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### Living Words

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” Jn 3:16-21*

John 3:16 is the most popular bible verse in the world; it succinctly states God’s plan in the world with the coming of His Son Jesus Christ, and assertively states the consequences of our response to His plan, to perish or to gain eternal life. John 3:16 is extremely popular, but in this fallen world, whatever is popular is also bound to be problematic.

Where does the problem start? It starts in around the 1450’s for Europeans, and about 1666 for Armenians, when the Bible was first printed; giving everyone access to the text of the Bible, which before then was only proclaimed orally. How is this a problem? Isn’t it great that the Bible is the best-selling book ever, that many of us have 3 in our house, and that you can even find one in your hotel room drawer? It is great, and especially if people actually read them! But there is also a downside to having the Bible ubiquitously available as text.

The problem is this. When you have a written text of God’s Word, that Word is easily controlled and corrupted by fallen humans. After all, we can open a book, and if we don’t find it interesting, close it. We can highlight, cut and paste certain passages, like John 3:16, and totally take them out of context. As with John 3:16, we can make it our faith slogan or buzzword, printing banners for sporting events, branding t-shirts and making it fly across computer monitors. And when we take God’s Word and make it our tagline, we lose something essential, namely God’s voice. We lose God’s voice, the Spirit of the text, which is God’s perpetual open invitation to participate in His abundant life, and instead replace it with human agenda. Paul’s famous maxim is right—the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life (2 Co 3:6).

John 3:16 has come to be used in vain by many, as a reminder that people like them who wear the shirt, hold the sign, say the magic words have eternal life, are saved, while others are not and will perish. John 3:16 has been perverted by many people’s misuse, from a loving promise into an injunction for judgment, from an invitation to God’s love, into a summons to exclude whoever we think is outside of God’s love.

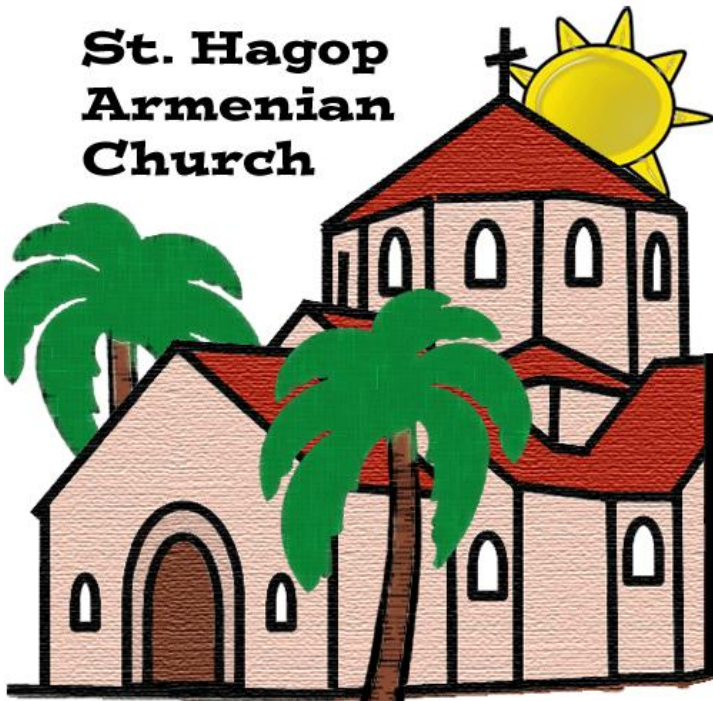
The older way of receiving John 3:16, and any of God’s Word, was to hear it. What is the main difference between reading something and hearing it? When you read God’s Word, you control whether you will read or not, whether you keep it in context or remove it. You can freeze, package and manipulate something for your own purpose instead of God’s. But when you hear something, as God’s Word always was heard, there is no option to close the book. You are not in control of the message, the speaker is; it is said and you listen. In hearing God’s Word, You cannot easily divorce the words, the letter from the person, the Spirit who spoke it. It demands a response, bet that affirmative or negative.

