

Looking Forward to 2024 Pledge Stewardship

A Great Start for 2024 Pledge Stewardship

So far, we have 68 pledges for \$117,585 towards 2024

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

Richard & Diana Aginian, Karen Anjoorian, John & Susan Arsenault, Grace Austin, Naira Avagyan Mangasar, Harris & Zara Babayan Boyiadzis, Bagrad & Tatiana Badalyan, Charles and Lisa Begian, Michael Boucher, Jacob Bournazian, Fr. Hovnan & Yn. Anna Demerjian, Jean-Jacques & Hasmig Demerjian, Raffi & Tanya Demerjian, Dennis & Rachael Demirjian, Kevork & Marisol Demirjian, Sason & Patricia Demirjian, Leilani Doty, Araxi Dulgeroff, Art & Adrienne Ekizian, John & Victoria Franks, Martha-Anne Garabedian, Adrienne Guendjoian, Gregory & Gina Hagopian, Teresa Haidarian, Berge & Tamar Hajian, Hayley Hovhannessian, 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, Susan McLarnon, Yolande Marie Miloian, Karen Minassian, Robert Mirak, Victoria Mouradian, Josphe & Angela Nakashian, Mirella Ovanesian, Richard & Victoria Riley, Michael Saharian, Michael Sarafian, 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, Terry & Carolyn Waidley, James & Cathy Wilson, Haig & Lorraine Yaghoobian, Dr. Haig & Louise Yardumian, Armen & Srбуhi Zakaryan

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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Fifth Sunday of Advent

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December 24, 2023



Today's Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 40:18-31 Hebrews 4:16-5:10 Luke 18:9-14

2024 Christmas Worship Schedule

Friday, Jan. 5th—Armenian Christmas Eve Jrakaloots

Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy 7:00PM

Saturday, Jan. 6th—Armenian Christmas (No Services)

No Services at St. Hagop-Church Open for Prayer 10AM-1PM

Sunday, Jan. 7th—Armenian Christmas (Observed)

Christmas Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM Blessing of Waters-Godfather Chuck Begian-Fellowship 12:30 PM

(no requiem services on January 5th & 7th, requiems may be requested for January 14th)



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!

The Winter/Spring Avedis Is On the Way!

The Winter/Spring 2024 Avedis Newsletter is at the printers and will be sent shortly to everyone's home! Electronic copies are also available online. We love communicating the "Avedis/Good News" to our entire St. Hagop family. We hope you enjoy reading it. Let us know if you don't yet receive our mailings and would like to and if you have any feedback or suggestions.

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.

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.

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

We invite you to join St. Hagop in the Shahnasarian 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 Serpekian at sserpe9181@aol.com with any questions.

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

When: Sunday December 31 Doors Open: 8PM | Dinner: 9PM | Dance: 10PM

Tickets: \$75/adult, \$25/age 6-12, \$0/age 5 & under. Tickets not sold at the door.

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Services and Events

Sun. Dec 24th	Divine Liturgy/Sunday School (11AM) Coffee Hour Fellowship	10:30am-12:30pm 12:30pm-1:30pm
Sun. Dec 31st	Divine Liturgy/Sunday School (11AM) Coffee Hour Fellowship	10:30am-12:30pm 12:30pm-1:30pm
Sun. Dec 31st	New Year's Eve Dinner Dance	8:00pm-1:00am
Fri. Jan 5th	Divine Liturgy-Armenian Christmas Eve	6:30pm-8:15pm
Sun. Jan 7th	Divine Liturgy-Arm. Christmas Sunday School (11am) Blessing of Waters Service-Godfather Chuck & Lisa Begian Coffee Hour Fellowship in Hall	10:30am-12:15pm 12:15pm-12:30pm 12:30pm-1:30pm
Tue. Jan 9th	Parish Council Meeting	6:00pm-8:00pm

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:

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Krisdos ee mech mer haydnestav.

Christ is revealed among us.

The response is:

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Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Krisdosee.

Blessed is the Revelation of Christ.