

A Great Start For 2020 Pledge Stewardship

So far, we have 98 pledges for \$153,905 towards 2020. May the Lord bless all our offerings!

Our goal is for all to participate regardless of amount!

Richard & Diana Aginian, George & Joan Agnacion, Karen Anjoorian, Artak Apyan, John & Susan Arsenault, Gloria, Lee & Michael Atayan, Grace Austin, Shagen Babayan, Zara & Harris Babayan Boyiadzis, Bagrad & Tatiana Badalyan, Chuck & Lisa Begian, Patrick & Gail Compton, Robert & Janet Davidian, Fr. Hovnan & Yn. Anna Demerjian, Jean-Jacques & Hasmig Demerjian, Paul & Primrose Demirdjian, John & Bernadette Derderian, Araxi Dulgeroff, Leilani Doty, Art & Adrienne Ekizian, Greg & Alysia Ekizian, Kenneth Folsom & Kimberley Caswell, Martha-Anne Garabedian, Richard & Pauline Gilgan, Adrienne Guendjoian, Teresa Haidarian, Gregory & Gina Hagopian, Berge & Tamar Hajian, Irene & Jean Hakim, Tom Hally, Mary Haydostian, Meline Hazaryan, Hayley Hovhannisian, Greg & Stephanie Hovsepian, Shirak & Johanna Hovsepian, Zvart Jambazian, Darwin & David Jamgochian, Richard & Christina Kachadurian, George & Debra Kamajian, Edward & Michelle Kapreilian, Sam & Beatrice Kapreilian, Harry & Beverly Karim, Florence Kazanjian, David & Nancy Kazarian, Hannelore Keshishian, Harout & Lucy Keshishian, Garbis & Mari Kesisoglu, Richard & Marge Kratlian, Rosanna Kyarunts, Chau Luong, Nubar & Ann Mahdessian, Hratch & Arshalous Manoukian, Sophia Manoulian Kugeares, Hagoop & Mary Mashikian, Richard & Linda Maslar, Mallory Maslar, Robert Maslar, Christine Martin, Vazken & Maggie Melkisetian, Ida Merakyan, John & Virginia Messerlian, Vasken & Karen Minassian, Robert Mirak, Agop & Victoria Mouradian, Bejan & Rebekah Nouri, Mirella Ovanessian, Christina Paylan, John & Joanne Pehlivanian, Margaret Penerian, Joseph & Elisabeth Raicsics, Annette Ross, Chris & Nicholas Sagherian, Martha Samuelian, Tanya Sarafian, Vahak & Elizabeth Sarkis, Chuck & Kathy Sarkisian, Hratch & Thelma Saroyan, Chris & Carol Sassouni, Yates & Lexy Sayers, Stepan & Seta Serpekian, Stephan Shahinian, Eddy & Maggie Shahnasarian, Michele Shahnasarian, Michael & Jean Shahnasarian, Norair & Maro Shaldjian, Rubina Shaldjian, John & Kelly Shamsey, Robert & Christina Shamsey, Daniel & Norma Takoushian, Denise, Matthieu & Antoine vanVeen, Charlie Vartanian, Tigran & Lucine Vartazarian, Artin & Amy Vartoukian, Terry & Carolyn Waidley, Charles Walker, James & Cathy Wilson, Haig Yaghoobian, Haig & Louise Yardumian, Maurice & Marina Youakim.



Diocesan Scholarship Applications

Applications for Diocesan scholarships are now available online. The application deadline for the 2019-20 academic year is May 18, 2020. Each year the Diocese awards scholarships to promising youth who are headed to college. The Diocese seeks students who are active in their local parishes and have assumed leadership roles in their communities. Go to our website to access the scholarship application. For information, contact Maria Barsoumian at (212) 686-0710.

Armenia Build Trip '20-Join Us!

Following up on a great 2019 trip, this year again, our own snowbird Nicole Ateshian Simmons will lead a trip to Armenia from June 13 - 28, 2020. Participants will assist a family in Armenia-working side by side with them -to help build their house. Time will also be spent site-seeing in Yerevan and in Vanadzor where we will work, laugh and cherish new friends. The travel party is limited to 12 people, no experience necessary, no age limit. To find out more and reserve your spot, email contact Nicole at 781-405-2645. Visit the Fuller Center for Global Housing Armenia [website](#) for more info.



