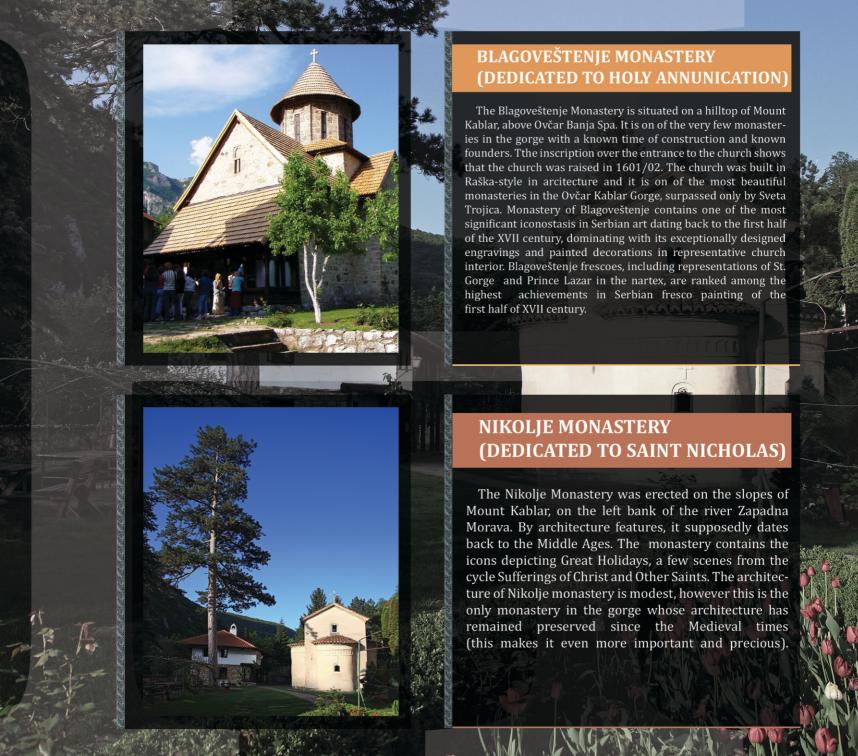
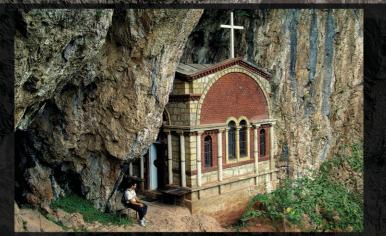


# SVETA TROJICA MONASTERY (DEDICATED TO THE HOLY TRINITY)

The Church of Sv Trojica Monastery is the most beautiful church in the Ovčar Kablar Gorge, situated on the south- west forested slopes of Mount Ovčar. The monastery was raised in the second half of the XVI century. The Church of Sv Trojica Monastery is a single- nave building with rectangular chancels and a dome above the central area. The beauty of the monastery church is a testimony to a great skill of masters and their sense of beauty and excellence in architecture despite difficult times in which it was built.

The monastery contains a big cross embroidered with gold and decorative silver of a great artistic value.







