

# A Great Start to 2024 Pledge Stewardship

So far, we have 110 pledges for \$171,045 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, Andy & Theresa Anusbigian, 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, Narek & Nora Demerjian, Jean-Jacques & Hasmig Demerjian, Raffi & Tanya Demerjian, Primrose & Paul Demirdjian, Dennis & Rachael Demirjian, Kevork & Marisol Demirjian, Sason & Patricia Demirjian, Fred Dikranian, Dave & Maral Duckworth Hayes, Leilani Doty, Araxi Dulgeroff, Art & Adrienne Ekizian, Gregory & Alysia Ekizian, Kristopher Fox, John & Victoria Franks, Martha-Anne Garabedian, Richard & Pauline Gilgan, Adrienne Guendjoian, Scott & Mallory Guinand, Gregory & Gina Hagopian, Teresa Haidarian, Berge & Tamar Hajian, Hayley Hovhannessian, Aram & Suzanna Hovhannessian, Darren Hovsepian, Gregory & Stephanie Hovsepian, Darwin & David Jamgochian, Richard & Christina Kachadurian, Dr. George & Debra Kamajian, Edward Kapreilian, Sam & Bea Kapreilian, Sergei & Irene Kardashian, Harry & Beverly Karim, David & Nancy Kazarian, Lilian Kazarian, Tigran & Ashley Kesayan, Ara & Rita Keshishian, 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, Jospheh & Angela Nakashian, Bejan & Rebekah Nouri, Shawnt Ohanian, Mirella Ovanessian, 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, Nevere Tavoukjian, 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, Marina & Maurice Youakim, Armen & Srбуhi Zakaryan

## Congratulations to Our 2024 Graduates!

**Alexis Takoushian**, daughter of Steve & Jamie of West Chester, PA, granddaughter of Dan & Norma graduated from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public & International Affairs, Summa cum laude, majoring in Energy & Sustainability. She now works for the Pennsylvania Solar Center.

**Eric Takoushian MD**, son of Kathy and Dan of West Chester, PA, and grandson of Norma and Dan graduated from Weill Cornell Medical College. Eric received the George S. Meister Award for Pediatrics.

**Alexander Demerjian**, son of Raffi and grandson of Jean Jacques & Hasmig graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology, Cum Laude, with a bachelors degree in computer science. is family wishes him success and happiness!

**Tatevik Zakaryan**, daughter of Armen and Srбуhi graduated from USF in May, Summa Cum Laude, obtaining a bachelor's degree in political science. She is planning to pursue a master's degree in law.

*If you or your loved one will graduate this year, we'd like to feature them in our publications. Please contact Fr. Hovnan with name, school, plans & photo (for eblast)!*

## ST. HAGOP ARMENIAN CHURCH - WEEKLY BULLETIN



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## Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord-Vardavar

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July 7, 2024



## Today's Scripture Readings:

Wis 7:25-8:4 Zechariah 14:16-21 1 Jn 1:1-7 Mt 16:13-17:13



## St. Vartan Cathedral Restoration

Time and the elements have taken their toll on St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral which is now dangerously in need of repair. Our Cathedral was built as a symbol of strength and hope for Armenian Christian faithful. Be an active part of restoring her grandeur by your monetary support. Also, view the photo gallery (linked in eblast) with regular updates on how donations are funding the ongoing restoration!

## A Great Sunday School Season Completed!

Last Sunday was the last day of Sunday School for this semester. Thank you to all our teachers, Suzie Abadjian, Suzy Hovhanissian, Linda Maslar, Mark Assad, Alice Nouri & Irina Karakhanyan and to our organizers Yn. Anna and Fr. Hovnan. You took great care of our children this year! Thanks to our parents for your support. We look forward to seeing our young families in church this summer and back for the first day of Sunday School on Sept. 8th!

## 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!

## St. Hagop Mission Armenia Continues!

The Mission Armenia Committee met again recently, recommending worthy projects to the Parish Council who approved 3 projects for support:

- 1) The FAR/AYO Happy Camper Project, allowing 2 disadvantaged children to attend summer camp.
- 2) SOAR's Sponsorship Program for Wounded Warrior Families supporting the Galstyan, Khachatryan & Abrahamyan families
- 3) Continued support of a Lori Region Armenian Church and its youth programs.

May God continue to work through St. Hagop's Mission to Armenia, blessing those who give and those who receive!



## Services and Events

Sun. July 7th	Divine Liturgy-Transfiguration (Vardavar) Coffee Hour Fellowship in Hall	10:30am-12:15pm 12:30pm-1:30pm
Tue. July 9th	Parish Council Meeting	6:00pm-8:00pm

*\*Sunday School gathers again Sept 8th, young families are encouraged to join us for worship & fellowship year round. Church is not the same without you!*



## Feast of the Transfiguration (Vardavar) Today

This Sunday, is the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ, one of the five major feasts of the Armenian Church. The observance recalls Christ's ascent up Mount Tabor, accompanied by his disciples John, James, and Peter. At the mountain's summit, to the disciple's frightened amazement, Christ was transfigured in a blinding white light; the Old Testament figures Moses and Elijah emerged from the mists of time to confer with the Lord, and the voice of God boomed from out of the heavens to affirm Jesus as his Son.

## Requiem Prayers for July

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:

**Mari Amoudjian, Gregory Bedrosian, Helen Bedrosian, James Biggers, Betty Hovsepian, Harry Keshishian, Siranoush Keshishian, George Krikor Kamajian, Vahe Kuyumjian, Noubar Mahdessian, Mary Mangigian, Alice Maslar, Charles Miloian, Lucien Papazian, Dr. Sirun Sarafian, Michele Shahnasarian, Siranoush Talatinian, Angela Varvarian**

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 Charlie Vartanian, Vaheh Mokhtarians, Ava Wilt, Martha Ann Garabedian, George Mangigian, Martine Kazian Clements, Jane Holden, Bryan Witeof, Sharon & Glenn Oglesbee, Michele Fender, Andrea Zehnder, Inessa Grigoryan, Patty Arakelian, Stephen Hazerjian, Nina Sarkisian, 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 մէջ 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.