This is reflected well in our tradition, and all old Christian traditions of the spoken word, most obviously in our Sunday Badarak. Before the Gospel is chanted (and it is always chanted) the deacon and choir repeat three times the injunction to pay attention and listen (*Orti, Proschume, Yeryughatsutyamb Lvarook*). For as Our Lord repeated so often when He spoke, only when “we have ears to hear” are we then ready to hear the Word of God. The choir’s last sublime phrase before the Word is chanted is Ase Astvats. God is speaking. Not God spoke, but God is speaking, right now, with a living Word for us today.

So to really receive God’s word in John 3:16, we must listen to it. It is not our words but God’s, and through them God is still speaking. As we continue to listen, in the next verse we hear that “God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” John 3:16 is no morality judgement about what we do or don’t do, or even about what God does or does not do, but remains an open invitation to whoever has the ears to hear.

Today, right now, always; God wishes to speak directly to you and I. God does not need posters, taglines and merchandise as media for his message, often they obscure more than clarify. His invitation is direct and clear, it remains to us to listen and heed God’s invitation to join Him in a life-sustaining relationship. Will you and I listen intimately to our Lord, or instead keep our distance from Him—cutting, pasting, maybe even forwarding—but never listening to the Words that were meant for our ears alone. ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.’ Amen.

# St. Hagop Armenian Church



## Please join us to celebrate St. Hagop Armenian Church 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Consecration

### ARMENIA & WINE:

Armenia is considered one of the most ancient cradles of grape growing and wine making. The Bible states “Noah descended from Mount Ararat; he planted the first vine and made wine from it.” Vine is in fact, an indigenous plant in the valleys of Armenia. The wild vine

*Vitis vinifera silvestris* (ancestor of the cultivated *vinifera* vine species) was already established in this region over a million years ago and historically grapes have always been an important crop in Armenia. Recently, archeologists at UCLA have determined that Armenians built the world’s oldest known winery 5500 years ago.

**RSVP by October 4<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Jean: [jshahnasar@aol.com](mailto:jshahnasar@aol.com);**  
**Eileen: 727-543-2384**

**NO ADMISSION FEE - DONATIONS ENCOURAGED**

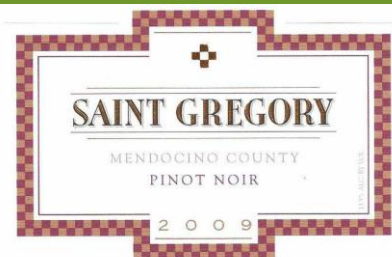
### WHEN:

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

### WHERE:

The Tides Beach Club  
16650 Gulf Blvd.  
North Redington Beach,  
Florida

RESORT ATTIRE



**Selection of  
Wines, Cheese,  
Armenian hors  
d'oeuvres**

**Armenian Music &  
Dancing**

**Fun & Fellowship**

**Raffles**

**Valet Parking**

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## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT by Michael Shahnasarian, Ph.D.

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August 16, 2015, was a red-letter day for St Hagop Armenian Church. The day melded one of the most important feasts of the Armenian calendar, the Feast of the Assumption of Mary/Blessing of the Grapes, and the ground breaking of our church hall.

To mark this memorable day, Fr. Hovnan invoked the following passage from John 15: 5-8:

*I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.*

In accord with this edict, over the past five decades, the St. Hagop community has expressed many faith-inspired wishes.

We wished for a church in which our community could worship and perpetuate Armenian faith and culture; our wish was granted. We wished for a priest, Yeritzgan, and congregation to sustain our church; our wish was granted. We wished to glorify our ancestors and enlighten our southwest Florida community about the centennial genocide anniversary, and this wish, too, was granted. And, most recently, we wished for a parish hall; by God's grace, it is being built! Hallelujah!

Thank you, Jesus! Your blessings are boundless! God's grace has allowed St. Hagop Armenian Church to bear much fruit.