### SAVINJE- ST SAVA CHURCH

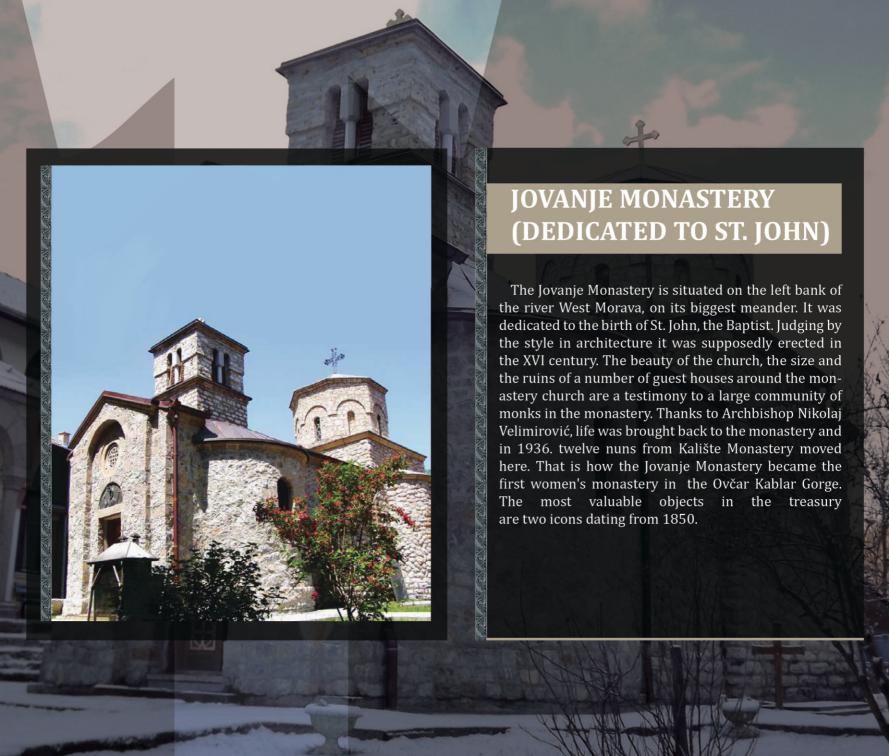
The Savinje chapel (right) is situated on the steep cliffs of Kablar, in a stone recess with a water spring. It is dedicated to St.Sava, and it was built in 1938. It is a square chapel among the rock cliffs. The chapel is uninhabited. The iconostasis was made in 1965. by Mladomir Todorovic, a theology professor.

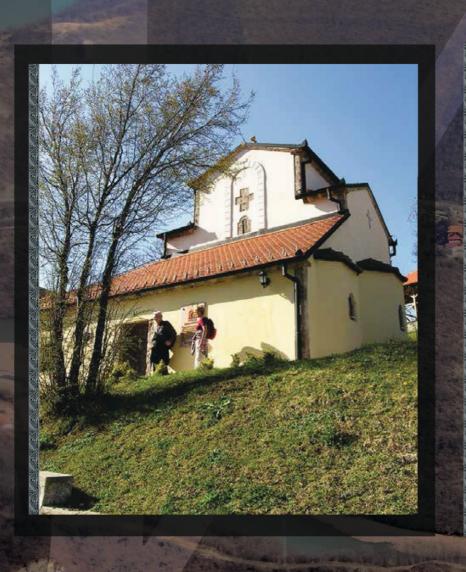
#### THE CHURCH OF SAINT ELIAH

The Church of Saint Eliah is situated on a beautiful, picturesque and wooded hillside above the Blagoveštenje Monastery. Being in the immediate vicinity of Blagoveštenje Monastery, it is belived that the church was built by the monks, as their metoh (a small church and land arround it). It was built in 1938. on the site of the old monastery.

### **KADJENICA**

The Kadjenica cave is situated on the right bank of the river Morava, upstream from Ovčar Banja. Two stone sarcophaguses and a Crucifixion are a testimony of a tragical event that took place here in 1815. when large number of Serbian refugees were killed by the Ottoman Turks, who closed the mouth of the cave with straw and wood, setting it to fire, so that all the people inside the cave choked from kad (smoke). Since that time the place has been called Kadjenica.

