

The inscription on the cross - - - - reads.

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That's Polish for "Save Me". To the door proceed.

We are at the foot of the church's tower.
It used to stand alone. Somewhat later our
authorities rebuilt it, removing also its onion dome.
Now a spire with four turrets calls it its home.

You now have some time to take a look around.
The graveyard occupies local church grounds.
Dated to the Middle Ages, such solutions were rife,
Those buried here hoping for eternal life.

The graves since my times have truly grown in number,
Three hundred and sixty years adding to the slumber
of great people who have been here laid to rest,
Orawka remembering its finest and best.

Anna Przemyska, a Home Army courier brave,
and children's poems author. Here's her grave,
as is historian Danuta Učníková's (her sister).
When she passed, followers of knowledge missed her.

A pedagogue and lawyer, scholar eminent,
Professor Grzybowski, when his life was spent,
was also buried here. To the belfry let's go,
where the baptism of Jesus a woodcarving shows.

Six pillars have with a charming roof been crowned,
below it – our instruments, sweet is their sound.
Above the others is the oldest of the three that sing,
Gifted by Ferdinand IV of Hungary and Bohemia King.

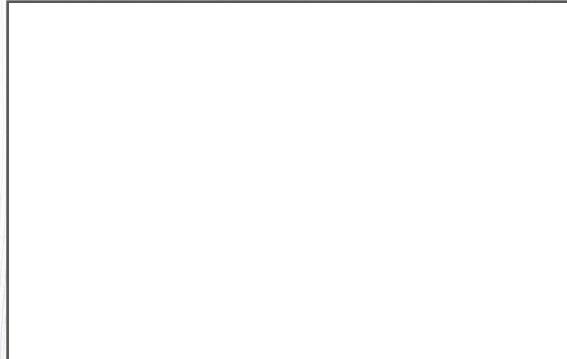
You've answered all questions. You have done great.
One last thing to do, the final task awaits.
Ahead to where the pavement turns you should walk.
Where's the Treasure? Easy. The password will talk!

Once you use the stamp to confirm the Quest,
remember the church furnishings: this is no test,
just a suggestion to take in the beauty of all things.
Their sight is a pleasure – charm is what they bring.

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QUEST- Wyprawa Odkrywców

Circumnavigating Drava's Wawel hill



Theme:

The Quest leads around the area of the historic wooden church in Orawka, which is connected with many interesting stories.

How to search for treasure:

Go to Start. Read all clues. Solve all riddles. Once you reach the end of the itinerary, you will have an answer leading you to the treasure – a commemorative stamp!

Expedition start line:

The Quest starts at the information boards at the car park on the east side of the church in Orawka.
GPS: 49.51108N 19.71879E.

Walking time:

ca. 30 min.



Discover Orawscy Highlanders!

Polish Orava highlanders live in fourteen villages south of Mount Babia, including Jabłonka, Lipnica Wielka, Lipnica Mała, Zubrzyca Góra and Zubrzyca Dolna, Orawka, Podwilk and Chyżne. Most of the historical land of Orava is part of contemporary Slovakia.



Welcome to Orawka, Explorers from far and wide,
Let me show you around, I'm a part-time guide,
Father Jan Szczechowicz, founder of the church –
no more need to delve in its history search.

Let me begin with a brief introduction:
A 17th-century man, in Cracow I received instruction,
To then teach grammar in Nowodworskie Schools.
For years I lived by professorship rules.

Yet I left the University, my course of life veered:
I focused on an ecclesiastical career.
Having lived in Niedzica for a time,
I ultimately chose Orawka as my venue prime.

It's time you read of your Treasure, your hoard.
To that end – check out the information board!
This is ' sanctuary,
13 6
Its interior true beauty and real charm carries.

You'll find many images on its hallowed walls,
Of saints and the patron, as if present in stalls.
The Commandments artefact, unique worldwide,
was for the unschooled a pictorial guide.

There is an abundance of superb furnishings:
Nativity characters, the pipe organ – many other things.
Take a look at the drapes, important during Lent.
They are wondrous. This will be time truly well spent.

