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5:30AM "Godzinki" to the Immaculate Conception of the BVM (sangin Polish) 6:00AM Unveiling of the Miraculous Image of the Blessed Mother

Holy Masses in Our Lady's Chapel-Monday-Friday:

6:00AM, 7:00AM, 7:30AM, 8:00AM (in Latin), 9:30AM, 11:00AM, 3:30PM, 6:30PM

6:00AM, 7:00AM, 7:30AM, 8:15AM (in Latin), 9:30AM, 11:00AM, 12:00AM, 3:30PM, 6:30PM

-Sundays and Feasts:

6:00AM, 7:00AM, 8:00AM (in Latin), 9:30AM, 11:00AM, 12:00AM, 2:PM, 3:30PM, 5:00PM, 6:30PM, 8:15PM

Holy Masses in the Basilica-Monday-Saturday:

5:30AM, 6:00AM, 6:30AM, 7:00AM, 7:30AM, 8:00AM, 9:00AM -Sundays and Feasts:

5:30AM, 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 11:00AM, 1:00PM, 5:00PM, 7:00PM

12:00AM Veiling of the Miraculous Image of the Blessed Mother (Saturdays, Sundays and Feasts at 1:00PM)*

1:30PM Unveiling of the Miraculous Image of the Blessed Mother (weekdays)* 2:00PM Unveiling of the Miraculous Image of the Blessed Mother (Saturdays, Sundays and Feasts)*

4:00PM Rosary. On Sundays and Solemnities at 4:15PM 6:00PM Novena to the Blessed Mother (Saturdays)

9:00PM Jasna Góra Appeal

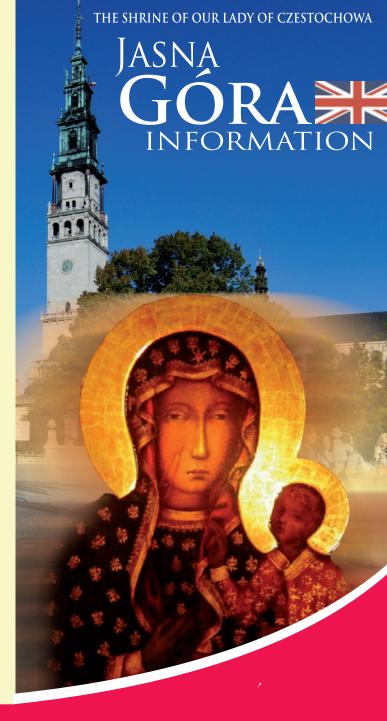
9:30PM - 4:30AM Night Vigil of Prayer (if it's organized)

*The hours of unveiling and veiling of the Icon and of the Masses might be changed due to the high number of pilgrims

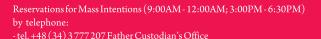
6:00AM - 9:00PM Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel

Confessions: 6:15AM - 7:30AM

There is a possibility of confessions in different languages after making an appointment in the Jasna Góra Information Center or the Sacristy.



Do whatever my Son tells you



or by e-mail: kustosz@jasnagora.pl



The Image of Our Lady of Jasna Góra, also known as the Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa, having dimensions of 121,8 x 81,3 cm., depicts the Blessed Virgin Mary holding the Child Jesus on Her left hand. The image represents monumental and dignified iconographic structure of a Bizantine Hodigitria, the one who points the way to salvation. She is a Guide. leading the entire humanity to Jesus Christ.