Our church hall groundbreaking event was abuzz with conversation about opportunities and possibilities our new facility will afford. In the spirit of Mother Mary - who had nothing but a generous heart to give, and delivered to us our Savior – we are at the threshold of boundless opportunities to serve our Lord.

What will our parish hall enable us to do? For starters, we will have more, improved space for Sunday school and adult education programs. Der Hayr will have a real office, and our parish council and numerous church committees and special interest groups will be able to meet on our property. Of course, we look forward to the hall's use for baptism, wedding, and other sacrament events.

We will also have enhanced opportunities -*vis a vis* contemporary audiovisual technology and physical facilities - to host Armenian cultural events of all sorts (within the past month, alone, our parish council has been approached with programming proposals related to digitizing Armenian holy sites, genocide education, and an instructional program on massacres in Baku).

A spacious, well-equipped kitchen will allow our women's guild, caterers, and others to prepare delicious meals on site, and our dining room will be able to comfortably seat approximately 225 people (we'll soon be reminiscing about the "old days" of fellowship in the simmering Florida mid-summer heat and humidity). I've also been privy to discussions about our hall being used for the likes of an Armenian school, Armenian culinary classes, and Armenian social and networking groups.

Additionally, our new church hall will provide a venue to minister to our Pinellas Park neighbors: we anticipate many groups and organizations nearby will make use of our new resource. As a meeting and banquet facility, we hope to lease our church hall to congregation members and to the community; these revenues will help defer St.



Hagop's operating costs.

In sum, the possibilities for our church hall are endless . . .

While so many of our St. Hagop brothers and sisters in Christ have, for nearly a half-century, labored in service to our Lord to bring to fruition our beloved church and church hall, two members of our congregation merit special mention. Without their God-inspired efforts, our long anticipated church hall would not be.

In less than two years of our young parish's life, Chuck Sarkisian inspired 168 donors to pledge \$1,043,668 to build a church hall. He led our capital development efforts and raised the funds necessary to build a church hall. Chuck is a devout, dedicated Armenian Christian. His leadership, passion, faith, and determination are infectious, and exemplary of one who abides in God's calling, allowing his efforts to bear much fruit.

Stepan Serpekian is also a man we all know and love. His St. Hagop ministries are manifold, and include serving as chairman of the church hall construction project. An understated man, Stepan possesses talents and energy that continues to amaze me, and, no doubt, are God-inspired.

In the Christian spirit of giving and generosity, Charles Demirjian, an Armenian Christian from Chicago, established a fund to assist Armenian parishes in their development. The Eastern Diocese, through Mr. Demerjian, extended to St. Hagop a loan of \$200,000 to complete construction on our church complex in time for the Catholicos's consecration of it in 2007. Upon completion of our church hall, projected for late 2015, St. Hagop is obligated to repay its loan debt.

We have been conferring with Mr. Demirjian and the diocese about our loan repayment, and we are finalizing loan repayment details.

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian will make a canonical visit at St. Hagop on January 10, 2016, to consecrate our new church hall. We hope you will be able to join us.





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## WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT submitted by Teresa Haidarian

