The first church was made of wood, as was the custom to erect houses of worship until the first half of the eighteenth century. The great governor Barbu Stirbei, together with the tailors' foreman, builds a new brick and stone foundation between 1786-1796. The holy place was burned during the years 1800-1801, by the Turks of Pasvanoglu or of Manaf Ibrahim from Vidin's stream (the whole town was burned down). It was again restored by the tailors of the town, but with the help of some local boyars and merchants. By 1834-1835, the church was again covered with shingles, and in 1860, other repairs were carried out. Between 1895-1896, the holy place underwent radical changes, being enlarged to cope with the growing number of believers. Other restoration works were carried out between 1937-1938, 1974-1976 and 2010-2013. The painting is the work of the well-known painter Costache Petrescu (1829-1910), being executed in oil in 1896. It is a combination of the Byzantine and the Renaissance style.

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