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## 1. Armenian News AM: Armenian Lacrosse Daily Bible Readings Road Trip Across Armenia: 11 August to 22 August 2026

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Armenian Lacrosse Co-Founder and Coach Johnny Mouradian is on a road trip in Armenia for 12 days, visiting 12 remarkable locations, and sharing 12 daily Bible reading videos across all six Armenian Lacrosse social media platforms from 11 August through 22 August 2026.

Coach Johnny will visit a remarkable new location each of the 12 days in Armenia. See road trip schedule below.

Each remarkable new location features a short, under one-minute, daily Bible reading video. Coach Johnny has one performance goal: inspire Armenians to bring a friend, bring a family member, to church this Sunday and every Sunday.

Listen to Coach Johnny on TikTok, Instagram, Youtube, X, Telegram, and Facebook. The daily Bible reading videos will also be on the Armenian Lacrosse website: [www.armenialacrosse.com](http://www.armenialacrosse.com). Interested media can contact Coach Johnny Mouradian at [johnny@armenialacrosse.com](mailto:johnny@armenialacrosse.com).

Armenian Lacrosse Road Trip Across Armenia - 12 Daily Bible Readings: 11 August to 22 August 2026

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| Day #1  | August 11 | History Museum of Armenia, Yerevan                                    |
| Day #2  | August 12 | Mesrop Mashtots Statue at the Matenadaran, Yerevan                    |
| Day #3  | August 13 | Tsitsernakaberd Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex, Yerevan           |
| Day #4  | August 14 | Cathedral of the Holy Mother of God (Yot Verk / Seven Wounds), Gyumri |
| Day #5  | August 15 | Khor Virap Monastery, The Cradle of Christianity                      |
| Day #6  | August 16 | Saint Mesrop Mashtots Church, Oshakan                                 |
| Day #7  | August 17 | Vayk Stadium                                                          |
| Day #8  | August 18 | Geghard Monastery, Geghard                                            |
| Day #9  | August 19 | St. Gregory The Illuminator Cathedral, Yerevan                        |
| Day #10 | August 20 | Monument of Jesus Christ, Mount Hatis                                 |
| Day #11 | August 21 | Akhtala Monastery Fortress                                            |
| Day #12 | August 22 | Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, Vagharshapat                          |

About Armenia Lacrosse: Armenia Lacrosse has a Jesus-focused ministry workstream that includes: Bring a Friend, Bring a Family Member weekly invites; world-class Bible Study classes; a groundbreaking online course titled "Jesus, Language, Heritage"; and a partnership with Khachkar Studios.

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## **2. Zartonk: Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings Launch 12-Day Journey Across Armenia**

# **ZARTONK**

**August 11, 2026**

From the birthplace of the Armenian alphabet to the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, a new initiative will combine faith, history, and sport through a 12-day journey across Armenia.

From August 11 to August 22, Armenian Lacrosse Daily Bible Readings will travel throughout the country, stopping at some of Armenia's most significant historical, cultural, and spiritual landmarks. The initiative is designed to strengthen community ties while celebrating Armenia's Christian heritage, national identity, and growing youth sports movement.

The road trip reflects Armenian Lacrosse's broader mission of using sport to develop leadership, teamwork, and character while deepening connections between Armenia and the diaspora.

Alongside lacrosse programming, each day will feature a public Bible reading at a site representing a different chapter of Armenia's history.

The 12-day itinerary includes:

- August 11 – History Museum of Armenia, Yerevan
- August 12 – Mesrop Mashtots Statue, Matenadaran, Yerevan
- August 13 – Tsitsernakaberd Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex, Yerevan
- August 14 – Cathedral of the Holy Mother of God (Yot Verk / Seven Wounds), Gyumri
- August 15 – Khor Virap Monastery
- August 16 – Saint Mesrop Mashtots Church, Oshakan
- August 17 – Vayk Stadium
- August 18 – Geghard Monastery
- August 19 – Saint Gregory the Illuminator Cathedral, Yerevan
- August 20 – Monument of Jesus Christ, Mount Hatis
- August 21 – Akhtala Monastery Fortress
- August 22 – Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, Vagharshapat

The selected locations trace Armenia's story through its faith, scholarship, resilience, and national memory. Stops include the Matenadaran, home to one of the world's largest collections of ancient manuscripts; Tsitsernakaberd, honoring the victims of the Armenian Genocide; Khor Virap, where Saint Gregory the Illuminator was imprisoned before Armenia became the first nation to adopt Christianity as its state religion; and the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, the spiritual center of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

The inclusion of Vayk Stadium also reflects the organization's commitment to expanding opportunities for young athletes and growing the sport of lacrosse throughout Armenia. Armenian Lacrosse has steadily expanded its grassroots programs while developing national teams that represent Armenia in international competition.

By pairing Scripture with places that have shaped Armenia's history, the organizers hope to encourage reflection on the country's spiritual and cultural heritage while strengthening relationships between local communities, athletes, and members of the diaspora.

The road trip will conclude on August 22 at Holy Etchmiadzin, bringing together twelve days of travel through sites that have defined Armenia's past while looking toward the next generation of faith, service, and leadership.

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## **12 Day Road Trip Across 12 Armenian Remarkable Location, 12 Daily Bible Reading Videos; Day One: A Lesson on the Sabbath From The Heart of Armenia**

### **Day One. (August 12, 2026)**

Standing before the History Museum of Armenia in Republic Square, Coach Johnny Mouradian opened the first day of the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey with a passage that speaks to the heart of faith.

Today's reading came from Mark 2, where Jesus and His disciples walk through grainfields on the Sabbath. As the disciples pick heads of grain, the Pharisees question why they are doing what they consider unlawful. Jesus responds with words that continue to resonate two thousand years later: "The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord, even of the Sabbath." (Mark 2:27-28)

Jesus' response shifts the focus from ritual to purpose. The Sabbath was never intended to become a burden or a rigid set of rules. It was given as a gift, a time for rest, renewal, worship, and drawing closer to God. Faith is measured not only by outward observance but by the condition of the heart. It is a fitting message to begin this twelve-day journey across Armenia.

The History Museum of Armenia tells the story of a civilization that stretches back thousands of years. Its galleries preserve the artifacts, traditions, and memories of a people who have endured kingdoms, invasions, exile, and renewal while remaining rooted in their faith and identity.

For Armenia, Christianity has never existed only within the walls of a church. It has shaped the nation's culture, language, literature, and history. Beginning this journey at the country's foremost historical institution serves as a reminder that faith and heritage are deeply intertwined.

Over the next twelve days, Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings will travel to monasteries, churches, memorials, and historic sites across Armenia, reflecting on Scripture while visiting places that have helped define the nation's spiritual and cultural identity.

Coach Mouradian closed today's reflection with a simple invitation that has become a hallmark of his ministry:

"Bring a friend. Bring a family member to church this Sunday, and every Sunday."

The journey continues at the Mesrop Mashtots Statue beside the Matenadaran, where the next Bible reading will explore another chapter in Armenia's enduring story.

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## **12 Day Road Trip Across 12 Armenian Remarkable Location, 12 Daily Bible Reading Videos; Day Two: The Courage to Do Good at the Foot of Mesrop Mashtots**

**Day Two.** (August 12, 2026)

The second day of the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey brought Coach Johnny Mouradian to one of Armenia's most symbolic landmarks: the Mesrop Mashtots Statue outside the Matenadaran, home to one of the world's greatest collections of ancient manuscripts.

Standing before the monument honoring the creator of the Armenian alphabet, Coach Mouradian reflected on a passage from Mark 3, where Jesus confronts a question that reaches beyond religious law and into the nature of compassion.

"Is it lawful to do a good deed on the Sabbath days or an evil deed, to save life or to kill?" (Mark 3:4)

The religious leaders remained silent.

Seeing the hardness of their hearts, Jesus called a man with a withered hand forward and simply said:

"Stretch forth your hand."

The man obeyed, and his hand was restored.

Rather than celebrating the miracle, the Pharisees left and immediately began plotting against Jesus.

The passage reminds us that doing what is right is not always welcomed. Compassion can challenge tradition. Mercy can unsettle those more concerned with rules than with people. Jesus chose healing over appearances, showing that faith calls believers to act with love even when it is unpopular.

The setting makes that message especially meaningful.

More than sixteen centuries ago, Saint Mesrop Mashtots created the Armenian alphabet so that the Bible could be translated into Armenian and read by the people in their own language. His work transformed Armenia's spiritual and cultural history, preserving both the Christian faith and the written heritage of a nation through centuries of hardship.

Just steps from his statue stands the Matenadaran, which safeguards thousands of ancient Armenian manuscripts, many of them biblical texts painstakingly copied and protected across generations. They stand as a testament to a people who understood that faith is sustained not only through belief, but through teaching, learning, and preserving God's Word.

As this journey continues across Armenia, each stop offers more than a destination. It provides an opportunity to reflect on Scripture in places where faith has shaped the nation's identity for centuries.

Coach Mouradian closed the day's reflection with the same invitation he extends wherever he travels:

"Bring a friend. Bring a family member to church this Sunday, and every Sunday."

Tomorrow, the journey continues at Tsitsernakaberd, where Scripture will be read at Armenia's national memorial honoring the victims of the Armenian Genocide.

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## **12 Day Road Trip Across 12 Armenian Remarkable Location, 12 Daily Bible Reading Videos; Day Three: Forgiveness and the Weight of the Human Heart at Tsitsernakaberd**

### **Day Three.** (August 13, 2026)

The third day of the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey brought Coach Johnny Mouradian to Tsitsernakaberd, Armenia's national memorial honoring the 1.5 million victims of the Armenian Genocide.

Few places in Armenia invite reflection quite like Tsitsernakaberd. The eternal flame, surrounded by twelve towering basalt slabs, stands as a place of remembrance for lives lost, families uprooted, and a nation forever changed. Every year, hundreds of thousands of Armenians and visitors from around the world make the pilgrimage to honor the victims and reaffirm the importance of memory, truth, and justice.

Against that backdrop, Coach Mouradian reflected on a passage from Mark 3 that speaks to the condition of the human heart.

"Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin." (Mark 3:28-29)

Jesus spoke these words after religious leaders accused Him of performing miracles through an unclean spirit. Rather than recognizing God's work before their eyes, they deliberately rejected it. Their hearts had become so hardened that they chose denial over truth.

The passage is often one of the more difficult teachings in the Gospels, but its warning is clear. God's mercy is abundant, and forgiveness is available to those who seek it. The danger lies in becoming so resistant to truth that one's heart refuses to recognize God's presence altogether.

Standing at Tsitsernakaberd, those words carry additional weight.

The Armenian Genocide remains one of history's clearest reminders of what can happen when hatred, indifference, and the denial of human dignity are allowed to grow unchecked. The memorial does not simply preserve the memory of the past. It challenges each generation to confront falsehood with truth, to reject hatred, and to uphold the inherent value of every human life.

For Armenians, remembrance has never been about dwelling solely on tragedy. It is an act of faith, resilience, and responsibility. The survival of the Armenian people was made possible by generations who chose to rebuild communities, preserve their faith, protect their language, and carry their history forward despite immense suffering.

That message echoes throughout the Scriptures. Faith requires more than belief. It calls believers to cultivate hearts that remain open to God's truth, His mercy, and His work in the world.

As the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey continues, each stop offers an opportunity to connect Scripture with places that have shaped Armenia's national story. At Tsitsernakaberd, the lesson is one of remembrance, truth, and the responsibility every generation bears to guard against the hardening of the human heart.

Coach Mouradian concluded the day's reflection with the invitation that has accompanied each stop along the journey: "Bring a friend. Bring a family member to church this Sunday, and every Sunday."

Tomorrow, the journey continues north to Gyumri, where the Bible reading will take place at the Cathedral of the Holy Mother of God (Yot Verk), one of Armenia's most cherished places of worship and a symbol of faith that has endured through hardship and renewal.

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## **12 Day Road Trip Across 12 Armenian Remarkable Location, 12 Daily Bible Reading Videos; Day Four: Preparing the Soil at Gyumri's Cathedral of the Holy Mother of God**

### **Day Four.** (August 14, 2026)

The fourth day of the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey brought Coach Johnny Mouradian to the Cathedral of the Holy Mother of God, better known as Yot Verk (Seven Wounds), in Gyumri.

Located in Armenia's second-largest city, the cathedral has stood as a witness to both triumph and tragedy. It has welcomed generations of worshippers, survived political upheaval, and endured the devastating 1988 Spitak earthquake, which forever changed Gyumri. Today, it remains one of the city's most cherished places of prayer, resilience, and renewal.

Standing before the cathedral, Coach Mouradian reflected on one of Jesus' most recognizable teachings from Mark 4, the Parable of the Sower.

"Listen. A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times." (Mark 4:3-8)

The parable is simple, yet its message reaches every generation.

The seed remains the same. What changes is the condition of the soil.

Jesus teaches that God's Word is freely offered to all, but how it takes root depends on the heart that receives it. Some hear the message and quickly lose it. Others receive it with enthusiasm, only to abandon it when challenges arise. Still others allow life's distractions to crowd out their faith. Only the seed planted in good soil grows, matures, and bears lasting fruit.

