

A Great Start for 2025 Pledge Stewardship

So far, we have 71 pledges for \$133,985 towards 2025. *May the Lord bless all our offerings!*



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Annual Parish Assembly-Sunday Feb. 2nd

If you or someone you know feels called and qualified to run for office at our upcoming parish assembly, please contact nominating committee members Alysia, Rita or Karen or Fr. Hovnan. They will share elected officers' duties and ask for biographical info. to publish for the election. We invite all parishioners to participate in our annual assembly on Sunday Feb. 2nd at 12:30pm; our church only thrives by your involvement and God's blessing!

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

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Fifth Sunday of Advent Ե. Կիրակի Յիսնակի

December 22, 2024



Today's Scripture Readings:

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



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@stthagopfl.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.

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@stthagopfl.org.

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!

Winter/Spring 2025 Avedis Newsletter

The Winter/Spring 2025 Avedis Newsletter was printed and should arrive in your homes shortly! Check your eblast or our website for an electronic copy of the Avedis. We love communicating the "Avedis/Good News" to our entire St. Hagop family, we hope you enjoy reading it. If you did not receive a copy of the Avedis, please contact the church office to update your address.

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)

Services and Events

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
Sun. Dec. 29th	Divine Liturgy/Church School (11 am) Coffee Hour Fellowship	10:30am-12:15pm 12:30pm-1:30pm
Tue. Dec. 31st	New Year's Eve Dinner Dance	8:00pm-1:00am



Lahmajoun & Sting Cheese for Purchase!

Back by popular demand, the Women's Guild is selling Lahmajoun for \$25 for a package of 10. They're also selling homemade Armenian string cheese for \$8. Please see Rita Keshishian or Lucy Calikyan after church to purchase.



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!

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:

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Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Krisdosee.

Blessed is the Revelation of Christ.