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# Orthodox Church of Georgia declines attendance at Amman meeting convened by Patriarch of Jerusalem



The Orthodox Church of Georgia this week announced a closely watched decision not to participate in a Pan-Orthodox meeting being organized in Amman, Jordan later this month by the Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Most Godly Beatitude Theophilos III.

In a statement, the Patriarchate of Georgia said the reason that it cannot participate with a representative is the fact that the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, His All Holiness Bartholomew I, is not attending.

The Georgian Church also pointed out that Primates of other Orthodox Churches are not attending.

The statement reads, in part, “…As there is a lack of unity – at this time we consider that it would not be helpful to participate. We hope that the assembly of Primates will be held in adherence of the Holy Canons of the Church, so that issues damaging our unity are discussed.”

A relevant letter to the Patriarch of Jerusalem was signed by the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, His Holiness and Beatitude, Ilia II.