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ARMENIAN PRIMATE TO ATTEND SERVICES AT

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH, FAIR LAWN ON JANUARY 31

On Tuesday, January 31, 1978, His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, will preside at a service commemorating St. Leon Day, to be held in the St. Leon Armenian Church, 12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, New Jersey.

Armenian clergymen from the New York-New Jersey area will join together to honor the memory of this saint, who was himself a priest. In 451 A.D., a group of clergymen led by St. Leon fought alongside the great Armenian Saint Vartan in a battle at Avarair (Iran) against the prevailing Persian empire, to preserve the Armenians' religious and cultural freedom. The bravery and sacrifice of these clergymen is noted in a yearly commemoration.

Services at the St. Leon Church (named after the saint) will begin at 11:00 a.m. The community is invited to attend the services, as well as the luncheon which will follow in the church auditorium at 12:30 p.m.

Further information may be obtained by calling The Reverend Father Patee Metjian (201) 791-1583, 791-2862.

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ARCHBISHOP MANOOGIAN TO ORDAIN TWELVE "TBIRS" AT  
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH, FAIR LAWN, NEW JERSEY

On Sunday, April 16, His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian will ordain 12 young men as "tbirs" at the St. Leon Armenian Church in Fair Lawn, New Jersey. The ordination ceremony will take place during regular Sunday morning church services. His Eminence will also celebrate the Divine Liturgy and deliver a sermon to the parishioners. After the ordination, there will be a banquet honoring Archbishop Manoogian and the newly-ordained tbirs.

The young men prepared for their ordination under the leadership of The Reverend Father Patee Metjian, pastor of St. Leon. After they are officially ordained, the "tbirs'" duties will include reading from the Bible, assisting the Celebrant during Divine Liturgy, holding and lighting candles on the altar and various other functions.

The public is cordially invited to participate in this eventful occasion.

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