

# Looking Forward to 2024 Pledge Stewardship

## A Great Start for 2024 Pledge Stewardship

So far, we have 52 pledges for \$107,060 towards 2024

*May the Lord bless all our offerings! Listed below are the pledges so far for 2024:*

Karen Anjoorian, John & Susan Arsenault, Grace Austin, Naira Avagyan Mangasar, Bagrad & Tatiana Badalyan, Charles and Lisa Begian, Michael Boucher, Jacob Bournazian, Fr. Hovnan & Yn. Anna Demerjian, Jean-Jacques & Hasmig Demerjian, Dennis & Rachael Demirjian, Sason & Patricia Demirjian, Araxi Dulgeroff, Art & Adrienne Ekizian, Martha-Anne Garabedian, Adrienne Guendjoian, Gregory & Gina Hagopian, Teresa Haidarian, Darren Hovsepian, Gregory & Stephanie Hovsepian, Richard & Christina Kachadurian, Dr. George & Debra Kamajian, Edward Kapreilian, Harry & Beverly Karim, Harout Keshishian, Melik Keuroghlian, Houri Kojian, Linda Light, Chau Luong, Noubar & Ann Mahdessian, Karen Minassian, Josphe & Angela Nakashian, Mirella Ovanessian, Richard & Victoria Riley, Michael Saharian, Tanya Sarafian, Chuck & Kathy Sarkisian, Leon & Sharon Sarkisian, Vahak & Elizabeth Sarkis, Chris & Carol Sassouni, Yates & Alexis Sayers, Stepan & Seta Serpekian, Michael & Jean Shahnasarian, Robert & Chris Shamsey, Jeff & Avaksya Sprecher, Daniel & Norma Takoushian, Paula Trice Pelosi, Denise and Matthieu van Veen, Tim & Adrienne Vartanian Milewski, Artin & Armenouch Vartoukian, James & Cathy Wilson, Dr. Haig & Louise Yardumian



### Be a Blessing As You've Been Blessed!

We invite you to review St. Hagop's 10 primary ministries, updated with specific opportunities for involvement, as presented in your pledge packets and our website to discern how you might be called to offer your time and talent to our church. We truly believe that giving to the church in service grows each of us as it does our beloved church!

### 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 continues. 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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### Third Sunday of Advent

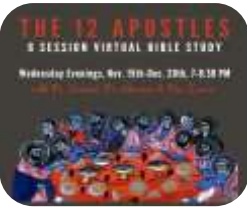
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December 10, 2023



### Today's Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 37:14-38 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 Luke 14:12-24



## 12 Apostles Virtual Bible Study

Join Fr. Hovnan Demerjian, Fr. Samuel Rith Najarian & Dn. Levon Asdourian for a six session virtual Bible Study on the 12 Apostles. Sessions will take place Wednesday evenings, Nov 15th-Dec 20th from 7-8:30PM. Find zoom link in church eblast, or contacts Fr. Hovnan for help. Come to our study on any or all days and get into the meaning of the Advent/Christmas season!

## A Warm & Inspiring Advent Candlelight Dinner

Last night our community came to together for a delicious catered fellowship followed by worship and moving Advent reflections in our sanctuary. Much gratitude to: **Event Chair:** Alysia Ekizian **Speakers:** Irina Karakhanyan, Haig Yaghoobian and Jack Dikranian **Organizers:** Rita Keshishian, Yn. Anna, Mallo-ry Guinand, Leana Stevens & Jean Shahnsarian **Helpers:** Lucy Calikyan, Grayson, Sydney & Skylar Stevens, Narek & Nora Demerjian **Altar Flowers & Choir:** Louise Yardumian **Photos:** Ara Keshishian Enjoy photos & video online!

## Santa Visit on December 10th!

Today after church, Santa is expected at Shahnsarian 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 their 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.

## New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

We invite you to join St. Hagop in the Shahnsarian Hall for a New Year's Eve celebration! You may pre-pay by check made out to St. Hagop, memo: 'New Years' or see eblast to pay online. Please contact event chair Stepan Serpekiyan at [sserpe9181@aol.com](mailto:sserpe9181@aol.com) with any questions.

**Where:** Shahnsarian Hall 7020 90th Ave, Pinellas Park, FL 33782

**When:** Sunday December 31, 2023 Doors Open: 8:00PM | Dinner: 9:00PM | Dance: 10:00PM

**Tickets:** \$75/adult, \$25/youth aged 6-12, \$0/child 5 & under. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

## Services and Events

Sun. Dec 10th	Divine Liturgy/Sunday School (11AM) Santa Visit & Christmas Season-Fellowship	10:30am-12:30pm 12:30pm-1:30pm
Tue. Dec. 12th	Parish Council Meeting	6:00pm-8:00pm
Wed. Dec. 13th	The 12 Apostles Virtual Bible Study	7:00pm-8:30pm
Sun. Dec 17th	Divine Liturgy/Sunday School (11AM) Coffee Hour Fellowship <b>We invite you to submit your 2024 pledge card by Dec. 17th</b>	10:30am-12:30pm 12:30pm-1:30pm



## 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!

## Requiem Prayers for December

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:

**Anne & Henry Abajian, Armenak Arutyunyan, Gladys Aslanian, Agop Atamian, Aram Avakian, James Begian, Richard Berjian, Arshaluys Danielyan, Konstantinos Dikeakos, Ohannes Evrekian, Dr. Vahak Gadarian, Nelly Hekimian, Joseph Hovsepian, Astine Karakash, Josette Manougian, Papken Megerian and Jon Haydostian, Charles Metjian, Manya Minasyan, Zizi Sarkis, Souad Tashian, Sylvia Vartanian**

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 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 յայտնութիւնն Քրիստոսի:**

Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Krisdosee.

Blessed is the Revelation of Christ.