

ST. HAGOP ARMENIAN CHURCH Community of Tampa-St. Pete, Florida 7020 90th Avenue North, Pinellas Park, FL 33782 info@sthagopfl.org | www.sthagopfl.org | (727) 545-0380

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Dear St. Hagop Faithful,

As we begin a new pledge season, we pray this message finds you and yours well.

A sense of normalcy returned to our St. Hagop community this past year. With caution and adherence to public health guidelines, we resumed in-person worship, gathered at church-sponsored events, and generally pursued business as usual – such as resuming church hall rentals and conducting Sunday School classes. Amidst the havoc the COVID-19 pandemic and residuals of trying events wrought during recent years, as people of faith we know our Lord's love and presence remains with us during the darkest of times and our Christian duty calls us to perform acts in concert with His desires.

Hebrews 13:16 instructs us *And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.* It is in this spirit that we invite your participation in our communal stewardship. We view stewardship as a commitment that transcends monetary giving; as important, if not more important are the nonmonetary aspects of stewardship. That is, committing your time and talent, proportionate to your ability to give these things, to ministry work central to St. Hagop's vision: To evolve continuously as the bedrock of the Tampa Bay Armenian Christian community, perpetuating our Christian religion and heritage.

Your 2022 pledge card and list of involvement opportunities at St. Hagop, organized by ministry, are enclosed. Beyond your monetary pledge we ask that you also prayerfully consider participating in St. Hagop's ministries by reviewing these documents and identifying activities you find in-line with your calling in our church.

Pledge Sunday is November 28, 2021, and we invite you to submit your pledge card for a blessing on that day. Or, you can mail your pledge card or make your pledge online at <u>www.sthagopfl.org/stewardship-pledge-online</u>. We request that you submit your pledge by December 20, 2021; this will enable our parish council to prepare its 2022 budget in accord with projected revenues.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions and/or wish to further discuss stewardship at St. Hagop

With Everlasting Faith in our Lord,

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