



ST. HAGOP ARMENIAN CHURCH

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Dear St. Hagop Faithful,

We are writing to invite your participation in our 2019 stewardship campaign. Your ongoing commitment to establish St. Hagop as the bedrock of our southwest Florida Armenian community, dedicated to preserving our faith and culture, exceeded our prayers during 2018. We celebrate your service as a steward to our Lord and beloved church!

The model St. Hagop implemented to convert from a dues membership system to a pledge system is being emulated throughout the Diocese. Your faith and generosity are inspiring our Armenian brethren.

In sum, our burgeoning church community is evolving into the vision Armenians pray to attain. The parish is thriving and, with God's help and the congregation's continued dedication, poised to further evolve! Praise the Lord! *Park kez Der, Asdvadz!*

Our work to serve our Lord, take on new, more expansive ministries, and continue the mission our forefathers began over 1700 years ago – when Armenia became the first Christian nation – endures and rests on our shoulders. Your ongoing faith and commitment will perpetuate St. Hagop's ministry to fulfill the mission generations of Armenians have advanced.

Enclosed are three documents: your 2019 pledge card; a copy of frequently asked questions pertaining to St. Hagop's stewardship pledge system; and, a description of our church's primary ministries. While you contemplate your pledge, we pray that you will also reflect on how you can become involved in St. Hagop's essential ministries, which this latter document describes.

Of course, please contact us if you have any further questions.

Pledge Sunday, the ceremonial day designated to submit our pledges, is November 25, 2018. You can submit your pledge card during Badarak on that day. Or, if more convenient, submit your pledge via regular mail or online at www.stthagopfl.org/stewardship-pledge-online.

While making your 2019, pledge, we encourage you to reflect on Proverbs 18:16; which reminds us that *"A gift opens the way for the giver."*

Yours in Christ, Our Savior,

Michael Shahnasarian, Ph.D.
Stewardship Chairman

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Enclosures

