

The Historical Monument – Church „Saint Nicholas” – Belivacă from Craiova

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Abstract

Saint Nicholas - Belivacă Church from Craiova is considered by specialists to be a reference monument for ecclesiastical arts in Wallachia, from the 18th century. The church was founded in a society where the breath of the new was trying to make its way among the old native mentalities, practices and customs. Still captive to the system of Ottoman-type feudal relations, Romanian society easily received the infusion of evolution towards modernization in terms of culture, thinking, mentalities and, obviously, art. The church presents a cross-shaped plan, adopted as a symbol of the Savior's Sacrifice, with two open towers: one on the nave and one on the pronaos. It is the first mir church in Oltenia built with two open towers, which suggests a financial strength and a desire of the founders to build something original.