# A Great Start for 2025 Pledge Stewardship

So far, we have 65 pledges for \$122,185 towards 2025. May the Lord bless all our offerings!

Ann Abajian, Stepan & Naira Aghekyan, George & Joan Agnacian, John & Susan Arsenault, Patrick & Gail Aslanian Compton, Vicky & Pauline Atamian Gilgan, Grace Austin, Zara & Harris Babayan Boyiadzis, Bagrad & Tatiana Badalyan, Charles and Lisa Begian, Jacob Bournazian, Fr. Hovnan & Yn. Anna Demerjian, Kenneth & Karen Demerjian, Jean-Jacques & Hasmig Demerjian, Raffi & Tanya Demerjian, Sason & Patricia Demirjian, Armand & Rebecca Dikranian, Araxi Dulgeroff, Art & Adrienne Ekizian, John & Victoria Franks, Martha-Anne Garabedian, Gregory & Gina Hagopian, Berge & Tamar Hajian, Joseph & Pamela Hajinian Brinker, Gregory & Stephanie Hovsepian, Richard & Christina Kachadurian, Edward Kapreilian, Ashot & Jemma Karapetyan, Harry & Beverly Karim, David & Nancy Kazarian, Lilian Kazarian, Hannelore Keshishian, Sargis & Susanna Knyazyan, Sophia Kugeares, Chau Luong, Ann Mahdessian, Jeff & Araksya Mekenyan Sprecher, Karen Minassian, Robert Mirak, Victoria Mouradian, Mirella Ovanesian, Gregory & Christine Parseghian, Keri Pinner, Pehlivanian Family Foundation, Scott & Raelene Pullen, Ira & Annette Ross, Arsen & Varduhi Sahakyan, Alex & Carolyn Saharian, Michael, Sarafian, Tanya Sarafian, Gayle Sarkisian, Leon & Sharon Sarkisian, Chuck & Kathy Sarkisian, Yates & Alexis Sayers, Stepan & Seta Serpekian, Michael & Jean Shahnasarian, Robert & Christina Shamsey, Ken and Katharine Talanian, Andrei Trapizonian, Matthieu & Denise van Veen, James & Lusine Vardanyan Roesch, Tim & Adrienne Vartanian Milewski, Terry & Carolyn Waidley, James & Cathy Wilson, Armen & Srbuhi Zakaryan



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

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



greeters

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 www.facebook.com/St.Hagop www.sthagopfl.org/podcast/

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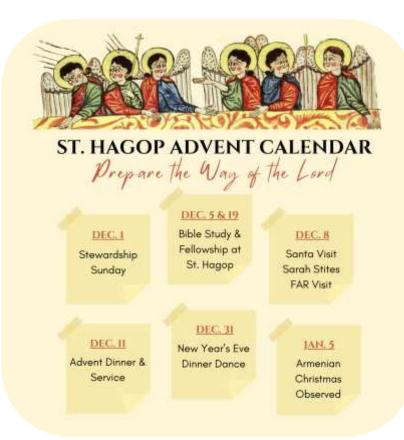
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## Fourth Sunday of Advent Դ. Կիրակի Յիսնակի

#### December 15, 2024



# **Today's Scripture Readings:**

Isaiah 38:1-8 Hebrews 1:1-14 Luke 17:1-10



#### 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 <u>karen@homeserviceinteriors.com</u>.



# 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: <u>sundayschool@sthagopfl.org</u>.



# **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!

# Santa's Visit Last Sunday

Last Sunday, Santa visited Shahnasarian Hall and the children had a wonderful time! Thanks to Maro Shaldjian, Lana Arutyunyan and the Women's Guild for organizing the event. Thanks also to Ara & Rita Keshishian, Debra Kamajian, Angel Asgard, Alisa Aghekyan & Ellen Sahakyan. Special thanks to Mrs. Suzanna for leading a great children's performance!

# A Truly Inspiring Advent Candlelight Dinner!



On Wednesday our community came to together for a delicious catered fellowship followed by worship and moving Advent reflections in our sanctuary. Much gratitude to **Event Chair:** Alysia Ekizian **Speakers:** Gayane Khachaturyan, Sarah Stites, David Kazarian **Organizers:** Jean Shahnasarian, Yn. Anna Demerjian & Rita Keshishian **Helpers:** Teresa Haidarian, Lucy Calikyan, Ara Keshishian, Sarah Stites, Nora Demerjian, Chrisanne Jensen, Armen Kevorkian, Lusine Sahakyan, Michael Shahnasarian, Jean Jaques & Hasmig Demerjian, Sason Demerjian, Bobby Maslar, Sarkis & Susanna Knyazyan **Performers:** Grayson Stevens, Narek Demerjian **Altar Flowers & Choir:** Louise Yardumian

#### **Services and Events**

Sun. Dec. 15th	Divine Liturgy/Church School (11 am) Coffee Hour Fellowship Avedis Newsletter Submission Deadline	10:30am-12:15pm 12:30pm-1:30pm
Thurs. Dec 19th	Bible Study & Fellowship	6:30pm-8:00pm
Sun. Dec. 22nd	Divine Liturgy/Church School (11 am) Coffee Hour Fellowship Deadline to Complete Pledge Cards for 2025	10:30am-12:15pm 12:30pm-1:30pm

## 2025 Christmas Worship Schedule

#### Sunday, Jan. 5th–Armenian Christmas (Observed)

Armenian Christmas Divine Liturgy 10:30AM Blessing of Waters Service & Fellowship 12:30 PM

Godfather of the Blessing of Waters: John & Susan Arsenault

Monday, Jan. 6th–Armenian Christmas (No Services)

No Services at St. Hagop-Church Open for Prayer 10AM-4PM

(no requiem services on January 5th, requiems may be requested for January 12th)

# **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:

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Krisdos ee mech mer haydnestav. Christ is revealed among us.

#### The response is:

**Ophutau E juajuhan philu Phannuh:** Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Krisdosee. Blessed is the Revelation of Christ.