

FFWPU International: Witnessing and Blessing in Europe and the Middle East

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Focus: Balkan Region



Blessed Families Celebrate Major Providential Anniversaries and Blessing Ceremony

Blessed Families across the EUME region gathered in a spirit of joy, reverence, and unity to commemorate three significant providential milestones: the 66th Anniversary of the Holy Wedding of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, the First Anniversary of the Entrance into the Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum, and the 2026 Hyojeong Cheonju Blessing Ceremony officiated by the True Parents.

The celebrations took place in local communities, where families organized heartfelt gatherings centered on gratitude, reflection, and rededication to their faith and mission. A key highlight of these events was the preparation of beautiful offering tables, carefully arranged with fruits, traditional foods, flowers, and symbolic items representing devotion, sincerity, and the harmony between heaven and earth. These offerings reflected not only aesthetic care but also deep spiritual meaning, embodying the participants' respect and love for the True Parents.

During the gatherings, families engaged in prayers, readings, and testimonies that emphasized the historical and spiritual significance of the Holy Wedding Anniversary. Participants reflected on the enduring legacy of the True Parents and their role in establishing a foundation for peace and unity across the world. The commemoration of the first anniversary of the Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum further deepened this reflection, as attendees expressed gratitude for this sacred space as a symbol of hope, divine presence, and the realization of heavenly ideals on earth.

The celebrations also served as a preparatory and celebratory moment for the 2026 Hyojeong Cheonju Blessing Ceremony. Families renewed their commitment to the values of true love, fidelity, and building God-centered families. The atmosphere was one of anticipation and inspiration, as both new and long-standing Blessed Families looked forward to participating in or supporting the Blessing movement.

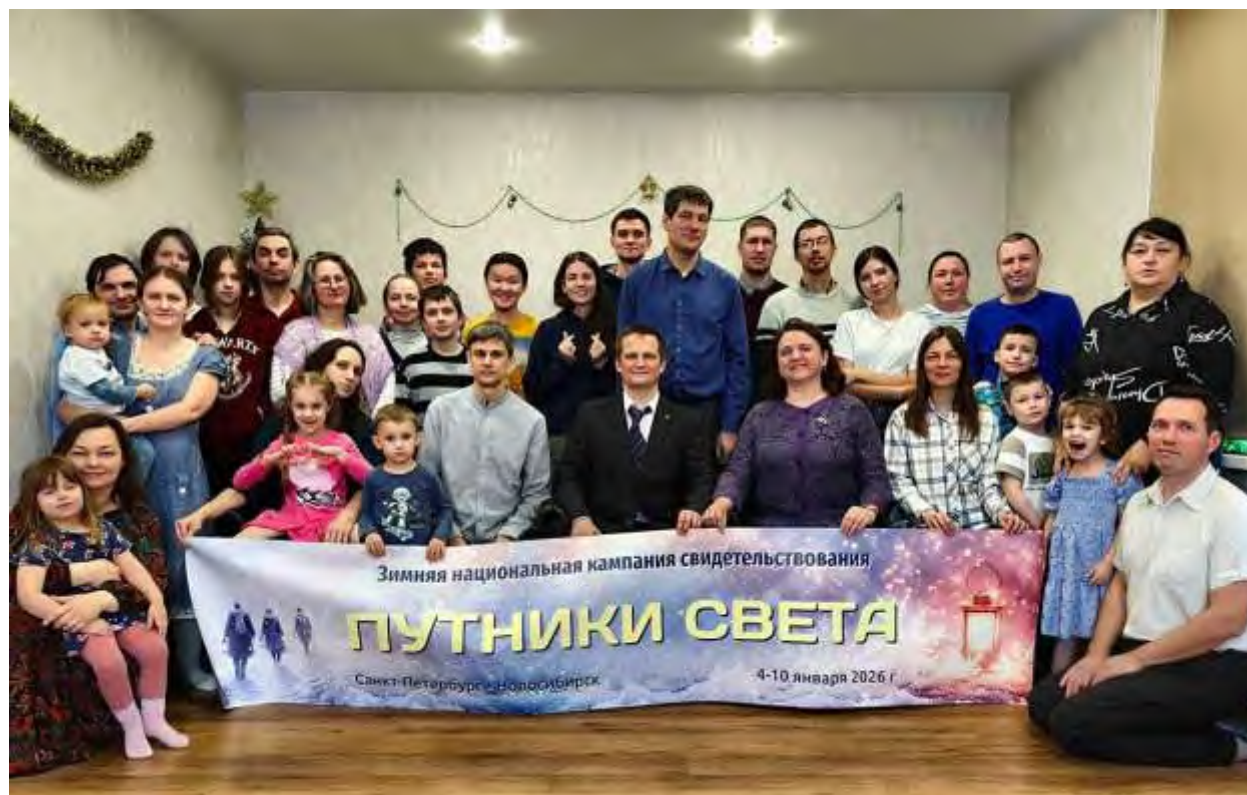
Across the EUME region, these gatherings strengthened community bonds and reaffirmed a shared identity rooted in faith and purpose. The collective effort to prepare offering tables and host meaningful programs demonstrated a unified heart of devotion and gratitude.

