#### 2017 PLEDGED STEWARDS

George & Joan Agnacian, Andrew & Theresa Anusbigian, Artak Apyan, John & Susan Arsenault, Victoria Atamian, Leon & Gloria Atayan, Michael Atayan, Grace Austin, George Avadikian, Bagrad Badalyan, Eileen Barsamian Jennings, Charles & Lisa Begian, Cornelia Biggers, Sonia Cure, Fr. Hovnan & Yn. Anna Demerjian, Rose Derderian, Rita Dilanian, Fred Dikranian, Araxi Dulgeroff, Art & Adrienne Ekizian, Victoria Franks, Harbig & Mary Garabedian, Bill & Kim Gernazian, Richard & Pauline Gilgan, Adrienne Guendjoian, Gregory Hagopian, Teresa Hairdarian, Berge & Tamar Hajian, Janet Haydostian, Mary Haydostian, Nazdar Hermiz, Hayley Hovhanessian, Greg & Stephanie Hovsepian, Darwin Jamgochiand, Richard & Christina Kachadurian, Dr. George & Debra Kamajian, Sam & Bea Kapreilian, Seda & Irene Hakim Karamian, David & Nancy Kazarian, Hannelore Keshishian, Ara & Rita Keshishian, Garbis & Mari Kesisoglu, Gregory & Nora Keuroghlian, Houri Kojian, Richard & Margaret Kratlian, Noubar & Anna Mahdessian, Naomi Manoogian, Christine Martin, Dr. Hagop & Tobe Mashikian, Mallory Maslar, Richard & Linda Maslar, Aram & Carla Megerian, Vazken Melkisetian, Ida Merakyan, John Messerlian, Alice Miller, Vasken & Karen Minassian, Agop & Victoria Mouradian, Apkar & Florence Omartian, Sima Palakian, Margaret Penerian, Bernard Przegendza, Ira & Annette Ross, Martha Samuelian, Michael Sarafian, Tanya Sarafian, Vahak & Elizabeth Sarkis, Charles & Eva Sarkisian, Leon & Sharon Sarkisian, Chris & Carol Sassouni, Avedis & Anahid Serpekian, Stepan & Seta Serpekian, Vicken & Courtney Serpekian, Alexis Shahnasarian, Edward & Margaret Shahnasarian, Elizabeth Shahnasarian, Dr. Michael & Jean Shahnasarian, Robert & Christina Shamsey, Daniel & Norma Takoushian, Ida Varadian, Charles Walker, James Wilson, Nazley Wilson, Dr. Haig & Louise Yardumian, Maurice & Marian Youakim, Armen & Rose Zartarian.

We invite you to participate in our 2017 Pledge

### Join Us for Sunday School

We have a great team of teachers this year working hard to put together engaging lessons while educating our youth on how to be Armenian Christians each Sunday. Join us every Sunday at 11AM for Sunday School For more information, please contact superintendent Lexy at **sundayschool@sthagopfl.org** 

# **Greeter Ministry Involvement Opportunities**

St. Hagop seeks volunteer greeters who can commit to serve once per month on an ongoing basis to greet our worshippers and participate in Badarak worship tasks such as spreading the kiss of peace and passing the collection plates - tasks our parish council members have traditionally assumed. Please call the church office, if you have questions or for additional information about pursuing this ministry.

#### ST. HAGOP ARMENIAN CHURCH - WEEKLY BULLETIN

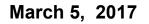


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# Entry to Great Lent

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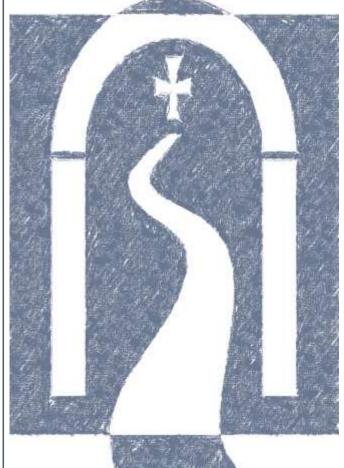


#### Today's Scripture Readings: Isaiah 33:2-22 Romans 12:1-13:10

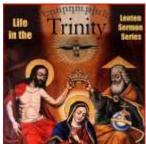
Matthew 5:17-48



Lenten Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Lenten Sermon Series 11:30 AM



# **Life in the Trinity-Lenten Sermon Series**



5 Week Lenten Sermon Series from Sunday, March 5—April 2.

Join us to encounter the Holy Trinity, a deep truth of God and creation, which has inspired Armenian Church faithful for centuries.

