

Saint Anne Catholic Church in Bela Crkva Serbia.

Information provided by my cousin Marcia Tiemeyer, concerning our families history, during her trip to Bela Crkva with her husband Don and nephew Phil Tiemeyer (Associate Professor of History at Kansas State in Manhattan Kansas). Also used were various internet site search information that was collected.

From http://www.ask.com/wiki/Bela_Crkva,_Banat

"The name of the town Bela Crkva means "white church" in Serbian. In Romanian, the town is known as Biserica Alba, in German as Weißkirchen, in Hungarian as Fehértemplom, and in Turkish as Aktabya."

According to my cousin, St. Anne Catholic Church, is the church that the town is named after as the local residence all refer to this church as "The White Church" when seeking information about the town.

This church, St. Anne, is reported to have been first build in 1723 and later rebuilt in 1744 but the

town was first founded in 1717 and was reportedly named after a church or church foundation that was already there.

St. Anne Church was refurbished again around 1910 and or 1920 from what my cousin has told me and that Stain Windows where installed in 1929. Just really given an update and the church looks much same as it did, Marcia believes.

She reported that the church is still in use today as they where informed by the Parish Priest.

Below is picture from the historical and Tourist site for Bela Crkva .

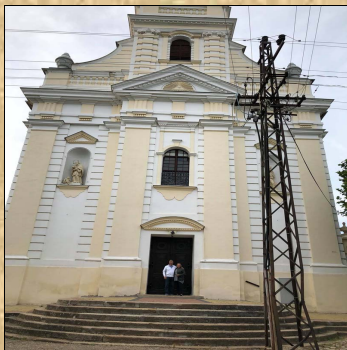


St. Anne Picture from 1910

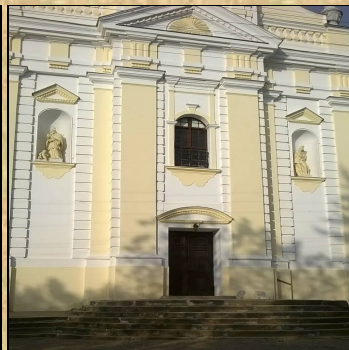


St. Anne Picture as of Today

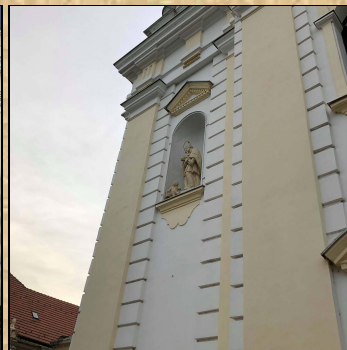
Let us allow our family tour guides to help us to see and sense what it is like to be with them as they toured St. Anne Catholic Church in Bela Crkva. As we approach The White Church we can see the structure and surrounding area.



Don & Marcia at entrance
Welcoming us to join them.



Front of St. Anne Church



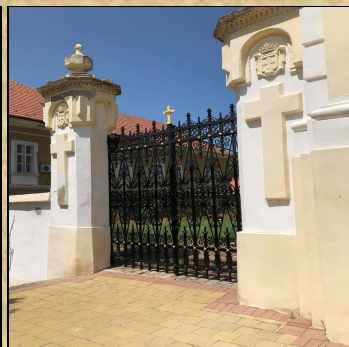
Left Side of front
looking up at the inserts



Right Side of front



View of Bela Crkva's City Hall
next to the Church



Gates to St. Anne parish yard



Nice view of the Parish Gates



Side view of St. Anne



St. Anne Rectory just down the street



Detailed Entrance Door of St. Anne Church

Let us enter as our forefathers so did and be grateful by this experience.

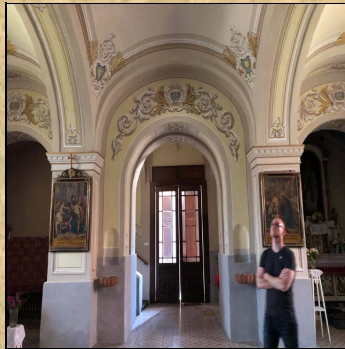
As we pass through this door, to me this is quite an experience even though I was not present while they toured St. Anne. As I see their pictures and hear their explanation I am overwhelmed with pride. They have brought to me my Great-Great Grandparents church, faith and beliefs lives and hopes. Through these pictures I can see the Baptismal font in which all my past family members where baptized. I can see, in my mind their presence during all and any Mass they attended.

We have records showing the baptism of my Grandfather & his brother, The marriage records and birth of my great-grandfather plus other information about the family and their connection with this standing church, St. Anne.

