

Gratitude for 2026 Stewards & Completing Your Pledge

Blessings from God and much gratitude for the **114** stewards who gave **\$217,500** to our church in 2026, along with countless hours of care and prayer. To close out your 2026 pledge, just make a payment online or by check by December 31st. Please note our Stewardship 2027 schedule below:



Stewardship 2027 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!

September 24th	Campaign Announcement & Letter
October 4th	Stewardship Sermon 1
October 11th	Parishioner Testimonial 1
November 8th	Parishioner Testimonial 2
November 16th	2027 Pledge Cards Mailed
November 22nd	Stewardship Sermon 2
November 27th	Thanksgiving Day
November 29th	Pledge Sunday
December 13th	Parishioner Testimonial 3 (TBD)
December 20th	Deadline Return Pledge Cards

St. Hagop Teen Youth Group

Building off last year's youth arts program, we're launching a monthly program for our teens starting on Sunday Sept 27th! During our 1st meeting we'll get acquainted and discuss plans for the year. Future meetings will feature accomplished professional guest speakers who will share aspects of their career and faith. Youth are invited to attend worship on Sun. Sept. 27th, then meet in the hall 'heritage room' during fellowship. Thanks to our organizers Sarkis & Chris, contact Sarkis sknyazyan@gmail.com with questions or input.

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.

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!

ST. HAGOP ARMENIAN CHURCH - WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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September 13, 2026



Today's Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 49:13-23 Galatians 6:14-18 John 3:13-21





Families Worship Together-Lesson to Follow!

Welcome to the first day of a new year. This year, following the practice of our Orthodox sister churches, St. Hagop's short Sunday school lessons will take place after Badarak! Returning to our own tradition, families will worship and hear the sermon together. Youth will then leave for a 30 minute lesson reflecting on that Sunday's themes (readings, sermon, feasts, etc.). Our kids will also have more opportunities to join in the choir, the altar and church life. Our two age groups are 5-8 & 9-14. Contact our wonderful new coordinator, Taleen Krikorian, with ideas & questions at 647-886-8174. Badarak has always been our school for all ages, we look forward to a joyful year of learning and growth!

This Sunday is the Feast of the Cross

This Sunday the Armenian Church celebrates *Khachverats* the Exaltation of the Cross-1 of 5 major feasts of the Church. We will bless the 4 corners of the earth and venerate the holy cross. After the blessing, you may take home your fragrant basil, a reminder of Christ's sweet victory of life over death.

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.

Help Our Church & Hall Shine!-Sat. Oct. 24th

Join us on Sat. Oct. 24th from 9AM-2PM to help with basic indoor & outdoor maintenance projects to spruce up our church and hall as we head into the busy Fall & Winter Seasons! We plan to work on our grounds, change light-bulbs, clean out cabinets, scrub surfaces and other small cleaning & maintenance projects. Lunch will be provided. Speak to our church sextons Bobby or Sason if you are interested in joining. Thanks in advance for helping us out!

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/



Services and Events

Sun. Sept. 13th	Divine Liturgy-(Exaltation)-Family Worship Sunday School Lesson Coffee Hour Fellowship	10:30-12:15 pm 12:15-12:45 pm 12:15-1:30 pm
Sun. Sept. 20th	Divine Liturgy-(Fr. Arakel Celebrant)-Family Worship Sunday School Lesson Coffee Hour Fellowship	10:30-12:15 pm 12:15-12:45 pm 12:15-1:30 pm
Sun. Sept. 27th	Divine Liturgy-Family Worship Sunday School Lesson/Teen Group 1st Meeting Coffee Hour Fellowship	10:30-12:15 pm 12:15-12:45 pm 12:15-1:30 pm



Support St. Vartan Cathedral Renovation

The exterior renovation of St. Vartan Cathedral is now complete, on time and on budget, now begins its interior transformation. The cathedral will close in September, with a projected full re-opening in spring 2028. Phase 2 of the project will include a full restoration of the cathedral's interior, and installation of a new pipe organ. For nearly 60 years, St. Vartan Cathedral has stood as a symbol of faith, resilience, and community. These renovations will ensure the inspiration of future generations—our cathedral in the heart of New York City. Donations may be made in the narthex plate or online.

Requiem Prayers for September

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:

John E. Arsenault, Greta Arutyunyan, Meline Avakian, Artur Babajanian, Marian Bandazian, John Bejakian, Vasiliki Calikyan, George Caragulla, Henry Demirdjian, Andrea Espinola, Leo Ghoogasian, Michael Hadchikian, Melanya Hakobyan, Janet Haydostian, Jack Kachanian, Jacques Kojian, George Manouljian, Alexander Martirosova, Jack Messerlian, Artur Levon Miokian, Sima Palakian, Marusya Poghosyan, Martha Samuelian & Helen Sarkisian

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 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 մեջ 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.