Russia and Ukraine - Witnessing Activities

Russia

A nationwide witnessing activity continued actively across multiple regions of Russia, demonstrating consistent outreach and educational engagement.

Frontline witnessing efforts took place in several major cities. In Moscow, six members participated in frontline activities, while Yekaterinburg saw four participants. In Novosibirsk, two members were involved, and St. Petersburg had three participants engaging directly in outreach.



In addition to frontline witnessing, a variety of spiritual and educational programs were conducted, including lectures, presentations, and "Heavenly Sparks" (actionizing) gatherings.

Educational efforts remained strong, with a focus on Divine Principle and Spiritual Guidance lectures. St. Petersburg hosted twelve lectures, while Moscow conducted fourteen lectures. Additional lectures were held across Yekaterinburg, Ulyanovsk, Chelyabinsk, and Novosibirsk.

One-Day Divine Principle Workshops were successfully organized in both Yekaterinburg and Moscow, with a combined total of sixteen guests attending these programs.

A notable development was the participation of six new guests from St. Petersburg and Yekaterinburg who engaged in fundraising activities for the first time, marking an important step in their involvement and commitment.

Ukraine

In Ukraine, witnessing activities also continued steadily across multiple centers. Over the past week, a total of 28 guests attended various programs held in Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, and Warsaw.

Among them, 21 guests participated in Introductory Lectures, while 7 guests attended a One-Day Workshop, reflecting a balanced engagement across different levels of educational programming.

Additionally, HDH (Hoon Dok Hae) sessions with guests were conducted twice during the week as part of the witnessing activities, further supporting spiritual education and connection.

Albania and Kosovo - Blessed Family Education Seminars in Tirana and Prishtina

On April 12, the Tirana community gathered at the training center in Mullet for a one-day seminar focused on the direction of providence under the spirit of Cham Bumo Ron. Following the Sunday message, a Q and A session was held on the value of the True Parents, led by the Balkans Regional Director, Mr. Gani Rroshi, and the National President, Ms. Manjola Vasmatics. It was a meaningful time in which participants united in heart and deepened their shared understanding.

During the third session, parents had the opportunity to attend a parenting course, while youth aged 13 and above, along with Blessed Children, participated in sessions specially prepared for them.

The same educational program was later offered to Blessed Families in Prishtina, Kosovo, on Sunday, April 26, where 29 participants attended a one-day workshop. The content strengthened both individual faith and the sense of community, while also serving as a reminder of the importance of continuous spiritual growth. The workshop concluded with a heartfelt prayer in support of Holy Mother Han and the nation of Kosovo.



Bulgaria - UN International Mother Earth Day

On 23 April, the Peace Embassy in Sofia hosted an event from the series "The International Days of the United Nations Organization," dedicated to the theme "International Mother Earth Day."

The event brought together 30 participants, including 25 attendees in person and 5 joining online via Zoom. The audience was warmly welcomed with poetry readings by Yulia Filipova, Rositsa Kopukova, and Violeta Mitrova, setting an inspiring and reflective tone.



The program featured a series of engaging lectures exploring the relationship between humans and the natural world. Tina Electra spoke on the connection between human behavior and the health of the planet. Tsvetan Ostromsky presented fascinating insights into the caves of Bulgaria, while Yanko Kirkov discussed the role of microbiota in ecological balance and human well-being.

The event concluded with an unexpected and memorable musical performance by Haigashod Agasyan and Margarita Pisarenko, who delighted the audience by playing the piano and singing.