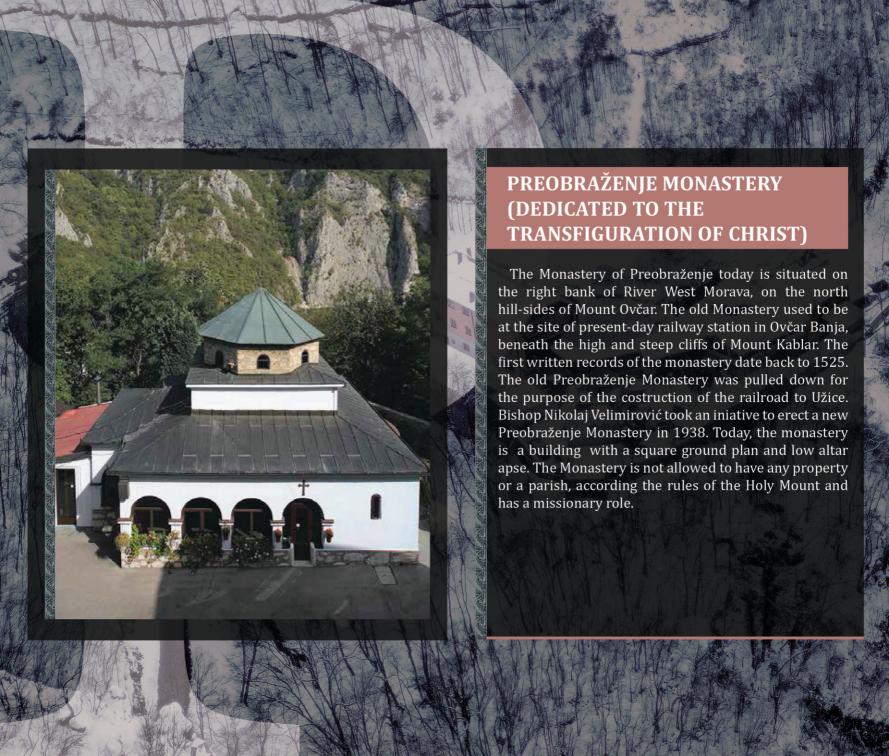




## USPENJE MONASTERY (DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ASSUMPTION)

The Uspenje Monastery was erected above the Jovanje Monastery and can been seen from all sides of the gorge. The first mention of it was in Turkish records in 1536. When Vuk Karadžić visited the monastery in 1820. he wrote about the remains of a round tower located on a raised land and the tradition relating to this object: "Several monasteries on the hill have the walls of a kind of tower, which is now called Gradina and it is said that Jovanje Monastery used to be a laura, from where other mosnasteries arround Mounts Ovčar and Kablar received orders and judgments and used to have a bell on the tower (where books were written) and a ceiling under the copying room".

At the end of XX century, the church was completely rebuilt and although it has never been fresco painted, a new iconostasis has been made.





### VAZNESENJE MONASTERY (DEDICATED TO ASCENSION OF THE LORD)

The Monastery of Vaznesenje was erected on the north slopes of Mount Ovčar and because of its location in the gorge, it can be hardly seen by travellers who are passing by. Supposedly, the monastery was erected on the old site, but there is no evidence of that. Due to Gospel Manuscript written at the Monastery of Vaznesenje in 1570. we are sure that the monastery existed in the XVI century. The monastery church is a single-nave building with a low dome and semi circular altar apse. Two marble rosettes with plants ornamentations, have been preserved in the nartex and central church area. The iconostasis of the monastery church contains the icons of small size, be cause of the small size of the church.





### STJENIK MONASTERY

The popular tradition dates the construction of the Stjenik Monastery to the period preceding the battle of Marica in 1371, as the endowment of the Mrnjačević brothers. The first preserved mention of the monastery dates back to 1710, when it was dedicated to the birth of Mother of God. After it had been destroyed and deserted, it was rebuilt in 1802, when it was dedicated to the birth of Saint John the Baptist.

Not far from the monastery is a source of a river, believed to have healing powers.



### **CHURCH IN TRNAVA**

In the village of Trnava, at the source of the river with the same name, on the slopes of the Jelica mountain lies a temple dedicated to the Feast of Annunciation. The church was built on the foundations of a medieval monastery, believed to have been built by the members of the Nemanjić dynasty.

This temple has a great historical significance, as the venue of the 1814 Hadži Prodan Rising, in which the monks took an active part.





