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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN FROM NEW YORK HOSTS CHILDREN'S PARTY IN CHICAGO

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, will host to approximately 300 children in the Chicago community on January 5, 1986. Attending this event, will be children from the Mid Western states who at the same time will observe Armenian Christmas which traditionally falls on January 6th.

Archbishop Manoogian is the spiritual leader of the Armenians living in the United States, excluding California. The Diocese is the world's largest religious center of all Armenians with head-quarters in New York City. For the first time this year the Archbishop is holding a special Christmas party for the children in the Chicago area, although it has been an established tradition for more than 13 years in New York City.

The children will first attend the Divine Liturgy service in St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church of Chicago, 6700 West Diversey Avenue, at 11:00 a.m. His Eminence will be the celebrant and will administer Communion to the youngsters.

At about 12:30 p.m. a brunch and entertainment will follow and the children will receive a personal Christmas gift from the Archbishop.