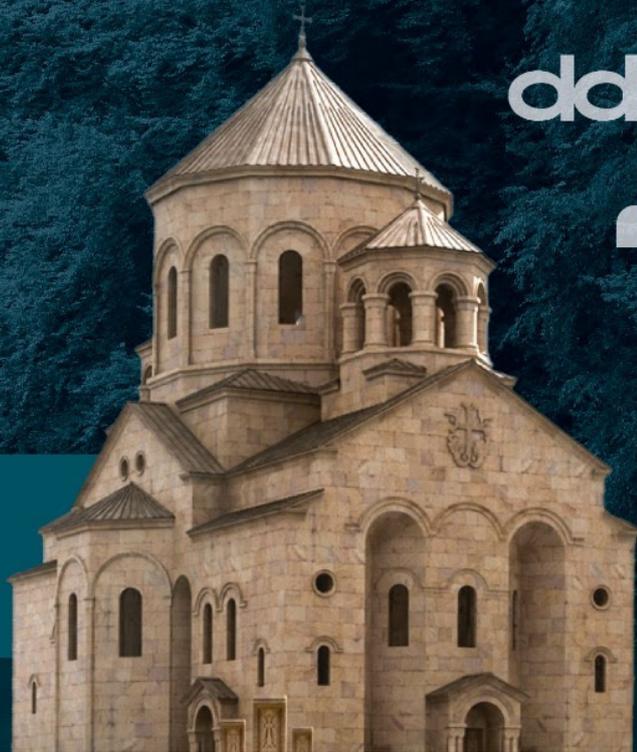


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A New Church and Dilijan's Spiritual Renaissance



A SPRING OF NEW HOPES

The six months since our last update in September 2025 have seen significant progress in the construction of the church. As autumn gave way to winter and now spring, Dilijan has revealed its beauty in every season. The pictures below demonstrate the church's majestic power even in this, unfinished, state.

The emergence of the church in Dilijan as a new and meaningful landmark in the town's ongoing development truly touches the hearts of all who see it. As a symbol of faith, resilience and an enduring hope for peace, the church will hold deep significance for the people of this picturesque town and the surrounding region.

We have now completed the major external construction works and are preparing to install the windows. This marks the beginning of the final third of the project, during which the building will gradually come to life through finer details and special touches — elements that make any structure, and especially a place of worship, truly stand apart.

With Ruben's illegal confinement in a Baku prison, his faith and spirituality have led him to think more about a person's calling and a place on this earth.



One of the rare letters the family received over the winter holidays had this reflection by Ruben:

"A soul is at peace only when it rests in the ultimate Truth — the Truth that is both beginning and end. Such joy arises with the recognition that we are not self-sufficient, that we stand in gratitude and debt to the world as it is. There is not a plurality of truths to be owned, but one Truth to be received: that we are indebted not to ourselves, but to God."

Ruben sends his sincere thanks to everyone who has supported him and our family during this trying time.

Veronika Zonabend
Ruben Vardanyan's wife

We extend our deepest gratitude to all the supporters who have joined this project. We are thankful to the over 1,000 donors from Dilijan, other parts of Armenia and the world – both individuals and organizations - who have contributed.

Special word of gratitude to our partner, the Noah's Children Foundation that initiated a campaign over a period leading up to New Year and Christmas. It doubled each donation that was made over four months - October 2025 through January 2026 via. Thus, donations made via www.mywayfund.com platform were matched by Noah's Children making a total of \$138,880.

The Noah's Children Foundation was founded by a group of like-minded people with a shared mission: to support culture, science, and strengthen cooperation in developing countries – especially in Armenia and among Armenian youth worldwide. It is a California-registered non-profit organization, working mainly in Armenia and the United States.

The full list of donors and institutions supporting the project is listed on the website.



Arthur Amirkhanyan
Construction Project Manager

 **THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS**

PROJECT UPDATE

Total Project Cost: **\$6,550,000**

- Capital construction: 80%
- Design and technical supervision: 3%
- Research and laboratory services: 3%
- Administrative expenses: 5%
- Landscape and furnishing: 4%
- Contingency 5%

Project Status

- Projected Completion: 2028
- Construction Stage: 70% completed
- Total Cost: \$6,550,000
- Donations Collected: \$3,480,000
- Remaining Amount Needed: \$3,070,000

Founding Benefactors

- Ruben Vardanyan & Veronika Zonabend
 - Noubar & Anna Afeyan
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FROM FOUNDATION TO FORM: TOGETHER, WE HAVE COME THIS FAR



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2020



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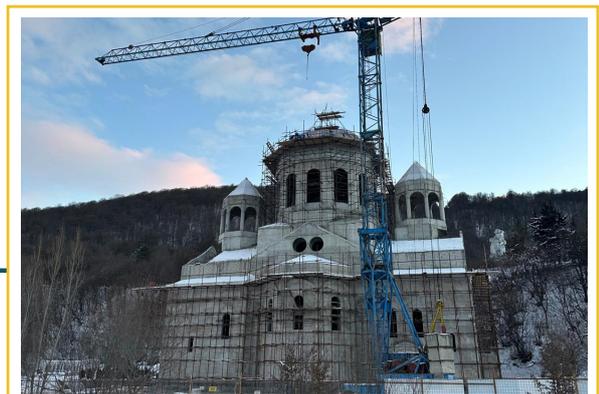
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2025



2026

Thanks to your generous support, \$600,000 was raised over the past 12 months.

With a remaining amount of **\$3 070 000** needed, we ask for your continued support to complete this vital project. Every donation, no matter the size, helps us build this symbol of hope and peace.

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