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### Gratitude for 2025 Stewards & Completing Your Pledge

Blessings from God and much gratitude for the **110** stewards who gave **\$175,390** to our church in 2025, along with countless hours of care and prayer. To close out your 2025 pledge, just make a payment online or by check by year's end. See our Stewardship 2026 schedule below:

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### Stewardship 2026 Schedule

*Our stewardship committee has drafted the schedule below for the upcoming year. We appreciate all who give of their time and means to our church!*

- 09/20/25** 2026 Campaign Announcement & Letter
- 10/12/25** Stewardship Reflection-Fr. Hovnan
- 11/02/25** Parishioner Testimonial-Leon Sarkisian
- 11/16/25** Parishioner Testimonial-Sargis Knyazyan
- 11/17/25** Pledge Cards Mailed
- 11/23/25** Stewardship Reflection-Fr. Hovnan
- 11/27/25** Thanksgiving Day
- 11/30/25** Pledge Sunday
- 12/14/25** Parishioner Testimonial-David Kazarian
- 12/21/25** Deadline to Return Pledge Cards

### Lahmajoun & Sujukh Available for Purchase

The Women's Guild has again arranged for Lahmajoun and Sujukh to be shipped to St. Hagop for your purchase. Please see Rita Keshishian or Lucy Calikyan on Sundays after church if you would like to purchase.



### Bible Study & Fellowship-1st & 3rd Sundays

St. Hagop's bi-weekly Bible Study & Fellowship is back in session on 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month from 6:30-8:00pm. Come out for fellowship and discussion on James, Peter & John's profound letters to the early Christians, which still inspire today! All are welcome, no background necessary.



### New Church Directory-Photo Sign Up!

Exciting News! Our Parish Council decided it's time for a new pictorial church directory. PC Chair David Kazarian has engaged Universal Church Directories to serve us. If you'd like professional photos taken of you/your family, sign up to take them at St. Hagop on Tues. Nov. 18 or Wed. Nov. 19th. Find link in eblast or flyers in narthex. Those who sign up for photos will receive one free, with an opportunity to purchase more later; even in time for Christmas cards! Contact David with any questions: 727-692-3992.



### Monthly Seniors Fellowship

After a splendid first meeting, St. Hagop will continue to host monthly luncheons for our Church seniors in Shahnasarian Hall. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Nov. 13th from 12-3pm. We warmly invite all seniors to join us for fellowship, Armenian food, music and games in a welcoming environment. Please spread the word and contact Sargis Knyazyan [sknyazyan@gmail.com](mailto:sknyazyan@gmail.com) for more information. May God bless our elders and this ongoing fellowship!



### Eighth Sunday of the Cross

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November 2, 2025



### Today's Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 22:15-24 Ephesians 1:1-14 Luke 8:17-21



## Santa Visit on December 7th!

On Sunday, Dec. 7th 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 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)).

## Advent Candlelight Dinner-Dec. 10th

Come all ye faithful! Join us for a candlelight dinner and program on Wed. Dec. 10th from 6:30-8:30 pm. A meal will be served in the Shahnasarian Hall, followed by the Advent Program in the Sanctuary. Our topic is 'A Promise in the Darkness' with speakers reflecting on finding the presence of God in times of trial. Contact event chair Alysia Ekizian [asekizian@gmail.com](mailto:asekizian@gmail.com) or the church office with any questions. Admission is free, donations gratefully accepted!

## Taste of Armenia Tampa Bay-Sun. Jan. 18th!

Please join your St. Hagop Armenian Church Family as we bring people together in CELEBRATION of our Armenian Culture! Admission is FREE! Guests will enjoy DELICIOUS Armenian Food, LIVE MUSIC, Shopping at Vernissage, Chances to WIN the BIG Raffle, and MORE! For Information about Sponsoring this event or with questions, please call/text Scott & Raelene Ohanesian Pullen at 813.421.4319 or email [Raelene.Pullen@gmail.com](mailto:Raelene.Pullen@gmail.com).

## New Years Eve Dinner Dance

Join us in the Shahnasarian Hall for a New Year's Eve celebration! See eblast or website to purchase tickets online or pre-pay by check to St. Hagop, memo: 'New Years'. Contact person: Lusine Sahakyan [events@sthagopfl.org](mailto:events@sthagopfl.org).

**Where:** Shahnasarian Hall 7020 90th Ave, Pinellas Park, FL 33782

**When:** Wed. Dec. 31, 2025 Doors Open:6PM | Dinner:7PM | Dance:8PM-1AM

**Tickets:** \$85/adult, \$40/youth aged 6-15. Tickets will not be sold at the door!

## Join Our Fast Growing Sunday School!

Calling all parents of youth ages 5-9! Join us every Sunday for interactive lessons on church & Armenian culture. Our classroom is for ages 5-9. Sunday School starts at 11:00 sharp (room opens at 10:45). After a 45 minute lesson, children will worship in church. We look forward to seeing our young families this year! If you have questions, contact [sundayschool@sthagopfl.org](mailto:sundayschool@sthagopfl.org). Thanks to our parents and teachers, our school continues to grow. Join us!

## New Armenian Church Arts Program-Ages 10-17

Our new church arts program is up and running! Chaired by Stepan Aghekyan and designed for youth ages 10-17, it features Armenian art and culture-themed sessions on various topics, aiming to educate, inspire and engage our youth in the life of the Church. Our first module is Armenian Cuisine. Future modules include painting, music, photography & design. Contact Stepan Agekyan at [arts@sthagopfl.org](mailto:arts@sthagopfl.org) for questions or support.



## Services and Events

Sun. Nov. 2nd	Divine Liturgy Sunday School/Youth Arts Program Special Ghapama Fellowship & Tavloo Tournament	10:30am-12:15pm 11:00-12/1:00 pm 12:30pm-2:00pm
Tue. Nov. 4th	The Trinity in the Life of Faith Online Diocesan Presentation by Fr. Hovnan	12:00-1:00 pm
Thurs. Nov. 6th	Bible Study & Fellowship	6:30pm-8:00pm



## Special Ghapama Fellowship-Today!

Join us on today after worship for our annual Ghapama fellowship; a traditional Armenian celebration of abundance for the whole family. There will be a tavloo tournament and music as well as delicious baked, stuffed pumpkin as per tradition! 'Hey Jan Ghapama'

## 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), a memorial (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 November

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:

*Arlen Avernian Thorensen, John Barsoumian, Ronald Boyajian, Haig Dikranian, Bill Eggleston, Diana Eggleston, Steven Haydostian, Margaret Hintlian Kazarian, Garabed Hovsepian, Sarkis Jingirian, Christopher Kaiserian, Sophie Kaloustian, Victoria Kapreilian, Setrak Karakash, Marlen Karapetian, Zohrab Kotchounian, Hratch Manoukian, Anahid Megerian, Berdj Mousesian, Harry Omartian, Priscilla Sarkisian, Albert Shahnasarian, Leon Shahnasarian, Edward Shahnasarian & Marie Shammassian*

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 Bruce Ryder, Vaheh Mokhtarians, Martha Ann Garabedian, George Mangigian, Jane Holden, Bryan Witeof, Sharon & Glenn Oglesbee, Michele Fender, Andrea Zehnder, Patty Arakelian, Stephen Hazerjian, Betty Witzel, Lucian Grove, William Lzowrie, 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.