# Russian Orthodox priest celebrates Liturgy for children attending Pilgrim Summer Camp in Turkey

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From 15th to 25th August 2026, the Children's Summer Camp 'Pilgrim' took place in the vicinity of Yalova city in Turkey, on the coast of the Sea of Marmara. The camp was organized by the A.I. Solzhenitsyn Association for Russian Language and Culture with the assistance of the Russian Orthodox Church and the Foundation for the Support of Christian Culture and Heritage.

Attending the summer camp were over 60 boys and girls. The children studied the Russian language and culture, as well as the fundamentals of the Orthodox faith, did physical exercise, learned how to give first aid, practiced archery, javelin throw and orienteering, completed obstacle courses, developed wilderness survival skills, took hiking trips and swam in the sea.

Among those who went to the Pilgrim Summer Camp this year were children of the Russian citizens residing in Turkey and kids from Turkish families. Attending the camp were also winners of the 13th Children's Drawing Contest 'Easter Miracle,' **reports** the Telegram channel of the Russian Orthodox Church in Turkey.

On 24th August, Priest Georgy Sergeyev, who is responsible for providing pastoral guidance to the Moscow Patriarchate's believers in the territory of the Republic of Türkiye, celebrated the Divine Liturgy on the camp's grounds. Prior to that, Father Georgy had talked with the children about the Sacrament of Eucharist, its history and symbolic meaning. The children and counsellors who attended the Liturgy partook of the Holy Mysteries of Christ.

Rev. Georgy Sergeyev also celebrated a prayer service before the start of the school year.

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