



**ST. HAGOP ARMENIAN CHURCH**  
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**Dear <Insert First Name Field>,**

We sincerely appreciate those who provided testimonials and otherwise contributed to our 2024 pledge campaign, our stewards throughout our church's 16-year history, and all who continue to lend St. Hagop their talents and resources to further its ministry. It is now time to reach out to our congregation and its friends and to request your pledge of monetary support of our beloved church during the upcoming year.

Pledge Sunday for 2024 is on November 26, 2023, and we invite you to submit your pledge card (enclosed) for a blessing on that day. You can also mail your pledge card to the church office or pledge online at [www.stthagopfl.org/stewardship-pledge-online/](http://www.stthagopfl.org/stewardship-pledge-online/). We request that you make your pledge by December 18, 2023, to allow our parish council to plan its 2024 budget in accord with pledged assets.

Also enclosed is information about St. Hagop's primary ministries and suggestions on how you can participate. Beyond your monetary pledge, we request that you also consider committing to ministries in-line with your interests and spiritual calling. Stewardship transcends monetary giving: the nonmonetary aspects of stewardship are as important, if not more important, than the monetary aspects.

1 Peter 4:10 provides guidance in our conceptualization of stewardship: ***'Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.'***

Our communal stewardship has enabled St. Hagop to pursue its mission: To evolve continuously as the bedrock of the Tampa Bay Armenian Christian community, perpetuating our Christian religion and heritage. Please be mindful that, over time and due to circumstantial events – including recent developments in Artsakh and Armenia – St. Hagop's financial needs have increased. Our budget includes providing much needed outreach support to our brethren in our homeland. Also, our church property is continuing to age and require more costly repair and maintenance.

As always, we humbly request that you prayerfully assess your stewardship means and give accordingly. Do not cause yourself financial hardship; rather, give proportionate to your means and your Christian calling. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or wish to further discuss stewardship at St. Hagop.

**With gratitude and in faith,**

Michael Shahnasarian, Ph.D.  
Stewardship Chairman

Der Hovnan Demerjian  
Pastor, St. Hagop Armenian Church