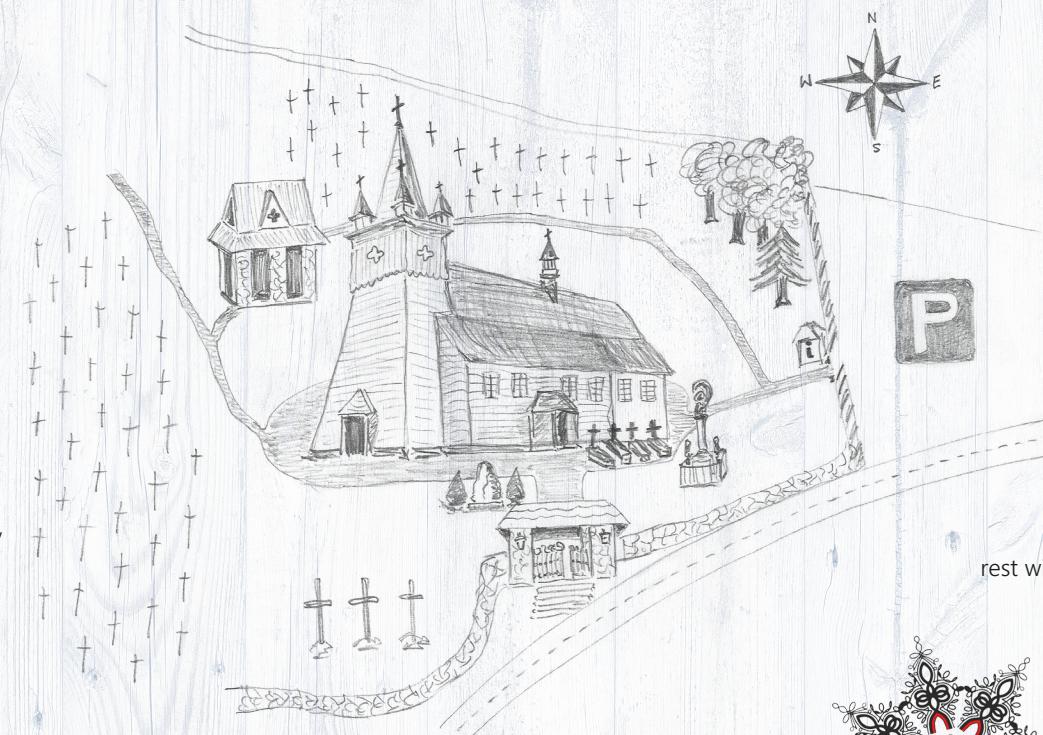
You are now in Orava, a land of many charms.
Look at the brown in its coat of arms!

Mount Babia is there too, of Beskids the Queen,
many animals in her lavish forests can be seen.

Look for the fire station. It's there to your right,
Dyeworks right behind. It used to be a sight
for sore eyes with its sundial, a thing of real beauty.
Regrettably time took its toll and its booty.

To the church wall let us now proceed.
Information on the board you can easily read.
It's a place to remember the brave " " crew,
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the propeller of our further direction a clue.

We'll follow the stone wall, an easy thing to do,
Until we reach the entrance, that's our next cue.



How many steps? . Count them carefully,
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there are other riddles, but no urgency.

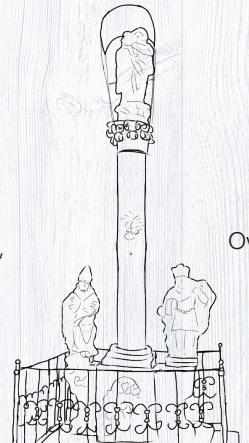
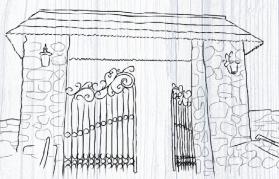
The church is on the Wooden Architecture Trail,
though partly built in brick. Now without fail
find the one but last saint on the board in pink.
 . Correct. It's remarkable, I think,
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that the chapel was added after I had died,
the roof replaced before World War II on both sides.
The pretty wooden spire, enthralling everyone,
was actually reconstructed in 1901.

From profanum to sacrum let's pass through the gate,
Three cast-iron crucifixes and further clues await,
the first cross adorning I. 's burial place.
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Christ and a stone cross near a tree now face.

The structure was erected in 1857,
polychromy-embossed, its beauty was like heaven,
but no more. Behind the tree is a votive post,
guarded by rails. Of the past also a ghost,



it was raised by lucky local plague survivors,
Father Wilczek of that initiative the contriver.

Ultimately completed in 1758,
it features saints protecting the venue from fates

evil. Donatus on the left, Florian to the right,
in the rear Saint Rosalia will also come to sight,
a patroness in times of plague specially invoked.

The guardrails show a date, as if history spoke

to us. Add its digits: . Easy as can be.
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To the church you will now walk with me.
At several gravestones we will briefly stop,
close to the church there is quite a crop.

Airmen are buried in the first one on the right,
you read about them today. Yet this is the site
of a symbolic grave too: victims of the crash
rest with A. 's urn. He bailed out in a flash,
5 7

escaping the disaster in which his buddies fell.
A piece of their aircraft has been preserved as well.

Let's move on and visit the other deceased:
to the resting place of a group of five priests.

The youngest one was an educator of youth:
Stanisław , Ph.D., of ethics the truth
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a teacher. Parish priests are all the other ones,
much good has thanks to them locally been done.

One lived at the turn of the century:
 Jabłoński. Check his history.
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He was a social activist, born in November.
Its first Latin character? . A thing to remember.
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The clergy with fighting Lutheranism were charged,
Catholicism protected, their duties discharged.
Over three hundred and sixty years – swiftly they ran –
Have passed since the church's construction began.

Directly across from the entrance hall
a plaque on a rock a key event recalls:
the sanctuary's consecration I could not have seen,
having been buried beneath the floor in 1715.

The missionary cross features some dates,
of holy missions a memory sacred and great.