

TATEV MONASTERY PILGRIMAGE



PROGRAM

MAY 30, 2026

Route

Yerevan → Syunik / Vorotnavank, Hazarprkich Church of Svarants /
→ Tatev Monastery → Yerevan

Pilgrims' Gathering Time

Approximately 3:00 p.m., Tatev Monastery

Central Moment of the Pilgrimage

Joint prayer in the Cathedral of Sts. Paul and Peter, with the blessing of His Grace Bishop Makar Hakobyan, Primate of the Diocese of Syunik, and with the participation of Very Rev. Fr. Sahak Shakaryan, Abbot of Tatev Monastery, and clergy of the Diocese of Syunik.

The Spiritual Meaning and Purpose of the Pilgrimage

This pilgrimage is an invitation to reflect on the values of love, humanity, compassion, and mutual support; to pray for peace, for the repose of the souls of all those who have fallen in the wars of our time, and for the swift release of all unlawfully detained captives.

It is also an opportunity to once again feel the strength of human connection and to remind ourselves of our responsibility to preserve, for our children and future generations, a world rooted in light, dignity, and humanity.

The pilgrimage also includes a charitable initiative aimed at creating the “Living Hive” educational playground for the children of Tatev.

Full information about the pilgrimage is available at:
<https://pilgrimage2tatev.am/>

Co-organizers of the Pilgrimage



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE



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I. MAIN GROUP: TRANSPORT ROUTES

Departure from Yerevan

06:30-07:00 a.m. Gathering in Yerevan, near the Matenadaran

07:00 a.m. Departure from Yerevan

09:40-10:00 a.m. Short stop in Vayk, with an opportunity for coffee and a quick snack

II. TWO PILGRIMAGE ROUTES

Route 1: Svarants, Hazarprkich Church

12:40-1:00 p.m. Arrival in Svarants
Program at the stop /
approximately 60 minutes /

- Candle lighting and prayer
- Words of blessing
- Visit to the new neighborhood of Svarants as a symbol of a reviving community
- Tea reception hosted by the Tufenkian Foundation

2:00 p.m. Departure for Tatev

2:40 p.m. Arrival in Tatev

Route 2: Voroṭnavank

11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Arrival at Voroṭnavank
Program at the stop

- Candle lighting and prayer
- Words of blessing
- Spiritual singing

1:00-1:30 p.m. Departure for Tatev

2:15-2:45 p.m. Arrival in Tatev

III. GATHERING AT TATEV MONASTERY

2:40-3:00 p.m. General gathering and uniting of all groups at Tatev Monastery

The main group will also be joined by the participants of the walking pilgrimage following the route: Satan's Bridge → The Great Hermitage of Tatev → Tatev Monastery

The walking pilgrims will wear T-shirts featuring the seven monasteries of Artsakh and Tatev, along with the Tree of Life emblem. This symbolic walk aims to draw attention to the urgent need to protect the churches, sacred sites, and cultural heritage of Artsakh.

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IV. JOINT PRAYER AND MAIN PROGRAM AT TATEV MONASTERY

- 3:00-3:30 p.m** Joint prayer in the Cathedral of Sts. Paul and Peter
- 3:30-4:00 p.m** Blessing and distribution of matagh / a traditional Armenian offering meal
- 4:00-6:00 p.m.** Parallel program activities on the grounds of Tatev Monastery
Participation is optional.

The program includes:

- Spiritual and educational talks, as well as spiritual singing, at the “Guardians of Roots” circle near the Tree of Life planted by Tatev Monastery
- Performances by the Voices of Yerevan choir in the monastery museum hall
- Performances by young musicians, beneficiaries of the Born in Artsakh program, at the Oil Mill
- Master class: “The Art of Illumination”: Armenian Calligraphy and Manuscript Illumination Workshop / museum hall /
- “Living Hive” creative master class with the participation of children from Halidzor

6:00 p.m. Evening service in the Cathedral of Sts. Paul and Peter

6:00-6:30 p.m. Departure for Yerevan begins

May the pilgrimage to Tatev Monastery become a path of prayer, spiritual renewal, unity, and good deeds for all participants.

For Questions

Before the start of the pilgrimage, should you have any questions, you may call the following numbers:

091 191367, 097 272027

On the day of the pilgrimage, both on the road and on the grounds of Tatev Monastery, please address your questions first to the volunteers accompanying you. In Tatev, on-site volunteers will also be available to guide and assist you.

Thank you for your understanding, discipline, and care for one another.