

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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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

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Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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September 17, 2023



Today's Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 49:13-23 Galatians 6:14-18 John 3:13-21



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.

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.



Sunday School is Now in Session

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 sundayschool@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.



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 & www.marchtojustice.org/action-alerts.



Special Ghapama Fellowship Nov 5th

Join us Sun. Nov. 5th after church for a special Ghapama fellowship; a traditional Armenian celebration of abundance for the whole family. There will be a tavloo tournament and music as well as delicious baked, stuffed pumpkin as per tradition! ♪'Hey Jan Ghapama'♪



Services and Events

Sun. Sept. 17th	Divine Liturgy/Sunday School (11 AM) Blessing of the World/Raising of the Cross Coffee Hour Fellowship	10:30am-12:15pm 12:15-12:30pm 12:30pm-1:30pm
Sun. Sept. 24th	Divine Liturgy/Sunday School (11 AM) Coffee Hour Fellowship	10:30am-12:15pm 12:30pm-1:30pm
Sat. Sept. 30th	Young Professionals Gathering-Midtown Tampa	5:30pm



This Sunday is the Feast of the Cross

Today 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. Thanks to Ara & Rita Keshishian for their donation of basil for the feast.

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

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 Louise Yardumian, Ara Keshishian, Eric Thorensen, Daniel Takoushian, George Mangigian, Martine Kazian Clements, Linda Isabelle, Kim & Bryan Witeof, Sharon and Glenn Oglesbee, Michele Fender, Stella Eckart, Jack Dikranian, Andrea Zehnder, Inessa Grigoryan, 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 յայտնութիւնն Քրիստոսի:
Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Krisdosee.
Blessed is the Revelation of Christ.