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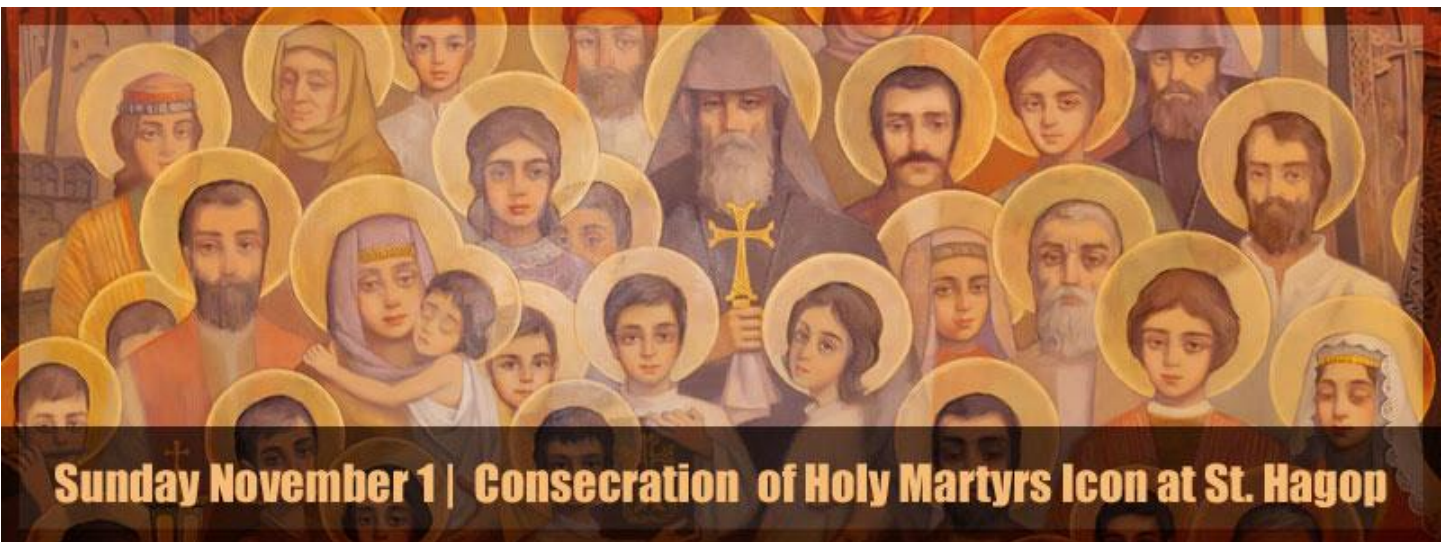
We are gearing up for our winter activities after a slow, sleepy summer. Our northern friends are beginning to come down to spend time with us just in time for our annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale on November 22nd. We will have our first meeting after our summer break on September 27 after church. Be sure to be there, as we will plan our fall and winter activities then.



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**SAVE THE DATE** Consecration of Holy Martyr's Icon at St. Hagop—Sun. Nov. 1

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# Church Armenian Word of the Day

*Learn one word a week for a year, you'll know 75% of words used in Badarak*  
(a different word was printed each week in church bulletin Oct. '13-Dec. '14)

հավատ | havad | faith

վեր | ver | up

This word is repeated often in the form of “havadamk /we believe” which begins each of the major creedal statements of the Nicene Creed, i.e. “We believe in one God/Havadamk ee mee Asdvadz... [19]” Faith is much more than belief statements, however. Faith is like a connection of living trust between God and man. Thus, during Badarak, priests, deacons and faithful alike-over and again-reestablish this most important connection with God, with the words “yev yevus havadov, and again in faith...”

In the Armenian church, God is not only in words and thoughts, but also in pious movements and the senses. The worship of God has movement and direction, and that direction is up. For this reason, over and again, the altar & choir urge us to look up to God, i.e., “ee ver undzayetsootsek uzmeedus tser-lift up your minds in reverence to God [29],” to help free us from the lower things which occupy our hearts and minds. To help remember this word, note that it shares the same route as English over.

մեռելոց | merelots | dead

ամենա, ամենայն, ամենեցուն  
amena, amenayn, amenestun  
all, most of all, to all

The Armenian church is very old. We sing ancient hymns and praise saints that died over 1000 years ago. Our church believes in what G.K. Chesterton termed “the democracy of the dead,” the idea that since some of the saintliest people to walk the earth, lived and died before us, their voices are worth saving through our tradition. And, of course, the saints are not really dead, but alive in Christ, who “trampled down death by death” and granted us eternal life through his glorious resurrection [12].

There is no person, place or time which is out of God’s domain. God is the creator and caretaker of all things, and so we use “all” words frequently in worship. Nowhere more so than in the Eucharistic prayer, where at one point the priest raises Christ’s body and blood and intones, “usd amenaynee yev haghakus amenetsun-from all and for all.” The choir responds with the lively hymn “Hamenaynee orhnyal yes Der-In all things blessed are you, O Lord [32].

