

# A Great Start for 2025 Pledge Stewardship

So far, we have 52 pledges for \$111,995 towards 2025. *May the Lord bless all our offerings!*

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

Let us know how you would like to serve! Have you reviewed St. Hagop's 10 primary ministries in your pledge packets and on our website to help discern how you might offer your time and talent to our church? Our prayer is that each of us grow alongside our church in our service to God!

## 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!

## 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.

## On Sundays You Can't Be With Us-Join Us Online!

For several years now, St. Hagop has livestreamed its church services for those faithful who are not able to attend in person. Though there is no substitute for in person worship & fellowship, we hope God will use this online ministry to help keep you connected to our faith community. You can view video livestreams as well as recorded liturgies & sermons on facebook and youtube, as well as podcasts of sermons. Our church's links are provided below:

[www.youtube.com/c/SthagopflOrg](http://www.youtube.com/c/SthagopflOrg) [www.facebook.com/St.Hagop](http://www.facebook.com/St.Hagop) [www.sthagopfl.org/podcast/](http://www.sthagopfl.org/podcast/)

# ST. HAGOP ARMENIAN CHURCH - WEEKLY BULLETIN



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## Third Sunday of Advent Գ. Կիրակի Յիսնակի

December 8, 2024



## ST. HAGOP ADVENT CALENDAR

*Prepare the Way of the Lord*

<b>DEC. 1</b> Stewardship Sunday	<b>DEC. 5 &amp; 19</b> Bible Study & Fellowship at St. Hagop	<b>DEC. 8</b> Santa Visit Sarah Stites FAR Visit
<b>DEC. 11</b> Advent Dinner & Service	<b>DEC. 31</b> New Year's Eve Dinner Dance	<b>JAN. 5</b> Armenian Christmas Observed

## Today's Scripture Readings:

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





## 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 [online ticket purchase](#). You may also pre-pay by check made out to St. Hagop, memo: 'New Years'. Please contact Lusine or Yn. Anna at [events@sthagopfl.org](mailto:events@sthagopfl.org) 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](mailto:karen@homeserviceinteriors.com).



## Join Us in Sunday School!

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: [sundayschool@sthagopfl.org](mailto:sundayschool@sthagopfl.org).



## 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 [asekizian@gmail.com](mailto:asekizian@gmail.com) or contact Chrisanne at the office with name and group size. Admission is free, donations are gratefully accepted.



## Santa Visit-Today December 8th!

Today 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 from Santa 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/[lanarut@gmail.com](mailto:lanarut@gmail.com)) or Maro ([maroshal@gmail.com](mailto:maroshal@gmail.com)).



## 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!

## Services and Events

Sun. Dec. 8th	Divine Liturgy/Church School (11 am)	10:30am-12:15pm
	Santa Claus Visit/Sarah Stites FAR Program Director Visit Special Coffee Hour Fellowship	12:30pm-1:30pm
Tue. Dec 10th	Parish Council Meeting	6:00pm-8:00pm
Wed. Dec. 11th	Advent Candlelight Dinner (RSVP by today)	6:30pm-8:30pm
Sun. Dec. 22nd	Deadline to Complete Pledge Cards for 2025	

## Welcome Sarah Stites of FAR/AYO



Our special guest today, as well as at our Advent Candlelight Dinner, is Sarah Stites programming director of FAR/AYO. Sarah has lived in Gyumri, Armenia for almost 7 years and has coordinated Armenia outreach projects for us at St. Hagop and churches across our Diocese. Sarah is a great person with a great story, we welcome her to St. Hagop! We invite you also to visit our Christmas giving tree organized by Sarah and Linda Maslar to provide Christmas gifts for children of displaced Artsakhis.



## 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, Marie Louise Kostis, Josette Manougian, Papken Megerian, Jon Haydostian, Charles Metjian, Manya Minasyan, Zizi Sarkis, Souad Tashian, Eric Thorensen & 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 Charlie Vartanian, Bruce Ryder, Nick & Alana Gomez, 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 յայտնութիւնս քրիստոսի:**

Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Krisdosee.

Blessed is the Revelation of Christ.