

# SERVATIOS



ST. SERVATIOS MONUMENT &  
ARMENIAN-NETHERLANDS PARK/PLATFORM





# **St. SERVATIOS Monument**



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## ST. SERVATIOS MONUMENT IN YEREVAN

### Sketch & The Model

A competition will be announced

### Monument Dimensions

Up to 2,5 (height) x 2,0 (width) meters  
(without pedestal)

### Monument Materials

Bronze Sculpture  
Stone for pedestal

### Estimated Opening Date

May 13th, 2027  
(Feast day of St. Servatios)

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The first Bishop of the Netherlands from Armenia

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# St. SERVATIOS

**Saint Servatios** (Dutch: Sint Servaas; French: Saint Servais; Armenian: Սուրբ Սերվատիոս "Servatios"; died 13 May 384) **was the first bishop of Maastricht in the Netherlands and Tongeren in Belgium.** He was a Christian leader in the Low Countries and is recognized as one of the Ice Saints. As the bishop of Tongeren, he played a significant role during the Roman Empire and built the chapel in Maastricht. His three basilicas - Our Lady in Tongeren, Our Lady Star of the Sea in Maastricht, and Saint Servatios in Maastricht - are among the most beautiful medieval monuments in the Low Countries.

## Saint Servatios & Armenia

According to historical accounts, Saint Servatios was born in Armenia, which was part of the Kingdom of Armenia that existed from 189 BC to 428 AD. He died on May 13, 384, and was buried in Maastricht. The feast day honoring him, the first Christian leader of the Netherlands and Belgium, is observed on May 13.

Armenia was the first country to adopt Christianity as the state religion in 301 AD, and the oldest cathedral in the world, located in Etchmiadzin, is a testament to this significant milestone. The earliest reference to Saint Servatios's Armenian heritage dates back to the 11th century, although it relies on earlier, now-lost sources. However, his suspected link with Armenia does explain the many different Servaas-related objects and relics that come from Armenia.

Beginning in the sixth century, several memorial churches were built over his tomb, culminating in the basilica that stands today.



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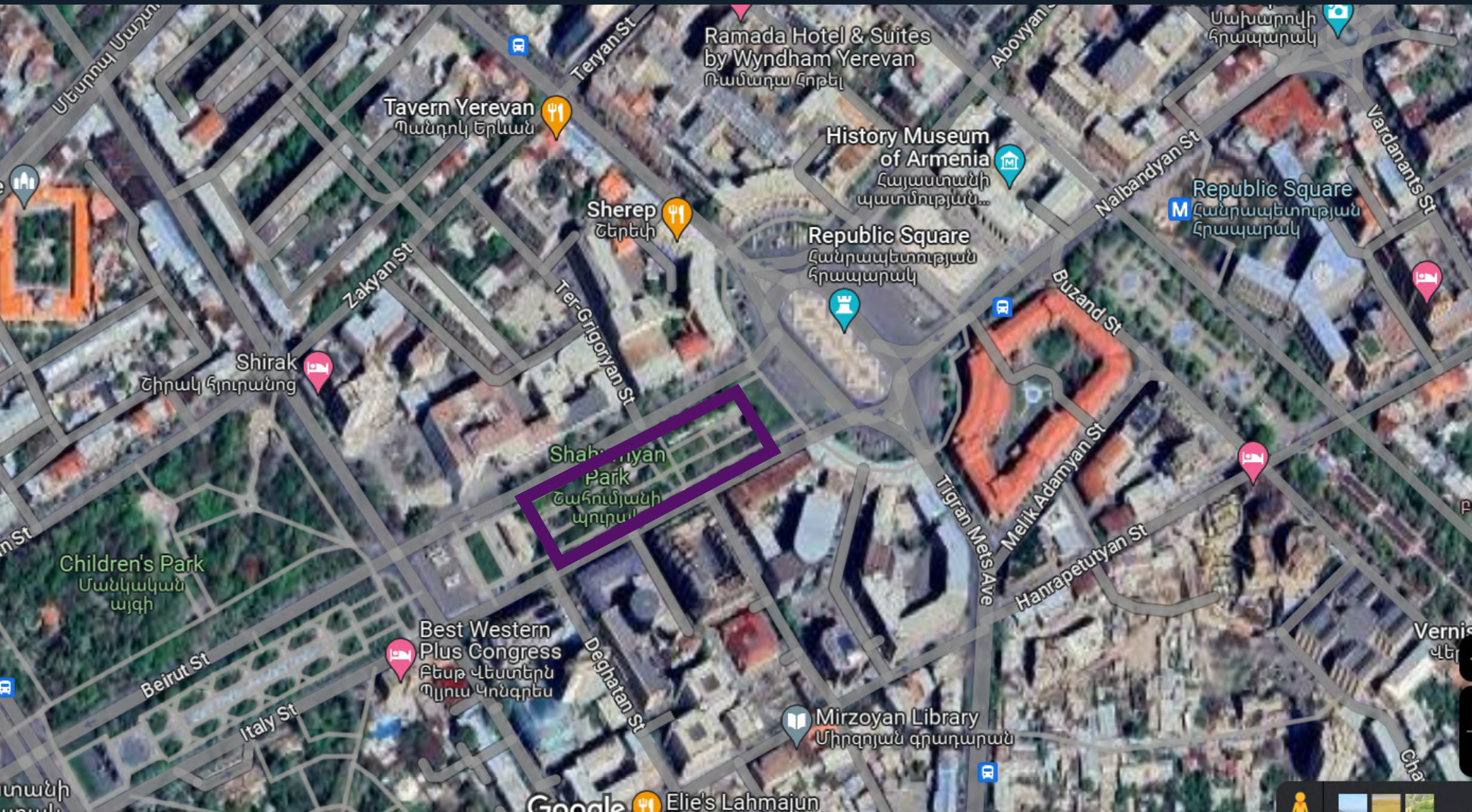
In addition to the historical ties between Armenia and the Netherlands, the two countries have maintained friendly relations for many centuries. Today, the Netherlands is a consistent supporter of the rights and security of Armenia and its people. **The National Center Development Foundation** has initiated the creation and installation of a **monument in honor of St. Servatios in Yerevan**. This project will be significant for strengthening bilateral relations and consolidating the close ties between the two nations.

