

Pastor Kris video: Produced by Polish Public Television  
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(Kris intro)

We are in a charming place in a small village of Glaznoty in the Ostróda municipality near the Dylewskie hills. Behind us is a beautiful historic church building which is 600 years old. The church which is now an Evangelical-Methodist church was built in 1400 and during this period of existence here in this area, it serves not only the parish, but the local community.

(as horses go by)

The village of Glaznoty is a small one, but there are people here who have open hearts and that is why we organize various meetings with them in this church.

(calling to crowd)

We cordially invite you to visit the church.  
How can you summon everyone there.

Hello Andre.

(Inside church with art exhibit)

As host and the administrator of this place for the last seven years, I would like to welcome you all warmly and thank Mrs. Monika, Mr. Jacek for the fact that you are with us today. We are delighted with what has been presented here.

Monika- lady with glasses)

It all fits here. Such a nice little church so I think that I am not surprised because I have never been here before, even with glazed tiles.

(man with orange shirt)

The glazed church is a nice place to present the photos of paintings.

The church is beautifully located in such a valley. Anyway, now it's autumn, the trees are already starting to get colorful, then the view of this church is very impressive. And when we find ourselves inside, it really is a perfect place to present paintings and I also noticed that local people very eagerly participate in various activities at the church.

I met the pastor in this church today, and this is a perfect man, so what can I say?

(applause)

(lady with blue hair)

I'm in the sixth year, so a little shorter, but in general it's wonderful that a tiny town surrounded by such tiny pearls, among others. The Church is a beautiful, the viaduct.... these are places where people start to come back, that is, they come. They are curious to see the children moving, so this place begins to live.

(Kris)

The church was a Catholic church from the very beginning because the very name of the Glaznota, the German name of

maienfeld, i.e. “the Marian field”, and we can guess that at the beginning it was in the hands of the Catholic church. From the time after the Reformation, the church was immediately Protestant, Evangelical, and it lasted until the time right after World War II in 1945. The local Masurian community, which was deprived of its priests, asked the head of the Methodist church in Warsaw, the bishop, the bishop, if he would send his clergy here to the Masurian land, also to Gazmot, so that they could serve this community here.

(stained glass)

Since 1950, historical records say that the Methodist parish had over 300 people, including children, youth, there was even a choir led by the pastor, various festivities were organized, performances on the occasion of Christmas were the first after the war.

(photo album of bell)

(Older man)

My name is Komorowski (like a German Polish name). I was born in a neighboring town before the Second World War. Well then in this church I was baptized later.

(Pastor Kris talking)

And this photo is of the last Christmas Eve service.

This year Jan later became the head of our church in Warsaw for many years. He lived to a ripe old age. Two or three years ago he died at over 90 years old- He was a good man and we remember him well.

(Pointing to pulpit)

There are good acoustics and you really don't even need microphones. There was no electricity and it was lit by the candles (looking at rafters). And there were churchman who climbed the ladder to light them.

Then there was invitation, but I was not interested.

Well, it was like that, well, nothing was going on, no services, I do not speak. And here is the garden, and they grew goose, chanterelles. Everything was self-sufficient.

Tychy than now, and they will lighten up a little with this blue during the reconstruction,

wedding

There is Mrs. Cramps, as they have recently given their last wedding and the newlyweds, photos of me and my friend that somewhere in Greece they were at a wedding in a church.

(Kris outside)

In the 1980s, there was an emigration of a large migration of people, also the parish was already spreading abroad, mainly to Germany, and the moment came that there were less and less believers and the church was closed. Before it could be said that such a spiritual and religious life was here, but the

church began to be destroyed over the years. Time did its job and unfortunately in 1995 a strong storm like a hurricane caused the trees that grow right next to the church to fall on the roof of the church, causing huge damage.

(destruction)

(Kris describing history to lady)

That's why we have a portrait displayed because in 2001 he came up with the idea that he created a house for the homeless. Everything had been ruined and for over 10 years this church was deteriorating.

