

## ST. HAGOP ARMENIAN CHURCH - WEEKLY BULLETIN



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### 2019 Pledge Stewardship To Date

We invite you to join us in making a pledge for St. Hagop in 2019. So far we have been blessed with 74 pledges totaling **\$115,315!** Our goal is for all to participate regardless of amount!

George & Joan Agnacion, John & Susan Arsenault, Patrick & Gail Aslanian Compton, Leon & Gloria & Mike Atayan, Grace Austin, Bagrat & Tatiana Badalyan, Chuck & Lisa Begian, Fr. Hovnan & Yn. Anna Demerjian, Hasmig & Jean Jacques Demerjian, Sason & Patricia Demirjian, John & Bernadette Derderian, Rita Dilanian, Araxi Dulgeroff, Harbig & Mary Garabedian, Martha-Anne Garabedian, Richard & Pauline Gilgan, Adrienne Guendjoian, Gregory & Joan Hagopian, Teresa Haidarian, Berge & Tamar Hajian, Tom Hally, Janet Haydostian, Mary Haydostian, Nazdar Hermiz, Hayley Hovhanessian, Greg & Stephanie Hovsepien, Zvart Jambajian, David & Darwin Jamgochian, Eileen Barsamian Jennings, Jimmy & Lisa Justiniano, Richard & Christina Kachadurian, Dr. George & Debra Kamajian, Edward & Michelle Kapreilian, Sam & Bea Kaprilian, Sergei & Irene Kardashian, David & Nancy Kazarian, Sam & Nancy Kazarian, Lori Keshishian, Mari & Garbis Kesisoglu, Zaven Koltookian, Shahe & Lena Kotchounian, Richard & Marge Kratljan, Noubar & Ann Mahdessian, Hagop & Tobe Mashikian, Aram & Carla Megerian, Vazken & Maggie Melkisetian, Ida Merakyan, Vasken & Karen Minassian, Bob Mirak, Bejan & Rebekah Nouri, Mirella Ovanessian, Bernard Przegendza, Martha Samuelian, Dr. Vahak & Elizabeth Sarkis, Chuck & Kathy Sarkisian, Tanya Sarafian, Leon & Sharon Sarkisian, Hrach & Thelma Saroyan, Chris & Carol Sassouni, Yates & Lexy Sayers, Stepan & Seta Serpekian, Eddy & Maggie Shahnasarian, Michael & Jean Shahnasarian, Norair & Maro Shaldjian, John & Kelly Shamsey, Robert & Christina Shamsey, Daniel & Norma Takoushian, Nevere Tavoukdjian, Anna Tossoonian, Denise, Matthieu & Antoine Van Veen, Tigran & Lucine Vartazarian, Tim & Adrienne Vartanian Milewski, Terry & Carolyn Waidley, James & Cathy Beducian Wilson, Haig Yaghoobian

### A Special Armenian Christmas Sun. Jan. 6

Join us on Sunday, January 6th to celebrate a special Armenian Christmas Badarak, followed by the Blessing of the Waters, with honored godfather Dn. Shahe Kotchounian & his wife Mrs. Lena Kotchounian. Following worship, the Kotchounian family & Women's Guild invites all to a complimentary fellowship as we watch our young people perform their Armenian/Christmas songs taught by Suzy Hovhanissian. Also, this year Christmas eve service is conveniently on Saturday evening at 6:30PM. Join us on Saturday, Sunday or both!

### St.Hagop Cultural Series Jan-Mar '19

St. Hagop presents its first Cultural Series! We have three performances scheduled from January to March (Jan 20th, Feb 24th & Mar 24th). Tickets are \$10 per person/per event and can be purchased in advance online or reserved by church to church. We look forward to seeing you at the events! Go to our website for more information including details of performers/presenters, as well as opportunities for sponsorship.

### 2019 Spring Avedis will arrive in January

The next Avedis issue will be arriving to your homes around January 1st. Be sure to read the calendar on the last page to view all of the special events coming up in January, February and March!!



### Fifth Sunday of Advent

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December 23rd, 2018



### Today's Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 40:18-31 Hebrews 4:16-5:10 Luke 18:9-14



Meet & Greet Our New Primate in January!

