

Gratitude for Our 2023 Pledge Stewards

So far, we have 99 pledges totaling \$158,435 for 2023; join us with your pledge!



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Congratulations to Our 2023 Graduates!

Ani Gabriella Kamajian graduated May 20, 2023, with honors from Pepperdine University in Malibu, California. She received her Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology, with an emphasis on Marriage and Family Therapy and Professional Clinical Counseling.

Daron Nouri graduated from Sarasota High School on May 19, 2023. He will be attending Taylor University and majoring in engineering and music.

Congratulations to Ann Mahdessian on the graduation of her two grandsons:

Leo Mahdessian graduated on May 13, 2023 from Rochester Institute of Technology with a degree in electrical engineering. He is employed by Mitre specializing in federal contracts.

Christian Ahrem graduated on May 20, 2023 from Fordham University with a degree in Finance. He is employed by AIG Insurance co as a financial analyst.

If you or your loved one will graduate this year, we'd like to feature them in our publications. Please contact Fr. Hovnan with name, school, plans & photo!

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Fourth Sunday After Transfiguration

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August 6, 2023



Today's Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 7:1-9; 1 Corinthians 13:11-14:5; Mark 2:1-12



Young Professionals

The young professionals congregated last Friday at Walk-On's Midtown for their monthly gathering of faith & fellowship. Next month's meeting will be on Thursday August 24th at 7pm at the Acropolis Greek Taverna in Tampa. Be sure to join our Facebook Group to stay informed and connected.

St. Hagop Holy Land Pilgrimage

With the results of our survey of interest so encouraging, we have finalized plans for a St. Hagop pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The dates of the trip are from Sept 1-11, 2024. The cost is \$3,698 per person as long as we reach our 20 participant target. Pricing for ground trip only is \$2,198. If you are interested in this spiritual discovery tour of the Holy Land led by Fr. Hovnan, alongside faithful of St. Hagop and beyond, do join us! Brochure with trip details and registration info. can now be found online at www.sthagopfl.org/holy-land-pilgrimage/ and will be available in the church narthex.

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. Please contact Rita Keshishian Rita_Keshishian@hotmail.com if you have questions or for additional information about pursuing this ministry.

Offer Church Readings-Lector Ministry

Readings from Holy Scripture, delivered in English by lay members of our congregation, comprise an important part of our Badarak worship service. If you feel called to share the word of God on Sundays, please consider this ministry. We will provide quick training and add you to our directory of lectors. For more information contact Karen at karen@homeserviceinteriors.com.

Join Suncoast Armenians FB Group

St. Hagop young professional Irina Karakhanyan started a Facebook group so Armenians of our area can inform & support each other. We hope this helps our blessed community bond ever closer! Join the group by clicking www.facebook.com/groups/tampaarmenians.

Invitation to Host Coffee Hour Fellowship!

The Women's Guild invites you to host our 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!

Shahnasarian Hall Room Refresh

Through the leadership & hard-work of Alysia Ekizian and Carla Megerian, the furniture donations of Eileen Barsamian & Donna Sirounian and valuable input of Chrisanne Jensen, our Heritage/Dressing Room got a refresh this past week! Feel free to visit and use our Heritage room on Sundays!



Services and Events

Sun. Aug. 6th	Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour Fellowship in Hall	10:30am-12:15pm 12:30pm-1:30pm
Tue. Aug. 8th	Parish Council Meeting	6:00pm-8:00pm
Thr. Aug. 10th	Events Committee Meeting	7:00pm-8:00pm
Sun. Aug. 13th	Divine Liturgy-Feast of the Assumption of Mary Blessing of Grapes / Coffee Hour Fellowship in Hall	10:30am-12:15pm 12:30pm-1:30pm
Tue. Aug 15th	Fall Avedis Newsletter Submission Deadline	

**Sunday School gathers again Sept 10th, young families are encouraged to join us for worship & fellowship year round. Church is not the same without you!*

Requiem Prayers for August

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 Abajian, Mardo Abajian, Anthony Avernian, Hrant Bardakjian, Antranik Barsoumian, Gregory Barsoumian, John Bedrosian, Vahakn Dadrian, Vartkes Dulgerian, Ted Dulgeroff, John Eloian, Sergey Garsanyan, Al Haidarian, Andranik Hazaryan, Darren Hovsepian, Thomas Kachadurian, Pauline Kachanian, Alice Kamajian, Lucine Kotchounian, Robert Maslar, Horen Merakyan, Arto Mouradian, Madeleine Mouradian, Michael Samuelian, Jennifer Sorenson, Annie Tanashian, Angela Varvarian, Roy Wende

Your prayers are requested for the soul of **Al Haidarian** by his daughter Teresa and family on the one year 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 pray for Ara Keshishian, Eric Thorensen, Daniel Takoushian, Linda Isabelle, Bob Koolakian, Stella Eckart, Jack Dikranian, Freij Tasjian, Andrea Zehnder, Inessa Grigoryan, Diran Deckmejian, Virginia Messerlian, Patty Arakelian, Jacob Cantor, Stephen Hazerjian, Leon & Sharon Sarkisian, Beverly Baez, Nina Sarkisian, Anna Tossoonian, Betty Witzel, Lucian Grove, Ruth Marie Samuelian, William Lowrie, Beatrice Kapreilian, Louis Bellantoni, Kamo Gyularian, Adrienne Ekizian, Sarah Malajian, Alex & Carolyn Saharian, Charles Garabedian and Harold & Tanina Garabedian.

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.