It was not possible for someone to take up the topic of Reconstruction and Mr. Marek just came up with this idea. Unfortunately he did not live to see it because he died in a car accident, but the homeless people rebuilt under the supervision of the construction manager of the District Office of the Ostróda Commune.

(outdoor gathering of people. Man with yellow/blue jacket)

Dear ladies and gentlemen, we have gathered for a very special purpose today, we have the next stage of creating this unique place, the center of the heritage, an interpretation center, we are here right now.

They descend towards the circle of the Cultural community towards the valley of the river in order to make this place more friendly to come, sit down, relax, look at this beautiful Gizela River valley. Look at the structural heights and so that you

can approach individual stones, see what you find, and why this place was been created.

(man in gray suit)

Thank you very much for these words. Of course, I am counting on further cooperation, because it is very important that in our local communities here, our small homelands, so that we can carry out these type of tasks that increase the tourist value, and the more and more of our friends here can benefit from it the most. Such a beautiful, historic, beautiful place during cycling tourism.

(Man in jacket)

Everything that is happening is aimed at reading the community which was missing here, after 1945. We live in the area of such a good and difficult heritage and want to restore the harmony of the cultural landscape to serve the needs of a social community. And these are our actions here we take to serve this symbolic circle of the community of cultures. It is a symbol of the community that we want to achieve. As an archaeologist from the start of my profession, I dreamed of recalling these prehistoric threads of this region and we found this extraordinary place near the Evangelical church in the glazed area of the former pastor's farm.

The threads of various historical periods are concentrated here, from prehistory in the area, here are traces of the existence of Germanic goths. So I go to a circle that is just such a positive symbol. Later the Sassins of these Prussian primitive inhabitants, and Pomezanian began to intermarry. Then the so-called Great Division of the Land of the Stasins in

the 20s and 30s of the 14th century and a plot of the Pompeian family without limits.

The church was founded only when order was taken away from the hands of these two founders.

In 1403 the church was erected for the first time. Well, of course, it was destroyed many times during various military operations, the first such cataclysm met her after the hunger war in 1414, when it was completely destroyed and became overgrown.

It is said that a cow which escaped from one of the shepherds from the nearby village of Wygoda, knocked the bell which rang. Local residents found this place and even rebuilt the church from scratch.

(People talking outside)

(Pastor Kris)

When in 2015 I came to Glasgow for the first time and I am a pastor in Ława and Siemiany over 30 km from this place, the first step I took was to the leader- Mrs. Grażyna Gęsicka. I introduced myself and maybe she felt maybe some threat. I knew that it would take some evangelization some revolution by God. I explained that with their help I would like to open this church for all those who would like to come here to experience something.

(lady)

It is very nice, you know calm and quiet. You could have noticed it small because there are about 80 of us residents,

from the smallest to the oldest . From the pastor, it's wonderful, we already had packages like this for our children, not just for Christmas. Well, let's see, maybe this year we can do something too.

(Lady with blue hair)

I came here in a very difficult period of my life without money and I met people who helped me. The rule is like this- I help you today, tomorrow you will help someone who needs it. This is something which is true but rarely seen- but here it works all the time.

(Mr Kurt)

So many years I survived. I saw others and they would disappear. But we need to be a souvenir for future generations.

(Pastor Kris)

My intention from the very beginning, when I took care of this church, was to restore the life of the Spirit in this place and I wanted and I want this place to be above denominations- open to everyone. If we are inside this church, then we can feel the spirit of the time there, truly feel such an atmosphere that makes you want to sit in a bench and think for a moment about what happened here.

Because of this rich history, how many celebrations took place here, from the joyful and joyful ones. But it is certainly necessary to emphasize very strongly that the church showcases for all these centuries that it has always been a refuge for the local community.



We strive to restore this church. Somehow my dream as an administrator, if we can successively raise some funds, if we find friendly good people to save this church, is to repair some damage so that it can serve the next generations when we are no longer here. And some day someone may mention that we took care of this extraordinary place.

For me personally, also as a pastor, with such a house of peace and silence, when I come to clean and to check if everything is alright, I always stop and sit down to thank God for the people who built this church and for those who still care about this church.