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The Armenian Community of Houston announces the visit of His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, who shall be in Houston February 5 to February 8, 1977.

His Eminence's plans for the weekend include presiding at a wedding ceremony on Saturday, February 5, in St. George Armenian Church, 111 Bering Drive, Houston, now housed in a chapel. Later that evening, His Eminence shall attend a fund-raising banquet. The goal of the fund drive is to build a church for the St. George parish and raise \$18,000 to match a donation by Mr. Sam Harrison. Mr. Harrison has already purchased and donated the land for the church building.

On Sunday, February 6, His Eminence shall celebrate the Divine Liturgy and preside at three baptisms in the chapel. That evening, there will be a dinner and banquet in the Chapel Hall in celebration of St. Vartan Day, which commemorates an Armenian commander who was martyred in 451 A.D. in a battle to preserve religious freedom. St. Vartan is one of the most important figures in Armenian history.

The Primate's visit is a noteworthy occasion for the 150 Armenian families of Houston and is awaited with great anticipation by all.

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