

## Historic Monastery of St. George, outside Belgrade, restored



Efforts to fully restore the centuries-old Monastery of St. George, in the village of Leštani , near Belgrade, have been completed, fulfilling a long-standing desire by the local parish and the faithful.

With the blessing of the Patriarch of Serbia, His Holiness Irinej, a special Liturgy was held at the site of the former 15th century monastery complex.

It is believed that the monastery was built during the reign of Despot Stefan Lazarevic from 1405 to 1417. There are no historical records when exactly the monastery was destroyed, but oral tradition indicates this occurred after the occupation of Belgrade by the Ottoman Turks in 1739.