

# 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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In prayerful consideration of my/our time and my/our commitment to St. Hagop

My/Our Stewardship: \$ \_\_\_\_\_, given ( ) week

Yes, please issue me offering envelope

I/we wish to support St. Hagop

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Stewardship 2024 Schedule

Our stewardship committee has drafted the schedule below for the upcoming year. We appreciate all who give of their time and means to our church!

- ~~09/24/23~~ Stewardship Campaign '24 Announcement Letter
- 10/01/23 Stewardship Sermon I
- 10/15/23 Parishioner Testimonial I
- 10/29/23 Parishioner Testimonial II
- 11/05/23 Parishioner Testimonial III (TBD)
- 11/06/23 Pledge Cards Mailed
- 11/19/23 Stewardship Sermon II
- 11/23/23 Thanksgiving Day
- 11/27/23 Pledge Sunday
- 12/17/23 Deadline to Return Pledge Cards

## ST. HAGOP ARMENIAN CHURCH - WEEKLY BULLETIN



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### Fifth Sunday After Assumption Eve of the Fast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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September 10, 2023



### Today's Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 13:1-11 2 Corinthians 7:4-16 Mark 7:31-37



## St. Hagop Holy Land Pilgrimage

Registration is open for the St. Hagop pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Trip dates are Sept 1-11, 2024. Cost is \$3,698 per person if we reach our 20 participant target. Cost for ground trip only is \$2,198. Do join us if you are interested in a spiritual discovery tour of the Holy Land led by Fr. Hovnan, alongside St. Hagop faithful! Brochure with trip details and registration form is on our website and in eblasts. Brochure is also available in the church narthex.

## Storytime with 'Secret Language Method' Author

Today children's book author Tamar Kassarian will have story time with our Sunday School and provide fun and surprises for the whole family. Children's books will be available for purchase on day of event, or you may order through the link in our eblast. We invite all our young families to join us for a unique kick off to this Sunday School Year!

## Join Us– 1st Day of Sunday School Today!

Calling all parents of youth ages 5-12! Join us today and every Sunday for great teachers and interactive lessons on church & Armenian culture. Classroom is for ages 5-12. Sunday School starts at 11:00 sharp (room opens at 10:45). After a 30-45 minute lesson children will worship in church. We look forward to seeing all our young families this year! Contact us [sunday-school@stthagopfl.org](mailto:sunday-school@stthagopfl.org) with any questions.

## 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](mailto:karen@homeserviceinteriors.com).

## 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 or Rita to sign up. Thank you for taking your turn to serve!

## Take Action to Protect the People of Artsakh

The Azeri blockade of Artsakh is a humanitarian crisis. Let's 1) inform ourselves & others 2) write to political leaders 3) pray. Use these links to write to our political leaders: [www.armenian-assembly.org/advocacy](http://www.armenian-assembly.org/advocacy) & [www.marchtojustice.org/action-alerts](http://www.marchtojustice.org/action-alerts).

## Join us Next Sunday-The Feast of the Cross

Next Sunday the Armenian Church celebrates *Khachverats* the Exaltation of the Cross-one of 5 major feasts of the Church. We will bless the 4 corners of the earth and venerate the holy cross. After the blessing, we invite you to take home your fragrant basil, a reminder of Christ's sweet victory of life over death.

## Services and Events

Sun. Sept. 10th	Divine Liturgy 1st Day of Sunday School/Story Time Book Presentation Coffee Hour Fellowship in Hall Women's Guild Meeting	10:30am-12:15pm 11:00am-12:00pm 12:30pm-1:30pm
Tue. Sept. 12th	Parish Council Meeting	6:00pm-8:00pm



## 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](mailto:Rita_Keshishian@hotmail.com) if you have questions or for additional information about pursuing this ministry.

## Requiem Prayers for September

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:

*John E. Arsenault, Greta Arutyunyan, Meline Avakian, Artur Babajanian, Marian Bandazian, John Bejajian, Vasiliki Calikyan, George Caragulla, Henry Demirdjian, Andrea Kaloostian Espinola, Leo Ghoogasian, Michael Hadchikian, Melanya Hakobyan, Janet Haydostian, Jack Kachanian, Jacques Kojian, George Manoulian, Alexander Martirosov, Artur Levon Mikoian, Jack Messerlian, Shake & Ohannes Misirliyan, Sima Palakian, Marusya Poghosyan, Helen Sarkisian*

Your prayers are requested for the soul of **Michele Shahnasarian** by her loving children Michael & Jean and the entire Shahnasarian family on the forty day memorial of her passing.

Your prayers are requested for the soul of **Hung Luong** by his loving wife Chau and son Don 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 pray for Ara Keshishian, Eric Thorensen, Daniel Takoushian, Linda Isabelle, Kim & Bryan Witeof, Sharon and Glenn Oglesbee, Michele Fender, Louise Yardumian, Stella Eckart, Jack Dikranian, Andrea Zehnder, Inessa Grigoryan, Virginia Messerlian, Patty Arakelian, Jacob Cantor, Stephen Hazerjian, Leon & Sharon Sarkisian, Beverly Baez, Nina Sarkisian, Anna Tossounian, Betty Witzel, Lucian Grove, Ruth Marie Samuelian, William Lowrie, Beatrice Kapreilian, Louis Bellantoni, Kamo Gyularian, Adrienne Eki-zian, 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 յայտնութիւնն Քրիստոսի:**

Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Krisdosee.

Blessed is the Revelation of Christ.