The question Jesus leaves for each believer is not whether God continues to sow the seed, but whether we are preparing the soil.

That lesson carries special meaning in Gyumri.

Few Armenian cities have experienced as much hardship over the past century. The 1988 earthquake claimed tens of thousands of lives and left much of the city in ruins. Yet the people of Gyumri rebuilt. Churches reopened. Families returned. Communities endured. The Cathedral of the Holy Mother of God itself became a symbol of perseverance, standing as both a house of worship and a reminder that faith can survive even the deepest trials.

The image of good soil takes on another dimension in that context.

Growth rarely happens overnight. It requires patience, care, and persistence. Just as a farmer prepares the earth long before the harvest arrives, faith is cultivated through daily choices: prayer, worship, service, and a willingness to remain rooted even during difficult seasons.

Throughout Armenia's history, those quiet acts of faith have sustained the nation through war, persecution, natural disaster, and displacement. Churches like Yot Verk continue to remind visitors that resilience is built one generation at a time, with each passing on both faith and heritage to the next.

As the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey continues, each destination offers a new setting through which Scripture can be understood. In Gyumri, the Parable of the Sower becomes more than a lesson about agriculture. It becomes a reflection on perseverance, resilience, and the responsibility each person carries to cultivate a heart capable of receiving God's Word.



Coach Mouradian concluded the day's reading with the invitation that has accompanied the journey from its beginning:

"Bring a friend to church. Bring a family member to church, this Sunday and every Sunday."

Tomorrow, the road trip continues to Khor Virap Monastery, one of Christianity's most sacred sites, where the journey will reflect on the place where Armenia's story as the first Christian nation began.

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## **12 Day Road Trip Across 12 Armenian Remarkable Location, 12 Daily Bible Reading Videos; Day Five: “Upon This Rock” at Khor Virap, the Cradle of Armenian Christianity**

**Day Five.** (August 15, 2026)

The fifth day of the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey brought Coach Johnny Mouradian to Khor Virap Monastery, one of Armenia’s most sacred sites and a place inseparable from the nation’s Christian identity.

Set against the backdrop of Mount Ararat, Khor Virap marks the place where Saint Gregory the Illuminator was imprisoned for nearly thirteen years before converting King Tiridates III to Christianity. That conversion led Armenia to become the first nation to adopt Christianity as its state religion in 301 A.D., forever shaping the country’s history and identity.

Standing at the monastery, Coach Mouradian reflected on a passage from Matthew 16, one that speaks to the foundation of the Christian faith.

“Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

The disciples answered with what they had heard from others. Some believed Jesus was John the Baptist. Others said Elijah or Jeremiah.

Jesus then asked a more personal question.

“But who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter answered:

“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus replied:

“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:15-18)

The conversation marks a turning point in the Gospel. Faith is no longer about what others believe or what the crowds are saying. Jesus asks each disciple to answer for himself.

“Who do you say that I am?”

It is a question every generation must answer.

There could be few places more fitting to reflect on those words than Khor Virap. For centuries, pilgrims have made the journey to this monastery because it represents the beginning of Armenia’s Christian story. Long before churches filled the country and monasteries crowned its mountains, the seeds of Armenia’s faith were planted here through perseverance, conviction, and God’s providence.

The image of the “rock” carries particular significance in this setting. Jesus spoke of building His Church upon the confession of faith made by Peter. In Armenia, that same confession became the cornerstone of a nation. Christianity shaped Armenian law, literature, architecture, education, and culture. It gave a people enduring hope through invasions, exile, persecution, and genocide.

The monastery itself reflects that permanence.

Its stone walls have overlooked the Ararat plain for centuries, serving as a reminder that kingdoms rise and fall, but faith rooted in Christ continues to endure.



As the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey moves from one historic site to another, each stop offers more than a lesson from Scripture. Together, they tell the story of a nation whose history cannot be separated from its Christian heritage.

At Khor Virap, that story begins with a simple yet profound question posed by Christ Himself.

“Who do you say that I am?”

Coach Mouradian concluded the day’s reflection with the invitation that has become the hallmark of this journey:

“Bring a friend to church. Bring a family member to church this Sunday and every Sunday.”

Tomorrow, the road trip continues to Saint Mesrop Mashtots Church in Oshakan, where the journey will honor the man whose creation of the Armenian alphabet allowed Scripture to be read, preserved, and passed from one generation to the next.

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## **12 Day Road Trip Across 12 Armenian Remarkable Location, 12 Daily Bible Reading Videos; Day Six: Remaining Rooted at Saint Mesrop Mashtots Church in Oshakan**

**Day Six.** (August 16, 2026)

The sixth day of the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey brought Coach Johnny Mouradian to Saint Mesrop Mashtots Church in Oshakan, the final resting place of the man whose creation of the Armenian alphabet forever changed the nation's history.

Few places in Armenia better illustrate the relationship between faith and learning. In the early fifth century, Saint Mesrop Mashtots developed the Armenian alphabet so the Scriptures could be translated into the language of the Armenian people. His work made it possible for generations to read, understand, and preserve God's Word in their own tongue, laying the foundation for Armenian literature, education, and national identity.

Standing at the church built over Mashtots' tomb, Coach Mouradian reflected on Jesus' teaching from John 15.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine dresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he prunes. The one that bears fruit, he cleans, so that it may bear even more fruit."

Jesus continues:

"Abide in me, and I in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, and you are the branches. The one who remains in me, and I in him, bears much fruit, because apart from me, you can do nothing."  
(John 15:1-5)

The image is both simple and profound.

A branch does not survive through its own strength. It draws life from the vine to which it is connected. Once separated, it withers.

Jesus uses that image to describe the Christian life. Faith is not sustained through occasional moments of inspiration. It grows through an ongoing relationship with Christ. Prayer, worship, Scripture, and fellowship are the means by which believers remain connected to the source of spiritual life.

That message carries particular meaning in Oshakan.

Saint Mesrop Mashtots understood that for faith to flourish, people needed access to God's Word. By giving Armenians an alphabet, he gave them the ability to read the Bible, preserve their Christian tradition, and pass both language and faith from one generation to the next.

More than sixteen centuries later, pilgrims continue to visit his resting place not simply to honor a scholar, but to remember the enduring connection between Scripture, education, and the life of the Church.

The lesson from John 15 echoes that same truth.

Fruit is never the beginning of the story. It is the result of remaining rooted.

Throughout Armenia's history, that steadfastness has allowed the nation to preserve its Christian identity through conquest, persecution, displacement, and hardship. Churches, monasteries, manuscripts, and schools all point back to the same foundation: a people who chose to remain connected to their faith despite the challenges around them.

As the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey continues, each destination reveals another chapter in that story. At Oshakan, the message is one of perseverance, growth, and the quiet strength that comes from remaining rooted in Christ.



Coach Mouradian closed the day's reflection with the invitation that has accompanied each stop along the journey:

"Bring a friend to church. Bring a family member to church this Sunday. Join the movement."

Tomorrow, the road trip continues to Vayk Stadium, where the journey will bring Scripture into the world of sport, community, and the next generation of Armenian athletes.

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## **12 Day Road Trip Across 12 Armenian Remarkable Location, 12 Daily Bible Reading Videos; Day Seven: Becoming the Temple at Vayk Stadium**

### **Day Seven.** (August 17, 2026)

The seventh day of the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey brought Coach Johnny Mouradian to Vayk Stadium, where the road trip took a different setting. Instead of standing before a monastery or historic church, today's reflection came from a place dedicated to athletics, teamwork, and the next generation.

It was a fitting reminder that faith is not confined to sacred buildings. It accompanies believers wherever they live, work, compete, and serve.

Standing on the field, Coach Mouradian reflected on a passage from 2 Corinthians 6, where the Apostle Paul reminds Christians of the calling that comes with belonging to God.

"What agreement does the temple of God have with idols? For we are the temple of the living God."

Paul continues:

"I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Therefore, come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch anything unclean, and I will receive you. And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me," says the Lord Almighty. (2 Corinthians 6:16-18)

The message shifts the focus from a physical place of worship to something far more personal. Under the New Covenant, God's presence is not limited to a temple built of stone. Through faith, believers themselves become the dwelling place of God. That identity carries both a privilege and a responsibility. Christians are called to live differently, not to separate themselves from the world out of fear, but to reflect God's character through the choices they make, the values they uphold, and the example they set.

There could be no better place to reflect on that truth than a sports field.

Athletics reveal character. Victory and defeat, discipline and perseverance, teamwork and leadership all expose who we are when no one is watching. For young athletes especially, the field becomes a classroom where integrity is tested just as much as physical ability.

That vision has long shaped the mission of Armenian Lacrosse. The organization is building more than teams. It is investing in young people, encouraging them to become leaders who represent their families, communities, and country with humility, discipline, and purpose.

Paul's words serve as a reminder that faith is lived in ordinary places as much as extraordinary ones.

A believer's witness is seen not only in church pews, but in classrooms, workplaces, neighborhoods, and on playing fields. Every interaction becomes an opportunity to demonstrate honesty, compassion, self-control, and respect for others.

As the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey continues across Armenia, today's stop broadens the conversation. The Christian life is not confined to historic monasteries or sacred landmarks. It extends into every part of daily life, including the places where young people learn, compete, and grow.

Coach Mouradian closed the day's reflection with the invitation that has accompanied each stop on the journey:

"Bring a friend to church. Bring a family member to church this Sunday and every Sunday."

Tomorrow, the journey continues to Geghard Monastery, one of Armenia's most remarkable medieval monasteries, carved into the surrounding cliffs and recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There, the next Scripture reading will continue the road trip through Armenia's enduring Christian heritage.

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## **12 Day Road Trip Across 12 Armenian Remarkable Location, 12 Daily Bible Reading Videos; Day Eight: Humility at Geghard Monastery**

**Day Eight.** (August 18, 2026)

The eighth day of the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey brought Coach Johnny Mouradian to Geghard Monastery, one of Armenia's most revered Christian sites, nestled within the cliffs of the Upper Azat Valley.

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Geghard has drawn pilgrims for centuries. Much of the monastery is carved directly into the surrounding rock, a remarkable testament to the faith and craftsmanship of medieval Armenia. Its name, Geghard, meaning "spear," refers to the Holy Lance that, according to Christian tradition, pierced Christ's side during the Crucifixion and was later brought to Armenia by the Apostle Thaddeus.

Standing in a place that has inspired worship for generations, Coach Mouradian reflected on the opening verses of Luke 2, the story of Christ's birth.

"Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, who was betrothed to him and was pregnant."

Luke continues:

"While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. She gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:4-7)

The birth of Jesus stands in striking contrast to the expectations many had of a king.

The promised Messiah did not enter the world in a palace surrounded by wealth or power. He was born in humble circumstances, laid in a manger because there was no room elsewhere. From the very beginning, Christ's life revealed that God's kingdom would be built on humility, obedience, and service rather than earthly status.

That message resonates at Geghard.

Despite its architectural beauty and historical significance, the monastery was not built to glorify those who constructed it. It was built to direct hearts toward God. Its stone chambers, carved into the mountainside with extraordinary care, remind visitors that faith often grows in quiet places through lives marked by devotion rather than recognition.

Armenia's Christian history reflects that same pattern.

For centuries, monasteries like Geghard served as places of prayer, scholarship, and refuge. Monks copied manuscripts, preserved Scripture, educated future generations, and sustained the nation's spiritual life through periods of invasion, persecution, and uncertainty. Their work was rarely celebrated in their own time, yet its impact continues to shape Armenia today.

Luke's account of the Nativity carries that same lesson.

God often accomplishes His greatest work through ordinary people who faithfully answer His call.

Joseph and Mary could not have known how profoundly their obedience would change history. They simply trusted God and took the next step before them.

As the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey continues, Geghard offers an invitation to rediscover that spirit of humility. Faith is not measured by titles, recognition, or worldly success. It is cultivated through obedience, perseverance, and a willingness to make room for Christ in our lives, just as generations of Armenians have sought to do in places like this.

Coach Mouradian concluded the day's reflection with the invitation that has become the hallmark of this journey:

"Bring a friend to church. Bring a family member to church this Sunday and every Sunday."

Tomorrow, the journey returns to Yerevan at the Saint Gregory the Illuminator Cathedral, where the next Scripture reading will continue tracing the story of Christ through the heart of Armenia's Christian heritage.

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## **12 Day Road Trip Across 12 Armenian Remarkable Location, 12 Daily Bible Reading Videos; Day Nine: “Nothing Is Impossible with God” at Saint Gregory the Illuminator Cathedral**

**Day Nine.** (August 19, 2026)

The ninth day of the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey brought Coach Johnny Mouradian to Saint Gregory the Illuminator Cathedral in Yerevan, one of the largest Armenian Apostolic cathedrals in the world and a tribute to the saint whose faith changed the course of Armenia's history.

