

A Great Start to 2024 Pledge Stewardship

So far, we have 99 pledges for \$162,135 towards 2024

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

Richard & Diana Aginian, Stepan Aghekyan, Andreas Aghamianz, Karen Anjoorian, John & Susan Arsenault, Grace Austin, Naira Avagyan Mangasar, Harris & Zara Babayan Boyiadzis, Bagrad & Tatiana Badalyan, Alice Bedrossian, Charles and Lisa Begian, Michael Boucher, Jacob Bournazian, Joseph & Pamela Hajinian Brinker, Robert & Janet Davidian, Fr. Hovnan & Yn. Anna Demerjian, Jean-Jacques & Hasmig Demerjian, Raffi & Tanya Demerjian, Primrose & Paul Demirdjian, Dennis & Rachael Demirjian, Kevork & Marisol Demirjian, Sason & Patricia Demirjian, Dave & Maral Duckworth Hayes, Leilani Doty, Araxi Dulgeroff, Art & Adrienne Ekizian, Kristopher Fox, John & Victoria Franks, Martha-Anne Garabedian, Richard & Pauline Gilgan, Adrienne Guendjoian, Gregory & Gina Hagopian, Teresa Haidarian, Berge & Tamar Hajian, Hayley Hovhanessian, Aram & Suzanna Hovhannisian, Darren Hovsepian, Gregory & Stephanie Hovsepian, Darwin & David Jamgochian, Richard & Christina Kachadurian, Dr. George & Debra Kamajian, Edward Kapreilian, Sam & Bea Kapreilian, Harry & Beverly Karim, David & Nancy Kazarian, Lilian Kazarian, Tigran & Ashley Kesayan, Harout Keshishian, Melik Keuroghlian, Houri Kojian, Sophia Manoulian Kugeares, Linda Light, Chau Luong, Ann Mahdessian, Richard & Linda Maslar, Susan McLarnon, Sam Mikaelian, Yolande Marie Miloian, Karen Minassian, Robert Mirak, Richard & Susan Mougalian, Victoria Mouradian, Josph & Angela Nakashian, Bejan & Rebekah Nouri, Mirella Ovanesian, John & Joanne Pehlivanian, Pehlivanian Family Foundation, Scott & Raelene Pullen, Richard & Victoria Riley, James & Lusine Roesch, Ira & Annette Ross, Arsen & Varduhi Sahakyan, Alex & Carolyn Saharian, Michael Saharian, Steven 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, John & Kelly Shamsey, Robert & Chris Shamsey, Jeff & Araksya Sprecher, James & Leana Stevens, Daniel & Norma Takoushian, Paula Trice Pelosi, Denise and Matthieu van Veen, Tim & Adrienne Vartanian Milewski, Tigran & Lucine Vartazarian, Artin & Armenouch Vartoukian, Terry & Carolyn Waidley, Eric & Jen Wardle, 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 Artsakhsis have fled persecution in their homeland seeking refuge in Armenia. Displaced families can use our 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 months ahead.



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2nd Sunday of Great Lent-Sunday of Expulsion

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February 18, 2024



Today's Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 33:2-22 Romans 12:1-13:10 Matthew 5:17-48

St.Hagop Holy Land Pilgrimage Cancelled

Due to the terrible war between Israel & Hamas, and with no signs of the situation clearing up, we have surveyed those originally interested in a pilgrimage. The overwhelming majority do not feel comfortable traveling this year and therefore we have decided to cancel the trip. We hope to reschedule for a future date, and in the meantime we pray for a quick end to violence, and for lasting peace in the Holy Land.



St. Hagop Campership Applications

St. Hagop will offer 50% tuition scholarships to participants of Diocesan camp programs (St. Vartan, Hye Camps and St. Nersess) who regularly attend worship/Sunday School at St. Hagop and whose families are stewards. If you fit these criteria, go to the front page of our website to find camper-ship applications as well as links for further information about each program. Contact Fr. Hovnan with any further questions.



Annual Parish Assembly-Results

We had an efficient and information-packed Assembly last Sunday! Thanks to our Chair Grace Austin, Secretary Teresa Haidarian and nominating committee Alysia Ekizian, Rita Keshishian & Louise Yardumian.

Congratulations also to our 2024 elected officers! **Parish Council:** Mark Assad, Suzanna Hovhannisian, Raelene Pullen, & Haig Yaghoobian **Nominating Committee:** Alysia Ekizian, Rita Keshishian, Karen Minassian **Auditing Committee:** Andy Aghamianz (Jeff Sprecher alternate)

Our deepest gratitude to Grace Austin, Arsen Sahakyan and Martha Ann Garabadeian for their dedicated service on Parish Council!

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.

An Evening of Modern Armenian Music

Mher Manukyan and Gor Mkhitarian, founders of the popular Armenian folk-rock band, Lav Eli, will perform an acoustic show at the Shahnasarian Hall on Saturday March 2nd from 7-10PM. Joining the duo will be special guest musicians from St. Hagop and beyond. Appetizers, drinks and dessert will be offered on this night of music-making in celebration of Fr. Hovnan's fiftieth birthday. Suggested donation \$30. You may make donations online, or by cash or check at the performance: memo: 'Armenian Music'.



Services and Events

Sun. Feb. 18th	Arevagal Sunrise Service/Lenten Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour Fellowship	10:30am-12:30pm 12:30pm-2:00pm
Sun. Feb. 25th	Arevagal Sunrise Service/Lenten Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour Fellowship	10:30am-12:30pm 12:30pm-2:00pm
Sat. March 2nd	An Evening of Modern Armenian Music	7:00pm-10:00pm



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 February

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:

Leon Atayan, Sarah Dushugian, Richard Gilgan, James Gotts, Rose Housepian, Richard Kazanjian, Richard Kratlian, Barbara Maslar, Vasken Minassian, Agop Mouradian, Apkar Omartian, John Sahagian, Jackie Shahinian, Ardavast Unjian, Kegham Vizoyan, Ervant Zacarian, Rose Zakarian and Rose Zartarian

Your prayers are requested for **Agop Mouradian** by Victoria, Krikor & Janice, Hovhannes & Siran, Colette & Vatche and family on the two year memorial of his passing.

Your prayers are requested for the soul of **Hovhaness Serepkian** by the Serpekian and Mouradian families on the thirty sixth memorial of his passing.

Your prayers are requested for **Vasken Minassian** by his wife Karen and family on the two year memorial of his 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 Vahek Mokhtarians, Martha Ann Garabedian, George Mangigian, Martine Kazian Clements, Jane Holden, Bryan Witeof, Sharon & Glenn Oglesbee, Michele Fender, Andrea Zehnder, Inessa Grigoryan, Patty Arakelian, Jacob Cantor, Stephen Hazerjian, Nina Sarkisian, Anna Tossoonian, Betty Witzel, Lucian Grove, William Lowrie, Beatrice Kapreilian, Kamo Gyularian, Adrienne Ekizian, Sarah Malajian, 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.