So let's tour this church together as I admire the photos below



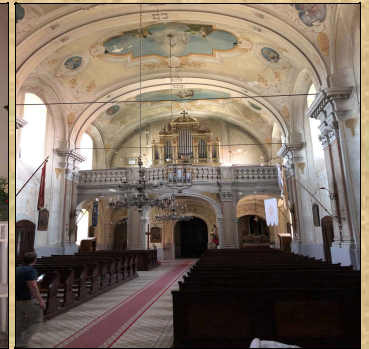
The inside door entrance and steps to the Choir



Beautiful ceiling decorations below the Choir Loft



A Shrine at the back of the church



From the Sanctuary looking back at the Choir Loft



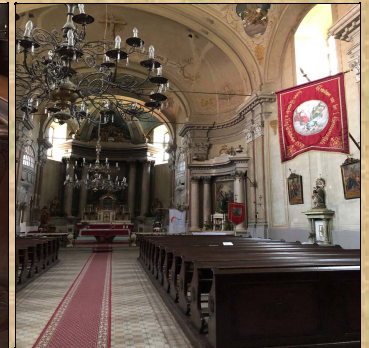
Shrine to St. Joseph Prior to the Sanctuary



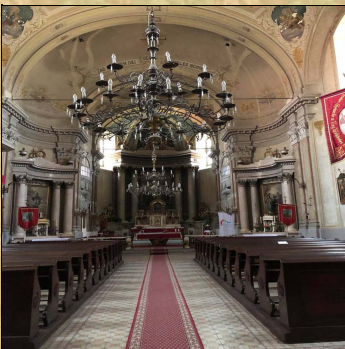
John the Baptist Shrine and St. Teresa on the side



Church Pews with Wood Kneelers



Right Side of Sanctuary View



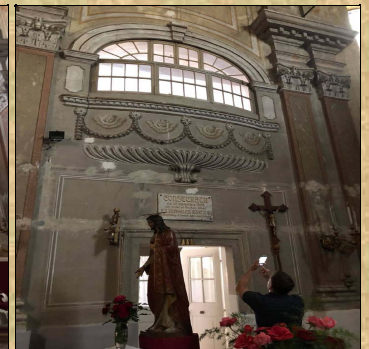
Main Sanctuary



Left Side View



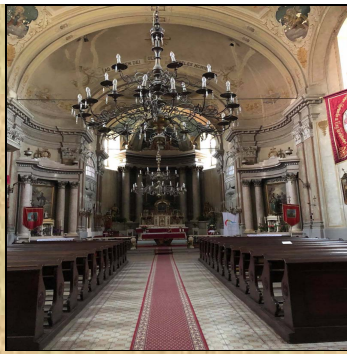
Altar Area



Sanctuary Right wall entrance



The Presiders Chair to the left of the Altar by the statue of our Holy Mother Mary



Center view of Altar and Chandeliers made for candles but now electrified



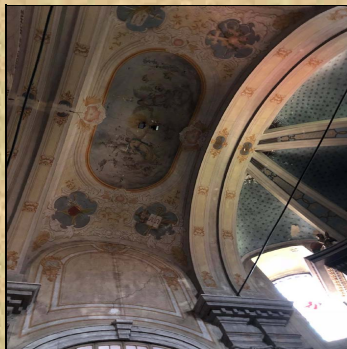
The Baptismal Font on the right side wall at the front of the Sanctuary



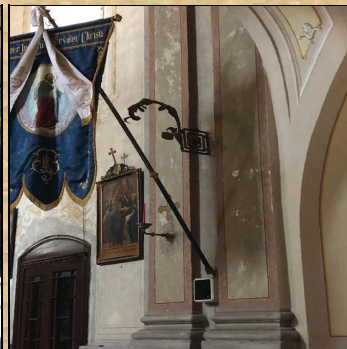
Don removing Font's Cover to expose the Font's Basin of Our Forefathers Christianing



Choir & Organ



Choir Ceiling



Wall Decorations



Confessional - Right side wall

Again my thanks to all who have brought this to me, so that I can honor those who came before me and brought us our heritage and our pride. Especially Phil Tiemeyer who's knowledge has help unravel a family mystery for our families generation. Many stories have been told, and theories have been suggested, but never any proof was given causing this question about our past. Hopefully with their return more with information we can and will be available to learn and give to those of us who where not there.

Thankyou from:

Anthony Feckter (1939) son of
Herman Feckter (1908) son of
Jacob Feckter (1879) (FOGTER) son of
Jacob Fogter (1850) son of
Sebastianus Fogter (1810) son of
Sebastianus Fogter (1771)