Completed in 2001 to commemorate the 1,700th anniversary of Armenia's adoption of Christianity as its state religion, the cathedral stands as a modern symbol of a faith that has endured for more than seventeen centuries. Named after Saint Gregory the Illuminator, whose imprisonment at Khor Virap preceded the conversion of King Tiridates III, the cathedral reflects the enduring place of Christianity at the heart of Armenian identity.

Standing before the cathedral, Coach Mouradian reflected on Luke 1:35-38, the moment the Angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will bear the Son of God.

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the Holy One to be born of you will be called the Son of God.”

The angel continues:

“And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son. This is the sixth month for her who was called barren. Because nothing is impossible for God.”

Mary responds with remarkable humility:

“Behold, I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be to me according to your word.” (Luke 1:35-38)

The passage marks one of the most significant moments in the New Testament.

Mary is presented with a calling she could not have anticipated and a future she could not fully understand. She is not given every answer. She is simply invited to trust God.

Her response is one of complete surrender.

“Let it be to me according to your word.”

It is a declaration of faith rooted not in certainty about the future, but in confidence in the One who holds it.

The angel's assurance that “nothing is impossible for God” has encouraged Christians for generations. It speaks to every circumstance that appears beyond human ability, reminding believers that God's plans are not limited by human expectations, weakness, or impossibility. That promise carries particular meaning in Armenia.

Few nations have faced as many moments that appeared insurmountable.

Through centuries of invasion, persecution, genocide, displacement, and hardship, Armenians have continued to preserve their faith, language, and identity. Their story is not one of an uninterrupted path, but of perseverance through adversity, trusting that hope can endure even when circumstances suggest otherwise.

Saint Gregory the Illuminator Cathedral stands as a visible expression of that hope.

Although recently built by Armenian standards, it honors a faith that stretches back to the fourth century. Its presence in the heart of Yerevan connects Armenia's earliest Christian foundations with the life of the nation today, reminding visitors that the Gospel continues to shape both its history and its future.



Mary's example also offers a personal challenge.

Faith often begins with a willingness to say "yes" before every detail is known. Whether the calling is large or small, public or private, God invites His people to trust Him one step at a time. Like Mary, believers are called to respond with obedience, even when the road ahead is uncertain.

As the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey continues, today's stop reminds us that Christianity has always been sustained by ordinary people who chose faith over fear. Their willingness to trust God's promises became part of a much larger story.

Coach Mouradian concluded the day's reflection with the invitation that has accompanied the journey across Armenia:

"Bring a friend to church. Bring a family member to church this Sunday."

Tomorrow, the road trip continues to Mount Hatis, where the Bible reading will take place at the Monument of Jesus Christ, offering another opportunity to reflect on Scripture against one of Armenia's most striking landscapes.

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## **12 Day Road Trip Across 12 Armenian Remarkable Location, 12 Daily Bible Reading Videos; Day Ten: Faith in Action at the Future Monument of Jesus Christ**

### **Day Ten. (August 20, 2026)**

The tenth day of the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey brought Coach Johnny Mouradian to the open-air workshop in Zovuni, where artisans are constructing the Monument of Jesus Christ that will eventually be installed on Mount Hatis.

Unlike the previous stops on this journey, today's reflection took place not at a completed church or historic monastery, but at a work in progress. Stone is still being shaped. Pieces are still coming together. The monument has yet to reach its permanent home.

It is a fitting setting for a passage that reminds us that God's work often begins quietly, long before the world sees its final result.

Standing among the sculptors and craftsmen, Coach Mouradian reflected on Luke 1:39-41.

"At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit." (Luke 1:39-41)

Only days earlier, Mary had received the angel Gabriel's astonishing message that she would give birth to the Son of God.  
She did not remain still.

She immediately traveled to visit her relative Elizabeth, who herself was experiencing God's miraculous work through the coming birth of John the Baptist.

When the two women met, Scripture tells us that Elizabeth's unborn child leaped for joy, recognizing Christ's presence even before His birth.

The encounter is one of quiet faith.

There are no crowds. No miracles witnessed by thousands. No sermons delivered from mountaintops.

There are simply two women who trusted God's promises before they could fully understand them.

That trust makes today's location especially meaningful.

The future Monument of Jesus Christ is still under construction. Like every major undertaking, it requires vision, craftsmanship, patience, and perseverance before it can stand completed. Each stone placed today contributes to something that future generations will one day experience. Faith often unfolds the same way.

God's work is frequently accomplished through ordinary acts of obedience that seem small in the moment. A conversation. A visit. A word of encouragement. A decision to trust Him before the outcome is visible.

Mary's journey to Elizabeth reminds us that faith is active. She did not simply receive God's calling. She responded to it.

The workshop in Zovuni reflects that same principle.

Every sculptor, engineer, and craftsman contributes one piece at a time. The monument cannot be completed in a single day, but every day's work brings the larger vision closer to reality. Throughout Armenia, the country's churches and monasteries tell a similar story. They were not built overnight. They are the product of generations who believed that what they were creating would outlast them.



The Christian life follows that same pattern.

It is built through daily acts of faithfulness that may not always be visible but ultimately become part of something far greater than ourselves.

As the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey enters its final stretch, today's stop reminds us that God's work is often unfolding even when it remains unfinished. Like the monument rising piece by piece in Zovuni, faith grows through patient obedience, trusting that the Master Builder is completing His work in His perfect time.

Coach Mouradian concluded the day's reflection with the invitation that has accompanied the journey across Armenia:

"Bring a friend to church. Bring a family member to church this Sunday."

Tomorrow, the road trip continues to Akhtala Monastery Fortress, where another chapter of Scripture will be read within the walls of one of Armenia's most remarkable medieval monasteries.

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## **12 Day Road Trip Across 12 Armenian Remarkable Location, 12 Daily Bible Reading Videos; Day Eleven: Preparing the Way at Akhtala Monastery Fortress**

**Day Eleven.** (August 21, 2026)

The eleventh day of the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey brought Coach Johnny Mouradian to Akhtala Monastery Fortress, one of northern Armenia's most distinctive medieval monasteries.

Perched above the Debed River gorge in the Lori Province, Akhtala is renowned for its imposing fortress walls and remarkably preserved frescoes, among the finest surviving examples of medieval Christian art in Armenia. For centuries, the monastery has stood as both a place of worship and a stronghold, bearing witness to Armenia's enduring Christian heritage through periods of conflict, change, and renewal.

Standing within the monastery grounds, Coach Mouradian reflected on a passage from the Old Testament prophet Malachi.

"Behold, I am sending my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And suddenly the Lord, whom you seek, will come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom you desire. Behold, He is coming," says the Lord Almighty.

The prophecy continues:

"But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He will be like a refiner's fire and like a launderer's soap." (Malachi 3:1-2)

These verses point forward to the coming of Christ.

Malachi speaks of a messenger who will prepare the way, a prophecy Christians understand as referring to John the Baptist, whose ministry called people to repentance before the arrival of Jesus. Yet the passage also reminds believers that God's presence does more than comfort. It transforms.

The image of a refiner's fire is intentional.

A refiner uses intense heat to separate precious metal from impurities. The process is neither quick nor easy, but it produces something stronger and purer than before. Malachi uses that image to describe how God works in the lives of His people. His purpose is not to destroy, but to refine.

That lesson finds a natural home at Akhtala.

For centuries, these fortress walls have protected a monastery dedicated to prayer, worship, and the preservation of Christian faith. The frescoes that still cover its interior have survived wars, invasions, and the passage of time, continuing to proclaim biblical stories to generations of visitors.

Like those paintings, faith is often tested before it endures.

Armenia's Christian history has been marked by hardship, yet each generation has found a way to preserve what was entrusted to them. Monasteries such as Akhtala became places where Scripture, learning, and worship were safeguarded, even when the world beyond their walls was uncertain.

Malachi's prophecy reminds us that preparation is an essential part of faith.

John the Baptist prepared the way for Christ. Believers today are called to prepare their own hearts through repentance, prayer, and a willingness to let God shape their lives. The refining process may be difficult, but it is one that leads to spiritual growth and renewed purpose.

As the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey approaches its final destination, today's stop offers a reminder that the Christian life is not simply about waiting for God to act. It is about allowing Him to transform us as we prepare to meet Him.



Coach Mouradian concluded the day's reflection with the invitation that has accompanied each stop across Armenia:

“Bring a friend to church. Bring a family member to church this Sunday.”

Tomorrow, the twelve-day journey concludes at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, the spiritual center of the Armenian Apostolic Church, where the final Bible reading will bring this road trip across Armenia to its close.

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## **12 Day Road Trip Across 12 Armenian Remarkable Location, 12 Daily Bible Reading Videos; Day Twelve: The Fullness of Time at Holy Etchmiadzin**

### **Day Twelve.** (August 24, 2026)

The twelfth and final day of the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey brought Coach Johnny Mouradian to the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, the spiritual center of the Armenian Apostolic Church and one of the most sacred places in the Christian world.

For nearly seventeen centuries, Holy Etchmiadzin has stood as the heart of Armenian Christianity. According to tradition, Christ appeared in a vision to Saint Gregory the Illuminator, indicating where the first Armenian cathedral should be built after Armenia became the first nation to adopt Christianity as its state religion in 301 A.D. Since then, Etchmiadzin has remained a place of worship, pilgrimage, theological learning, and spiritual leadership for Armenians across the world.

It is a fitting place to conclude a journey that has traced Armenia's Christian heritage from museums and memorials to monasteries, churches, and communities across the country.

Standing before the Mother Cathedral, Coach Mouradian reflected on a passage from Galatians 4:1-5.

"My point is this: as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything. But he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father."

Paul continues:

"In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law." (Galatians 4:1-4)

Paul's message centers on God's perfect timing.

Throughout the Old Testament, generations waited for the promised Messiah. Prophets spoke of His coming. Israel anticipated His arrival. Then, in what Paul describes as "the fullness of time," God fulfilled His promise by sending His Son into the world.

The coming of Christ was neither accidental nor delayed. It unfolded according to God's plan.

That truth offers encouragement for every believer.

Faith often requires patience. We pray before we see answers. We trust before we understand the outcome. Yet Scripture reminds us that God's purposes unfold according to His timing, even when we cannot immediately see where He is leading.

There is perhaps no better place in Armenia to reflect on that promise than Holy Etchmiadzin.

For more than 1,700 years, this cathedral has witnessed the unfolding of Armenia's Christian story. Kings, clergy, scholars, pilgrims, and families have all passed through its gates. Empires have risen and fallen. Borders have changed.

Generations have come and gone. Etchmiadzin has remained.

Its enduring presence reflects a faith that has been preserved not for decades, but for centuries. It reminds visitors that Christianity in Armenia is not simply part of the nation's history. It continues to shape its present and its future.

Looking back over the past twelve days, the journey has traveled from the History Museum of Armenia to the Matenadaran, Tsitsernakaberd, Gyumri, Khor Virap, Oshakan, Vayk, Geghard, Saint Gregory the Illuminator Cathedral, the Mount Hatis monument workshop, Akhtala Monastery, and now Holy Etchmiadzin.



Each destination revealed a different chapter of Armenia's story.

Together, they tell one larger story: a nation whose faith has endured through centuries of challenge because generation after generation chose to preserve it, live it, and pass it on.

Coach Mouradian's reflections throughout this road trip have carried a consistent message. Scripture is not confined to the pages of a book or the walls of a church. It speaks into history, communities, families, and everyday life. It calls believers not only to remember their faith, but to live it.

As the Armenian Lacrosse and Daily Bible Readings journey comes to its conclusion, the final stop at Holy Etchmiadzin serves as a reminder that every pilgrimage eventually leads home. For Armenians, there are few places that embody that sense of home more profoundly than the Mother See, where centuries of faith continue to unite.

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### **3. The Armenian Report: Armenian Lacrosse Coach Launches 12-Day Bible Reading Tour Across Armenia**



#### **Day One. (August 12, 2026)**

Armenian Lacrosse co-founder and coach Johnny Mouradian has launched a 12-day road trip across Armenia, sharing daily Bible readings from historic churches, monasteries and cultural sites.

The tour begins Aug. 11 at the History Museum of Armenia in Yerevan and will conclude Aug. 22 at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin in Vagharshapat.

Mouradian plans to visit a different location each day and record a Bible reading video lasting less than one minute. The videos are intended to encourage Armenians to attend church and invite others to join them.

His message throughout the trip is simple: Bring a friend or family member to church this Sunday — and every Sunday.

The videos are being shared across Armenian Lacrosse's TikTok, Instagram, YouTube, X, Telegram and Facebook accounts. They are also available at [ArmeniaLacrosse.com](https://ArmeniaLacrosse.com).

