

Questionnaire

Visited place: **Orthodox Church, Cracow, 24 Szpitalna Street**

	Poland	Gimnazjum nr 7 Krakow	PL-4
Location:	Country	School	Serial number

Photos:



Front



front: a small dome above the entrance

Description:

The Orthodox Church is located on the first and the second floor of a tenement house in the Old Town. The tenement was built in 14th century, as a typical apartment house for a middle-class. The owners changed often. In 1922 a Jewish society became the wner of the building and they started to adapt the inside for the house of prayer. A synagogue functioned there for only seven years (from 1932 to 1939). From 1939 there was even a carpenter's shop . In 1941 the local authorities gave the tenement to the Orthodox community in exchange for the previous property that was taken and used by the German army. After the war, Jews wanted to take the building over, but finally Orthodox Church stayed on here.

Position
 of
 the object:

Orthodox Church is located in The Old Town, in Kamienica Jordanowska (it's the popular name of the building) at 24 Szpitalna Street in Cracow, about 300 meters from The Main Market Square.



Size:

about 370 m² (≈220 m² church, ≈150 m² balcony)

Materials:

Lower part of the building is made of stone, upper part is made of brick.

Date of building/
 epoch:

The tenement was built in the 14th century, rebuilding for the Jewish Synagogue started in 1922 and in 1941 Orthodox Church was located there.

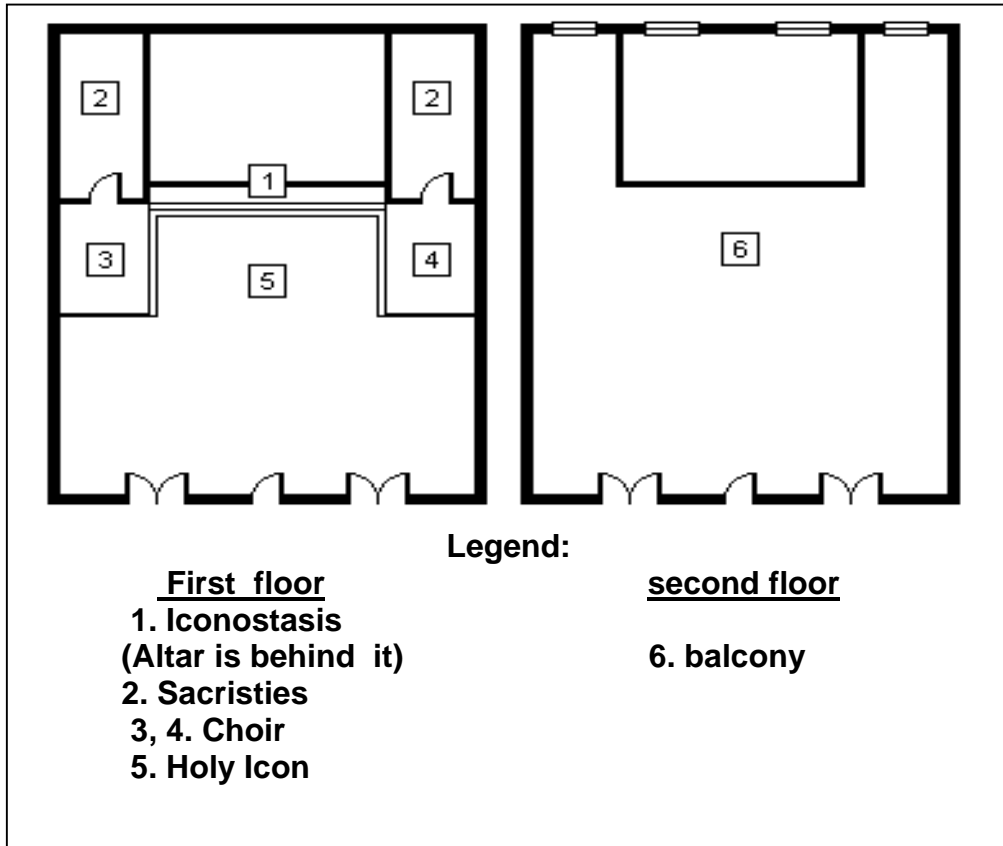
Architect/
 artist:

There is no information about tenement's architects, but it was rebuilt according to Ferdynand Liebling's and Jozue Oberleder's project.


