

# Looking Forward to 2024 Pledge Stewardship

Our entire church community has come together once again this past year to generously support our pledge stewardship program, with 100 stewards pledging \$158,685 in 2023. Looking forward to 2024, stewardship pledge packets have been mailed to your homes in anticipation of Stewardship pledge Sunday, Nov. 26th. Beginning on Nov. 19th, we will list the names of our 2024 stewards below. May the Lord continue to bless all our offerings of time, talent & treasure!

**In prayerful consideration of my stewardship and my commitment to St. Hagop's**

**My/Our Stewardship Pledge**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_, given ( ) weekly ( ) mo

Yes, please issue me offering envelopes  No, I will use envelopes I have

I/we wish to support St. Hagop with time

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

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

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

### Stewardship 2024 Schedule

- ~~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
- ~~11/01/23~~ Pledge Cards Mailed
- ~~11/05/23~~ Jack Dikranian Testimonial
- ~~11/19/23~~ Stewardship Sermon II
- ~~11/23/23~~ Thanksgiving Day
- ~~11/27/23~~ Pledge Sunday
- ~~12/17/23~~ Deadline to Return Pledge Cards

## 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 [sunday-school@stthagopfl.org](mailto:sunday-school@stthagopfl.org) with any questions.

## 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.



## ST. HAGOP ARMENIAN CHURCH - WEEKLY BULLETIN



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## Eighth Sunday of the Cross

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November 5, 2023



## Today's Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 22:15-24 Ephesians 1:1-14 Luke 8:17-21



## Special Ghapama Fellowship-Today!

Join us 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)).

## 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, we'll provide quick training and add you to our directory of lectors. For more information contact Karen at [karen@homeserviceinteriors.com](mailto:karen@homeserviceinteriors.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. Nov. 5th	Divine Liturgy/Sunday School (11 AM) Special Ghapama Fellowship & Tavloo Tournament	10:30am-12:15pm 12:30pm-1:30pm
Sun. Nov. 12th	Divine Liturgy/Sunday School (11 AM) Coffee Hour Fellowship	10:30am-12:15pm 12:30pm-1:30pm
Tue. Nov. 14th	Parish Council Meeting	6:00pm-8:00pm
Sun. Nov. 19th	Divine Liturgy/Sunday School (11 AM) Coffee Hour Fellowship/Women's Guild Bake Sale	10:30am-12:15pm 12:30pm-1:30pm



## 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).

## Requiem Prayers for November

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 Barsoumian, Ronald Boyajian, Haig Dikranian, Bill Eggleston, Diana Eggleston, Steven Haydostian, Garabed Hovsepian, Christopher Kaiserian, Sophie Kaloustian, Victoria Kapreilian, Setrak Karakash, Marlen Karapetyan, Margaret Kazarian, Sarkis Kimatian, Zohrab Kotchounian, Hratch Manoukian, Anahid Megerian, Harry Omartian, Priscilla Sarkisian, Albert Shahnasarian, Edward Shahnasarian, Leon Shahnasarian, Marie Shammassian & Arlen Avernian Thorensen*

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, 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.