

THE UNIFIED CHURCH COUNCIL OF ATLANTA

3830 Highway 5
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Dear Fellow Armenians:

As some of you know, in November 1988, members of the separate Diocesan and Prelacy councils of Atlanta agreed to work together, on a trial basis, for one year. This agreement was concluded because our community can not support separate churches and councils.

The arrangement worked well and received overwhelming support from our community. Consequently, it was decided to hold elections for a Unified Church Council and petition both the Diocese and Prelacy for formal recognition and support. Please see the attached document. The Prelacy responded positively to our request but, unfortunately, the Diocese has never responded to our repeated requests. Undaunted, the Unified Church Council of Atlanta continues to work towards full recognition.

The Unified Church Council and a majority of our community members believe that priests should be invited to attend to our spiritual needs from both the Diocese and the Prelacy. A unified and coordinated approach to our religious needs is and will be significantly more beneficial and uplifting to our christian brotherhood and spirit. The last priest the Unified Council invited was Father Jebejian of the Diocese. Therefore, this time, your Council has invited Father Manoogian of the Prelacy to conduct Divine Liturgy.

The last election of the Unified Church Council was in March 1991. Since a few of the council members have decided to step down, a decision was made to hold new elections.

Respectfully,

The Unified Armenian Church
Council of Atlanta

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