

ARMENIAN CLERGY VISIT ATLANTA AREA

The Armenian community of Atlanta was fortunate in having two clergymen visit the area within a two week period: His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Armenian Church of America, and Father Mesrob Moutafian, Chancellor of the Istambul Armenian Patriarchate.

On Sunday Jan. 27th at All Saints Episcopal Church, His Eminence celebrated Divine Liturgy with around eighty people (a goodly portion of the community) in attendance, and with the participation of acolytes, deacons and the newly organized choir. After the liturgy a banquet was held in honor of Archbishop Torkom. His Eminence, both in his church sermon and banquet address, ~~emphasized~~ emphasized the need for the establishment of an Armenian church in Atlanta to serve the spiritual needs of the community. After the banquet many had the opportunity of personally meeting with the Archbishop.

On Saturday Feb. 2nd, Father Mesrob Moutafian met with about fifty Atlanta Armenians at St. Phillips Episcopal Cathedral. After a short religious service (zhamerkoutioun), a dinner-reception took place, on which occasion the Istambul priest emphasized the need for unity and good will within the Armenian community.

The visits of His Eminence and Father Mesrob generated much enthusiasm and exhilaration within the Armenian community of this sun belt ~~metropolis~~ metropolis.

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