According to the legendary tradition included in the narratives, the image was

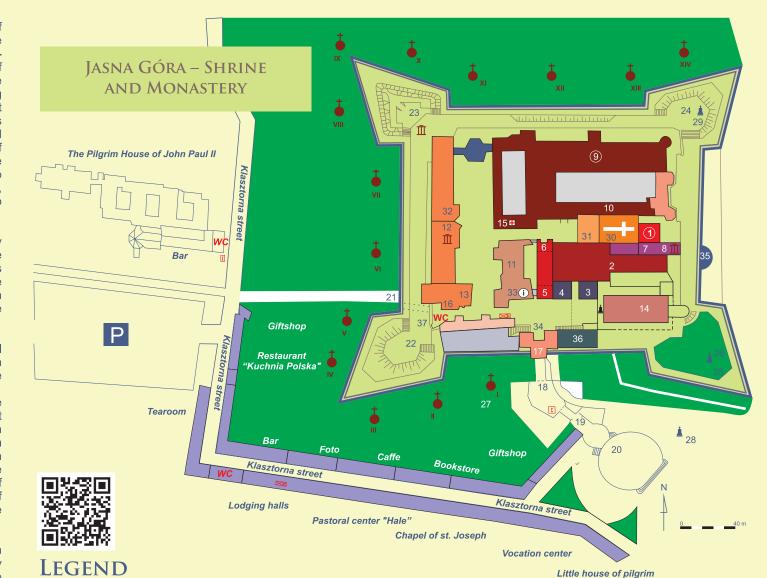
supposed to be taken from Ruthenia by the Polish Prince Ladislaus of Opole. After he founded the Jasna Góra Monastery in 1382, he entrusted the Icon to the care of the sixteen Pauline monks, who arrived from Hungary.

The Image was created most likely in the second half of the XIII century as the Balkan Icon. It was painted with tempera on a canvas, which was attached to the surface of the three lime tree boards, with nimbi carved in them around the heads of the figures. In the years 1430-1434 the icon was the subject of an extensive renovation in Krakow in the court of the King Ladislaus Jagiełło, It took place after the robbery and assault on Jasna Góra, which was most likely committed by the Hussit Iconoclasts from Bohemia. At that time, the fill in of the painting has been completed as well as some formal transformations, which gave the image characteristics of gothic art. The Image of Our Lady of Częstochowa in the present form is a unique example of a harmonious combination of Bizantine art of the East with the Latin culture of the West.

Four diagonal slashes crossing each other, which are visible on the right cheek of the Blessed Mother, are real cuts made by a sharp tool. They are gradually deepening in the layers of the paint, going as far as injuring the background. Two longer slashes, on the face and on the neck, were pointed out by being painted with vermilion as blood scars in order to commemorate a sacrilege done in the year of 1430.

The heroic defense of Jasna Gora in 1655 during the Swedish invasion became a very important event in the history of Poland. In the spirit of thanksgiving for saving the painting, the monastery and the entire country, King John Casimir made his vows in 1656 in Lvov, in which he appointed the Mother of Jasna Góra the Queen of the Polish Crown. From that day Jasna Góra became a throne of a victorious Queen and a place where everyone could confide to Her all their individual, family, and national issues. Blessed John Paul II entrusted to Her his entire Papal mission

with his famous motto: "Totus Tuus" – "Totally Yours, Mary!"



- 1. The Chapel of the Miraculous Image
- 2. The Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Founding of the Holy Cross
- 3. The Chapel of the Most Sacred Heart of
- 4. The Chapel of St. Paul
- 5. The Tower
- 6. The Chapel of St. Anthony
- 7. The Sacristy
- 8. The Treasury
- 9. The Monastery
- 10. The Knights Hall (second floor)
- 11. Royal Apartments
- 12. The 600th Anniversary Museum 13. The Arsenal
- 14. The Cenacle

- 15. First Aid
- 16. "Jasna Góra" Radio
- 17. The Jagiellonian Gate
- 18. The Gate of Our Lady of Sorrows
- 19. The Gate of Our Lady of Victory (the Queen of Poland)
- 20. The Lubomirskis' Gate
- 21. The Gate of John Paul II
- 22. The St. Barbara's Bastion
- 23. The St. Roch's Bastion
- 24. The Holy Trinity Bastion
- 25. The St. James' Bastion
- 26. The Monument of Father Augustine Kordecki
- 27. Stations of the Cross (I-XIV)
- 28. The Monument of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński
- 30. The Adoration Chapel (above the Chapel of the Miraculous Image)
- 29. The Monument of John Paul II

- 31. "The Golgotha Gallery" of Duda Gracz (above the Chapel of the Miraculous Image)
- 32. The Kordecki Conference Room
- 33. The Information Center of Jasna Góra
- 34. Luggage Storage
- 35. The Outdoor Altar
- 36. The Penitential Chapel
- 37. The Well of blessed Eusebius the Gift of **Hungarian Nation**