Pieve dei Santi Nazario e Celso

Category: Catholic Church

business description: The current cemetery church dedicated to Saints Nazario and Celso has a thousand-year history. It is currently not historically proven that it was a parish church, but numerous documents support this hypothesis. In this case, it could be the parish church of Caramagna, which is mentioned numerous times in medieval sources. The church flourished for approximately five centuries, from 1000 to 1500, when it appears to have been dedicated solely to Saint Nazario. Subsequently, the construction of the parish church near the castle and the terrible plagues of the time reduced it to the exclusive function of a cemetery church and a lazaret. It was probably during this period that the name of Saint Celso was added to the original dedication, and the dual dedication was subsequently adopted by the new parish church. The building originally had a single span, with a transept and three apses. Having become municipal property in the 19th century, the church underwent numerous restoration projects during the 20th century, including the elimination of the right apse. The roof was restored several times and then entirely redone in chestnut with exposed fir coffering. The original local stone flooring was replaced with terracotta. In 1958, the exterior was damaged by the construction of several columbaria and, on the façade, by the addition of two symmetrical chapels.

The left apse remains intact and still retains its Romanesque light. The gabled façade is surmounted by a small bell gable (rebuilt in the 18th century). The masonry is extremely simple and devoid of decorative elements. Only the portal, the single-lancet windows, and the apses are made of chiselled stone.

Further information is available on the website of the Union between Langa and Alto Monferrato.
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