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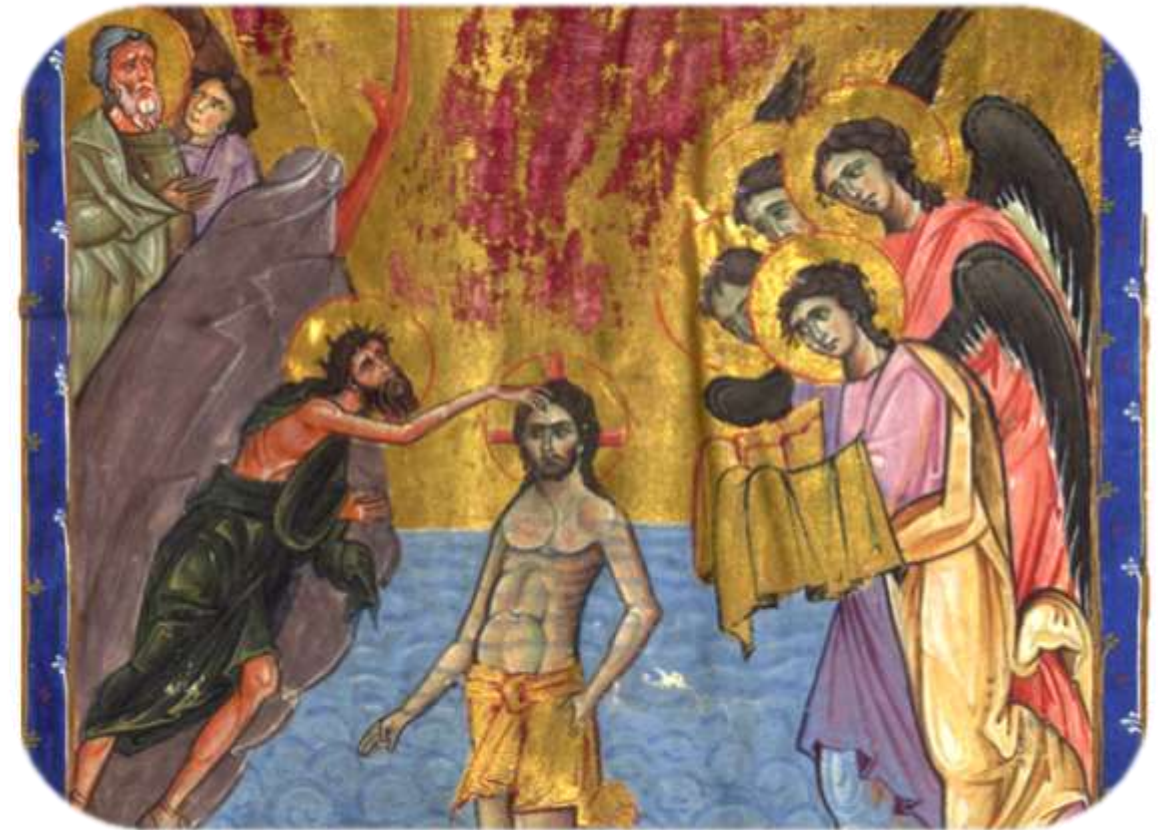
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2nd Day of Nativity | Բ. Օր Ծննդեան

Baptism of Our Lord-Blessing of Waters Observed



Today's Scripture Readings:

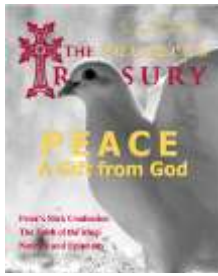
Titus 2:1-15 Matthew 1:18-25

Readings for Blessing of Waters:

1 Corinthians 10:1-4; Matthew 3:1-17

Kantsaran/ Treasury Available

The Treasury, the official publication of the Fellowship of St. Voski, is packed with short articles and essays covering topics ranging from Armenian liturgy and worship, theology, church history, practical Christian living and more. The Parish Council has made available complimentary copies of The Treasury in the narthex. For more information, visit www.StVoski.org.