The itinerary includes:

- \* Aug. 11 — History Museum of Armenia, Yerevan
- \* Aug. 12 — Mesrop Mashtots statue at the Matenadaran, Yerevan
- \* Aug. 13 — Tsitsernakaberd Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex, Yerevan
- \* Aug. 14 — Cathedral of the Holy Mother of God, also known as Yot Verk or Seven Wounds, Gyumri
- \* Aug. 15 — Khor Virap Monastery
- \* Aug. 16 — St. Mesrop Mashtots Church, Oshakan
- \* Aug. 17 — Vayk Stadium
- \* Aug. 18 — Geghard Monastery
- \* Aug. 19 — St. Gregory the Illuminator Cathedral, Yerevan
- \* Aug. 20 — Jesus Christ monument, Mount Hatis
- \* Aug. 21 — Akhtala Monastery Fortress
- \* Aug. 22 — Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, Vagharshapat

The road trip is part of Armenian Lacrosse's Christian ministry, which includes weekly church invitations, Bible study classes and an online course titled "Jesus, Language, Heritage." The organization also works in partnership with Khachkar Studios. Mouradian can be reached at [johnny@armenialacrosse.com](mailto:johnny@armenialacrosse.com).

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## **Armenian Lacrosse Coach Reads From Gospel of Mark at Mesrop Mashtots Statue**

### **Day Two (August 13, 2026)**

Armenian Lacrosse co-founder and coach Johnny Mouradian continued his 12-day Bible reading tour across Armenia on Wednesday, delivering the second reading of his journey from the Mesrop Mashtots statue outside the Matenadaran in Yerevan.

Mouradian read from the third chapter of the Gospel of Mark, recounting the moment Jesus healed a man's hand on the Sabbath despite opposition from the Pharisees.

"Stretch forth your hand," Mouradian read. "And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored fully, as whole as the other."

The reading also describes Jesus challenging those who questioned whether it was lawful to heal on the Sabbath.

"Is it lawful to do a good deed on the Sabbath days or an evil deed, to save life or to kill?" Mouradian read.

The Aug. 12 stop marked the second day of Mouradian's biblical road trip, which began Tuesday at the History Museum of Armenia. He plans to record a short Bible reading at a different historic, religious or cultural site each day through Aug. 22.

The Mesrop Mashtots statue stands outside the Matenadaran, Armenia's ancient manuscript repository. Mashtots, an Armenian theologian and linguist, created the Armenian alphabet in the early fifth century, helping Armenians translate the Bible into their own language and preserve their Christian and cultural identity.

Mouradian's next scheduled stop is the Tsitsernakaberd Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex in Yerevan on Aug. 13.

The tour will also take him to Gyumri, Khor Virap, Oshakan, Vayk, Geghard, Mount Hatis and Akhtala before concluding at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin in Vagharshapat.

Mouradian is using the journey to encourage Armenians to return to church and bring a friend or family member with them each Sunday.

The videos are being shared through Armenian Lacrosse's TikTok, Instagram, YouTube, X, Telegram and Facebook accounts, as well as [ArmeniaLacrosse.com](https://www.armenialacrosse.com).

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## **Armenian Lacrosse Coach Delivers Bible Reading at Tsitsernakaberd on Day 3 of Tour**

### **Day Three (August 14, 2026)**

Armenian Lacrosse co-founder and coach Johnny Mouradian continued his 12-day Bible reading tour across Armenia on Thursday, delivering his third reading at the Tsitsernakaberd Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex in Yerevan.

Mouradian again read from the third chapter of the Gospel of Mark, focusing on Jesus' warning about blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.

"Truly I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter," Mouradian read. "But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of the eternal sin."

The passage recounts Jesus' response to religious teachers who accused him of being possessed by an unclean spirit.

Mouradian concluded the video by repeating the message at the heart of his journey.

"As always, bring a friend, bring a family member to church this Sunday and every Sunday," he said. "Join the movement."

The Aug. 13 reading is the third day of Mouradian's biblical road trip, which began at the History Museum of Armenia in Yerevan. On the second day, he read from the Gospel of Mark beside the Mesrop Mashtots statue outside the Matenadaran.

Tsitsernakaberd honors the 1.5 million Armenians killed by the Ottoman Empire during the Armenian Genocide. The memorial's eternal flame is surrounded by 12 stone slabs representing the 12 Armenian provinces lost during the genocide.

Mouradian plans to visit a different historic, religious or cultural site each day through Aug. 22. Upcoming stops include Gyumri, Khor Virap, Oshakan, Vayk, Geghard, Mount Hatis and Akhtala.

The journey will conclude at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin in Vagharshapat, the spiritual center of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

Mouradian launched the tour to encourage Armenians to attend church and invite friends and family members to join them each Sunday.

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## **Armenian Lacrosse Coach Reads Parable of the Sower on Day 4 of Bible Tour**

### **Day Four** (August 13, 2026)

Armenian Lacrosse co-founder and coach Johnny Mouradian continued his 12-day Bible reading tour across Armenia on Friday, sharing the Parable of the Sower from the fourth chapter of the Gospel of Mark.

"Listen. A farmer went out to sow his seed," Mouradian read.

The parable describes a farmer scattering seeds across different types of ground. Some seeds fall along a path and are eaten by birds, while others land on rocky soil and wither because they cannot develop strong roots.

Other seeds fall among thorns that prevent the plants from producing grain. The seeds that reach good soil grow and produce crops many times greater than what was planted.

"Still other seed fell on good soil," Mouradian read. "It came up, grew, produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times."

The passage uses the seeds and soil to illustrate how people receive and respond to the word of God.

Mouradian concluded the fourth installment by repeating the invitation at the center of his biblical road trip.

"As always, bring a friend to church, bring a family member to church, this Sunday and every Sunday," he said.

Mouradian began the tour Aug. 11 at the History Museum of Armenia in Yerevan. He later delivered readings beside the Mesrop Mashtots statue outside the Matenadaran and at the Tsitsernakaberd Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex.

The Armenian lacrosse coach plans to visit a different historic, cultural or religious location each day through Aug. 22. Scheduled stops include Gyumri, Khor Virap, Oshakan, Vayk, Geghard, Mount Hatis and Akhtala.

The journey is expected to conclude at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin in Vagharshapat, the spiritual center of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

Mouradian launched the tour to encourage Armenians to attend church and invite their friends and family members to join them.

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## **Armenian Lacrosse Coach Reads Jesus' Words to Peter on Day 5 of Bible Tour**

### **Day Five (August 16, 2026)**

Armenian Lacrosse co-founder and coach Johnny Mouradian continued his 12-day Bible reading tour across Armenia on Saturday, sharing the passage in which Jesus declares that Peter will become the rock upon which he builds his church.

Mouradian's fifth reading came from the 16th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew and began with Jesus asking his disciples who people believed he was.

"Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, still others Jeremiah, or one of the prophets," Mouradian read.

Jesus then asks the disciples directly: "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter responds by identifying Jesus as "the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus tells Peter that the answer was revealed to him by God before delivering one of the New Testament's central statements about the establishment of the Christian Church.

"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it," Mouradian read.

Mouradian concluded the Aug. 15 video by repeating the invitation that has guided each day of his journey.

"As always, bring a friend to church, bring a family member to church this Sunday and every Sunday," he said.

Mouradian began his biblical road trip Aug. 11 at the History Museum of Armenia in Yerevan. His earlier stops included the Mesrop Mashtots statue outside the Matenadaran and the Tsitsernakaberd Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex.

He plans to visit a different historic, cultural or religious site each day through Aug. 22. Scheduled locations include Gyumri, Khor Virap, Oshakan, Vayk, Geghard, Mount Hatis and Akhtala.

The 12-day tour is expected to conclude at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin in Vagharshapat, the spiritual center of the Armenian Apostolic Church and the seat of the Catholicos of All Armenians.

Mouradian launched the tour to encourage Armenians to attend church and invite their friends and family members to join them each Sunday.

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## **Armenian Lacrosse Coach Reads Jesus' Teaching of the True Vine on Day 6 of Bible Tour**

### **Day Six (August 15, 2026)**

Armenian Lacrosse co-founder and coach Johnny Mouradian continued his 12-day Bible reading tour across Armenia on Sunday, sharing Jesus' teaching of the true vine from the Gospel of John.

Mouradian's sixth reading came from the 15th chapter of John, where Jesus describes himself as the vine, his followers as the branches and God the Father as the vinedresser.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser," Mouradian read. "Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he cuts away. The one that bears fruit, he cleans, prunes, so that it may bear even more fruit."

The passage calls on believers to remain connected to Christ just as a branch must remain attached to a vine to grow and produce fruit.

"Abide in me and I in you," Mouradian read. "Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it is established on the vine, likewise you cannot unless you are established on me."

Jesus then tells his followers that those who remain in him will bear fruit, while those separated from him can accomplish nothing.

"I am the vine and you are the branches," Mouradian read. "The one who is established on me and I on him will bear much fruit because apart from me, you can do nothing."

Mouradian concluded the Aug. 16 video by repeating the invitation behind his biblical road trip.

"As always, bring a friend to church, bring a family member to church this Sunday and every Sunday," he said. "Join the movement."

Mouradian began the journey Aug. 11 at the History Museum of Armenia in Yerevan. Earlier readings were delivered beside the Mesrop Mashtots statue outside the Matenadaran and at the Tsitsernakaberd Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex.

He plans to visit a different historic, cultural or religious location each day through Aug. 22. Stops on the tour include Gyumri, Khor Virap, Oshakan, Vayk, Geghard, Mount Hatis and Akhtala.

The journey is expected to conclude at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin in Vagharshapat, the spiritual center of the Armenian Apostolic Church and the seat of the Catholicos of All Armenians.

Mouradian created the tour to encourage Armenians to attend church and invite their friends and family members to join them each Sunday.

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## **Armenian Lacrosse Coach Reads ‘You Are the Temple of the Living God’ on Day 7 of Bible Tour**

### **Day Seven (August 16, 2026)**

Armenian Lacrosse co-founder and coach Johnny Mouradian reached the seventh day of his 12-day Bible reading tour across Armenia on Monday, sharing a passage from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The reading came from the sixth chapter of 2 Corinthians and focused on the relationship between God and his people, describing believers as the temple of the living God.

“For you are the temple of the living God, just as God said, ‘I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be my people,’” Mouradian read.

The passage calls on believers to separate themselves from idols and anything considered spiritually unclean. It also presents God’s promise to receive his people as sons and daughters.

“Therefore, come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord, and do not touch anything unclean, and I will receive you,” Mouradian read.

The scripture concludes with God promising a relationship with believers similar to that of a father and his children.

“And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty,” Mouradian read.

Mouradian ended the Aug. 17 video with the invitation he has repeated throughout his journey.

“As always, bring a friend to church, bring a family member to church this Sunday and every Sunday,” he said. “Join the movement.”

Mouradian began the biblical road trip Aug. 11 at the History Museum of Armenia in Yerevan. His earlier readings included stops beside the Mesrop Mashtots statue outside the Matenadaran and at the Tsitsernakaberd Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex.

He is visiting historic, cultural and religious locations during the tour, which is scheduled to continue through Aug. 22. Stops include Gyumri, Khor Virap, Oshakan, Vayk, Geghard, Mount Hatis and Akhtala.

The journey is expected to conclude at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin in Vagharshapat, the spiritual center of the Armenian Apostolic Church and the seat of the Catholicos of All Armenians.

Mouradian created the tour to encourage Armenians to attend church and invite their friends and family members to join them each Sunday.

The daily videos are being published on Armenian Lacrosse’s TikTok, Instagram, YouTube, X, Telegram and Facebook accounts, as well as [[ArmeniaLacrosse.com](https://armenialacrosse.com)].

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## **Armenian Lacrosse Coach Reads Story of Jesus' Birth at Geghard Monastery on Day 8 of Bible Tour**

### **Day Eight (August 18, 2026)**

Armenian Lacrosse co-founder and coach Johnny Mouradian continued his 12-day Bible reading tour across Armenia on Tuesday, sharing the biblical account of the birth of Jesus Christ during a stop at Geghard Monastery.

Mouradian's eighth reading came from the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke and followed Joseph and Mary's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before the birth of Jesus.

"Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David," Mouradian read.

The passage describes Mary, who was pregnant and betrothed to Joseph, traveling with him to Bethlehem to be registered. While they were there, the time came for her to give birth.

"And she gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn," Mouradian read.

Mouradian delivered the Aug. 18 reading at Geghard Monastery, one of Armenia's best-known medieval religious sites. Located in the Upper Azat Valley, the monastery is known for its churches and chambers carved partly into the surrounding rock.

He ended the video with the invitation he has repeated throughout the biblical road trip.

"As always, bring a friend to church, bring a family member to church this Sunday and every Sunday," Mouradian said. "Join the movement."

Mouradian began the biblical road trip Aug. 11 at the History Museum of Armenia in Yerevan. Since then, he has shared daily scripture readings from historic, cultural and religious locations across the country.

Earlier stops included the Mesrop Mashtots statue outside the Matenadaran and the Tsitsernakaberd Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex. On Day 7, Mouradian read from 2 Corinthians 6, sharing the passage that describes believers as "the temple of the living God."

The 12-day journey is scheduled to continue through Aug. 22, with stops including Gyumri, Khor Virap, Oshakan, Vayk, Mount Hatis and Akhtala.

The tour is expected to conclude at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin in Vagharshapat, the spiritual center of the Armenian Apostolic Church and the seat of the Catholicos of All Armenians.

Mouradian created the tour to encourage Armenians to attend church and invite friends and family members to join them each Sunday.