Fr. Daniel Findikyan is making his first visit as Primate to St. Hagop on Jan 25 & 27! On Friday evening Jan. 25th beginning at 6:30PM, after a 10 minute *Hrashapar* prayer, Fr. Daniel will take the opportunity to break bread with us and discuss his vision and our thoughts on the future direction of our Diocese. On Sunday Jan. 27th, Fr. Daniel will lead us in worship and deliver the sermon. After church we will gather for a special fellowship in Shahnasarian hall. Visit our website for more details.

Valentine’s Dinner Dance on Feb. 16th

This night for sweethearts begins at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$50 Adults \$20 under 12, free for under 6. The Women’s Guild will provide appetizers, dinner and desserts. Dancing with non-stop music by DJ HG HAGZ. Cash bar available. All tables are available by reservation only. No dance only or bring your own booze permitted. Raffles and auctions will be displayed.

You may reserve tickets online or send a check to our church office; memo: "Valentines." Contact Stepan at [sserpe9181@aol.com](mailto:sserpe9181@aol.com) | 813-817-3757 or Chrisanne at our church office 727-545-0380 with questions or table requests. Reservation deadline is Sun. Feb. 10th. See you there!!

Sunday School With Mrs. Linda

Last week, our children learned Armenian songs with Suzy Hovhanissian. This week they will do arts and crafts with Linda Maslar. Check our website to see our teachers, weekly schedule and all you need to know about this year's program.

The Joyful Duty of Service

If you or someone you know feels called and qualified to run for office at our upcoming parish assembly (Feb. 10), please contact nominating committee members Alysia, Carla or Eileen. They will share elected officers’ duties and ask for biographical info. to publish for the election.

Share Holiday Photos with St. Hagop

Our geographically diverse St. Hagop community celebrates Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year all across North America! This holiday season, we again invite you to share your holiday photos in an album on our website. You can participate by sending any holiday photos to Teresa at [Haid50@aol.com](mailto:Haid50@aol.com). We’ll post photos as we get them on the website. It is fun to see how we all celebrate this blessed season together!



Services and Events

Sunday, Dec. 23rd	Divine Liturgy/Sunday School	10:30 AM
Dec. 24th & 25th	Christmas Eve/Day /Office Closed	
Sunday, Dec. 30th	Divine Liturgy No Sunday School class, but kids are welcome!	10:30 AM
Tuesday, January 1st	New Year’s Day—Office Closed	
Sat. Jan. 5th	Armenian Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy	6:30 PM
Sun. Jan. 6th	<b>Feast of Theophany -Armenian Christmas</b> Divine Liturgy/Sunday School Blessing of Waters-(Godfather Dn. Shahe) Fellowship & Sunday School Performance	10:30 AM 12:30 PM 1:00 PM

Prayer Requests

Please keep John Samuelian, Susan Arsenault, Beatrice Kapreilian, Jeanna & Lary Mason, Agnes Hovsepien, Dr. Dennis Papazian, Louis Bellantoni, Adrienne Movsesian, Janet Haydostian, Kamo Gyularian, Agop Mouradian, Jennifer Sorenson, Gloria Alvandian, Mary Bayandrian, Leon Sarkisian, Aggie Ellian, Adrienne Ekizian, Sarah Malajian, the Sassouni Family, Margie Baylerian, Alex & Carolyn Saharian, Rose Yaghoobian, Charles Garabedian, Harold and Tanina Garabedian, Stefi Hovious and Debra Curry in your prayers for health and all good gifts in Christ.

Your prayers are requested today by Irene and Jean Hakim in memory of their beloved mother Seda Karamian, that God's peace and comfort be with their entire family.

Requiem Prayers for The Month of 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:

*Charles Metjian, Nelly Hekimian, Ohannes Evrekian, Manya Minasyan, Dr. Vahak Gadarian, Agop Atamian, Gladys Aslanian, Anne & Henry Abajian, Konstantinos Dikeakos, Armenak Arutyunyan, Stephen Haydostian, Zizi Sarkis, Aram Avakian & Jon Haydostian*

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.

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.