Winter-Spring 2018 Avedis Newsletter

The Winter-Spring 2018 Avedis Newsletter will be arriving to your home soon! You can also view it on our St. Hagop website! We love communicating the "Avedis/Good News" to our entire St. Hagop family, we hope you enjoy reading it. Thanks to all our contributors for helping to compile this issue of the Avedis!



Save The Date—April 21st—22nd

St. Hagop's 2018 Festival titled "OUR ARMENIAN HERITAGE" will take place the weekend of April 21-22. Please mark your calendars and tell your friends to save the dates to come and learn about our Armenian History, Culture, Food and more. We need YOUR help to prepare for the festivities and work together that weekend to make this a great success. There will be a planning meeting after church on January 28th so please attend!



2018 Stewardship Pledges

We invite you to join us in making a pledge for St. Hagop in 2018. So far we have been blessed with 70 pledges totaling **\$128,105!** Our goal is for all to participate regardless of amount!

In prayerful consideration of my stewardship of God's resources and my commitment to St. Hagop's mission and programs:

My/Our Stewardship Pledge for 2018 is \$ _____, given

() weekly () monthly () quarterly () annually

Yes, please issue me offering envelopes No, offering envelopes will not be needed

Signature: _____ **Date:** ___/___/___

Name(s):	
Address:	
Phone/Email:	

Please mail this pledge card to the church office, or place in the offering plate by Stewardship Sunday—November 26, 2017. No payment need accompany this pledge form. We ask that 2018 pledge monies be paid by the end of the 2018 calendar year. Payments may be made online through the St. Hagop website. Once you submit this form, you will receive an account number and offering envelopes (if you choose).

Stewardship Pledge Card

May the Lord Remember All Your Offerings
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Thanks to All of Our 2018 Pledge Stewards:

George & Joan Agnacion, Karen Anjoorian, John & Susan Arsenault, Gloria, Leon & Michael Atayan, Grace Austin, Tatyana Badalyan, Chuck & Lisa Begian, Cornelia Biggers, Fr. Hovnan & Yn. Anna Demerjian, Hasmig & Jean-Jacques Demerjian, Sason & Patricia Demirjian, Rita Dilanian, Leilani Doty, Araxi Dulgeroff, Harbig & Mary Garabedian, Martha-Anne Garabedian, Richard & Pauline Gilgan, Adrienne Guendjoian, Teresa Haidarian, Berge & Tamar Hajian, Zvart Jambazian, Seda & Irene Hakim Karanian, Janet Haydostian, Mary Haydostian, Hayley Hovhanessian, Greg & Stephanie Hovsepian, David & Darwin Jamgochian, Stepon & Loretta Jamgochian, Eileen Barsamian Jennings, Richard & Christina Kachadurian, Dr. George & Debra Kamajian, Taisia Kasparova, David & Nancy Kazarian, Florence Kazanjian, Mari & Garbis Kesisoglu, Richard & Marge Kratljan, Sophia Kugeares, Shahe & Lena Kotchounian, Hagop & Mary (Tobe) Mashikian, Mallory Maslar, Richard & Linda Maslar, Vazken & Maggie Melkisetian, Ida Merakyan, John & Virginia Messerlian, Vasken & Karen Minassian, Robert Mirak, Agop & Victoria Mouradian, Bejan, Joseph & Angela Nakashian, Rebekah, Daron & Alice Nouri, Sima Palakian, Lusine Vardanyan & James Rutledge Roesch, Leon & Sharon Sarkisian, Martha Samuelian, Vahak S. & Elizabeth J. Sarkis, Charles & Eva Sarkisian, Chris Sassouni, Yates Sayers & Alexis Shahnasarian-Sayers, Norair & Maro Shaldjian, Stepan & Seta Serpekian, Vicken & Courtney Serpekian, Elizabeth Shahnasarian, Margaret & Edward Shahnasarian, Michael & Jean Shahnasarian, John & Kelly Shamsey, Robert & Christina Shamsey, Daniel & Norma Takoushian, Denise Matthieu and Antoine van Veen, Ida Varadian, Carolyn Mekjian Waidley, James & Cathy Wilson, Dr. Haig & Louise Yardumian

Armenian Christmas, Blessing of the Waters, Brunch & Children's Performance Today!