The daily videos are being published across Armenian Lacrosse's social media platforms and website.

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## **Armenian Lacrosse Coach Reads ‘Nothing Is Impossible for God’ on Day 9 of Bible Tour**

### **Day Nine** (August 19, 2026)

Armenian Lacrosse co-founder and coach Johnny Mouradian continued his 12-day Bible reading tour across Armenia on Wednesday, sharing the biblical account of the angel Gabriel’s message to Mary during a stop at St. Gregory the Illuminator Church in Yerevan.

Mouradian’s ninth reading came from the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke, where Mary is told that she will give birth to Jesus, the Son of God.

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you,” Mouradian read. “Therefore, the Holy One to be born of you will be called the Son of God.”

The passage also recounts the pregnancy of Mary’s relative Elizabeth, who conceived a son in her old age despite previously being unable to have children.

“And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son,” Mouradian read. “Because nothing is impossible for God.”

The reading concludes with Mary accepting what she has been told.

“Behold, I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be to me according to your word,” Mouradian read.

Mouradian delivered the Aug. 19 reading at St. Gregory the Illuminator Church in Yerevan, continuing a journey that has taken him to religious, historic and cultural sites across Armenia. He ended the video with the invitation he has repeated throughout the biblical road trip.

“As always, bring a friend to church, bring a family member to church this Sunday and every Sunday,” Mouradian said. “Join the movement.”

Mouradian began the tour Aug. 11 at the History Museum of Armenia in Yerevan and has since released a new Bible reading each day.

Earlier stops included the Mesrop Mashtots statue outside the Matenadaran, the Tsitsernakaberd Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex and Geghard Monastery. On Tuesday, Mouradian visited Geghard and read from Luke 2, recounting Joseph and Mary’s journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus Christ.

The 12-day biblical road trip is scheduled to continue through Aug. 22, with stops across Armenia, including Gyumri, Khor Virap, Oshakan, Vayk, Mount Hatis and Akhtala.

The journey is expected to conclude at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin in Vagharshapat, the spiritual center of the Armenian Apostolic Church and the seat of the Catholicos of All Armenians.

Mouradian created the tour to encourage Armenians to attend church and invite friends and family members to join them each Sunday.

The daily videos are being published across Armenian Lacrosse’s social media platforms and website.

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## **Armenian Lacrosse Coach Reads ‘Blessed Are You Among Women’ on Day 10 of Bible Tour**

**Day Ten** (August 20, 2026)

Armenian Lacrosse co-founder and coach Johnny Mouradian continued his 12-day Bible reading tour across Armenia on Thursday, visiting the Khachkar open-air workshop in Zovuni, outside Yerevan.

The workshop is helping build the monumental statue of Jesus Christ that is planned for Mount Hatis.

Mouradian's tenth reading came from the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke and recounted the meeting between Mary and her relative Elizabeth.

"At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth," Mouradian read.

The passage describes Elizabeth's reaction when she heard Mary's greeting.

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit," Mouradian read.

Elizabeth then blessed Mary and the child she was carrying.

"In a loud voice she exclaimed, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb,'" Mouradian read.

The Aug. 20 video followed Mouradian's visit to St. Gregory the Illuminator Church in Yerevan, where he read the biblical account of the angel Gabriel telling Mary that she would give birth to Jesus, the Son of God.

Mouradian ended Thursday's reading with the invitation he has repeated throughout the tour.

"As always, bring a friend to church, bring a family member to church this Sunday and every Sunday," Mouradian said. "Join the movement."

Mouradian began the biblical road trip Aug. 11 at the History Museum of Armenia in Yerevan and has released a new Bible reading each day.

Earlier stops included the Mesrop Mashtots statue outside the Matenadaran, the Tsitsernakaberd Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex, Geghard Monastery and St. Gregory the Illuminator Church.

The 12-day journey is scheduled to continue through Aug. 22 before concluding at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin in Vagharshapat, the spiritual center of the Armenian Apostolic Church and the seat of the Catholicos of All Armenians.

Mouradian created the tour to encourage Armenians to attend church and invite their friends and family members to join them each Sunday.

The daily videos are being published across Armenian Lacrosse's social media platforms and website.

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## **Armenian Lacrosse Coach Reads Old Testament's 'Behold, I Am Sending My Messenger' at Akhtala Fortress Monastery on Day 11 of Bible Tour**

**Day Eleven** (August 21, 2026)

Armenian Lacrosse co-founder and coach Johnny Mouradian continued his 12-day Bible reading tour across Armenia on Friday, visiting the historic Akhtala Fortress Monastery in northern Armenia.

Mouradian's eleventh reading came from the third chapter of Malachi in the Old Testament and described the coming of the Lord and the messenger sent to prepare the way.

"Behold, I am sending my messenger, and he will prepare my ways before me," Mouradian read. "And suddenly the Lord, whom you seek, will come to his temple." The passage also describes the arrival of the "messenger of the covenant."

"The messenger of the covenant, whom you desire — behold, he is coming, says the Lord Almighty," Mouradian read.

The reading asks who will be able to endure his arrival and compares his work to a refining fire and cleansing soap.

"Who will endure the day of his entry, or will remain in peace at the time of his appearance?" Mouradian read. "For he shall be like a refiner's flame and like a launderer's soap."

The Aug. 21 video followed Mouradian's visit to the Khachkar open-air workshop in Zovuni, outside Yerevan, where artisans are helping build the monumental statue of Jesus Christ planned for Mount Hatis.

During Thursday's stop, Mouradian read from the Gospel of Luke, recounting Mary's visit to her relative Elizabeth and Elizabeth's blessing of Mary and the child she was carrying.

Mouradian ended Friday's reading with the invitation he has repeated throughout the tour.

"As always, bring a friend to church, bring a family member to church this Sunday and every Sunday," Mouradian said. "Join the movement."

Mouradian began the biblical road trip Aug. 11 at the History Museum of Armenia in Yerevan and has released a new Bible reading each day.

Earlier stops included the Mesrop Mashtots statue outside the Matenadaran, the Tsitsernakaberd Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex, Geghard Monastery, St. Gregory the Illuminator Church and the Zovuni workshop.

The 12-day journey is scheduled to conclude Saturday at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin in Vagharshapat, the spiritual center of the Armenian Apostolic Church and the seat of the Catholicos of All Armenians.

Mouradian created the tour to encourage Armenians to attend church and invite friends and family members to join them each Sunday.

The daily videos are being published across Armenian Lacrosse's social media platforms and website.

<https://www.thearmenianreport.com/post/armenian-lacrosse-coach-reads-old-testament-s-behold-i-am-sending-my-messenger-at-akhtala-fortres>



## **Armenian Lacrosse Coach Concludes 12-Day Bible Tour With Reading at Holy Etchmiadzin**

### **Day Twelve** (August 22, 2026)

Armenian Lacrosse co-founder and coach Johnny Mouradian concluded his 12-day Bible reading tour across Armenia on Saturday at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin in Vagharshapat.

The final stop brought Mouradian to the spiritual center of the Armenian Apostolic Church and the seat of the Catholicos of All Armenians.

Mouradian read a passage from Paul's Letter to the Galatians about humanity's spiritual state before the coming of Jesus Christ.

"As long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything," Mouradian read. "But he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father."

The passage compares a child waiting to receive an inheritance with humanity before Christ.

"In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world," Mouradian read. "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law."

Mouradian ended the final video with the invitation he repeated throughout the journey.

"As always, bring a friend to church, bring a family member to church this Sunday and every Sunday," Mouradian said. "Join the movement."

Mouradian began the biblical road trip Aug. 11 at the History Museum of Armenia in Yerevan and released a new Bible reading each day.

The journey took him to religious, cultural and historic sites across Armenia, including the Mesrop Mashtots statue outside the Matenadaran, the Tsitsernakaberd Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex, Geghard Monastery, St. Gregory the Illuminator Church and Akhtala Fortress Monastery.

Mouradian also visited an open-air khachkar workshop in Zovuni, where artisans are helping build the monumental statue of Jesus Christ planned for Mount Hatis.

Friday's stop brought Mouradian to Akhtala Fortress Monastery in northern Armenia, where he read from the Old Testament Book of Malachi about the messenger sent to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord.

The tour concluded at Holy Etchmiadzin, considered the mother church of the Armenian Apostolic Church and one of the most important spiritual sites for Armenians worldwide.

Mouradian created the 12-day journey to encourage Armenians to return to church and invite their friends and relatives to attend with them each Sunday.

The daily videos were published across Armenian Lacrosse's website and social media platforms.

<https://www.thearmenianreport.com/post/armenian-lacrosse-coach-concludes-12-day-bible-tour-with-reading-at-holy-etchmiadzin>



#### **4. Asbarez: Armenian Lacrosse Daily Bible Readings Road Trip Across Armenia from August 11 to 22**

## **Asbarez**

##### **Coach Johnny Mouradian of Armenia Lacrosse: 12 Day Road Trip, 12 Armenian Remarkable Locations, 12 Daily Bible Reading Videos**

YEREVAN — Armenian Lacrosse Co-Founder and Coach Johnny Mouradian is on a road trip in Armenia for 12 days, visiting 12 remarkable locations, and sharing 12 daily Bible reading videos across all six Armenian Lacrosse social media platforms from 11 August through 22 August.

Coach Johnny will visit a remarkable new location each of the 12 days in Armenia. See road trip schedule below.

Each remarkable new location features a short, under one-minute, daily Bible reading video.

Coach Johnny has one performance goal: inspire Armenians to bring a friend, bring a family member, to church this Sunday and every Sunday.

Listen to Coach Johnny on TikTok, Instagram, Youtube, X, Telegram, and Facebook. The daily Bible reading videos will also be on [the Armenian Lacrosse website](#).

Interested media can contact Coach Johnny Mouradian at [johnny@armenialacrosse.com](mailto:johnny@armenialacrosse.com).

| <b>Armenian Lacrosse Road Trip Across Armenia - 12 Daily Bible Readings:</b> |           |                                                                       |
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| <b>11 August to 22 August 2026</b>                                           |           |                                                                       |
| Day #1                                                                       | August 11 | History Museum of Armenia, Yerevan                                    |
| Day #2                                                                       | August 12 | Mesrop Mashtots Statue at the Matenadaran, Yerevan                    |
| Day #3                                                                       | August 13 | Tsitsernakaberd Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex, Yerevan           |
| Day #4                                                                       | August 14 | Cathedral of the Holy Mother of God (Yot Verk / Seven Wounds), Gyumri |
| Day #5                                                                       | August 15 | Khor Virap Monastery, The Cradle of Christianity                      |
| Day #6                                                                       | August 16 | Saint Mesrop Mashtots Church, Oshakan                                 |
| Day #7                                                                       | August 17 | Vayk Stadium                                                          |
| Day #8                                                                       | August 18 | Geghard Monastery, Geghard                                            |
| Day #9                                                                       | August 19 | St. Gregory The Illuminator Cathedral, Yerevan                        |
| Day #10                                                                      | August 20 | Monument of Jesus Christ, Mount Hatis                                 |
| Day #11                                                                      | August 21 | Akhtala Monastery Fortress                                            |
| Day #12                                                                      | August 22 | Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, Vagharshapat                          |

Armenia Lacrosse has a Jesus-focused ministry workstream that includes: Bring a Friend, Bring a Family Member weekly invites; world-class Bible Study classes; a groundbreaking online course titled “Jesus, Language, Heritage”; and a partnership with Khachkar Studios.

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## **5. Aravot: Bring a Friend, bring a family member to Church: Johnny Mouradian's mission through Armenian Lacrosse**



By Tatev HARUTYUNYAN (14 August, 2026)

**Co-founder of the Armenian Lacrosse Federation Johnny Mouradian believes that attending church is not only about faith, but also about preserving Armenian identity and passing it on to future generations.**

"Sport is a good way to connect people, and if we can use sports to reconnect families and athletes with the church, that will be great. And for those who are already connected, bring another Armenian friend, because there are several people who are already connected with the church. Just remember that your friend can go with you. Your Armenian friend can go with you. So, on Sunday, take them to the church where you go. We are connecting people with the church through sports," says Johnny Mouradian, co-founder of the Armenian Lacrosse Federation, during an interview with Aravot.am in Yerevan.

Mr. Mouradian is currently on a 12-day road trip across Armenia, visiting 12 remarkable locations and sharing 12 daily Bible-reading videos across all six Armenian Lacrosse social media platforms from August 11 through August 22, 2026. The second annual Armenian Sixes Lacrosse Championships is also being held in Armenia during his visit.

Each day, Coach Johnny visits a new location in Armenia and shares a short, under-one-minute Bible reading video from that site. His goal is simple: to inspire Armenians to bring a friend or family member to church-not only this Sunday, but every Sunday.

As part of his journey through Armenia, Mr. Mouradian during the first 2 days visited some of Yerevan's most significant cultural and historical sites, including the Matenadaran, the Mesrop Mashtots Institute of Ancient Manuscripts, and the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute at Tsitsernakaberd.

