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### **CALL FOR ASSISTANCE IN RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY GREAT MARTYR SAINT GEORGE IN PLAVNO**

We invite all people of good will, in accordance with their capabilities through dedicated slips, to give their contribution to help the reconstruction of the church of Holy Great Martyr St. George in the village of Plavno, municipality of Knin, Republic of Croatia.

In May 2018, the church of St. George in Plavno celebrates 400 years of construction and consecration.

The church was built tremendous time in 1618 and in its walls many medieval spoils are incorporated. The iconostasis was completed around 1790, when the temple rebuilt. The altarpiece was made at that time by the famous icon painter, Mr. Vuko Sudarević. Renewed church has become a much larger building, with rectangular nave, draped ceiling and semicircular apse to the east.



*Interior of the Church of St. George in Plavno - Iconostasis*

A large tower was erected with a pyramid and the largest number of medieval spoils are in its walls. Next to the church there is a ground level "Brotherhood house", in which famous writer Mr. Dositej Obradović founded the first school in Plavno and in early 1770 wrote his work "Jizica" or also known as "Druga Dositeova bukva".



*Church of St. George in Plavno, 18<sup>th</sup> century gravure*

Local Homeland Society "Plavno" finished the renewal of fraternal house and, in cooperation with the Serbian Orthodox Church Diocese of Dalmatia successfully restored the roof of the church of St. George in 2013. The windows on the church were restored later, the front door was changed and the cemetery is fenced.

However, a significant part of the job remained. It is necessary to proceed the painting of the church and conservation of the existing paintings, to replace church seats "stasidije" for the weak and elder persons, as well as the Episcopal throne. The serious restoration of the iconostasis is necessary, since it is in a very poor condition. As for the external work, priority would be to replace the entrance gate and to repair the wall of the gate to the top of the cemetery, arrange parking, build the drinking fountain etc.

We are expecting a blessing from His Eminence Bishop Dalmatian Mr. Photius.



Nowadays photography of the Church of St. George in Plavno taken from the south



*His Eminence Bishop Dalmatian Mr. Photius with priests and inhabitants of Plavno in front of the bell tower of the Church of St. George*

Restoration works on the church of St. George will be performed by the inhabitants of Plavno, led by Archpriest Mr. Milorad Đekanović. Within the Homeland Society "Plavno" a special Committee for the restoration of the church of St. George will be established in order to engage in fundraising and to organize the restoration.

All donations can be paid into accounts:

- in Serbian Dinars, the account number ZD Plavno 205-100696-58
- in foreign currency, the account number 00-708-0003729.6, IBAN RS35205007080003729675

- [Payment instructions – EUR](#)
- [Payment instructions – USD](#)
- [Payment instructions – GBP](#)

- in Croatian Kuna, directly in the church of St. George, to the priest Mr. Milorad Đekanović, in Plavno.

All record on contributions will be published on the web site of the Homeland Society "Plavno" [www.plavno.rs](http://www.plavno.rs), where it will be possible to find all other information about the renovation of the church of St. George.

Dear Plavanjci, dear friends, we kindly invite each of you to contribute as much as you can to help the reconstruction of the church of St. George end by 400th anniversary of its consecration, on the Christ Ascension Day in 2018.

Homeland Society "Plavno"