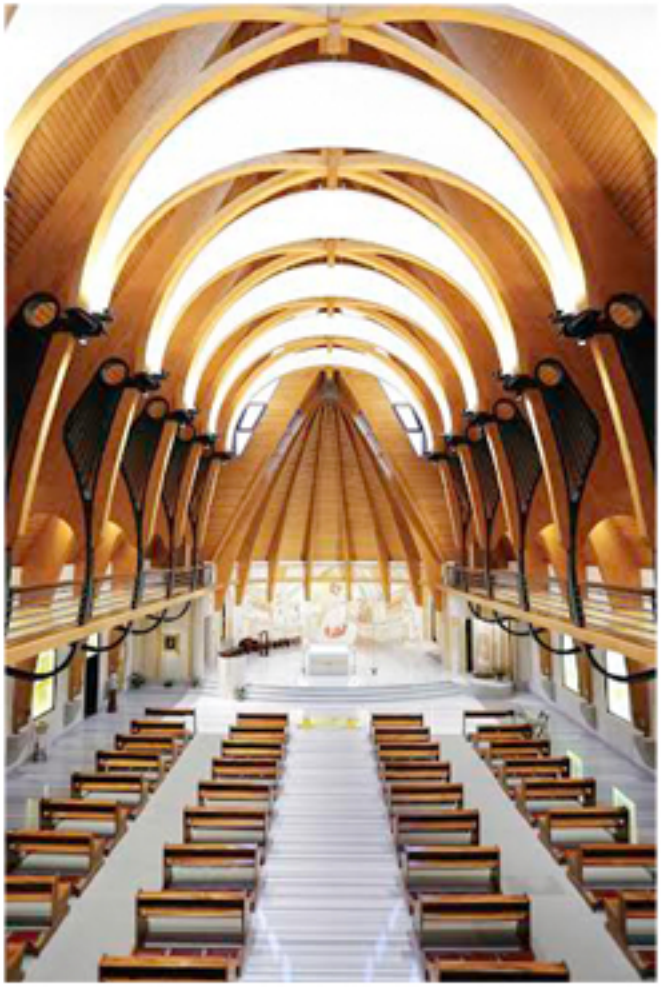
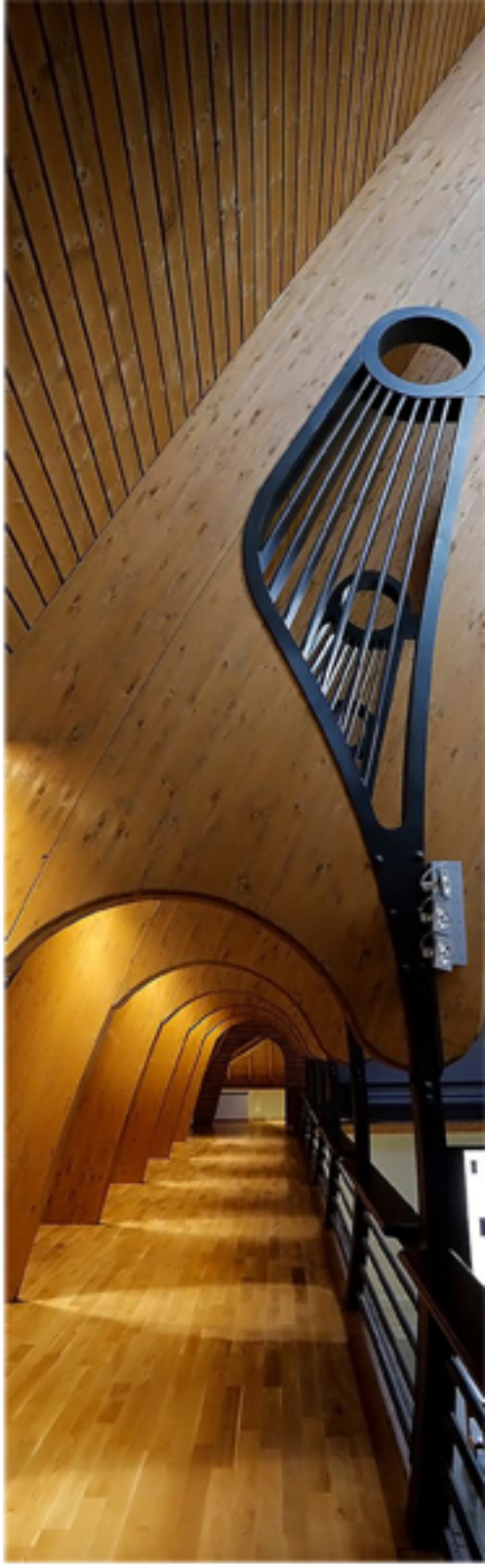
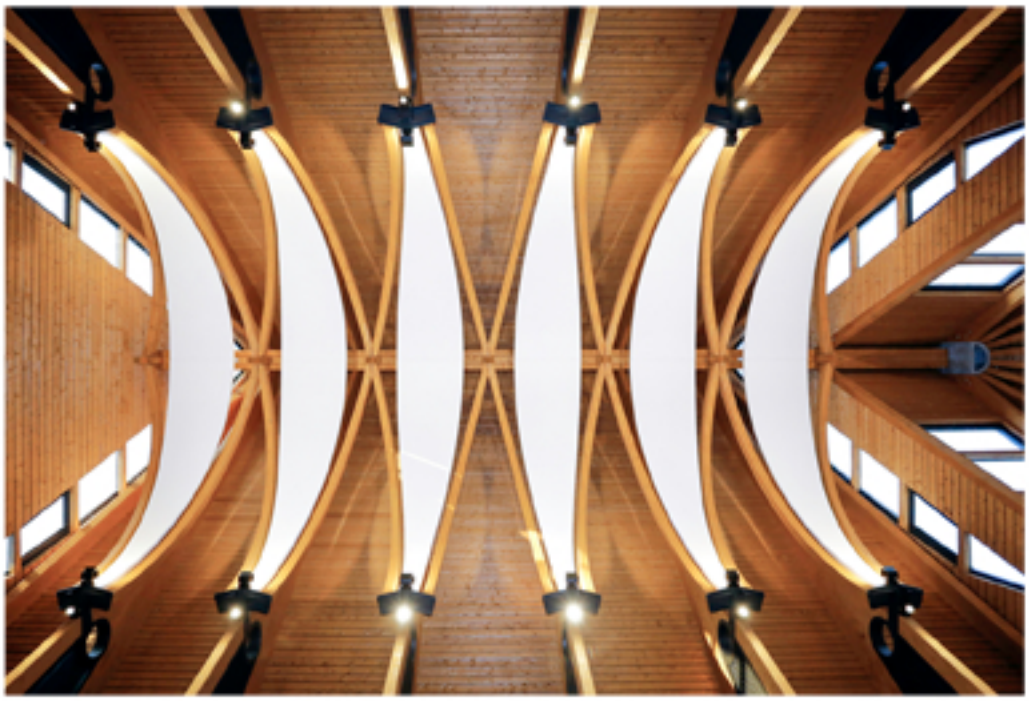
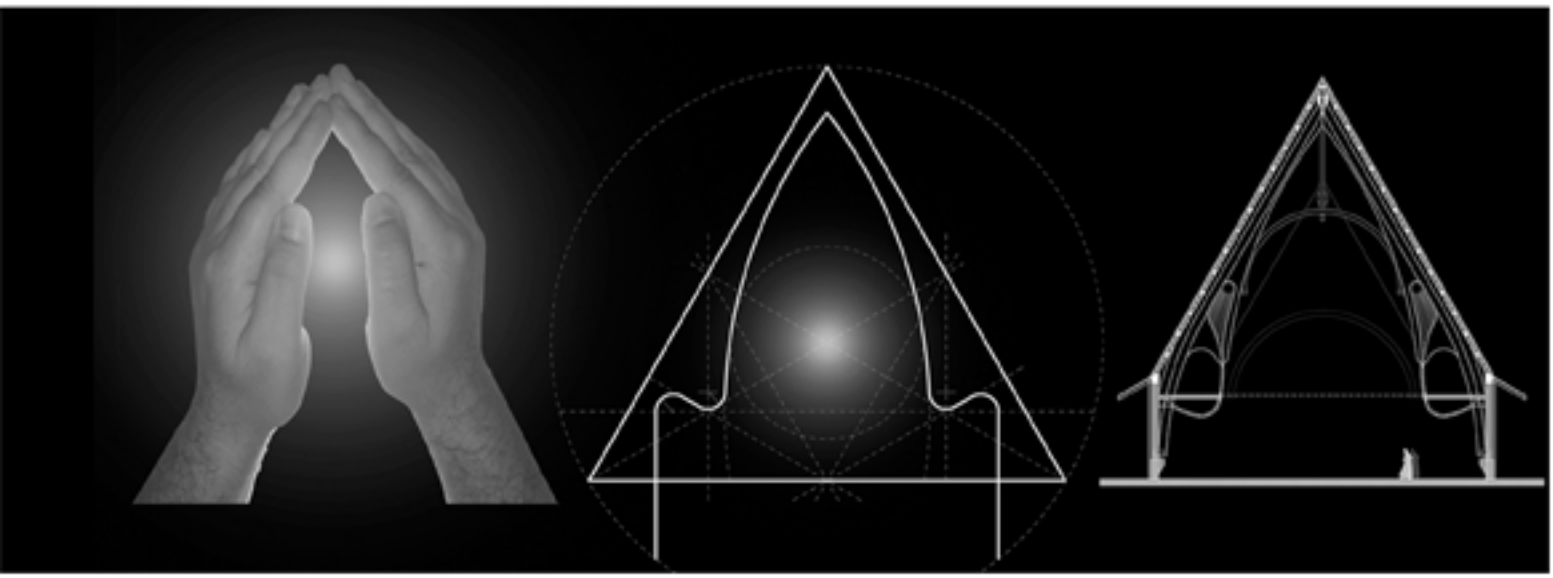
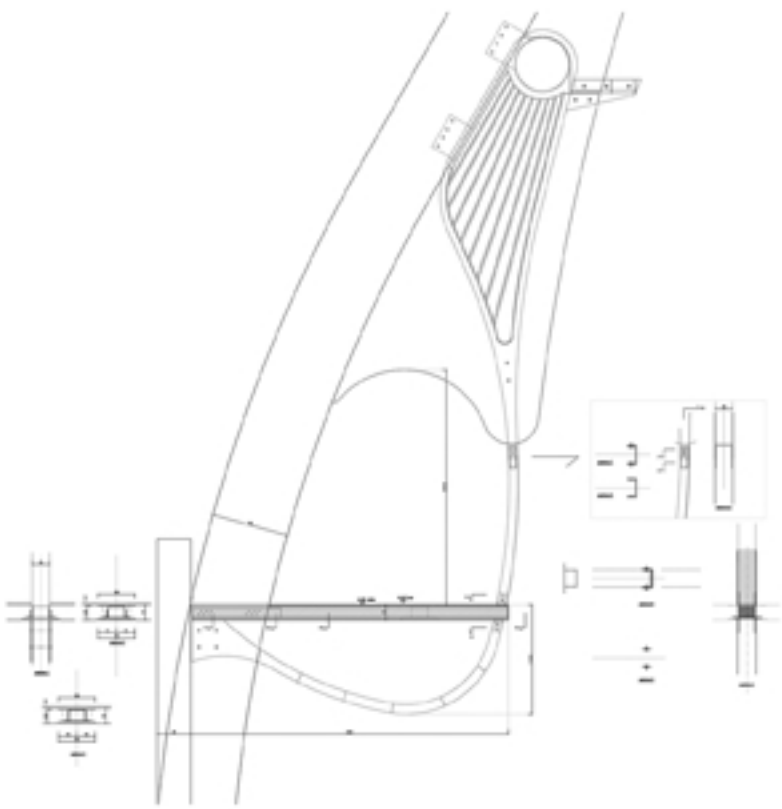
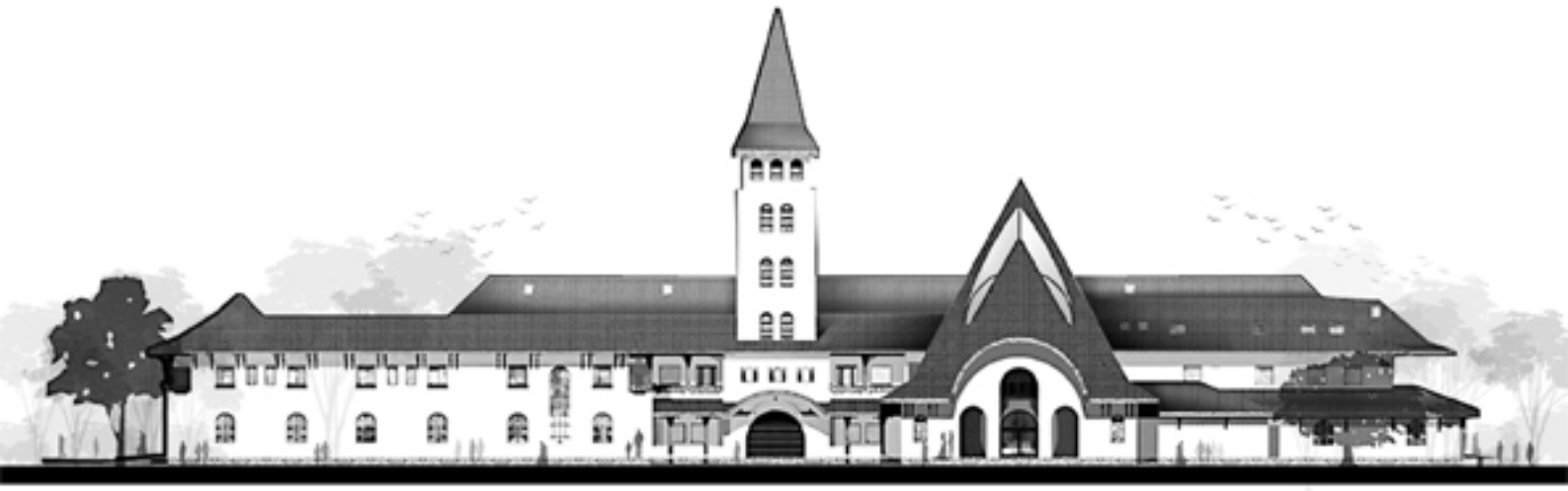
SNAGOV MONASTARY COMPLEX – MONASTERY OF THE ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES



The Snagov Monastery Complex is a place of worship for the monks of the Order of Discalced Carmelites, a contemplative monk order known for its austerity.
In an age of new technologies, of conversions in the build environment in particular, in an age of birth of new programs, of breakthroughs towards a tomorrow's world, there is a project theme in which the modern alternative gives way to the traditional, where the function satisfies the old and ancient requirements. A different ritual, an influental cultural heritage, that will have to be driven by the art and architecture of the place, that is almost absent existence which you would rather model, but still have to refer to. A situation that could determine you to take a step back, due to the inherent ambiguity - or to accept the momnents as being crucial, ones of possible transformation in a completely different manner than what you've built before. You learn to look out form the angle where the planes overlap, so that the simplicity of traditional Romanian architecture matches the order's austerity - from the angle where you can see the minimalist game of black and white on the wooden workmanship ennobled facedes and to extract ancient symbols as leitmotivs for the detail on the roof eaves - and here I am particularly referring to the horse head as a symbol for the master carpenter.