Apparition of the Virgin Mary at RZESZÓW

POLEN, 1513

In 1513, during the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, Jakub Aja was walking in his own orchard appreciating the multitude of fruits. He was looking at the apple with admiration and he collected them with his hands even from the top of the orchard, he carried them definitely and thanked the Lord for the extraordinary harvest of the harvest provided to the land of Rzeszów in that season. While he was approaching his favorite pear tree, a plant that always gave him excellent fruits, much appreciated and loved by his children, he noticed an extraordinary light. It not only had been free, since he had never seen before something similar. The light radiated an extraordinary glow, but it did not blind his sight. Jakub drew near and heard a voice and definite female voice: "Do not be afraid, I wish that you to receive the grace of the Virgin Mary and that this grace be brought to the needy." He was amazed and happy, and the voice continued: "Tell everyone that this grace will be brought to the needy." Jakub was so happy and knew that he should not keep this secret to himself, so he immediately ran to the church of St. John the Baptist, where he remained for a long time, praying and thanking the Virgin Mary for her grace. He decided to build a new church dedicated to the Virgin Mary and to build a statue of the Virgin Mary in the church.

The small church was very close to the residence of the family of Jakub Sprzyński and his wife Anna of the Uczadzki family. They themselves often came into the small church to pray for the health of their family and to ask for the Virgin Mary's blessings. Jakub and his wife decided to build a bigger church, and a skit, that they wanted to entrust to monks. The construction began in 1515 and lasted about 30 years.

During the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady in 1513, the reason for the construction of the church was the desire of the local population to build a bigger church to thank the Virgin Mary for the grace received. The church was built close to the residence of Jakub Sprzyński and his wife Anna of the Uczadzki family. The church was dedicated to the Virgin Mary and was built close to the residence of the family.

On March 18, 1516, John Kajetan Kardyna brought to Rome the crown of the Virgin Mary for the blessing of Pope Paul III. Unfortunately, it was not possible to celebrate immediately the coronation due to the death of Pope Paul III. The coronation took place on September 8, 1516, on the occasion of the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. The coronation was presided over by the Archbishop of Rome, Girolamo Ruspoli. The chronicles report that a large number of pilgrims participated in this celebration with 150 priests and religious coming from the nearby dioceses. The most important event of the Feast of the Assumption was the coronation at the title of Virgin Mary to the church, also the consecration of the papal celebrations of Our Lady of Rzeszów for the city of Rzeszów and for the entire diocese. This returned thanks to the efforts of Bishop Radosław Dzierżyński and the Bernardins Priors with Balthasar Kimara at the head.