

# ST. HAGOP ARMENIAN CHURCH - WEEKLY BULLETIN



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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
- ~~10/08/23~~ Stewardship Sermon I
- 10/15/23 Daniel & Norma Takoushian Testimonial
- 10/29/23 Dr. George Kamajian Testimonial
- 11/05/23 Jack Dikranian Testimonial
- 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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Yes, please issue me offering envelopes

I/we wish to support St. Hagop v

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## Fifth Sunday of the Cross

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October 15, 2023



## 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@sthagopfl.org](mailto:sundayschool@sthagopfl.org) with any questions.

## 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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/tampaarmenians).

## Prayer and Support for the People of Artsakh

Over 100,000 Artsakhis have fled persecution in their homeland seeking refuge in Armenia. Displaced families will need much help, especially as winter approaches. Please consider supporting the efforts of the organizations highlighted in our eblast and presented to us by liaisons from our community. Most importantly, let's keep the people of Artsakh in our prayers that God be their protector and strength in the difficult days ahead.

## 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.

## Today's Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 19:1-11 Galatians 2:1-10 Mark 12:35-44





### Sweet 16 Fellowship Sunday Oct. 15th

On Sunday, October 15th after Badarak, please join us for a special "Sweet 16" fellowship to celebrate the 16th Anniversary of the Consecration of St. Hagop Armenian Church. The fellowship will be hosted by Leon and Sharon Sarkisian and Fr. Hovnan and Yn. Anna.



### 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'♪



### Bake Sale Sunday Nov. 19th

Our Women's Guild will hold their annual thanksgiving Bake Sale on Sunday, Nov. 19th in the Shahnasarian Hall after Badarak. Enjoy cheese boreg, baklava and many other thanksgiving goodies with coffee and fellowship! Don't forget to purchase some treats for your family, friends and co-workers, supporting our church and Women's Guild.



### Advent Candlelight Dinner-Dec. 6th

Come all ye faithful! Join us for a candlelight dinner and program on Wednesday, Dec 6 from 6:00-8:00 pm. A catered dinner will be served in the Shahnasarian Hall, followed by the Advent Program in the Sanctuary. Our topic is "God is With Us" with speakers reflecting on discovering the presence of God in times of trial. RSVP by Sunday, November 26th to [asekizian@gmail.com](mailto:asekizian@gmail.com) or contact Chrisanne at the Church office with your name and group size. Admission is free, donations are gratefully accepted.



### Santa Visit on December 10th!

On Sunday, Dec. 10th after church, Santa will come to Shahnasarian Hall. The program starts during Sunday School (11am) and will include special holiday crafts & children's lunch. Parents, please bring a wrapped gift with your child's name on it before the event to insure your child receives a gift from Santa. This event is sponsored by the Women's Guild. Please confirm your attendance with Lana (727-688-0820/[lanaarut@gmail.com](mailto:lanaarut@gmail.com)) or Maro ([maroshal@gmail.com](mailto:maroshal@gmail.com)).

### 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.

### 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!



### Services and Events

Sun. Oct. 15th	Divine Liturgy/Sunday School (11 AM) Special St. Hagop 'Sweet 16' Fellowship	10:30am-12:15pm 12:30pm-1:30pm
Sun. Oct. 22nd	Divine Liturgy/Sunday School (11 AM) Coffee Hour Fellowship/Armenia Outreach Presentations	10:30am-12:15pm 12:30pm-1:30pm

### Prayerful Congratulations to Bp. Mesrop

On behalf of St. Hagop Armenian Church, the Pastor and Parish Council express our heartfelt congratulations and prayers for our Primate, His Grace Bp. Mesrop Parsamyan, who was consecrated Bishop recently at Holy Etchmiadzin. Mesrop Srpazan celebrated his first Divine Liturgy as Bishop yesterday at St. Vartan Cathedral. Check our eblast for videos of the occasions. Srpazan Hayr, may God be your guide and strength as we minister the word of God under your leadership!

### Requiem Prayers for October

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:

*Elise Amboyan, Arpine Avedkian, Araxsi Bannayan, Isgouhi Barsoumian, Ed Derian, Mary Enkababian, Anahid Garabedian, Arshalooy's Ikizian, Leonnetta Kachadurian, Sophie Kaloustian, Agop Kassarjian, Haiganoush Kassarjian, Frances Korkoian, Richard Maksian, Haig Mouradian, Nazar Nalbandian, Hermine Pechdimaldji, Vladimir Saakyan, Alexander Sargsyan, Edward Sarkisian, Azniv Serpekan, George Shahnasarian, Alice Sterling, Jacqueline Vartanian and Charlie Walker*

Your prayers are requested today for **Charles Walker & Sarah Chobanian Walker** by their daughter Paula Trice-Pelosi, husband Louis and grandson Christopher Trice on the memorials of their 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 Louise Yardumian, Ara Keshishian, Eric Thorensen, Daniel Takoushian, Martha-Anne Garabedian, 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 յայտնութիւնս Քրիստոսի:**  
Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Krisdosee.  
Blessed is the Revelation of Christ.