



With a view to conducting the Divine Liturgy at Surb Gevorg Church in Ghushch village of Tsalka region and giving a wonderful concert, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, under the leadership of the Head of the Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church in Georgia, the clergy and center management representatives, accompanied by solo performers and dance ensemble “Vanq” had arrived from Tbilisi to this Armenian-populated village.

Spiritual shepherd of Akhalkalaki and nearby villages Priest Tatev Marukyan along with the church choir joined them in Ghushch village. Spiritual shepherd of Armenian communities in Tsalka of the Vicariate of the Armenian Apostolic Church in Samtskhe -Javakheti Priest Movses Manukyan welcomed the guests here.

In the building of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, at Surb Gevorg Church of Ghushch village, under the leadership of the Head of the Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church in Georgia, His Grace Bishop Vazgen Mirzakhanyan, the Divine Liturgy was served. Priest Movses Manukyan conducted the divine service. Deputy Chairman of Tsalka National

Assembly

Gocha Khachatryan,

the Village Heads of Nardevan, Dashbash, Darakov, Burnashet villages - Antaram Meltonyan, Giorgi Pepenyan, Babgen Vahradyan, Mkhitar Sargsyan, Vardan Mehrabyan and others attended the Liturgy.

At the end of the service the Head of the Diocese delivered a sermon and blessed the community.

Bishop Vazgen Mirzakhanyan spoke about the Commemoration of Sts. Tiridates, King of Armenia, Queen Ashken and Princess Khosrovidoukht,

who became

the

apologists for

the adoption and

spread of Christianity

in Armenia, he urged to remain devoted to faith, which was

primarily

adopted by the Armenian people, to keep and preserve our language, to develop

national culture

and traditions.

After that at the village stadium Tbilisi dance ensemble “Vanq”, functioning at school № 104, (choreographer Liana Kashavanidze) and solo performers Anna Poghosova, Ani Ghushchyan, Ruben Voskanyan, Genrikh Petrosyan, with the participation of church choir from Akhalkalaki, gave a splendid concert. Ghushch village Head Vardan Mehrabyan expressed his gratitude for

the visit and

the creation of

festive

mood.

Crowded stadium, warm and emotional welcome demonstrated that such spiritual and cultural

visits

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extremely necessary for  
the inhabitants of  
the mountain villages  
in  
Armenian-populated  
regions.

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