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MUNICIPALITY OF FERIZAJ/UROŠEVIĆ
Complex of buildings: Mulla Vesel Guta Mosque and Serbian Orthodox Church St. Uros lighting and yard upgrading & renovation of the Bell Tower

Listed Cultural Heritage Site

Mulla Vesel Guta Mosque, known as the Big Mosque was first built in 1894 and was functional until WW2. The mosque was rebuilt in 1943 through a donation by citizens from all over Kosovo. It has had several modifications over the years, the first being the building of a minaret in 1957. The second minaret was built during the last restoration in 2006. The mosque currently serves up to 600 people.

The Serbian Orthodox Church St. Uros was built in 1933 and belongs to the Raska-Prizren Eparchy. The church is structured around five domes and is made from a combination of concrete, stone and brick. It offers religious services every day and is most visited on September 11, on the day of St. Jovan when up to 300 people participate in a religious ceremony.

The mosque and the church coexist besides each other and are a listed cultural heritage site known as the Complex of Buildings. They represent a symbol of inter-religious tolerance and a cultural heritage asset not only for Ferizaj/Urośevac but also for Kosovo.

Within the frame of the CBCPK project, the Complex of Buildings benefited from exterior lighting of the monuments and upgrading of the yard in order to provide a more pleasant environment for the citizens. The lighting of the religious buildings provides a scenic image and highlights the beauty of this unique cultural heritage site. The Bell Tower benefited from interior re-construction and is now fully functional.
Catholic Church former Seat of the Diocese renovation and its reuse as a Museum

Listed Cultural Heritage Site

The former Seat of the Catholic Diocese was built in 1927 and served as the Seat of the Diocese of Kosovo until the 1990's. The building is of important cultural and historical value and was one of the first registered buildings in a Cadastral book of Ferizaj/Uroševac municipality.

During the period of the Seat of the Diocese many important religious figures served in the building during their missions, including St. Theresa of Calcutta as well as Bishop Janez Gnidovec from Slovenia, Bishop Nike Prela and Bishop Mark Sopi.

The building has also played a significant role in the provision of humanitarian aid and support for the community.

The former Seat of the Catholic Diocese was entirely renovated and adapted to serve its new function as a museum, the first of its kind in Ferizaj/Uroševac. It now offers an art exhibition room and five permanent exhibition rooms dedicated to St. Theresa of Calcutta, Caritas Kosova, Bishop Janez Gnidovec, Bishop Nike Prela and Bishop Mark Sopi.
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