

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:

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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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Third Sunday of the Cross-Holy Cross of Varak

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September 27, 2026



Today's Scripture Readings:

Proverbs 3:18-26 Isaiah 65:22-25 Galatians 6:14-18 Matthew 24:30-36



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.



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 Hayka Poghosyan on Sundays after church if you would like to purchase.

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!

Living Into the Armenian Church Year

Brand new this year is something very old! We are inviting all ages to grow in wisdom in the ancient school of Sunday Badarak and the sacred calendar. To help you live into this blessing, we've developed a website providing reflections, readings, lessons, saints & hymns for each Sunday of the year. We hope you will reference it often-before & after each Sunday-as we add content and you live into the blessed rhythms of the year!

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!

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'. Questions?: Contact Lusine at events@stthagopfl.org.

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

When: Wed. Dec. 31st Doors Open:7PM | Dinner:8PM | Dance:9PM-1AM

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



Services and Events

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
Sun. Oct. 4th	Divine Liturgy-Family Worship Sunday School Lesson Coffee Hour Fellowship	10:30-12:15 pm 12:15-12:45 pm 12:15-1:30 pm



Families Worship Together-Lesson to Follow!

Welcome all! This year, following the practice of our sister churches, short Sunday school lessons will take place after Badarak! Returning to our tradition, families will attend badarak together. Youth will then leave for a 30 minute lesson reinforcing that Sunday's themes (readings, sermon, etc.). Our kids will also have time to join in the choir, the altar and church life. Our two age groups are 5-8 & 9-14. Contact our 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!

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 Mikoian, Sima Palakian, Marusya Poghosyan, Martha Samuelian & Helen Sarkisian

Your prayers are requested today for the soul of **Zvart Jambazian** by her friends and family of St. Hagop Armenian Church on the forty day memorial of her passing.

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:

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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.