## **Gratitude for 2024 Stewards & Completing Your Pledge**

Blessings from God and much gratitude for the **115** stewards who gave **\$172,120** to our church in 2024, along with countless hours of care and prayer. To close out your 2024 pledge, just make a payment online or by check by year's end. See our Stewardship 2025 schedule below:







## **Bible Study & Fellowship**

Join us on 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month from 6:30-8:00PM in Shahnasarian Hall for an interactive Bible Study on the Gospel of John. All ages and backgrounds welcome, no prior knowledge necessary. Come anytime, as often as you'd like, each session is connected to one another but also designed to be stand alone. Feel free to bring a friend!

## Try Our New & Improved Worship Lab!

In order to help you better participate in the Armenian Church Divine Liturgy, we've provided a multi media worship lab-with 24×7 access from the comfort of your home-to sing-a -long, practice games, videos, etc. Our goal is for the entire St. Hagop family, young & old, is to encounter and be formed by God in worship. Go to our website to explore!



www.youtube.com/c/SthagopflOrg www.facebook.com/St.Hagop www.sthagopfl.org/podcast/

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# First Sunday of Advent

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November 24, 2024



# **Today's Scripture Readings:**

Isaiah 36:1-9 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Luke 12:13-31



### **New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance**

We invite you to join St. Hagop Armenian Church in the Shahnasarian Hall for a New Year's Eve celebration! Click to make <u>online ticket purchase</u>. You may also pre-pay by check made out to St. Hagop, memo: 'New Years'. Please contact Lusine or Yn. Anna at <u>events@sthagopfl.org</u> with questions.

Where: Shahnasarian Hall 7020 90th Ave, Pinellas Park, FL 33782 When: Tue. Dec. 31 Doors Open: 8PM | Dinner: 9PM | Dance: 10PM-1AM Tickets: \$75/adult, \$40/youth ages 6-15. Tickets will not be sold at the door.



# **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.



#### **Sunday School Is Back in Session!**

Calling all parents of youth ages 5-12! Join us on Sundays for great teachers & interactive lessons on Armenian church & culture. Our classroom is for ages 5-12. Sunday School starts at 11:00 sharp (room opens 10:45). After a 30-45 minute lesson children will worship in church. We look forward to seeing you this year! Contact us with questions at: <a href="mailto:sundayschool@sthagopfl.org">sundayschool@sthagopfl.org</a>.



#### Advent Candlelight Dinner-Dec. 11th

Come all ye faithful! Join us for dinner and a program on Wed., Dec. 11th from 6:30-8:30pm. A meal will be served in the Shahnasarian Hall, followed by the Advent Program in the Sanctuary. Speakers will reflect on "A Promise in the Darkness," discovering the presence of God in times of trial. RSVP by Sun., Dec. 1st to <a href="mailto:asekizian@gmail.com">asekizian@gmail.com</a> or contact Chrisanne at the office with name and group size. Admission is free, donations are gratefully accepted.



#### Santa Visit on December 8th!

On Sunday, Dec. 8th after church Santa will come to Shahnasarian Hall. The program starts during Sunday School (11am) and includes a special holiday 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. This event is sponsored by the Women's Guild. Please confirm your attendance with Lana (727-688-0820/lanaarut@gmail.com) or Maro (maroshal@gmail.com).



# **Invitation to Host Coffee Hour Fellowship!**

The Women's Guild invites you to host fellowship after church, be that in honor of someone (birthday or milestone), 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!



	Sun. Nov. 24th	Divine Liturgy/1st Sunday Advent/Church School (11 am) Coffee Hour Fellowship-Women's Guild Bake Sale	10:30am-12:15pm 12:30pm-2:00pm
		Divine Liturgy/Stewardship Sunday/Church School (11 am) Coffee Hour Fellowship	10:30am-12:15pm 12:30pm-1:30pm



### Women's Guild Bake Sale Today!

Our Women's Guild is holding their annual thanksgiving Bake Sale this Sunday, Nov. 24th 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 coworkers, supporting our church and Women's Guild.



# **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 <u>Rita Keshishian@hotmail.com</u> if you have questions or for additional information about pursuing this ministry.

# **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, Sarkis Jingirian, Christopher Kaiserian, Sophie Kaloustian, Victoria Kapreilian, Setrak Karakash, Marlen Karapetyan, Margaret Kazarian, Sarkis Kimatian, Zohrab Kotchounian, Hratch Manoukian, Anahid Megerian, Berdj Movsesian, 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 Charlie Vartanian, Vaheh Mokhtarians, 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, Betty Witzel, Lucian Grove, William Lowrie, Beatrice Kapreilian, Kamo Gyularian, Adrienne Ekizian, Aggie Ellian, 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.