# A Great Start for 2023 Pledge Stewa

So far, we have 59 pledges for \$117,550 towards 2023. May the Lord bless all our offerings!

#### Listed below are the pledges so far for 2023:



Richard & Diana Aginian, Andrew & Theresa Anusbigian, John & Susan Arsenault, In prayerful considerati Grace Austin, Chuck & Lisa Begian, Fr. Hovnan & Yn. Anna Demerjian, Jean-Jacques & Hasmig Demerjian, Raffi & Tanya Demerjian, Sason & Patricia Demirjian, My Our Ste Leilani Doty, Araxi Dulgeroff, Art & Adrienne Ekizian, John & Victoria Franks, Martha-Anne Garabedian, Richard & Pauline Gilgan, Mallory & Scott Guinand, Gregory Walliam & Gina Hagopian, Teresa Haidarian, Berge & Tamar Hajian, Gregory & Stephanie Hovsepian, Robina Hovsepian, Dr. George & Debra Kamajian, Edward Kaprelian, Harry & Beverly Karim, Taisia Kasparova, David & Nancy Kazarian, Hannelore Keshishian, Harout, Sezar, Edmond & Sarah Keshishian, Chau Luong, Noubar & Signaturo Ann Mahdessian, Yolande Miloian, Karen Minassian, Robert Mirak, Victoria Mouradian, Beian & Rebekah Nouri. Mirella Ovanesian, John & Joanne Pehlivanian, Stephen Saharian, Martha Samuelian, Berc & Tracy Sarafian, Tanya Sarafian, Chuck & Kathy Sarkisian, Leon & Sharon Sarkisian, Yates & Alexis Sayers, Stepan & Seta Serpekian, Ed & Maggie Shahnasarian, Michael & Jean Shahnasarian, Michele Shahna-

sarian, Robert & Christina Shamsey, Daniel & Norma Takoushian, Denise and Matthieu van Veen, James & Lusine Vardanyan Roesch, Tigran & Lucine Vartazarian, Artin & Armenouch Vartoukian, James & Cathy Wilson, Haig & Lorraine Yaghoobian, Dr. Haig & Louise Yardumian, Armen & Linda Zakarian, Armen & Srbuhi Zakaryan

#### Be a Blessing As You've Been Blessed!

We invite you to review St. Hagop's 10 primary ministries, updated with specific opportunities for involvement, as presented in your pledge packets and our website to discern how you might be called to offer your time and talent to our church. We truly believe that giving to the church in service grows each of us as it does our beloved church!



# **ACYOA Armenia Service Program**

The Armenia Service Program (ASP) will take place from July 1-21, 2023, led by dynamic pastor Fr. Hratch Sargsyan. The Armenia Service Program has a long history of providing young adults (ages 18 to 30) a unique opportunity to affirm their faith, discover their homeland and serve its people in a meaningful way. Participants return home eager to strengthen their bond with the homeland and their Church. Contact Jenni Morris of visit ACYOA website www.acyoa.org for more information.

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# Fifth Sunday of Advent **Western Christmas**

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December 25, 2022



# **Today's Scripture Readings:**

Isaiah 41:4-14 Hebrews 7:11-25 Luke 19:12-28

### 2023 Christmas Worship Schedule

Thursday, Jan. 5th-Armenian Christmas Eve Jrakaloots

Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy 6:30PM

Friday, Jan. 6th-Armenian Christmas (No Services)

No Services at St. Hagop-Church Open for Prayer 9AM-5PM

Sunday, Jan. 8th—Armenian Christmas (Observed)

Christmas Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM Blessing of Waters Service & Fellowship 12:30 PM (no requiem services on January 5th & 8th, requiems may be requested for January 15th)



#### **Armenian Letter Painting Workshop Jan 28th**

Come learn the art of Armenian letter painting on Jan. 28th from 10am-3pm with accomplished iconographer and friend of St. Hagop, Fr. Garabed Kochakian. There is a \$35 fee for art supplies and lunch. Register by 01/23/23 by contacting Louise Yardumian at lyardumian@icloud.com or 727-463-1688.