Johnny Mouradian, whose Armenian baptismal name is Mkrtych Mouradian, was born in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. He now lives in Florida with wife Michele. His father was Armenian and came from Western Armenia. Mouradian grew up just three houses away from the Armenian church in St. Catharines. He grew up playing lacrosse and ice hockey and became a talented player in both sports. He also played for the Canadian national lacrosse team and, beginning in 1978, served as a coach with the national team for many years. As a young boy, one of his dreams was to become a priest.

Coach Johnny remembers his childhood Armenian community in St. Catharines fondly. He recalled growing up only three houses away from the church and spending much of his childhood there. He would take his lacrosse stick and ball to the church and bounce the ball against the church wall to practice catching and throwing.

His father was a church steward who cut the grass, looked after the church, and opened it in the evenings so that the men of the community could gather and spend time together in the church auditorium.

The church is still there in St. Catharines. When Mr. Mouradian recently returned to the city, he walked from his childhood home to the church, retracing a familiar path from his youth.

Returning to the church brought back many memories, but it also made him reflect on the changes in the Armenian community. He observed that, as in many Armenian churches, people still come in large numbers for Christmas and community picnics, but regular Sunday attendance has declined. Because the parish has only one priest who serves another city as well, services in St. Catharines are held every other Sunday.



Despite these changes, Mr. Mouradian said that returning to the church was a meaningful experience. His memories of growing up in the Armenian church remain an important part of his faith and identity.

Johnny Mouradian was the main driving force behind bringing lacrosse to Armenia. He has extensive experience in the sport at virtually every level, from middle and high school to college, professional, and national teams, in both field and box lacrosse.

He also spoke about the role Fr Shnork Souin played in strengthening his own connection to the church. According to coach Johnny, Fr Souin encouraged him to attend church more often and helped him become more deeply connected to his faith. Although Mr. Mouradian had never truly been away from the church, he said that he now attends more regularly and feels more connected.

Coach Johnny explained that the story of Armenian Lacrosse began many years ago, shortly after Armenia regained its independence, when he first travelled to the country with the Canadian Youth Mission to Armenia. During that visit, they brought lacrosse sticks and balls, stayed with a family in the village of Ararat, travelled around the country, and participated in community service projects. It was during that trip that they first imagined that, one day, they would bring lacrosse to Armenia.

About ten years later, Fr. Souin experienced serious heart problems and needed a heart transplant. During this difficult period, he became acquainted with Fr Hetum Tarverdyan, who serves at Akhtala Monastery. When Fr Souin told him that he was waiting for a heart transplant, Fr Hetum promised to pray for him and explained that Akhtala Monastery was known as a place of miracles.

That Sunday, Fr Hetum prayed for Fr Souin during liturgy at Akhtala. Only an hour after liturgy, while Fr Souin was in the United States, he received a call informing him that a heart had become available for his transplant. Fr Souin received the transplant and recovered.

For Mr Mouradian, this experience became a powerful reminder of the importance of faith and of the miracles that can come through prayer.

In 2022, following his recovery, Fr Souin was able to return to Armenia. He visited Akhtala and met Fr Hetum in person. When Fr Souin returned from Armenia, he contacted Mr Mouradian and asked whether he was ready to finally begin bringing lacrosse to Armenia. Mouradian agreed, and together they began raising funds and preparing for their first program.

In 2023, they launched their first lacrosse program in partnership with M.A.M. Educational Movement. The youth program is GOALS Girls of Armenian Leadership Soccer. The language program is MAM. Together, they organized camps and community clean-up activities, combining sports with community engagement and service.

Since 2024, the program has continued to grow and now reaches nine communities and nine partner organizations. Each team includes more than 20 young boys and girls who have the opportunity to learn and play lacrosse.

What began as an idea during an early visit to Armenia eventually became a reality following Fr Souin's recovery, bringing together sport, community service, faith, and Armenian identity.

Mr Mouradian told me that he first met Khachkar Studios through Fr Souin and that the experience was very educational for him. He was particularly impressed by their research on church attendance. As he explained, Armenians often attend church for special occasions, when churches are usually crowded. This can create the impression that there is strong attendance every Sunday, but the research shows that regular attendance is much lower than many people realize.

For Mouradian, this highlighted the urgent need to reconnect with the Armenian Church. He reflected on the history of Armenian communities around the world and the sacrifices their ancestors made to establish churches wherever they settled.



“They sacrificed, they raised money, they had to build a church, and they did it for us, for the next generation. So we can’t let them down. Because if we don’t go to church, then churches will be closed, and the next step will be that we lose our heritage and identity,” says coach Johnny.

He believes that attending church is not only about faith, but also about preserving Armenian identity and passing it on to future generations.

He also described how this connection to the church has developed through the Armenian Lacrosse program. According to Mr Mouradian, the players and their families are very happy that the program is helping connect their children to the Armenian Church.

Many of the families have one Armenian parent and one non-Armenian parent. Mr Mouradian noted that it is often the mother who takes the children to church and helps maintain their connection to the Armenian faith and culture. He emphasized the importance of women between the ages of 18 and 29, whom he sees as an especially important group in maintaining the connection to the Armenian Church for future generations.

He also shared some encouraging experiences among the male players. Some players in their mid-to-late twenties, he explained, have unexpectedly become interested in attending the Armenian Church and have expressed a desire to marry Armenian women. For coach Johnny, these experiences demonstrate how sport can become a pathway for young Armenians to reconnect with their faith, culture, and community.

Looking ahead, Mr Mouradian said that when the team returns to the United States and Canada, they want to connect with other Armenian sports communities, including basketball, soccer, and other athletic programs. They hope to reach Armenian athletes and sports organizations and invite them to become part of the broader movement.

For coach Johnny, sport is much more than a game. It is a powerful way to bring people and families together. Through Armenian Lacrosse, he hopes to create not only athletic opportunities, but also stronger connections to the Armenian Church, Armenian heritage, culture, and identity.

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## **Coach Johnny continues to inspire Armenians to bring a family member to church this Sunday and every Sunday: road trip fourth day in the city of Gyumri**

*By Tatev HARUTYUNYAN (15 August, 2026)*

On the fourth day of his mission in Armenia, coach Johnny Mouradian continued his biblical road trip in the city of Gyumri, where he also spent time reading the Bible.

One of the Bible readings of coach Johnny for this day came from Mark 4: “A farmer went out to sow his seed as he was scattering the seed some fell along path and the the birds came up and ate it up, some fell on rocky places where it did not have much soil it sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow but the sun came up the plants, were scorched and they withered, because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so they did not bear grain still other seed fell on good soil it came up grew produced a crop some multiplying 30 some 60 some 100 times.”

Co-founder of the Armenian Lacrosse Federation Johnny Mouradian’s mission is about sharing his faith and encouraging people to bring those closest to them into the life of the church. His message “Bring a friend to church, bring a family member to church this Sunday and every Sunday. Join the movement,” challenges people to see faith as something meant to be shared, especially with the people they love. As he read the Bible in Gyumri, Coach Johnny continued to inspire Armenians to bring a family member to church this Sunday and every Sunday.

When during Aravot.am interview we asked Mr. Mouradian about the spirit of Gyumri and what he experienced there, he described the day as deeply meaningful. “I felt very, very Christian Orthodox when I walked into the church in Gyumri,” he said. He recalled hearing part of the Patarag and the way its sounds echoed throughout the church as the priest read from the Bible. For him, the experience was very special. He also visited the cathedral of the Holly Mother of God (Yot Verk/Seven Wounds), where he had been before while it was still under construction. Seeing the completed church and its beautiful interior and paintings left a strong impression on him. “It was a very moving day to see both churches in Gyumri,” Mr. Mouradian said, reflecting on the spiritual and cultural significance of his visit.

Mr. Mouradian is currently on a 12-day road trip across Armenia, visiting 12 remarkable locations and sharing 12 daily Bible-reading videos across all six Armenian Lacrosse social media platforms from August 11 through August 22, 2026. The second annual Armenian Sixes Lacrosse Championships is also being held in Armenia during his visit.

The Gyumri Tournament featured teams from Akhtala, Lenakan, Vandazor and Gyumri, while the Vayk Tournament includes Surenavan, Kaghtsrashen, Metsamor, Aknalij, and Vayk. The top two teams from each regional event will advance to the Championship round on Wednesday, August 19th, at Vahagni Golf Club, where they will compete for the Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. After the Gyumri tournament Vanadzor, Akhtala, Lenakan advance to the championship tournament on Wednesday.

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## **Johnny Mouradian's message from Khor Virap, the cradle of Christianity: "Bring a friend to church. Bring a family member to church this Sunday and every Sunday."**

*By Tatev HARUTYUNYAN (16 August, 2026)*

Standing at Khor Virap, beneath the shadow of mountain Ararat, coach Johnny Mouradian found himself reflecting not only on Armenia's ancient Christian heritage, but also on what that heritage means for Armenians around the world.

On the fifth day of his mission in Armenia, Johnny Mouradian, co-founder of the Armenian Lacrosse Federation, visited the historic monastery of Khor Virap, cradle of Christianity as part of his biblical road trip to Armenia. "It is spectacular that so many people around the world are coming to this special place," Mr Mouradian told Aravot.am, describing the experience as deeply moving.

What struck him most was the diversity of the visitors. "There were all kinds of special people from different parts of the world," he recalled. "You look around and there were not only Armenians. When you listen to people talking, they are all from different countries. It was amazing to see that it is that important for people to come and visit."

For coach Johnny, the visit carried a personal sense of history. He remembered being at Khor Virap more than three decades ago. This time, however, the experience felt different. As he walked toward the monastery, mountain Ararat gradually appeared through the haze. "It is very moving," he said. "As you walk up, you start to see mountain Ararat. It was a little hazy". The deeper impression came from seeing people from around the world drawn to a place so central to Armenia's Christian story. Khor Virap is traditionally associated with c who, according to Armenian Christian tradition, was imprisoned there before becoming instrumental in the conversion of Armenia to Christianity. For coach Johnny, that history brought to mind the Armenian church community in St. Catharines, where he grew up.

On the fifth day of his journey, coach Johnny reflected on Matthew 16, where Jesus asks His disciples a question that has echoed through Christianity for centuries: "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" The disciples respond with the names of John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah and other prophets. Then Jesus asks the more personal question: "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answers: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus tells Peter that this revelation did not come from "flesh and blood," but from the Father in heaven. He then declares: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it." For Mr Mouradian, the passage resonates beyond personal faith. It speaks to the responsibility of a generation to protect what was entrusted to it. That concern has become increasingly important to him as he reflects on the Armenian church and Armenian communities throughout the world. Generation after generation, Armenians who settled far from their homeland made enormous sacrifices to build churches and preserve their traditions. "They sacrificed, they raised money, they had to build a church, and they did it for us, for the next generation," Mr Mouradian said. His message is both simple and urgent. "So we can't let them down". For Mr Mouradian, the future of Armenian identity is closely connected to the future of Armenian churches. "Because if we don't go to church, then churches will be closed," he said. "And the next step will be that we lose our heritage and identity." His appeal is not limited to those who already attend church. It is an invitation to bring someone else, friend or family member along-to make faith and community something shared rather than something experienced alone.

At Khor Virap, Mr Mouradian saw people from across the world making the journey to a place that represents the beginning of Armenia's Christian story. His conclusion is that Armenians, wherever they live, should make their own journey back to the church. His message, as always, is direct: "Bring a friend to church. Bring a family member to church this Sunday and every Sunday. Join the movement." From Khor Virap to communities around the world, the message is the same: what previous generations sacrificed to preserve must now be carried by the next generation. And sometimes, preserving a heritage begins with something as simple as walking through the doors of a church-together.



## **From the Vine to the Church: Johnny Mouradian's Biblical Journey in Oshakan**

*By Tatev HARUTYUNYAN (17 August, 2026)*

On the sixth day of his Biblical road trip to Armenia, Coach Johnny Mouradian spent the day at Saint Mesrop Mashtots Church in Oshakan. His Bible reading was from John 15, where Jesus speaks about the vine and the branches: "I am the true vine and my Father is the vine dresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he cuts away: and every branch that bears fruit, he cleans, prunes so that it may bring even more fruit. You are already clean, because of the word I have spoken to you. Abide in me and I in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it is established on the vine, likewise you cannot unless you are established on me. I am the vine, and you are the branches. The one who is established on me and I on him bears much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

In an interview with Aravot.am, Johnny Mouradian, co-founder of the Armenian Lacrosse Federation, explained why he chose this particular passage for the sixth day of his journey.

"The passage talks about the vine and the branches, and it was especially meaningful because I was there during the grape harvest. I thought this passage was very appropriate because it connected directly to what was happening around me. We were talking about the fruits and the vines, while seeing the grapes being harvested and the vines being cared for. God's pruning of the vines also made the message feel more real and connected to the experience. I try to choose passages that describe what is happening around me when I travel, so that the Bible connects with where I am and what I am doing that day. Being in Armenia during the grape harvest made the message of the vine and the branches especially meaningful to me."

During his visit to Oshakan, coach Johnny also met with many young people and had meaningful conversations with them. He filmed several videos with the youth, encouraging Armenians around the world to bring a friend or a family member to church.

