

A Great Start For 2026 Pledge Stewardship

So far, we have 54 pledges for \$121,250 towards 2026. *May the Lord bless all our offerings!*

Stepan & Naria Aghekyan, George & Joan Agnacion, Vaagn Andikyan, John & Susan Arsenault, Vicky & Pauline Atamian Gilgan, Naira Avagyan Mangasar, Bagrad & Tatiana Badalyan, Charles & Lisa Begian, Michael Boucher, Evan & Grace Austin Carpenter, Fr. Hovnan & Yn. Anna Demerjian, Kenneth & Karen Demerjian, Jean-Jacques & Hasmig Demerjian, Raffi & Tanya Demerjian, Kevork & Marisol Demirjian, Sason & Patricia Demirjian, Leilani Doty, Araxi Dulgeroff, Art & Adrienne Ekizian, John & Victoria Franks, Berge & Tamar Hajian, Joseph & Pamela Hajinian Brinker, Robina Hovsepian, Richard & Christina Kachadurian, Dr. George & Debra Kamajian, Edward Kapreilian, Sam Kapreilian, Harry & Beverly Karim, Hannelore Keshishian, Missak & Zevart Keshishian, Chau Luong, Ann Mahdessian, Jeff & Araksya Mekenyan Sprecher, Victoria Mouradian, Gregory & Christine Parseghian, Gregory & Stefanie Parseghian, Arsen & Varuhi Sahakyan, Alex Saharian, Leon & Sharon Sarkisian, Chuck & Kathy Sarkisian, Chris & Carol Sassouni, Yates & Alexis Sayers, Stepan & Seta Serpekian, Michael & Jean Shahnasarian, John & Kelly Shamsey, Robert & Christina Shamsey, James & Leana Stevens, Andrei Trapizonian, Grygorii Trapizonian, Ida Varadian, Carolyn & Terry Waidley, James & Cathy Wilson, Haig Yaghoobian & Dr. Haig & Louise Yardumian

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!

Volunteer in Armenia!

Many parishioners joined the Armenian Volunteer Corps (AVC) presentation and it's work creating impactful service experiences for volunteers in Armenia. Fr. Hovnan founded the AVC in 2000, believes in building bridges between Armenia and Diaspora and finds the volunteer experience transformative for so many. Visit www.armenianvolunteer.org to learn more.

Assisted Listening Capabilities

For parishioners with hearing aids, we now have assisted listening capabilities, to link phones/hearing adds to a no delay audio stream. To access the stream: 1) Download the [AudioFetch](#) App onto your phone 2) Connect to the [Church](#) wifi network-enter pw: [HolyInternet333](#) 3) Open the AudioFetch app

Bible Study & Fellowship

St. Hagop's bi-weekly Bible Study & Fellowship will pause for the holiday season and will likely resume before Great Lent. In the meantime, it is the joyful duty of all parishioners to read, learn and grow from Holy Scriptures. As you explore, Fr. Hovnan would be happy to engage in your spiritual reflection!

Seniors Fellowship

After a fine November Seniors fellowship, we will take a hiatus for the December holidays. Our next fellowship is on Wed. Jan. 21st at noon. Do join us and please contact event chair Sargis Knyazyan sknyazyan@gmail.com if you would have any ideas or questions about the fellowship moving forward.

ST. HAGOP ARMENIAN CHURCH - WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

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December 14, 2025



ST. HAGOP ADVENT CALENDAR

NOV. 30 Stewardship Sunday	DEC. 7 Santa Visits St. Hagop	DEC. 10 Advent Dinner & Service
DEC. 31 New Year's Eve Dinner Dance	JAN. 10-11 Armenian Christmas Eve & Christmas Worship	JAN. 18 Taste of Armenia Tampa Bay

Today's Scripture Readings:

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



A Truly Inspiring Advent Candlelight Event!

This past Wednesday our community came to together for a delicious catered fellowship followed by worship and deeply moving Advent reflections in our sanctuary. Much gratitude to: **Event Chair:** Alysia Ekizian **Speakers:** Lusine Sahakyan, Andrei Trapizonian & Raelene Ohanesian Pullen **Supporters:** Jean Shahnasarian, Yn. Anna Demerjian, Rita Keshishian & Lucy Calikyan, Bobby Maslar, Chrisanne Jensen & Nora Demerjian **Performers:** Grayson Stevens & Narek Demerjian **Altar Flowers:** Gayle Sarkisian & Jean Shahnasarian Photos: Teresa Haidarian



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.

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@stthagopfl.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!

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.

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@stthagopfl.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@stthagopfl.org for questions or support.



Services and Events

Sun. Dec. 14th	Divine Liturgy Sunday School/Youth Arts Program Coffee Hour Fellowship	10:30am-12:15pm 11:00-12/1:00 pm 12:30pm-1:30pm
Mon. Dec. 15th	Avedis Newsletter Submission Deadline	
Sun. Dec. 21st	Divine Liturgy Sunday School/Youth Arts Program Coffee Hour Fellowship	10:30am-12:15pm 11:00-12/1:00 pm 12:30pm-1:30pm
Sun. Dec. 28th	Divine Liturgy Sunday School/Youth Arts Program Coffee Hour Fellowship	10:30am-12:15pm 11:00-12/1:00 pm 12:30pm-1:30pm
Wed. Dec. 31st	New Year's Eve Dinner Dance	6:00pm-1:00am



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 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:

Henry Abajian, Armenak Arutyunyan, Gladys Aslanian, Agop Atamian, Aram Avakian, James Begian, Richard Berjian, Arshaluys Danielyan, Konstantinos Dikeakos, Ohannes Evrekian, Dr. Vahak Gadarian, Jon Haydostian, Nelly Hekimian, Joseph Hovsepian, Astine Karakash, Marie Louise Kostis, Josette Manougian, Papken Megerian, Charles Metjian, Manya Minasyan, Zizi Sarkis, Souad Tashian, Eric Thorensen and 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 Lil Kazarian, Jacqueline Kamajian, Haig Yardumian, Sharon Sarkisian, Bruce Ryder, Vaheh Mokhtarians, Martha Ann Garabedian, Jane Holden, Gayane Danelian, Sam Kapreilian, Michele Fender, Andrea Zehnder, Patty Arakelian, Stephen Hazerjian, 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.