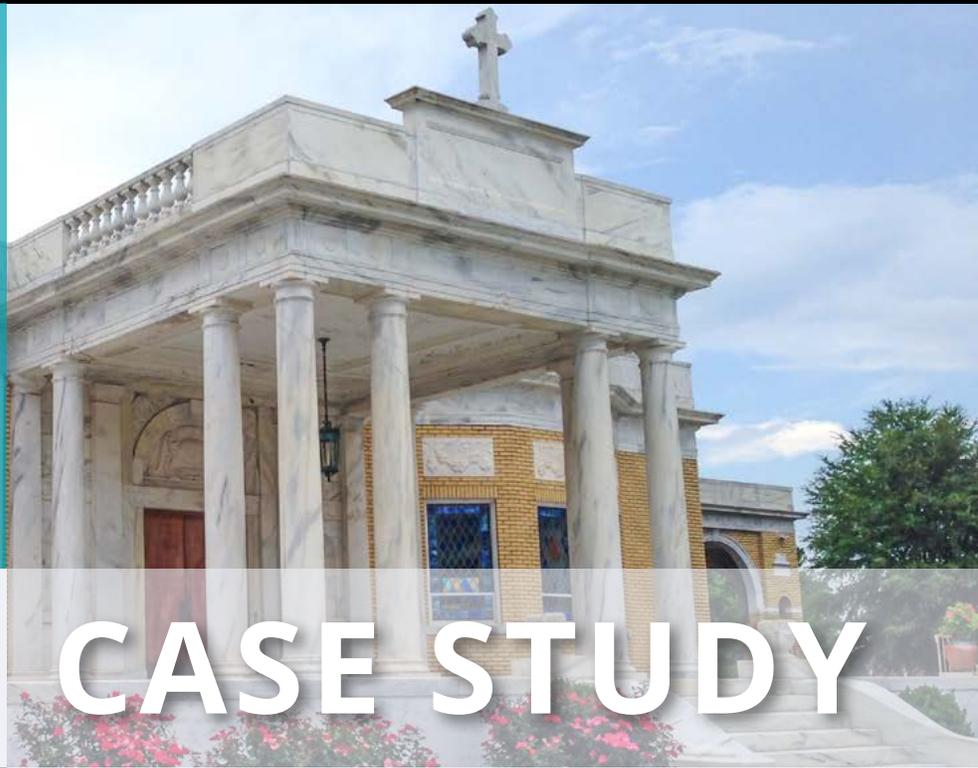


The Perseverance of One  
of Atlanta's Historical  
Treasures

# Historical



## CASE STUDY

*Former Coca-Cola magnate, Asa Candler, had a penchant for the good life. He was well-heeled and his properties portrayed that. St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church was built in Candler's Druid Hills mansion. The home, built in 1916 and inspired by a trip to Pompeii, has both historical and religious significance. While structures were well built in this period, the technology behind things like insulation, doors and windows have come a long way since then. It was with this realization that the church decided to renovate. The factors that were most important to them were security, energy efficiency, comfort, low-maintenance, and maintaining the beautiful aesthetics and historical architecture.*

*Just like homeowners, the leaders of the church gathered quotes from several companies in Metro Atlanta to see who could best meet their needs. Since the church still had many of the original windows from 1916, a company with expertise in restoration as well as renovation was vital. In the end, they chose North Georgia Replacement Windows.*

Our expertise with older homes and our attention to detail is what set us apart and ultimately won us the job. Low maintenance windows are what we specialize in and we are experts at working with historical homes. While the challenges that they tasked us with were different due to the nature of the building, this job had our name written all over it before we were hired to do it.

There were three issues, though, that we had to find solutions for. They were the curved windows, security and stained glass windows.

**Curved Windows** - Some of the original, historical windows were curved. We were, in fact, the only company out of the ones interviewed who could provide the curved windows that were required for this job. These windows are very unique, requiring a custom millwork shop to make curved frames. We brought in specialty curved glass that was manufactured for us in Arkansas. It was a lot of detailed work and coordination with both companies regarding sizes, angles, logistics and more.



**Security** - The job also required us to fix several door and hardware concerns. We brought in not only our team, but also professionals that specialize in high-security locking systems. In addition to the high-security locking systems that were installed on the doors we replaced, our windows also included laminated security glass that is more resistant to break-ins and greatly reduces the outside noise from the busy Ponce De Leon Avenue.



**Stained Glass** - We were also able to partner with a local leaded glass repair company to reconstruct the stained glass windows in the sanctuary. Challenges like this were what made this project so amazing. Not only did we get to use our expertise, but we were able to see another world of window replacement that was so awe-inspiring.



While Atlanta architecture might not boast anything close to the cathedrals of Europe, if our relics are carefully preserved, centuries from now it very well might. By doing our small part in the preservation of St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church, the community, both the church members and the people who are lucky enough to pass by it during their daily routine, will be able to enjoy it for years to come. There was a time when Rome had not celebrated its bicentennial yet. With efforts like these, Atlanta will hold up a lot better!