# Talk by Dr. Jesses Arlen on Sunday Feb. 19th

Director of the Diocesan Zohrab Information Center, Dr. Jesses Arlen, will travel to St. Hagop to speak about 'The Apostles Thaddeus & Bartholomew and Their Significance for the Armenian Church' on Sunday, February 19th at 12:30 PM in the Shahnasarian Hall. Join us for worship on Poon Parekendan and this special presentation during fellowship.



# The Winter/Spring Avedis Has Arrived!

The Winter/Spring 2023 Avedis Newsletter was produced and sent to everyone's home! Electronic copies are also available online. We love communicating the "Avedis/Good News" to our entire St. Hagop family. We hope you enjoy reading it; let us know if you have any feedback or suggestions.



## Join Us For Sunday School!

Calling all parents of youth ages 5-12! Join us each Sunday, for great teachers and lessons on church & Armenian culture. Our classroom is for ages 5-12. Sunday School starts at 11:00 sharp (room open at 10:45). After a 30-45 minute lesson children will worship in church. We look forward to seeing all our young families! Contact us <a href="mailto:sundayschool@sthagopfl.org">sundayschool@sthagopfl.org</a> with any questions.



# **Invitation to Host Coffee Hour Fellowship!**

The Women's Guild would like to invite you to host our coffee hour fellowship after church. Anyone can host to honor someone (birthday or celebration), to memorialize them (hokehankist/requiem) or simply to help out. Please speak to Lucy, Rita or Karen to sign up. Thank you for taking your turn to serve!

#### **Services and Events**

	Divine Liturgy/Sunday School (11am) Special Coffee Hour Fellowship in Hall	10:30am-12:30pm 12:30pm-1:30pm
Sun. Jan 1st	Divine Liturgy/Sunday School (11am) Special Coffee Hour Fellowship in Hall	10:30am-12:30pm 12:30pm-1:30pm



#### **Greeter Ministry Involvement Opportunities**

St. Hagop seeks volunteer greeters 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. Please contact Rita <a href="mailto:Rita Keshishian@hotmail.com">Rita Keshishian@hotmail.com</a> for more information about pursuing this ministry.

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## **Requiem Prayers for December**

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:

Anne & Henry Abajian, Armenak Arutyunyan, Gladys Aslanian, Agop Atamian, Aram Avakian, James Begian, Richard Berjian, Arshaluys Danielyan, Konstantinos Dikeakos, Ohannes Evrekian, Dr. Vahak Gadarian, Jon Haydostian, Nelly Hekimian, Joseph Hovsepian, Astine Karakash, Josette Manougian, Papken Megerian, Charles Metjian, Manya Minasyan, Zizi Sarkis, Souad Tashian, Sylvia Vartanian

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 Jack Dikranian, Yn. Anna Demerjian, Freij Tasjian, Rose Terzian, Virginia Messerlian, Patty Arakelian, Jacob Cantor, Stephen Hazerjian, Leon & Sharon Sarkisian, Beverly Baez, Nina Sarkisian, Anna Tossoonian, Betty Witzel, Lucian Grove, Anthony Forzaglia, Ruth Marie Samuelian, William Lowrie, Beatrice Kapreilian, Dennis Papazian, Louis Bellantoni, Kamo Gyularian, Aggie Ellian, Adrienne Ekizian, Sarah Malajian, Alex & Carolyn Saharian, Charles Garabedian and Harold & Tanina Garabedian in your prayers for health and all good gifts in Christ.

#### **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:

Pphumnu h ulto ultp junjulutguu:

Krisdos ee mech mer haydnestav.

Christ is revealed among us.

#### The response is:

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Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Krisdosee.

Blessed is the Revelation of Christ.