Дани патријарха Павла

"Дани патријарха Павла" у Чачку са огранцима у Кућанцима, Гацку, Никшићу и Призрену

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Public call for participation in the 'Patriarch Pavle's Cross' Art Colony

'The Days of Patriarch Pavle' is a cultural event held in Čačak (with its fringe events held in Kućanci, Croatia; Gacko, Republic of Srpska; Nikšić Montenegro), originating from the art colony the 'Patriarch Pavle's Cross', which in itself has become a focal part of the overall event.

The idea for the colony was born in 2015, around the wish of its initiator and founder to motivate creative wood-cutters to take part in making crosses to be presented in honour of the evangelistic mission of the Patriarch Pavle, producing works of lasting value – crosses which will enrich the cultural event itself and make a permanent contribution to the cultural heritage of the city of Čačak and the wider region. After the first colony was held in 2016, the event was repeated in 2017 and 2018, defining the form and the content to be maintained and developed in the future years.

Patriarch Pavle was inextricably attached to this area, as the place of his spiritual birth, and he would joyfully revisit the monasteries near Čačak until the end of his earthly years. As a neophyte, he stayed in the monasteries of Vujan, Holy Trinity and Holy Annunciation, where he took his monastic vows in 1948. While still a neophyte, Patriarch Pavle (Gojko Stojčević) carved a wooden cross which is today kept in the monastery treasury – it was this cross that inspired the idea of organising the art colony titled 'The Patriarch Pavle's Cross'.

The colony was envisaged to promote the Patrirach Pavle's heritage, and has become a part of the wider cultural event named 'Days of the Patriarch Pavle'. The central event of the colony would be the presentation of hand-cut wooden crosses (or a combination of wood with other materials), to celebrate the memory of the mission of Patriarch Pavle. The evaluation of the commissioned works is performed by the expert jury once a year, in the week of the Fest of the Cross (27th September), when the best work is chosen and its author granted the annual award. The author of the best cross receives the financial award and the luxury chart (leather-bound certificate) bearing the sign of the cultural event. Authors of other crosses will receive an award for participation, as well as richly decorated, paper-bound letters of appreciation. This and all the other segments of the overall cultural event is organised under the auspices of the City of Čačak.

The crosses will be permanently kept at the National Museum in Čačak, with all the information of the authors and their work. Once a collection of the crosses is formed, it will be turned into an exhibition which will be shown around the world, in different places where the Serbs live together with a memory of the late Patriarch Pavle. The exhibitions will be supported by adequate printed material and catalogues featuring the crosses on display.

On 27th September, the day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – the Feast of the Cross, a celebration will be held at the Monastery of Holy Annunciation in Ovčar banja, to mark the completion of the work of the art colony and present the awards. Invitations to participate in the celebrations will be sent to the participants who have contributed a cross, representatives of the organiser (Tourist Organisation of the City of Čačak), representatives of the mentor (city of Čačak), as well as the representatives of the media and all of those who honour the mission of the Patriarch Pavle and the local faithful population.

We will appreciate a cross contributed by yourself, to honour the memory of the man who embodied the spirit of the Gospel. Please note that all the works received by 31st August 2021 at the latest will be entered in the contest, while any works arriving past this deadline will be entered in for the next year's competition cycle. The author's name will be recorded with the contribution, to last for as long as the human memory. Choose a cross to present yourself, as a pious gesture of appreciation of Patriarch Pavle's mission! The total height of the cross ought to be up to 33 cm (any base is included in the total height).

Please submit your intention to choose a cross to honour the saint Serbian Patriarch Pavle and his mission by 30st June 2021, at danipatrijarhapavla@gmail.com, sending the cross crafted to your design by 31st August 2021, at the following address: *'Days of Patriarch Pavle', Pivarska 1, 32000 Čačak, Serbia*. For any additional information, please contact at the above e-mail address.

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