After our shorter Lenten Badarak, and in place of a sermon, Fr. Hovnan will lead an interactive in-church study on the Trinity. Parishioners are

encouraged to take notes and ask questions. Badarak will begin and end at regular times.

# **Great Lent Has Begun**

Great Lent began last week, our 40 day journey of fasting and penitence leading unto the Easter Resurrection of Our Lord. Lent is to be a season of fasting, spiritual growth, conversion, good works and simplicity. Throughout Great Lent the altar curtain will remain closed. Holy Communion is not offered to the faithful and the kiss of peace is not given. Covering the altar in dark-colored drapery symbolizes our fall and separation from God, and reminds us that Jesus Christ is "the way, the truth and the life," who reconciles us.

# Save the Date - 115th Diocesan Assembly - May 2017

St. Hagop has the great honor to host the 115th Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of Armenian Church of America (Eastern). The Diocesan Assembly will take place at Innisbrook Golf Resort in Palm Harbor from May 4-7, 2017, and the annual clergy conference at the Bethany Center in Lutz, FL from May 1-3, 2017.

Our Diocesan Assembly Committee has designed this year's assembly so that our guests from around the Diocese, as well as our local community can come together for work, worship and fun as one Armenian Church Diocesan family. We will also be celebrating St. Hagop's 10th Anniversary as a consecrated parish!

# **Kiss of Peace**

As a reminder, below is the greeting and response during the "Kiss of Peace" which is found on p.27 in your pew books...

#### The greeting is:

Քրիստոս ի մեջ մեր յայտնեցաւ։ Krisdos ee mech mer haydnestav. Christ is revealed among us.

#### The response is:

Օրհնեալ է յայտնութիւնն Քրիստոսի։ Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Krisdosee. Blessed is the Revelation of Christ.

# **Upcoming Services and Events**

Sunday, March 5	Divine Liturgy	10:30 AM
Cariday, March 5		11:00 AM
	Sunday School	1 1.00 AW
	Lenten Sermon Series	11:30 AM
Friday, March 10	Avedis Submission Deadline	
Sunday, March 12	Divine Liturgy	10:30 AM
	Sunday School	11:00 AM
	Lenten Sermon Series	11:30 AM
	Donor Booklet Meeting	12:30 AM
Tuesday, March 14	Parish Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Saturday, March 18	ACYOA Juniors Retreat	4:00 PM
Sunday, March 19	Divine Liturgy	10:30 AM
	Sunday School	11:00 AM
	Lenten Sermon Series	11:30 AM
	Saintly Women's Day-Women's Guild Blessing	12 pm

### Florida ACYOA Juniors Retreat, March 18-19, 2017

Open to all youth ages 13-18, teens will have an opportunity to retreat from the daily struggles and challenges of teenage life and focus on spiritual renewal and peer fellowship. The retreat will be held here at St. Hagop and will begin Saturday, March 18 and will conclude on Sunday, March 19. Participants should arrive at 4:00 PM on Saturday. The retreat will conclude after Divine Liturgy and lunch on Sunday by 1:00 PM. The cost is \$20.00 per participant for food, materials and a t-shirt.

#### Florida ACYOA Juniors Retreat-Orlando, March 18-19, 2017

Join us on March 25 for a one-day retreat that will focus on reflection, prayer and fellow-ship! There is no charge to attend this retreat, and all ACYOA Seniors in Florida. Mallory Maslar and Lorie Odabashian will be leading some of the session as well as Der Armash. The retreat will go from 10am-4:30pm at Soorp Haroutiun. After we can plan a dinner out with everyone. If interested, please contact Mallory.

# **Prayer Requests**

Please keep Carolyn Saharian, Serpouhi Vizoyan, Tracy Sarafian, Rose Yaghoobian, Marion Rejebian, Kamo Gyularian, Diane Sahagian, Charles Garabedian, Harold and Tanina Garabedian, Hrach Saroyan, Daniel Nahapetyan, Stefi Hovious, and Debra Curry in your prayers for health and all good gifts in Christ.