

Annotation:

EAST-BOHEMIAN SITES OF PILGRIMAGE – SITES OF PILGRIMAGE DEDICATED TO THE MARY HOMOLE AND NERATOV

My thesis is attended to the East-Bohemian sites of pilgrimage, specially focused on two of them, Homole and Neratov, their history and architecture.

The first chapter describes the tradition of pilgrimage and devotions of Mary and the patron saints in Czech countries during the baroque era. The most famous East-Bohemian sites of pilgrimage are also introduced here.

In the second chapter the site of pilgrimage Homole is widely described. The church of Virgin Mary the Lady of Sorrow, situated on the top of the hill nearly the village Borovnice was built at the instigation of Terezie Eleonora, the countess of Ugarte. The stairway leading to the church, which is unique with its length, represents with the count of stairs and landings the prayer beads. The sculptural decoration was added in 1767.

The third chapter is attended to the church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in Neratov, near the Czech – Polish border. The church had been built between 1723 – 1733 by Jan Karel Nostitz-Rhienec in the style of late baroque. Unfortunately, in 1945, in the end of the World War II, the church was destroyed by a bombshell and completely burnt out. Since 1993 it has been intensively worked on its recovery.

The last chapter is dedicated to Václav and Bartoloměj Hendrych from Litomyšl, two brothers, who created both the sculptures for the Homole stairway as well as the sculptural decoration of the stairs to the church in Neratov.