Եկեալ, եկիր | yegyal, yegir | came

միայն, միմեանց  
miayn, mimyants | one, one another

Unlike the other major religions of the world, where man is in search of God, in our faith, God is in search of man, and spares nothing to come to his lost children. His search entered an unprecedented phase when—at the first Christmas—Christ came to earth himself. He continues to come to us on Christmas, and every day, which we joyfully proclaim in *Badarak* as we receive Christ’s body and blood into our sanctuary; “Orhnyal yegyal anvamp Dyarn /Blessed is he that comes in the name of the lord.” [25].

Every time we worship, we recall God’s oneness and how—following from this—we become united in Him. We sing of God’s oneness most notably in the hymn “Miayn Soorp/The One Holy”[42], and sing of our becoming united through Him in the Hymn of The Kiss of Peace [27]. Look through our liturgy and see—unity is not an idea or a goal of our church—it is its fundamental reality. As the Apostle Paul said, “So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.”—Rom 12:5



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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT** submitted by Superintendent, Alexis Shahnasarian

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Dear St. Hagop Families,

Sunday School classes began on Sunday, September 13th. Sunday School will run from 11:00-12:15 p.m. Classes will be offered for pre-schoolers through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

The attached registration form is due by September 13, 2014. We would REALLY appreciate your help in getting our students registered so we can order materials and assign classrooms for the various age groups. Over the past few years we have had families move, change churches or just stop coming to Sunday School. We want to make sure that the families who want to be part of our Sunday School program are getting the information they need and that we have the Sunday School staff and materials available for all who want to grow in their Christian faith with us. Again this year, we are asking about allergies, health conditions or special needs that our Sunday School staff should know about. We are also eager to fill in our records with baptism dates (at least the year).

We do want to make note of the importance of attending Sunday School and that having your children attend on a regular basis is VERY important. We do understand that children may not be able to attend every Sunday and if that is the case for your family, please let us know this so we can inform the teacher. Our teachers spend a lot of time preparing lessons for all the students in their class and it makes it very hard to teach a class of 2 or 3 students when they have planned on a full class. Your children are greatly missed by the teachers and their classmates when they are not there. We welcome all children to attend as often as possible - it helps the students get to know their teachers, other students, new songs & Bible stories and most importantly, the power of God's love.

### ***We Believe* Sunday School Curriculum 2015-2016**

The goal of the new curriculum series is "to bring the learner into a living relationship with Jesus Christ, within the Church-the Body of Christ- through the Holy Tradition of the Armenian Church." Overall, the curriculum will help students explore four fundamental questions:

Who is God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)?

How do we come to know him through the familiar and life-giving Tradition of the Armenian Church and through her story?

How are our lives transformed by that knowledge?

How do we live in Christian community with that knowledge?

The Armenian Church is fortunate in that its faithful are active communicants in the life of the Church from the moment they are baptized as infants. They are able to participate fully in experiential, formative faith. Not only the curriculum and the Sunday School teacher, but also parents, pastors, and the entire community support the process of the learner's transformation from "knowing about" Christ to true discipleship.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lesson From "We Believe Kindergarten" Book</b>
9/13/2015	It's a Beautiful World
9/20/2015	Come to My Garden
9/27/2015	Bless This Table
10/4/2015	God's Amazing Zoo
10/11/2015	God Made You and Me
10/18/2015	God is Love
10/25/2015	Noah and a New World
11/1/2015	Mary the Mother of Jesus
11/8/2015	Jesus is the Light of the World
11/15/2015	A Holy Family
11/22/2015	This is My Son
11/29/2015	Jesus Loves Us
12/6/2015	We Prepare for Christmas
12/13/2015	Service Project
12/20/2015	Jesus is Born!
12/27/2015	Armenian Dance Lesson



**St. Hagop Armenian Church**  
**Sunday School Registration Form for 2015-2016**

Please complete this form so we can update our records.

