"We're encouraging people to get on I-435 and go around the city," Griffin said. "Then on Friday night,

Armenians want to start own church

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For years, Americans of Armenian descent have worshiped with other religious faiths, many hoping that someday they would be able to establish their own church.

That day may be soon at hand.

The first Armenian worship service in this area is tentatively scheduled at 6:30 p.m. May 14 at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, 12001 Wornall Road. Thereafter, possibly three or four times a year, services will be held in homes.

About 15 people of Armenian' descent gathered at the home of Zaven Hatutian in Leawood earlier this week to discuss' establishing an Armenian' church, an independent branch of the Eastern Orthodox churches. At the meeting, committees were appointed to organize the May 14 event, where discussions will be held on building a temple.

In preparation for the service, several people will spend their evenings and weekends flipping through phone books looking for Armenians, whose names often end in -ian or yan, to invite them to the meeting.

In addition to the Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic, historical Armenia includes a large area of eastern Turkey.



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