Renovation,
 restoration:

At the end of 1960s – church was thoroughly restored thanks to priest Lachocki and Orthodox starost Michał Kubicki's initiative. 2006 – a small dome above tenement's door is installed to show people that there is an Orthodox Church in this building. Jarosław Antosiuk, a parish-priest was the originator of this event .
 There are many works by prof. Jerzy Nowosielski inside the church- some icons in the Iconostasis; some icons above the altar. He is also the author of all stained glass windows in the front wall of the building.

Sketch plan:



Interior

Picture	Name	Function
	<p>Iconostasis</p>	<p>It's a wall of icons and religious paintings.</p>



Holy Icon

The Holy icon is put on a special pulpit in front of the altar. It's very important in many celebrations in the church. For example during the wedding. People can't get between iconostasis and the Holy Icon.



Holy Icon



Votive
candles

Lighting
candles is
a sacred
action in
many
different
traditions



Balcony

Nowadays it
is not used –
but it
previously
functioned
as a special
place for
women
praying in a
synagogue

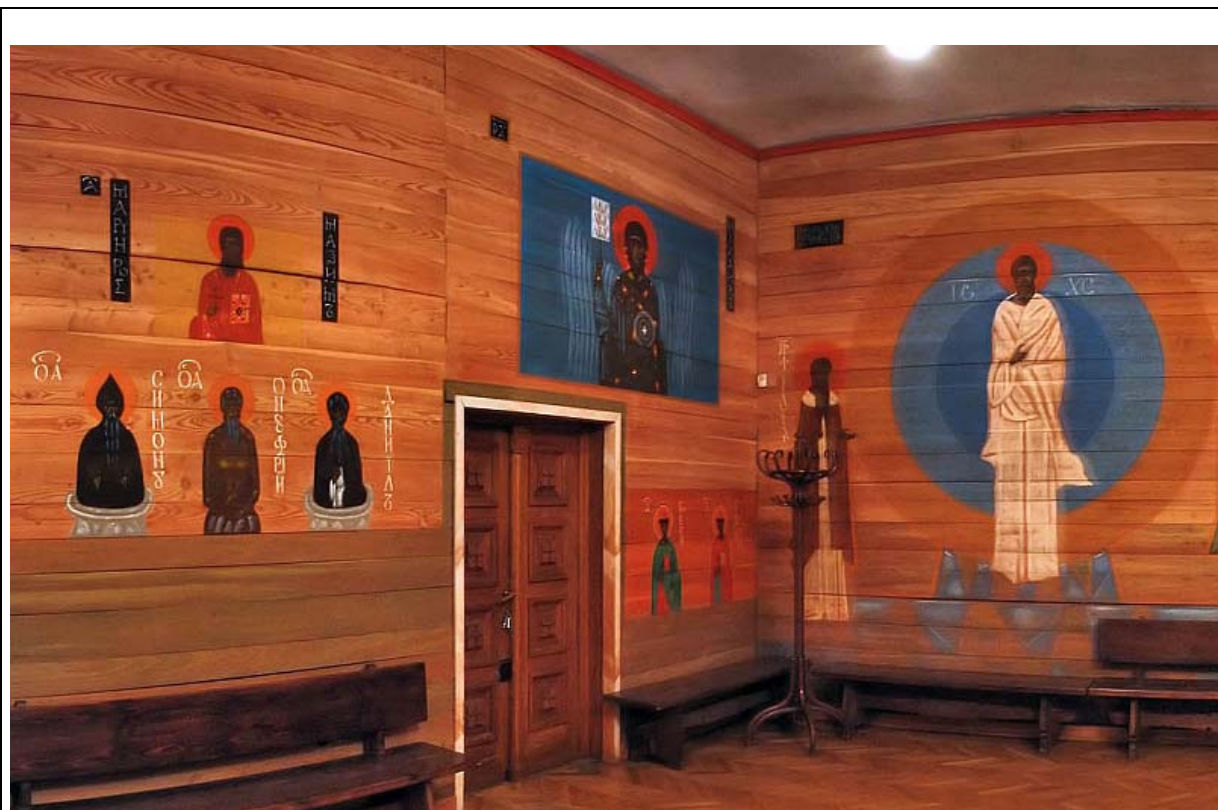


Choir

During the mess, people stand here and sing Orthodox songs.



A piece of Professor Nowosielski's work - an example of modern icon



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Pieces of Prof. Nowosielski's work - examples of modern icons



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