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On Two Neighborhood Churches

There are two churches located at less than a hundred meters distance, the Holy Mother's Shroud - the Orthodox and St. Anthony - the Catholic. The church of imposing architecture dedicated to St. Anthony was built in honor of that great preacher, one of the most respected Western Christian saints. The design of this Belgrade church was made by the prominent Slovenian architect Josip Plečnik (1872–1957). There is also a monumental "leaning" bell tower, 52 m high. The sculpture of St. Anthony made of bronze, placed against the wall above the main altar, is the work of sculptor Ivan Meštrović, and is 2.75 m high.

The Church of God's Holy Mother's Shroud in Belgrade is a Serbian Orthodox Church and a cultural monument. The church was conceived in a modest monastic style because, according to the original idea, it was supposed to be the church of a nunnery. It was consecrated to the God's Holy Mother's Shroud on October 14, 1933.

Neither of these churches, built almost simultaneously, was damaged in the Second World War. The message of the Franciscans of the Church of St. Anthony implies that the Orthodox and the Catholic Church are but one church, and that their views are a little different, but mostly the same. The surrounding population obviously shares this attitude.

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