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# Romanian community restores church near Paris in historic Van Gogh village




Eight years after being acquired by the Romanian Orthodox community, the Church of Saint Anthimos the Iberian in Auvers-sur-Oise, a commune 30 km from Paris, is undergoing extensive restoration.

Currently, restoration efforts focus on the interior frescoes and the renovation of the courtyard.

Ongoing Restoration Efforts
Shortly after its acquisition, the church was adapted to Orthodox worship, with an iconostasis and religious icons installed on its walls.

The frescoes inside the Holy Altar are nearing completion, with most of the upper section finished. Meanwhile, the courtyard renovation is in its final stages, following the reconstruction of the perimeter wall and the cobblestone paving over the last two months.

Future restoration plans include:

Landscaping with trees,
Renovation of the church façade,
Final aesthetic improvements.
The total cost is estimated at €70,000–€80,000.

Call for Support
Donations to the following bank account, FR76 1027 8063 1800 0210 5140 139, can be made to the church’s renovation and beautification fund.

A Historic Commune Linked to Vincent van Gogh
The French commune of Auvers-sur-Oise is famous as the final home of Vincent van Gogh, who spent his last months there in 1890. During that time, he created around 70 paintings, drawing inspiration from the landscapes and atmosphere of the village.

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