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## ARCHBISHOP MANOOGIAN TO VISIT FAIR LAWN

FAIR LAWN, N.J. -- His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, will consecrate two icons, ordain two men as deacons, and bless the ground for St. Leon Armenian Church's planned community center during a visit here, Nov. 8 - 9. St. Leon Church is located at 12-61 Saddle River Rd.

Archbishop Manoogian is the spiritual leader for Armenians living in Canada and the United States, excluding California. The Diocese is the world's largest, with headquarters in New York City.

The Archbishop will arrive Sat., Nov. 8, in time to consecrate two paintings in the Church. The icons are by artist Lucy Janjigian of Franklin Lakes.

Sunday morning, Archbishop Manoogian will celebrate Divine Liturgy (Mass), assisted by the Reverend Father Patee Metjian, pastor of St. Leon Church. Incorporated into the service will be the ordination of Shavarsh Torosian of Fair Lawn, and Hagop Demerdjian of Waldwick, as deacons. The Diocesan Gomidas Choir will sing during Divine Liturgy.

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Following the ceremony, the Archbishop will bless the spot where the community center will be built. The center, to be constructed on Church property, will help fill the needs of the growing local Armenian community. It will contain seating capacity for 300, a lobby, stage and kitchen. When the building is completed in May, 1981, the present Church hall will be converted into an educational center complete with classrooms.

A celebration banquet will take place Sunday evening at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton Inn.

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To arrange an interview with Archbishop Manoogian, contact Father Parea Metjian at (201) 791-2862.