

## Blessed True Parents' Day!

True Parents' Day, honoring the engagement of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon to

Hak Ja Han, is observed on the  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  day of the  $\mathbf{3}^{\text{rd}}$  month according to the Heavenly

Calendar (the same date as the  $\mathbf{1}^{st}$  day of the  $\mathbf{3}^{rd}$  month lunar, March  $\mathbf{1}^{st}$  lunar).

This year, the  $2^{nd}$  Year of  $\raiseta 2$  Cheon-gi (the Heavenly Foundation) by the Heavenly Calendar, the  $1^{st}$  Day of the  $3^{rd}$  Month corresponds to Sunday, April 3, 2011 solar.



Please listen <u>at this link</u> to the beautiful "Cherubic Hymn." As part of the Eastern Orthodox

Christian liturgy, this song symbolically incorporates the worshippers into the presence

of the angels gathered around God's throne. Russian composer Dmitri Bortniansky

(1751-1825) wrote the music to this version of the hymn.

Duration 4:04 minutes

Here are the words of the "Cherubic Hymn":

We, who mystically represent the <u>Cherubim</u>, And chant the <u>thrice-holy hymn</u> to the life-giving God, the Holy Trinity, Let us set aside the cares of earthly life so that we might receive the King of all,

Who comes invisibly escorted, lifted up by the heavenly angels. Alleluia!

Here are further details about the "Cherubic Hymn."



A portrait of our True Parents on the day of their Holy Blessing in 1960

Listening to this hymn, let us welcome our True Parents into our hearts and into our

congregations at this time of the celebration of True Parents' arrival on earth through

their engagement on March 1<sup>st</sup> and Holy Blessing on March 16<sup>th</sup> in 1960 (lunar calendar).

## Song of the Banquet

Pure new life that once was sown within the garden's fertile soil,

Sprouting seed has now become a blossom of heavenly loveliness.

Father above, Lord of all, shower



your blessing upon this holy day, bond of love forever more! Hallelujah, Glorious Day of Joy!

Fairest flowers of the meadow, tender buds of perfect form, now receive the gift of life and dance in the joy of eternal spring.

Heavenly host, men on earth, join us in praising this day;

Bless us to share, love's communion faithfully, Hallelujah, Glorious Day of Joy!

Hushed we stand in awe before you, ready now to give our pledge to attend and serve completely with an unchanging eternal love.

Glorious King, mighty God, fill with Your blessed grace this dearest one;





Top image, a cropped section of the image at this <u>source</u> Middle image, enhanced from an January 31, 2009 FFWPU USA source Bottom image <u>source</u>

Holy banquet of our love. Hallelujah, Glorious Day of Joy!

Overflowing with your love as dawn proclaims eternal life, earth and heaven come surround the glorious Parents of mankind!

Gather around, sing the song, fragrant the love of the Lord.

Tell all the world, spring has come eternally! Hallelujah, Glorious Day of Joy!



Celebration following the blessing of 13 Western couples among the 43 Couples, Washington DC, February 28, 1969



Our beloved True Parents, the Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon



Please listen at this link to another version of the "Cherubic Hymn," this one by the Russian composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

(1840-1893).
Duration 7:36
minutes

#### Cheon Seong Gyeong

Book Two - True Parents Chapter Seven - A Life with True Parents Section 1. True Parents' Day and True Parents

April 12, 1964

Originally, Adam and Eve would have become True Parents by uniting with each other centered on God; then, Parents' Day would have been established and the entire universe would have sung praises in the name of the Universal Parents. Thus, True Parents' Day should have been a day of joy with the entire universe singing praises together in the name of the



The Coronation of the King of the Blessed Families of the Peace and Unity of the Cosmic True Parent and the True Parents of Heaven and Earth, February 6, 2003



The Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening *Cheon Il Guk* February 6, 2003

Parents. It was God's deepest desire that this day be celebrated. Due to the Fall of the first human ancestors, however, heaven and earth never saw this True Parents' Day. Thus, God has never ceased working to realize His original plan for True Parents' Day. Before we can celebrate True Parents' Day, however, we must first receive True Parents. The True Parents are the central beings. They must judge history, rule over the present and pioneer the future. The desire of people throughout history has also been to receive

Why are we trying to restore a people? We are creating a people to attend the victorious True Parents and to

such True Parents.



Photo portrait of True Parents October 1, 2007

attend them truly by realizing a free heaven and earth as sons and daughters of filial piety. The True Parents will appear before the entire cosmos on a national foundation that can stand on behalf of heaven, earth and all humankind without accusation from the satanic world.

Until now we have attended True Parents only in sorrow and pain, but from now on we should attend them in joy and in freedom. When God can dwell within our hearts, only then, when we are joyful, will God be able to say, "Yes, your joy is my joy!" ❖



True Parents' Golden Wedding Anniversary the  $16^{th}$  day of the  $3^{rd}$  month of the  $1^{st}$  year of 전기 *Cheongi* (the Heavenly Foundation) ~ April 29, 2010

### True Father's Words on Parents' Day

April 2, 1965

In order to celebrate Parents' Day, all conditions must be met and all the victories must be won, so that this day can be inaugurated. We are indebted to God for 6,000 years of history from Cain and Abel to Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and Jesus. This history must be paid.

No, Parents' Day cannot be inaugurated until clearance is made. In order for Parents' Day to be established, all elements of sin must be exterminated and all the accused days of Satan must be free. Upon this victorious base alone can this day be born. Why? Because world evil has

been performed and parents have failed their responsibilities. Adam and Eve had every chance to fulfill the mission. So, new True Parents have to be inaugurated in the "Adam and Eve restored" position. The new Adam has to go through all the entanglements of human history. He has to clear the deck before he can appear as the True Parent. Satan infiltrated the Adam - Eve true parent relationship, so the True Parent has to overcome and win over Satan. Otherwise this day will never come. By paying restitution, the True Parents feel the heart of the Father. The Parent must comfort the heart of the Father who has been suffering. He must be able to

comfort the heart of the Father of the past and the present; the agonized heart with an uneasy future. All these things must be done. Then we can say, "Father, I have overcome all your burdens. What is your hope? I know and I will fulfill."

Upon this enormous base, this foundation for victory, this tremendous, incredible, incalculable foundation of victory alone, could Parents' Day be inaugurated. I don't think any one of you has ever even thought it in your dreams. You have enjoyed some curiosity about Parents' Day. This is very easy and cheap and simple. You are in this room today, ladies and gentlemen, and you must know the background

of this day. Unless you know the significance and meaning of Parents' Day as well as I do, then this day is mine alone and it would never be for you. But I do not want a Parents' Day of my own, all by myself. I am concerned with this: How can I give this blessing to all people so that this knowledge can be shared by the hearts of all brothers and sisters? I want it to be historically perfect. I want you, the center of this universe, to be related with the entire universal historical background so that you can truly be the lords over all creation. I want you to have the power which subjugates Satan; then I want you to be free of Satan's accusations. I want you to be able to

comfort our Heavenly Father so that you can really appreciate and celebrate Parents' Day. This is what I want. I do not wish to be perfect alone. All of you must be true parents so that this day will come to a new generation, your own generation, from which all children of the world will spring up. The center of the Divine Principle Movement is to create a person who can deserve Parents' Day. \*



True Parents' Golden Wedding Anniversary, April 29, 2010 Image source: FFWPU USA members' section



Here is a video showing film footage of True Parents' Holy Blessing in April 1960 solar and also excerpts from the formal celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary in April 2010 solar.

Duration 3:59 minutes



True Parents on their Blessing Day

# Happy True Parents' Day!