

On 25 May, 2013 the event, dedicated to the Commemoration of Saint Virgins Hripsime and Gayane and Saint Shushanik, took place at the “Hayartun” Center of the Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church in Georgia. It was initiated by the Association of Armenian Women in Georgia “Shushanik”, with the support of the “Hayartun” Cultural Center of the Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church in Georgia.

The event started with Our Father Prayer, after that the Head of the Association of Armenian Women of G eorgia " Shushanik " Susanna Khachaturian congratulated all Hripsimes, Gayanes and Shushaniks, who were present in the hall, on their name day, and added that the union considers its duty to celebrate the Commemoration of Saint Virgins, whose activities

and
self-
devotion to
the Christian faith,
nation
and family
are the role models
for the Armenian
woman.

After that the spiritual fathers, who attended the event, spiritual shepherd of Surb Etchmiadzin Church Samvel Torosyan, sacristan of the church Priest Manuk Zeynalyan, spiritual shepherd of the Cathedral of Saint George Priest Narek Ghushchyan in particular, told in detail about the activities and
the martyrdom
of
Saint Virgins Hripsime and Gayane, and Saint Shushanik,
generalizing
the role of
woman in her
loyalty to
the faith,
the nation and
devotion to
the family,
urged
to live and
follow the example
of the Saints.

The Head of the Association of Armenian Women of Georgia underlined the resistance of Shushanik, a daughter of Vartan Mamikonian, to atrocities of her husband
the prominent Georgian feudal lord (
pitiakhsh
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Varsken
, who renounced
Christianity
and adopted
Zoroastrianism
, thus she indicated the reason, why the abovementioned union was named after Shushanik, as respect for heroic example of Armenian woman in Georgia, who worshiped God.

She briefly
presented the
activities
and
goals of the organization
of Armenian women
in Georgia
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highlighting
devotion to
faith,
nation and
homeland,
preservation of national traditions
,
spiritual education
of future generations.

The Choir of Saint George’s Cathedral, conductor Luisa Vartanova, with piano accompaniment by Karen Mirzoyan beautifully performed at the memorial event, dedicated to the Commemoration of Saint Virgins.