In downtown Yerevan, there are several areas suitable for installing the new **Monument and creating an Armenia-Netherlands friendship park or platform**. Some of these areas include Soviet-era parks that have lost their relevance and are in need of renovation. We believe that Shahumyan Park or part of the Children's Park, which is morally outdated and requires reconstruction, could be ideal locations for this project. We would be happy if the city authorities could suggest other potential locations as well. This monument will serve as a symbol of the restoration of Armenia's historical heritage and European unity through the friendship with the Netherlands.





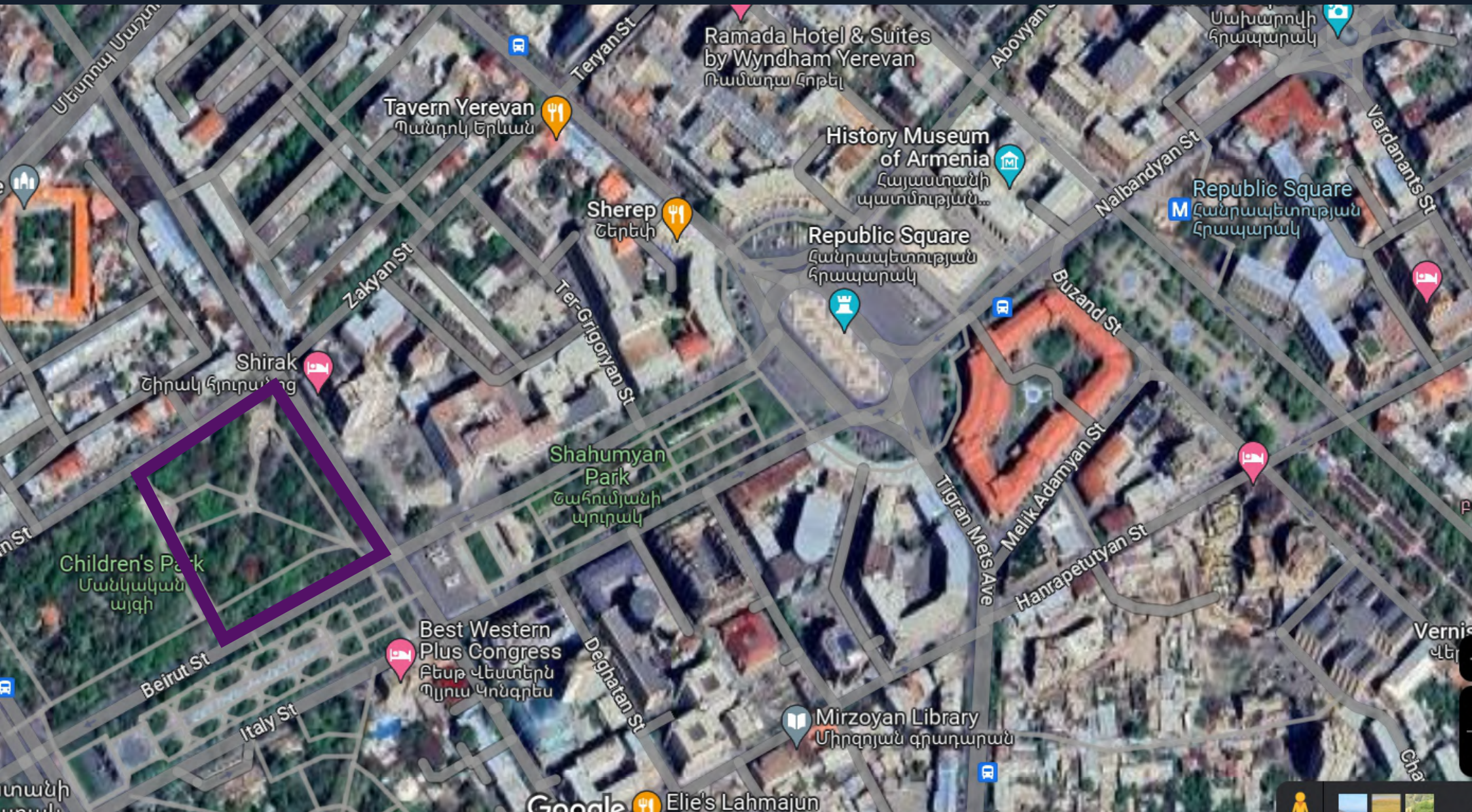
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