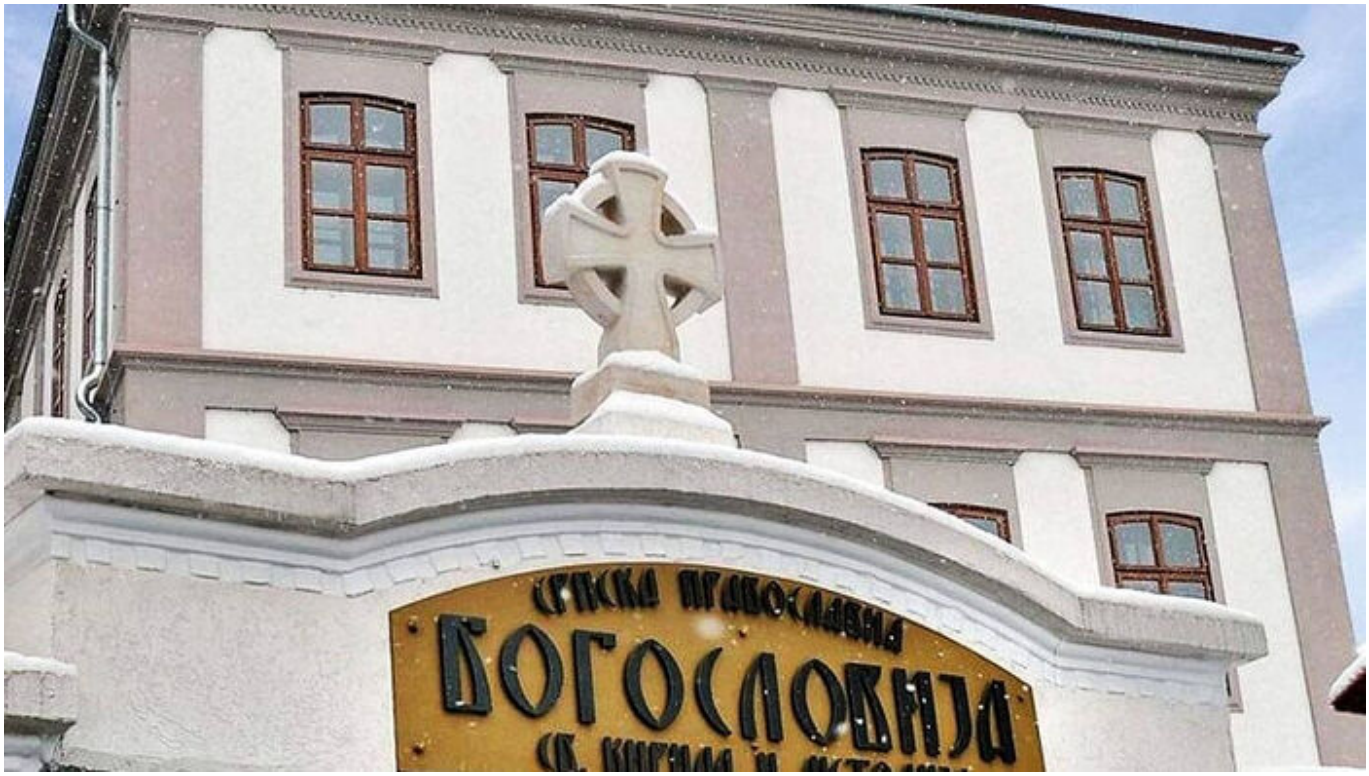
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KOSOVO SEMINARY CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY



The 150th anniversary of the founding of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Theological Seminary in Prizren, Kosovo, was solemnly celebrated Monday night.

The event was held at the Matica Srpska, the oldest Serbian-language cultural-academic institution, in Novi Sad, Serbia, featuring presentations from seminary professors on the history the oldest educational institution in Kosovo and Metohija, reports the Metropolis of Montenegro of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

Graduates of the seminary offered a musical program, and an art exhibition, dedicated to “Autumn in Prizren 2015-2021” was opened at Matica Srpska.

Among the seminary’s most famous graduates is His Holiness Patriarch Irinej, who served as a hierarch of the Serbian Church for 46 years, and nearly 11 years as Patriarch. He reposed in the Lord one year ago, on November 20.

The seminary was founded by Serbian merchant Sima Andrejević, for the training of Orthodox clergy and teachers. Classes began in May 1781. The school quickly

became the center of Serbian culture and education in the Ottoman Empire in the early 20th century. Located in the center of Prizren, the seminary also became the basis for the first university in Kosovo.

In April 1941, the school was dissolved. It reopened its doors six years later in 1947. In 1999, the seminary was forced to relocate to Niš, Serbia, returning to Prizren in 2011 to continue its activities in its renovated building.

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