Name of Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a member of St. Hagop ? YES NO NOT SURE

E-mail address: (we communicate via e-mail when possible) \_\_\_\_\_

If you have an additional contact information for other family members, please share with us:

Name of Parent, Grandparent, Guardian, etc: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a member of St. Hagop? YES NO NOT SURE

E-mail address: (we communicate via e-mail when possible) \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Grade (2015-2016)</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Baptism Date</u>

It is our goal to make St. Hagop Sunday School a wonderful experience for your child:

If your child has allergies or health concerns that our volunteer Sunday School staff should know about, please check here \_\_\_\_\_ and list that information on the back of this sheet.

If your child has any special needs that our volunteer Sunday School staff should know about so we can be better prepared with appropriate materials and extra help, please check here \_\_\_\_\_ and a member of our Education Committee will contact you.

Questions? Please contact: Lexy Shahnasarian [alexis.shahnasarian@gmail.com](mailto:alexis.shahnasarian@gmail.com) (813) 230-9577

## Dear Parents of St. Hagop Youth,

We are looking forward to another great year together at St. Hagop after a great Youth BBQ picnic on September 13's Exaltation of the Cross and parent teacher meetings to start us off! This year again, we have exciting developments in our church school—with dedicated volunteer teachers—to further cater to the unique make-up of our St. Hagop Church community.

1) This year it is a great pleasure to announce that Lexy Shahnasarian is continuing Mallory Maslar's great work as **Sunday School** coordinator, and will be organizing the pre-schooler to 5th grade classrooms (along with teachers Nazley, Mallory, Courtney & Haley)! Lexy has been a dedicated church member her entire life, taught last year with us, and brings much talent and love to our young ones! Lexy has been in touch with parents about the exciting **We Believe** curriculum for the year ahead and will engage parent input and help throughout the year, starting with last week's after church. It's not too late to register or contact Lexy with your family's schedule: [sundayschool@sthagopfl.org](mailto:sundayschool@sthagopfl.org)



2) For our 13-17 year old **ACYOA** group, we will continue last year's 2 part program of a) continuing to engage teens in worship with their families b) meeting once a month in an informal social atmosphere to form bonds and engage in discussion about faith and heritage. We thank Amanda Sagarian for her great work last year, and bid her good luck with her intense work and school commitments. We are very grateful that dedicated St. Hagop member Alex Oganosova will coordinate the teens again this year. Alex will again engage parents with help in planning/hosting monthly events, and set events for the months ahead working together with parents in the parent meeting after the Exaltation picnic.

Mark Your Calendars Sunday School, ACYOA Jrs & Srs For These Events:

**October 25:** Kickball Tournament after church- ACYOA Jrs vs. Snrs & Sunday School: Will ACYOA Seniors and Sunday School hold the title again this year?

**November 13:** Friendsgiving Potluck at church

**December 20:** Gingerbread competition between ACYOA Juniors, ACYOA Seniors, and Sunday School. Der Hovnan is the judge!



3) The **Hye Baby Playgroup** continues this year with Yn. Anna taking the lead, 1 to 3 year olds will meet the 4th Sunday of every month at 11AM for a short class before joining church for communion. For your convenience, here are the dates for this semester to mark your calendars now.

September 27      October 25      November 22      December 27

This year again, we invite each of you to prioritize involving your children in the life of St. Hagop Armenian Church. The demands on your time are many, but time spent for God, His church and our unique heritage is an investment for a lifetime--and beyond!

May God bless all of our efforts to raise our children with faith and heritage,

Fr. Hovnan

P.S. Stay tuned for important communications and a meeting in the months ahead as we make plans to move into our new church hall and take part in a new Diocesan pilot program for family worship and education...



## Pan Armenian Olympic Games submitted by Diane Oganosova

Not many people have the opportunity to play in the Pan Armenian Olympic Games. They happen once every four years and I was beyond ecstatic to be apart of it this past summer. Without the amazing support and donations from my church, I would've had a hard time being able to participate. Thank you so much for all of the donations from each and every one of you. Without you, I wouldn't have been able to have this amazing experience in Armenia! My team and I won first place and brought home the gold! Again, thank you all so much for the support and helping me enjoy this trip!!







