

Summary

Saint Archangel monastery – dates back to the same period as the passages of the gospel passages in Svrljig

From the monograph “Saint Archangel monastery” near Pirkovac, monastery - church monastery”, the author sets aside the introductory passages where he deals with the question of the time of origin of this monastery. There was an inscription on the dome of the building, which showed the time of its origin but during its adaptation and whitewashing in 1857, the very part which contained the year of construction was damaged. Later there were further damages so that the inscription does not exist any more. There is only the opinion that the church was constructed in the time of Nemanjić, where it is not clear whether it refers to the period when The Nemanjić family ruled Serbia or to the period when Svrljig and its surroundings were under their rule. Considering this fact, the time interval connected to the time of origin of the Saint Archangel goes from one to three and a half centuries.

On the basis of the available material, the author comes to the conclusion that Saint Archangel monastery belongs to the same period as the passages of the gospel in Svrljig which date back to the year of 1279, i.e. that it was constructed in the second half of the XIII century. This conclusion is based on three facts. First, on the fact that gospels are monastery creations, which is then also the case with the gospel passages in Svrljig. Second, on the fact that there was only one monastery –Saint Archangel” in the region of Svrljig. Third, on the fact that the research worker Aleksa Vasiljević, in his theses for the manuscript about Sait Archangel monastery, established a connection between the monastery and the gospel passages in Svrljig calling it “ the centre of all learning”. Apart from this, he also deals with the question of the founder of the monastery.