

St. Hagop Armenian Church

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EASTER 2012

Dear St. Hagop Faithful,

With great joy and triumph in the Easter Resurrection of Our Lord, we greet you with the proclamation:

Christ is risen from the dead! | Քրիստոս յարեալ ի մեռելոց | Krisdos haryav ee merelotz!

As we journeyed together through Holy Week, we recalled vividly that each of us are to follow in the footsteps of Christ...a path of sacrifice, service and salvation... the path of the cross.

We Armenian Christians know well the path of the cross. It has not been the easiest path in our nearly 2000 years of Christian witness in hostile lands, and it is still not the easiest path to follow in our daily lives on the west coast of Florida.

But we believe the path of the cross to be ‘the way, the truth and the life’--John 14:6 and that all of us who strive to follow Christ’s example of service and sacrifice, are invited to partake of a special grace: ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.’—Matt 11:28

At St. Hagop Armenian Church, we strive to ensure that everyone heeds Our Lord’s invitation. Our new statement of intent at St. Hagop and throughout our entire Diocese is:

To strive to make Christ essential in the life of every Armenian and his or her family through the faith experience and tradition of the Armenian Church.

This is our church’s primary mission, which we are engaged in daily. We deliver on our mission by providing stirring worship, world-class Armenian heritage lecturers, teen retreats, Sunday school, Armenian language lessons, Bible studies, pilgrimages to Armenia, best in class website and the festivals and fellowship we come to expect at St. Hagop!

Is there any greater mission to support as Armenian Christians?

Therefore, this Spring, as our snowbirds return home and we experience a potentially “lean” time for our budget, we ask your help in supporting our mission and the general operational costs that make this all possible. We thank you for all you have done for Christ, His Church and his faithful at St. Hagop Armenian Church!

Աղոթակից | Yours in Prayer,

Rev. Fr. Hovnan Demerjian
Parish Council President, Pastor

Stepan Serpekian
Parish Council Chairman

Chris Sassouni
Parish Council Treasurer

P.S. We hope to see you soon at one of our many upcoming services, lectures, or events!

Yes! I would like to support St. Hagop Armenian Church with a special Easter offering over and above my regular support, participation and prayers:

\$5,000 \$1,000 \$500 \$100 \$50 Other\$_____

Make Checks Payable To: St. Hagop Armenian Church, 7020 90th Avenue N., Pinellas Park, FL 33782

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Did you know? It is an ancient tradition of the Armenian Church that during Easter we make a special Իւղազին | Youghakin donation (yough=oil) to keep the church lamps burning—thereby supporting the mission of the church!