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CROATIA: CROSS ERECTED AT CHURCH 30 YEARS AFTER WARTIME BOMBING



30 years after the previous church was bombed during the Croatian War of Independence, a cross was erected at the Church of St. Spyridon the Wonderworker in the central Croatian town of Petrinja.

The cross was consecrated during the recent visit of His Grace Bishop Gerasim of Dalmatia of the Serbian Orthodox Church, who expressed the hope that the church would begin functioning as soon as possible, so the faithful of Petrinja could have their own parish after the bombing of the previous church, reports the Orthodoxia News Agency.

Locals were exiled from their hometown from September 1991 through May 1995 during the war, and the town itself suffered serious destruction.

The town was also rocked by a 6.4-magnitude earthquake in late December, which caused significant damage to the town, including to several churches.

The Church of St. Spyridon is the only place where the faithful can pray until the complete renovation of the damaged churches. Until then, the services are also being held in a private residence.

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