The visit to Oshakan was another example of how Coach Johnny's Biblical road trip connects Bible with the people, places, and experiences he encounters throughout Armenia.

Mr. Mouradian is currently on a 12-day road trip across Armenia, visiting 12 remarkable locations and sharing 12 daily Bible-reading videos across all six Armenian Lacrosse social media platforms from August 11 through August 22, 2026. The second annual Armenian Sixes Lacrosse Championships are also being held in Armenia during his visit.

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## **“I see strong commitment of young people to the development of lacrosse in Armenia”. Johnny Mouradian’s road trip’s 7th day in Vayk**

*By Tatev HARUTYUNYAN (18 August, 2026)*

On the seventh day of his Biblical road trip across Armenia, Coach Johnny Mouradian spent the day in Vayk, where the final Group 2 tournament of the second annual Armenian Sixes Lacrosse Championship was held.

After six games and plenty of goals, the final standings were:

1st place — Metsamor

2nd place — Kaghtsrashen

In an interview with Aravot.am, Johnny Mouradian, co-founder of the Armenian Lacrosse Federation, shared his impressions of Vayk: “I have never been in this part of Armenia before. It is beautiful-like a vineyard area, a wine country. Fantastic. The young lacrosse girls really liked the sport, and I saw many of them wearing crosses. They were so cute.”

Coach Johnny was also impressed by the progress Armenian boys and girls are making in lacrosse: “All that we want to do is create a positive social impact and be impactful. We now have two Armenian players who want to play professional lacrosse and represent the national team. It is just a fantastic feeling that we are creating opportunities and changing the lives of these kids. Watching the young athletes play with such sportsmanship was phenomenal. It was a great day for Armenian lacrosse.”

### **Young players, big dreams**

During the interview, two young lacrosse players from the Metsamor team spoke about their dreams and goals.

Tigran Sargsyan, from Metsamor, has been playing lacrosse for two years. “I have been playing lacrosse for two years, and I become better every day. For me, lacrosse is a comfort sport. After I graduate from school in two years, I would like to be on the Armenian national lacrosse team. I want to help my national team win many championships, and I want to become a legend of lacrosse”,- he told. Varazdat Mkrtchyan, also from Metsamor, has been playing lacrosse for almost two years. “I like the athleticism of lacrosse. It is a very beautiful sport. First of all, my biggest goal is to move to the USA next year. I want to play for the Armenian national team, and I also want to play high school lacrosse, then move on to college lacrosse. My biggest goal in life is to play in the Premier Lacrosse League”,- he said.

Mr. Mouradian is deeply inspired by the commitment of these young athletes. “They are two of the best players now. Year after year, they have practiced so much that Metsamor is now the number one team. Both of these young men are also really working on their English. Their English has improved so much from year to year. It is amazing.” Coach Johnny is pleased with the progress of the movement to connect Armenian youth with lacrosse, the English language, and faith. He says he sees a strong commitment to the development of lacrosse in Armenia and is happy that the players are following his Biblical road trip and taking part in the daily Bible readings.

As always, Coach Johnny included a Bible reading in his daily program and encouraged Armenians to invite their friends and family members to church. In Vayk, the Bible reading came from Corinthians 2. “And what agreement does the temple of God have with idols? For you are the temple of the living God, just as God said: ‘I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be my people.’ Therefore, come out from among them and be separate,”-says the Lord,- “and do not touch anything unclean, and I will receive you. And I will be a Father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me,”- says the Lord Almighty. Mr. Mouradian is currently on a 12-day road trip across Armenia, visiting 12 remarkable locations and sharing 12 daily Bible-reading videos across all six Armenian Lacrosse social media platforms from August 11 through August 22, 2026. The second annual Armenian Sixes Lacrosse Championships are also taking place in Armenia during his visit.

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## **Eighth day of Johnny Mouradian's, co-founder of the Armenian Lacrosse Federation journey lead him to Armenia's most sacred treasures-Geghard Monastery**

*By Tatev HARUTYUNYAN (19 August, 2026)*

On the eighth day of coach Johnny's Biblical road trip, the journey continued through the rugged and breathtaking landscape of Armenia, leading him toward one of the country's most sacred treasures – Geghard Monastery. As the road climbed through the mountains, the ancient surroundings seemed to tell a story of faith, perseverance, and devotion. Here, history and God's Word came together in a remarkable setting, reminding travelers that the paths of faith often lead to places of profound beauty and spiritual significance.

Geghard was not simply another destination on coach Johnny's journey. Carved into the cliffs of the Azat River Gorge, this ancient monastery offered a glimpse into Armenia's deep Christian heritage.

Johnny Mouradian was the main driving force behind bringing lacrosse to Armenia. He has extensive experience in the sport at virtually every level, from middle and high school to college, professional, and national teams, in both field and box lacrosse.

Johnny Mouradian, co-founder of the Armenian Lacrosse Federation, shared his impressions of Geghard Monastery in an interview with Aravot.am, reflecting on both the beauty of the ancient monastery and the Biblical reading that accompanied his eighth day.

For this day of the Biblical road trip, the reading came from Luke 2, recounting the birth of Jesus: "Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David to be registered with Mary, who was betrothed to him and was pregnant. And while they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth, and she gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."- Luke 2

Mr. Mouradian said the passage was especially appropriate for his visit to Geghard. Being inside the ancient monastery and seeing the different ways the light entered through the stone openings was deeply inspiring to him. He described the experience almost as an image of Christ coming down while the visitor climbs upward-a movement that made the Biblical reading feel particularly meaningful in that sacred space.

He also remembered a previous visit to Geghard with Fr. Shnork Souin, who played an important role in bringing lacrosse to Armenia and his wife, when they sang inside the monastery. The memory remained special to Mr. Mouradian and on this visit he found himself hoping to hear someone singing again. Although the monastery was quiet, that silence brought its own sense of peace.

Mr. Mouradian walked through the monastery, climbed upstairs, and reached a khachkar, where the experience became especially touching. He recalled how peaceful and respectful everyone was inside. He also lit five candles, each representing different people and families who were important to him. Another moment that stayed with him was seeing a priest speaking with a small family. These simple scenes, together with the ancient stones and quiet atmosphere, made the visit an emotional journey for coach Johnny.

Mr. Mouradian was also moved by the extraordinary construction of Armenia's churches and monasteries. Looking at the massive stones high in the mountains, he wondered how people centuries ago were able to transport and shape such enormous pieces of rock with the technology available to them.

"How did they get the rock up upon the mountains? How did they cut the rock? They sacrificed, they raised money, they had to build a church, and they did it for us, for the next generation. So we can't let them down. Because if we don't go to church, then churches will be closed, and the next step will be that we lose our heritage and identity",-he said, reflecting on the remarkable skill and determination behind these sacred buildings.

The white cross standing on the hillside also caught his attention. For Mr. Mouradian, it became another powerful visual reminder of the Christian faith that has endured throughout Armenia's long history.

This was not Mr. Mouradian's first encounter with Geghard. He had visited the monastery for the third time, having first been there 32 years earlier and returning again in 2023. Yet each visit offered something new to notice and appreciate.

On the eighth day of the Biblical road trip, the reading from Luke 2-the story of Mary giving birth to Jesus-found a meaningful setting among the ancient stones of Geghard. The light entering the monastery, the candles, the khachkar, the white cross on the mountain and the peaceful presence of worshippers all became part of a deeply personal reflection on God's Word and the enduring Christian heritage of Armenia.

As always, Coach Johnny's message was precise: "Bring a friend, bring a family member to church."

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## **“St. Gregory the Illuminator Cathedral in Yerevan reminds me of the church I grew up attending in St. Catharines, Ontario”: Johnny Mouradian’s Biblical road trip in Armenia continues**

*By Tatev HARUTYUNYAN (20 August, 2026)*

On Day 9 of Johnny Mouradian’s Biblical road trip across Armenia, he read from the Bible at St. Gregory the Illuminator Cathedral in Yerevan.

Johnny Mouradian, co-founder of the Armenian Lacrosse Federation, is currently on a 12-day road trip across Armenia, visiting 12 remarkable locations and sharing 12 daily Bible-reading videos across all six Armenian Lacrosse social media platforms from August 11 through August 22, 2026.

Each day of the road trip, coach Johnny inspires young Armenians through Bible readings and shares the same message: “Bring a friend, bring a family member to church.”

In an interview with Aravot.am, coach Johnny said that every time he visits St. Gregory the Illuminator Cathedral in Yerevan, it reminds him of the church he grew up attending in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, where he lived just three doors away.

“The church in St. Catharines, Ontario, was called St. Gregory the Illuminator. So, to go to the mother church in Armenia is very special. It is the iconic church. I really loved going to that church. The day I visited, it was not a day when I could receive Communion, but I went inside and prayed for my family and our ancestors.”

Coach Johnny’s Bible reading at St. Gregory the Illuminator Cathedral was from Luke 1:35:

“The angel answered and said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.’ And Mary said, ‘Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.’ And the angel departed from her.”

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## **“I was intrigued that they are building the sculpture of Jesus, which is planned to be the largest statue of Jesus in the world”: Johnny Mouradian**

*By Tatev HARUTYUNYAN (20 August, 2026)*

Day 10 of Johnny Mouradian’s Biblical road trip continued at the open-air workshop in Zovuni, where coach Johnny Mouradian visited the monument of Jesus. The statue will eventually be placed on mount Hatis.

While in America, coach Johnny learned that a statue of Jesus was being built in Armenia and that it was planned to be the largest statue of Jesus in the world. He decided that visiting the monument should be included in his 12-day Biblical road trip through Armenia.

“I didn’t know much about it, but I was intrigued that they are building this sculpture of Jesus. I think that’s a good idea. From Canada and America, I had heard that they were building this sculpture, so I thought it would be very interesting to visit it. It is very interesting that someone wanted to build a statue of Jesus that people all over the world will see”,- said Johnny Mouradian, co-founder of the Armenian Lacrosse Federation in an interview with Aravot.am.

As always, the visit was accompanied by a Bible reading. The reading was from Luke 1:39: “At that time, Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!’”

During his 12-day visit, coach Johnny has also been sharing a simple message: “Bring a friend, bring a family member to church”. He encourages Armenians from all over the world not only to attend church themselves, but also to invite a friend, family member, or someone who may be searching for faith and community.

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## **Akhtala: Where lacrosse and faith come together. Johnny Mouradian's road trip in Armenia brought him to Akhtala Fortress monastery**

*By Tatev HARUTYUNYAN (22 August, 2026)*

On the 11th day of his 12-day road trip in Armenia, coach Johnny Mouradian headed north to one of the country's most remarkable historic sites: Akhtala Fortress monastery in Lori province. The August 21 journey brought together the themes that have defined his trip-Armenia's history, Christian heritage and the reading of Scripture at places that have witnessed centuries of faith and perseverance.

Rising above the Debed gorge, Akhtala is unlike an ordinary monastery. Its church stands within the remains of a powerful medieval fortress, with massive stone walls and towers surrounding the complex. The fortress dates to the late tenth century, while the monastery's main church is particularly celebrated for its remarkable medieval frescoes.

In an interview with Aravot.am, co-founder of the Armenian Lacrosse Federation, coach Johnny said that for him the destination was really special. He was very excited to meet Fr. Hetum Tarverdyan, with whom they have built a caring friendship from 2023 to now.

Coach Johnny each day of the road trip inspires young Armenians through Bible readings and shares the same message: "Bring a friend, bring a family member to church." His mission that has accompanied him from Yerevan to Armenia's historic churches, monuments and cultural landmarks, is designed to encourage Armenians to reconnect with the Christian faith and to invite friends and family members to church.

The visit to Akhtala also was accompanied with daily Bible-reading, for this day from the Old Testament Malachi 3: "Behold, I am sending my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And suddenly the Lord whom you seek will come to his temple, and the messenger of the covenant whom you desire, behold, he is coming, says the Lord Almighty. Who can endure the day of his coming, or who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap."

For Mr. Mouradian, this experience became a powerful reminder of the importance of faith and of the miracles that can come through prayer. It also brought a deeper meaning to his connection with Fr. Hetum, who stood among the people at the roots of the story that has brought lacrosse to Armenia.

Years later, Mouradian returned to Akhtala during his road trip through Armenia. Standing in the same monastery where Fr. Hetum had prayed for Fr. Shnork Souin, he reflected on the remarkable connections between faith, prayer, Armenia, and the journey that began with the dream of bringing lacrosse to the country.

Johnny Mouradian was the main driving force behind bringing lacrosse to Armenia. He has extensive experience in the sport at virtually every level, from middle and high school to college, professional, and national teams, in both field and box lacrosse. Coach Johnny explained that the story of Armenian Lacrosse began many years ago, shortly after Armenia regained its independence, when he first travelled to the country with the Canadian Youth Mission to Armenia. During that visit, they brought lacrosse sticks and balls, stayed with a family in the village of Ararat, travelled around the country, and participated in community service projects.

It was during that trip that they first imagined that, one day, they would bring lacrosse to Armenia. About ten years later, Fr. Shnork Souin experienced serious heart problems and needed a heart transplant.

