

### ***The Cathedral of St. George, Prizren***

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Name and address of building(s) or site: THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. GEORGE  
Diocese of Raska and Prizren

Inventory reference number(s): recognized heritage

Building type(s): Historical monument, Orthodox Church

Main date(s): 1856-1887

Current use(s): in service (until 17 March 2004)

Significance:

The Cathedral of St George, seat of the episcopate of the Diocese of Raska and Prizren, was constructed and decorated in the period between 1856 and 1887. Its final completion was marked by the construction of a bell tower in 1905.

After World War I, the baroque iconostasis dating back to 1720 was transferred to the Cathedral from the Serbian Orthodox Church of St. Apostles Peter and Paul in Szentendre, Hungary.

The icon of the Virgin Hodegetria from the 14th century, which used to belong to the iconostasis of the Holy Virgin of Ljeviska, as well as an extremely valuable collection of manuscripts is kept in the church.

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Categories of Significance:

Of national importance.

Categories of ownership or interest:

Very important for the Orthodox Church. It is the Chair of the Diocese. The Episcopate's most important church.

Documentation and bibliographic references:

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Condition:

Substantially damaged: looted, demolished and burnt.

Risk:

High, endangered by loss of fabrics and vandalism.

Condition risk:

Immediate risk of further rapid deterioration or loss of fabric; no solution agreed

Technical assessment and costings:

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Ownership:

Serbian Orthodox Church

Occupation:

The Church was in regular use until 17 March 2004 when it was evacuated and demolished.

Management:

Serbian Orthodox Church, Diocese of Raska and Prizren.

Summary:

High Priority - a major historical and religious monument and Orthodox Church in Prizren,

Sign and date.

May 2004.