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4th Sunday of Great Lent-Sunday of The Steward

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Sunday, March 15th, 2020



Today's Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 56:1-57:21 Ephesians 4:17-5:14 Luke 16:1-31



Benefit Concert-Beethoven's 250th

On Sunday, March 22nd, St. Hagop will present a Benefit Concert in celebration of Beethoven's 250th Birthday. The Program will consist of Beethoven's Sonata Pathétique (Op. 13, No. 8), and his Six Lieder, Op. 48 (sacred songs based on a poem by Christian Gellert). Parish Council member and accomplished recital pianist Haig Yaghoobian will perform, with possible guest appearances. The concert will start after Badarak at 1pm in Shahnasarian Hall and will be followed by a champagne reception. Admission is \$10 at the door.

Outreach Ministry Care Package Help

As part of our outreach ministry, we are preparing to send a care package to Haig Yaghoobian Jr, currently serving in Afghanistan. If you would like to participate, you can either make a donation towards the project (write check to St. Hagop Church, memo line "outreach care package") or drop any of the following items in allocated box on Sundays: Coffee (especially Armenian coffee); NEW Small/inexpensive tech items (i.e. Microsoft mouse and mouse pad, and Android and iPhone cables and adapters); lightweight and non-perishable snacks (such as beef jerky); and Vicks vapo-rub. You can find the project box in the church hall on Sundays during coffee hour. **Deadline is March 22.** We look forward to showing our love to those who serve. Any questions, please contact Grace Austin at austin.l.grace@gmail.com or Yn. Anna at anna.demerjian@gmail.com



Concerning the Coronavirus

St. Hagop Church, along with our Diocese, is prayerfully monitoring the situation with the spread of Coronavirus. As of now, we encourage all who are well to attend church as normal. Providentially, we are in the season of Great Lent, which eliminates the interactive rituals of the church (communion, kiss of peace) and reduces the spread of germs. We await further directives as Lent comes to a close in late March. However, we do respectfully ask that you *do not* attend church if you have returned from international travel within the past 14 days or if you have symptoms of cold or flu. At any time during the year we implore those who have symptoms of cold or flu not to attend church to protect the vulnerable people in our church communities. We are also asking all church leaders, maintenance staff and parishioners to redouble their efforts at practicing good hygiene and disease-spread prevention. Stay tuned for further directives from read Bp. Daniel through our eblast.



We Believe-Lenten Sermon Series

5 Week Lenten Sermon Series-Sundays of March

Join us to explore the Nicene Creed (Havadamk), our age-old statement of faith, holding the truths which shape a Christian life. After our shorter Lenten Badarak, and in place of a sermon, Fr. Hovnan & Dn. Albert will lead an interactive study on what we say we believe in the Nicene Creed and why it matters. Badarak will begin and end at regular times.



Services and Events

Sun. March 15th	Divine Liturgy-Lenten Sermon Series & Sunday School Avedis Newsletter Submission Deadline	10:30 AM and 11AM
Sun. March 22nd	Divine Liturgy-Lenten Sermon Series & Sunday School Cultural Concert in Shahnasarian Hall	10:30 AM and 11AM 1:00 PM
Sun. March 29th	Divine Liturgy-Lenten Sermon Series & Sunday School	10:30 AM and 11AM
Sun. April 5th	Divine Liturgy-Palm Sunday & Sunday School Opening of the Doors Service-Special Fellowship	10:30 AM and 11AM 12:30 PM

Requiem Prayers for The Month of March

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:

Jerry Przegendza, Adrina Movsesian, Leo Kassabian, Serpouhie Vizoyan, Krikor Atamian, Fr. Basilio Talatinian

Your prayers are requested today for **Leon Atayan** by his wife Gloria Atayan and family on the forty day memorial of his passing.

Please contact the church 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 at least one week in advance of date.

Prayer Requests

Please keep Margie Baylerian, Lucian Grove, Anthony Forzaglia, Rose Terzian, Meline Hazaryan, Ruth Marie Samuelian, William Lowrie, Ida Merakyan, Melinda Garner, Adrienne Movsesian, Rita Dilanian, Richard Asadoorian, Adrienne Guendjoian, Beatrice Kapreilian, Agnes Hovsepian, Dr. Dennis Papazian, Louis Bellantoni, Kamo Gyularian, Agop Mouradian, Mary Bayandrian, Leon Sarkisian, Aggie Ellian, Adrienne Ekizian, Sarah Malajian, the Sassouni Family, Alex & Carolyn Saharian, Rose Yaghoobian, Charles Garabedian, Harold and Tanina Garabedian, Stefi Hovious and Debra Curry in your prayers for health and all good gifts in Christ.

Special prayers for courage, mercy and protection for Sgt. Haig Yaghoobian III, who is deployed with the US Army in Afghanistan.

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 մեջ մեր յայտնեցաւ:

Krisdos ee mech mer haydnestav.

Christ is revealed among us.

The response is:

Օրհնեալ է յայտնութիւնս Քրիստոսի:

Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Krisdosee.

Blessed is the Revelation of Christ.