*We invite you to join St. Hagop's family  
in celebration of a new year!*

*St. Hagop Armenian Cultural Hall  
7020 90th Ave, Pinellas Park, FL 33782*

*Thursday December 31, 2015  
Eight O'clock in the evening*

*Tickets:*

*\$60 before December 1*

*\$65 in the month of December*

*Children 12 and under are free*

*All tickets must be purchased by December 10th*

*Tickets will not be sold at the door.*

*Tickets include:*

*Endless Hors d'oeuvres*

*2 drink tickets for a full bar service*

*A night full of fun and dancing*

*Please contact Vicken Serpekian with any questions:*

*Vicken.Serpekian@gmail.com*

## **Reminder-Stay Current On Your Dues**

For your convenience, we have provided a list below of all those whose dues are paid for 2015, current as of September 25, 2015. If your name is not on this list, please send in a check to the church office with “membership dues” in the memo, or renew securely online at your earliest convenience. Membership dues for the year 2015 are \$125 for general membership.

**Thank you for becoming a voting member of the St. Hagop Community!**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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***\*\*Divine Liturgy & fellowship take place every Sunday from 10:30-12:30 unless noted below***

<b>Sun Oct. 4</b>	Divine Liturgy- Children's Sunday Sunday School	10:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Tue Oct. 6</b>	Parish Council Meeting	6:00 PM
<b>Fri Oct. 9</b>	St. Hagop 8th Anniversary Event The Tides Beach Club	6-10 PM
<b>Sun Oct. 11</b>	Divine Liturgy Sunday School	10:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Tue Oct. 20</b>	Theology on Tap-Young Professionals	7:00 PM
<b>Sun Oct. 18</b>	Divine Liturgy Sunday School	10:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Sun Oct. 25</b>	Divine Liturgy—Discovery of the Cross Sunday School/Hye Baby Playgroup ACYOA Jrs v. Srs Kickball Event	10:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM
<b>Sun Nov. 1</b>	Divine Liturgy-Coptic Youth Group Visit Sunday School Genocide Martyrs Icon Blessing Armenian-Coptic Youth Fellowship	10:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 12:15 PM
<b>Tue Nov. 3</b>	Parish Council Meeting	6:00 PM
<b>Sun Nov. 8</b>	Divine Liturgy	10:30 AM
<b>Fri Nov. 13</b>	ACYOA Friendsgiving Potluck	
<b>Sun Nov. 15</b>	Divine Liturgy Sunday School	10:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Sun Nov. 22</b>	Divine Liturgy-First Sunday of Advent Sunday School/Hye Baby Playgroup	10:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Sun Nov. 29</b>	Divine Liturgy Sunday School	10:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Sun Dec. 6</b>	Divine Liturgy Sunday School	10:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Tue Dec. 8</b>	Parish Council Meeting	6:00 PM
<b>Sun Dec. 13</b>	Divine Liturgy Sunday School	10:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Sun Dec. 20</b>	Divine Liturgy Sunday School ACYOA Gingerbread Competition	10:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM
<b>Sun Dec. 27</b>	Divine Liturgy Sunday School/Hye Baby Playgroup	10:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Thu Dec. 31</b>	New Year's Eve Dance	8PM-12AM
<b>Sun Jan. 3</b>	Divine Liturgy Sunday School	10:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Tue Jan. 5</b>	Eve of Theophany (Jrakalooys) Badarak	6:30 PM
<b>Sun. Jan. 10</b>	Divine Liturgy-Guest Celebrant H.E. Abp. Barsamian Blessing of Waters (Theophany Observed) Church Hall Opening-Blessing & Celebration	10:30 AM 12:00 PM 12:30 PM

Please note that by canon law of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church, no Requiem Services may be held on the following major feast days of the church; Christmas, Palm Sunday/Easter, Pentecost, Transfiguration & Exaltation of the Cross.

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