

Join Us In Your 2026 Pledge Stewardship

So far, we have 113 pledges for \$216,500 towards 2026. May the Lord bless all our offerings!

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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 Minassian, Michael Shahnasarian or Fr. Hovnan.

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 Raelene Pullen raelene.pullen@gmail.com if you have questions or for additional information about pursuing this ministry.

Assisted Listening Capabilities

For parishioners with hearing aids, we now have assisted listening capabilities, to link phones/hearing aids 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

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Feast of the Assumption of Mary/ Blessing of the Grapes

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August 16, 2026



Today's Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 7:10-16 Galatians 3:29-4:27 Luke 2:1-7





Contact Directory Ready for Sunday Pick Up

Our 2026 contact directory is ready! It includes all parishioners who opted in, along with sponsor ads, church prayers & ministries. Directories are available for pickup, free of charge (1 per family), during Sunday worship hours only. We look forward to seeing you at church. Donations welcome for those who did not originally opt in. We hope this directory will be a tangible reminder-on your countertop or bookshelf-of the blessed bond we share at St. Hagop!

Save the Date Taste of Armenia-Jan. 17th 2027!

Last year’s first ever Taste of Armenia Tampa Bay, led by Raelene & Scott Pullen, was a resounding success and a blessing to all who participated! Save the date to get your self, your family, friends and neighbors to this year’s celebration of Armenian cultural heritage! Raelene will be in contact with last year’s wonderful volunteers & sponsors and we welcome new volunteers & sponsors this year! Please contact Raelene for more information ideas & questions: 813.421.4319 or Raelene.Pullen@gmail.com.

Assumption of Mary/Grape Blessing -August 16th!

Today, August 16th is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary where we bless grapes after Divine Liturgy and celebrate the first-fruits of the harvest. Join us in worship to give thanks to God for his many blessings, and in fellowship to enjoy breaking bread with brothers and sisters in the Shahnasarian hall.

Avedis Newsleter Advertisements

We welcome ads in the Avedis, helping us defray printing costs and you to reach customers (800 households per mailing)! Please email info@stthagopf.org if you are interested. Ads will not run/renew until digital file received & payment made (check/online). Rates for 1 year of ads (4 issues) are:

\$350 business card (3.5”x2”) **\$750**-half page (7”x4”) **\$1250** full page(7”x10”)

Celebrating Sunday School-Planning Next Year

We had an innovative and well attended Sunday School this year! Gratitude to our teachers: Gayane Khachaturyan, Susanna & Sargis Knyazyan, Linda Maslar, Adrienne Milewski, Alice Nouri, Mark & Anna Assad & Lena Safarian, as well as our organizers Yn. Anna, Stepan Aghekyan & Fr. Hovnan. We all took great care of our children this year! Thanks to our parents for your support. We look forward to seeing you in church over the summer and back for the first day of Sunday School on Sept. 6th-we are already meeting to build on the blessed momentum of this year!

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/StthagopfOrg www.facebook.com/St.Hagop www.stthagopf.org/podcast/

Services and Events

Sun. August 16th	Divine Liturgy-Feast of the Assumption of Mary Blessing of the Grapes-Coffee Hour Fellowship	10:30am-12:15pm 12:15pm-1:30pm
Sun. August 23rd	Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour Fellowship	10:30am-12:15pm 12:15pm-1:30pm



Invitation to Host Coffee Hour Fellowship

The Women's Guild invites you to host fellowship after church, be that in honor of someone (birthday/milestone), a memorial (hokehankist) or simply to help out. Please speak to Rita Keshishian to sign up. Thanks in advance for taking your turn to serve & lightening the load of our dedicated leaders!

May God Bless the Soul of Zvart Jambazian

Our beloved Zvart Jambazian passed away on August 12th. She remains in our hearts & prayers. Asdvadz hogin loosavoreh. Condolences may be sent to her niece Nayiri & Hovik Apkarian at: 18213 Bluebell Ln. Olney, MD, 20832. Funeral services to be held in Washington DC on August 18th. Our PC Chairman, David Kazarian, plans to attend, contact David for more information.

Requiem Prayers for August

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:

Mardo Abajian, Helen Anne Abajian, Hrant Bardakjian, Antranik Barsoumian, Gregory Barsoumian, John Bedrosian, Vartkes Dulgerian, Ted Dulgeroff, Dr. John Eloian, Sergey Garsanyan, Al Haidarian, Andranik Hazaryan, John Hovsepien, Darren Hovsepien, Georgi Hovhannisian, Thomas Kachadurian, Pauline Kachanian, Alice Kamajian, Lucine Kotchounian, Hung Luong, Robert Maslar, Madeleine Mouradian, Arto Mouradian, Gerard Odabashian, Jennifer Sorenson, Daniel Takoushian, Annie Tanashian, Ara Vizoyan & Roy Wende

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 Taisya Kasparova, Deborah Dakhlian, Karen Minassian, Adrienne Ekizian, Marine Vardanian, Alex Shvorak, Sam Kapreilian, Sharon Sarkisian, Bruce Ryder, Martha Ann Garabedian, Gayane Danelian, Michele Fender, Andrea Zehnder, Patty Arakelian, Stephen Hazerjian, Kamo Gyularian, Aggie Ellian and Charles, 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:

Քրիստոս ի մէջ 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.