Join us today, Sunday, January 7th to celebrate a special Armenian Christmas Badarak, followed by the Blessing of the Waters with godfather Greg Ekizian. Following worship the Women's Guild invites all to a complimentary Christmas Brunch as we watch our young people perform their Armenian/Christmas songs taught by Suzy Hovhanessian. Please join us for a special Sunday!

Calvary Catholic Cemetery Presentation-Jan 21.

In many communities, Armenians and friends of Armenians, when planning for their final resting place, seek places where they will be in the midst of like souls. Several St. Hagop parishioners have expressed interest in securing a burial place near our church where a section could be committed to this purpose. Leadership at St. Hagop continues to investigate options and, after a visit to nearby Calvary Catholic Cemetery on Bryan Dairy Rd., has invited Nelson Darnell to make a presentation after church on Jan. 21. Mr. Darnell will describe burial options – including an Armenian section - and provide information about his facility. Regardless of your burial plans, we anticipate you will find this presentation provocative.

Blessing of the Waters

Today we celebrate a special Armenian Christmas Badarak, followed by the Blessing of the Waters. This year's godfather of the cross is Greg Ekizian; who along with his wife Alysia and daughters Melanie and Holly, have been dedicated supporters and beloved members of St. Hagop Armenian Church for many years. May God continue to bless and strengthen our church family.

Services and Events

Sunday, January 7th	Divine Liturgy-Armenian Christmas Observed Blessing of the Waters Service Christmas Brunch/Sunday School Presentation	10:30 AM 12:15 PM 12:30 PM
Tuesday, January 9th	Parish Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Sunday, January 14th	Divine Liturgy/Sunday School	10:30 AM
Sunday, January 21st	Divine Liturgy/Sunday School Youth Bowling/Pizza Party Calvary Cemetery Presentation	10:30 AM 1:00 PM 1:00 PM

Armenian Christmas Greeting

Քրիստոս Մնաւ եւ Յայտնեցաւ
Kristos tsnav yev haydnetsav
Christ is born and revealed

Օրհնեալ է Յատնութիւնն Քրիստոսի
Orhneal eh haydnutyunn Kristosi
Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

Prayer Requests

Please keep Leon Sarkisian, Aggie Ellian, Adrienne Ekizian, Darren Hovsepian, Sarah Malajian, Shirley Omartian, Apkhar Omartian, the Sassouni Family, Margie Baylerian, Alex & Carolyn Saharian, Rose Yaghoobian, Kamo Gyularian, Charles Garabedian, Harold and Tanina Garabedian, Daniel Nahapetyan, Stefi Hovious, and Debra Curry in your prayers for health and all good gifts in Christ.

Requiem Prayers for The Month of January

It is our church's tradition to pray every Sunday for our loved ones asleep in Christ, especially during the Intercessions (p. 35-38) and Der Voghormya (p. 45). This month, please pray for these deceased and their surviving family members for peace in Christ:

Elizabeth Melidosian, Angele Madalian, Jonathon Vogel, George Cross, Albert Hintlian, Ed Kazanjian, John Tokmajian

Please contact the church office to add your loved one to our monthly requiem list. Donations to St. Hagop, or sponsoring coffee hour in honor of departed loved ones are welcome any Sunday. Full requiem/hokehankist service may also be requested by families at least one week in advance of date.

Kiss of Peace

Below is the greeting and response for the "Kiss of Peace," also found on p.27 in your pew books:

The greeting is:

Քրիստոս ի մէջ 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.