

Santi Andrea e Bartolomeo



Santi Andrea e Bartolomeo is an ancient hospital church in Laterano, which is in the rione Monti. The dedication is to SS Andrew and Bartholomew, Apostles.

History:

The cemetery was originally associated with the ancient hospital attached to the basilica, the descendant of which is the present Ospedale del Salvatore. However, as the basilica has had a parish this was also the burial place for the local faithful. [1]

The chapel had two antecessors. The first was a little devotional chapel further west along the Via di San Giovanni in Laterano, which was dedicated to "Our Lady of Graces". This was as a result of devotion to the famous ancient icon at Santa Maria delle Grazie al Foro Romano. The second was a chapel dedicated to Santissimo Crocifisso in the cemetery itself. [1]

Between 1630 and 1636 **Giacomo Mola**, who designed the hospital, provided it with a small church which incorporated the portal of a previous church which existed on the same site. The façade was modified in 1728, which includes the 15th century portal. In inscription above the portal means: "If you believed that because you have a proud heart I consider you more, you would be wrong: I lower the high (ones), I raise the humble." [4]

In 1784 a 'Pious Union' of secular people was founded which used this latter chapel. This, the Societas Pia Sanctae Mariae in Doloribus pro suffragiis animarum defunctorum, had as its primary aim the making of intercessory prayers of the souls of the departed in general and for those buried in the cemetery in particular. [1]

The chapel was rebuilt in 1812, just when the French occupation ended. The French had stopped the burial of anybody within the city walls, and provided the new cemetery of the Campo Verano instead. Initially, the restored Papal government allowed certain cemeteries to be re-opened, but this proved a bad idea and was definitively stopped by the time the Italian government took over in 1870. [1]

After burials ceased in the cemetery, the chapel lost its primary reason for existence. The adjoining Ospedale delle Donne took over the cemetery as a garden, and the chapel was deconsecrated. It is now part of the hospital premises. [1]

Location and appearance

The church is almost triangular in shape, and the floor was made cosmatesco work of the guardians of Arciconfraternita del Salvatore, Marco Diotaiuti and Giovanni Bonadies in 1462. The church has only one altar in the apse and a fresco in the Byzantine style that belonged to the chapel, now demolished, *Santa Maria Imperatrice*, which is now at the Monastery of the Quattro Coronati. [5]

The former cemetery is now a simple little garden on a quadrangular plan, under grass with some trees. The former cemetery entrance is a rather striking Baroque gateway with a Papal coat-of-arms in high relief under a little tiled gable. [1]

What seems to be the former chapel is the building at an angle to the street on the right, now in white without any distinguishing features but with what looks like an external apse. It is shown in an engraving dated 1855. [1]

Location:

Address: Via S. Stefano Rotondo, 00184 Roma
 (Via S. Giovanni in Laterano 280a)
 Coord: [41° 53' 13.8" N, 12° 30' 10.2" E](#)

Info:

Church closed for worship

Links and References:

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