During this difficult period, he became acquainted with Fr. Hetum Tarverdyan, who serves at Akhtala Monastery. When Fr. Souin told him that he was waiting for a heart transplant, Fr. Hetum promised to pray for him and explained that Akhtala Monastery was known as a place of miracles. That Sunday, Fr. Hetum prayed for Fr. Souin during liturgy at Akhtala. Only an hour after liturgy, while Fr. Souin was in the United States, he received a call informing him that a heart had become available for his



transplant. Fr Souin received the transplant and recovered. For Mr Mouradian, this experience became a powerful reminder of the importance of faith and of the miracles that can come through prayer.

Speaking about future projects, which we has discussed with Fr. Hetum, coach Johnny told: “We are always trying to get more children involved in the lacrosse program. I am very happy to have lacrosse in Akhtala. Fr. Hetum and I have talked about many things, including future cooperation through lacrosse and, importantly, our faith. I was also inspired to hear Fr. Hetum’s thoughts about my road trip and the Bible readings.”

For Coach Johnny, the future of lacrosse in Akhtala is about more than growing the sport. His conversations with Fr. Hetum reflect a deeper partnership-one that brings together children, community, faith and a shared commitment to Armenia’s future.

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## **12 days, one journey, one movement: Canadian Armenian Johnny Mouradian's road trip to faith**

*By Tatev HARUTYUNYAN (23 August, 2026)*

The 12th day and the final day of Johnny Mouradian's road trip through Armenia was spent in Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, Vagharshapat a place of deep spiritual and historical significance.

This was a 12-day road trip that began on August 11th and finished on August 22nd. In an interview with Aravot.am, co-founder of the Armenian Lacrosse Federation, coach Johnny noticed some symbolic in his trip dates: "What is interesting is that each day of the trip naturally lined up with the number of the day. August 11th was the first day, August 12th was the second day and so on, until August 22nd became the twelfth day. This was not something that was planned or designed beforehand. It just sort of fell into place".

And as the journey unfolded, the number 12 began to take on a deeper meaning. It brought to mind the 12 disciples. Each day, Coach Johnny visited a new location in Armenia and shared a short, under-one-minute Bible reading video from that site. His goal is simple: to inspire Armenians to bring a friend or family member to church-not only this Sunday, but every Sunday.

We asked coach Johnny, if he remembered the day when the idea of taking this road trip was first suggested and what that conversation was like. He explained: "When Khachkar Studios and I first started talking about my trip to Armenia, we realized that I was going to be traveling all over the country. We thought, why not make it a Biblical road trip? And I said, yes. I always get excited about doing something that connects with our faith and our churches."

Did he believe he would succeed? He answered: "You have to believe, and you have to have the courage to do what you feel is right. You know, I'm wearing a shirt that says, "Jesus lives, come to church". I'll walk somewhere, people will look at me and some will smile. Then I'll get into a taxi and see a cross on it. All of those these things become part of the journey. They make you more aware of your faith."

We also asked him about his impressions of Etchmiadzin. "It was probably my fourth time visiting Etchmiadzin, but having the opportunity to read the Bible there, right in front of the cathedral and to look at the church as I was reading the passage for that day, was a highlight for me. It was a very special way to finish the 12-day road trip. I think what is also really interesting is that the number 12 was never planned. It simply came into the journey. The trip began on the 11th and ended on the 22nd, making it exactly 12 days. And on that 12th day, we found ourselves in Etchmiadzin, reading the Bible in front of the cathedral. It felt like a meaningful way to bring the journey to a close",- coach Johnny answered.

The reading comes from Galatians 3:29: "My point is this: As long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything. But he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way, we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law."

When coach Johnny first began the journey, he was excited and enthusiastic, but along the way he discovered that the trip would teach him even more about Armenia than he had expected.

Mr. Mouradian had first visited Armenia 32 years ago with Fr. Shnork Souin, with whom they had brought lacrosse to Armenia. He returned in 2023, again in 2024-twice and then in 2025. Yet he felt that this Biblical road trip brought him closer to Armenia in a new and deeper way. Traveling to so many special places made him realize how many people from around the world come to Armenia to see the historic and sacred places that are part of the Armenia's heritage.

For coach Johnny, these places speak not only of Armenia's history but also of its faith. They reflect the heritage of people who have remained Christian and who believe in Jesus. Each destination



seemed to carry a connection to that faith, making the journey much more than simply a trip around the country.

He also realized that even 12 days were not enough to experience everything Armenia has to offer. In fact, he said he could probably spend three months in Armenia on a 90-day Biblical road trip, because there are still so many places he has not seen or experienced.

With every visit to Armenia, coach Johnny continues to learn more—not only about the country, but also about the Armenian language and the people he meets along the way. Many of the people he has met have become lifelong friends. He has also come to appreciate how learning the language can break down the barrier that language sometimes creates.

When people realize that he is making an effort to learn Armenian, they are happy and encouraging. They thank him, welcome him, and express their appreciation that a Canadian Armenian is learning the language. For Mr. Mouradian, these moments have become an important reminder of what Armenians around the world can share with one another. He believes that part of this connection is about returning to church and returning to faith—to go to church, to bring a friend or family member along, and to become part of a larger movement.

And after completing the 12-day Biblical road trip, coach Johnny feels grateful to be part of that movement: a movement that brings people back to their faith, back to their churches and closer to one another.

“I’m so blessed that my dear wife Michele who is a very faithful woman provides me the time to go to the Homeland. We go to Catholic Church on Longboat Key Florida and the Armenian Church and were married by Father Honan Demerjian at Saint Hagop Armenian Church in Pinellas I Park Florida’ we love our shared faith.”

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## **6. The California Courier: Coach Johnny Mouradian of Armenia Lacrosse: 12-day road trip, 12 Armenian locations, 12 daily Bible reading videos**



YEREVAN, Armenia — Armenian Lacrosse Co-Founder and Coach Johnny Mouradian is on a road trip in Armenia for 12 days, visiting 12 locations, and sharing 12 daily Bible reading videos across all six Armenian Lacrosse social media platforms from 11 August through 22 August, 2026.

Coach Johnny will visit a new location each of the 12 days in Armenia. See road trip schedule below.

Each new location features a short, under one-minute, daily Bible reading video.

Coach Johnny has one performance goal: inspire Armenians to bring a friend or a family member to church this Sunday and every Sunday.

Listen to Coach Johnny on TikTok, Instagram, Youtube, X, Telegram, and Facebook. The daily Bible reading videos will also be on the Armenian Lacrosse website: [www.armenialacrosse.com](http://www.armenialacrosse.com).

Armenian Lacrosse Road Trip Across Armenia – 12 Daily Bible Readings:  
11 August to 22 August 2026

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| Day #1 August 11  | History Museum of Armenia, Yerevan                                    |
| Day #2 August 12  | Mesrop Mashtots Statue at the Matenadaran, Yerevan                    |
| Day #3 August 13  | Tsitsernakaberd Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex, Yerevan           |
| Day #4 August 14  | Cathedral of the Holy Mother of God (Yot Verk / Seven Wounds), Gyumri |
| Day #5 August 15  | Khor Virap Monastery, The Cradle of Christianity                      |
| Day #6 August 16  | Saint Mesrop Mashtots Church, Oshakan                                 |
| Day #7 August 17  | Vayk Stadium                                                          |
| Day #8 August 18  | Geghard Monastery, Geghard                                            |
| Day #9 August 19  | St. Gregory The Illuminator Cathedral, Yerevan                        |
| Day #10 August 20 | Monument of Jesus Christ, Mount Hatis                                 |
| Day #11 August 21 | Akhtala Monastery Fortress                                            |
| Day #12 August 22 | Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, Vagharshapat                          |

About Armenia Lacrosse: Armenia Lacrosse has a Jesus-focused ministry workstream that includes: Bring a Friend or a Family Member weekly invites; world-class Bible Study classes; a groundbreaking online course titled “Jesus, Language, Heritage”; and a partnership with Khachkar Studios.

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## **7. Noyan Tapan: Faith, Sports, and Heritage: Armenian Lacrosse Coach Johnny Mouradian Embarks on 12-Day Spiritual Journey Across Armenia**



YEREVAN — Combining athletic passion with a spiritual mission, Johnny Mouradian, Co-Founder and Coach of Armenian Lacrosse, has officially launched a unique 12-day road trip across Armenia. Running from August 11 to August 22, 2026, the initiative spans 12 landmark locations and features daily Bible reading video messages shared across global digital platforms.

The campaign centers on a single, clear objective: inspiring Armenians to bring a friend or family member to church every Sunday.

Each day of the journey features a distinct, highly symbolic site where Coach Mouradian records a short—under one-minute—daily Bible reading video. These videos are being broadcast across all six Armenian Lacrosse social media channels (TikTok, Instagram, YouTube, X, Telegram, and Facebook) as well as the official organization website, [www.armenialacrosse.com](http://www.armenialacrosse.com).

### **12 Days, 12 Remarkable Destinations**

The 12-day itinerary highlights pivotal historical, cultural, and spiritual sites across the country:

Day 1 (Aug 11): History Museum of Armenia, Yerevan

Day 2 (Aug 12): Mesrop Mashtots Statue at the Matenadaran, Yerevan

Day 3 (Aug 13): Tsitsernakaberd Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex, Yerevan

Day 4 (Aug 14): Cathedral of the Holy Mother of God (Yot Verk / Seven Wounds), Gyumri

Day 5 (Aug 15): Khor Virap Monastery, The Cradle of Christianity

Day 6 (Aug 16): Saint Mesrop Mashtots Church, Oshakan

Day 7 (Aug 17): Vayk Stadium

Day 8 (Aug 18): Geghard Monastery, Geghard

Day 9 (Aug 19): St. Gregory The Illuminator Cathedral, Yerevan

Day 10 (Aug 20): Monument of Jesus Christ, Mount Hatis

Day 11 (Aug 21): Akhtala Monastery Fortress

Day 12 (Aug 22): Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, Vagharshapat

About Armenian Lacrosse Armenian Lacrosse integrates sports with a dedicated Jesus-focused ministry workstream. Its spiritual programs encompass weekly "Bring a Friend, Bring a Family Member" invites, world-class Bible study classes, an online course titled "Jesus, Language, Heritage," and an ongoing partnership with Khachkar Studios.

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## 8. **Arminfo: Coach Johnny Mouradian of Armenia Lacrosse: 12 Day Road Trip, 12 Armenian Remarkable Locations, 12 Daily Bible Reading Videos**



**Arminfo.** Armenian Lacrosse Co-Founder and Coach Johnny Mouradian is on a road trip in Armenia for 12 days, visiting 12 remarkable locations, and sharing 12 daily Bible reading videos across all six Armenian Lacrosse social media platforms from 11 August through 22 August 2026.

Coach Johnny will visit a remarkable new location each of the 12 days in Armenia. See road trip schedule below.

Each remarkable new location features a short, under one-minute, daily Bible reading video.

Coach Johnny has one performance goal: inspire Armenians to bring a friend, bring a family member, to church this Sunday and every Sunday.

Listen to Coach Johnny on TikTok, Instagram, Youtube, X, Telegram, and Facebook.

The daily Bible reading videos will also be on the Armenian Lacrosse website: [www.armenialacrosse.com](http://www.armenialacrosse.com). Interested media can contact Coach Johnny Mouradian at [johnny@armenialacrosse.com](mailto:johnny@armenialacrosse.com).

### Road Trip Schedule (11–22 August 2026)

| Day           | Date      | Location                                           | City / Region |
|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Day 1</b>  | August 11 | History Museum of Armenia                          | Yerevan       |
| <b>Day 2</b>  | August 12 | Mesrop Mashtots Statue at the Matenadaran          | Yerevan       |
| <b>Day 3</b>  | August 13 | Tsitsernakaberd Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex | Yerevan       |
| <b>Day 4</b>  | August 14 | Cathedral of the Holy Mother of God (Yot Verk)     | Gyumri        |
| <b>Day 5</b>  | August 15 | Khor Virap Monastery (The Cradle of Christianity)  | Ararat Region |
| <b>Day 6</b>  | August 16 | Saint Mesrop Mashtots Church                       | Oshakan       |
| <b>Day 7</b>  | August 17 | Vayk Stadium                                       | Vayk          |
| <b>Day 8</b>  | August 18 | Geghard Monastery                                  | Geghard       |
| <b>Day 9</b>  | August 19 | St. Gregory The Illuminator Cathedral              | Yerevan       |
| <b>Day 10</b> | August 20 | Monument of Jesus Christ                           | Mount Hatis   |
| <b>Day 11</b> | August 21 | Akhtala Monastery Fortress                         | Akhtala       |
| <b>Day 12</b> | August 22 | Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin                     | Vagharshapat  |

About Armenia Lacrosse: Armenia Lacrosse has a Jesus-focused ministry workstream that includes: Bring a Friend, Bring a Family Member weekly invites; world-class Bible Study classes; a groundbreaking online course titled "Jesus, Language, Heritage"; and a partnership with Khachkar Studios.

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