

God's Day – from misery to manifestation

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I wish all blessed family members a happy True Heavenly Parent's Day this Saturday. For the first time in history, we have True Parents. For the first time in history, even God has True Parents. Which means that for the first time in history, God could substantially become flesh. Now that is something worth celebrating!

“You must understand,” said True Father in 1969, “how much effort I made leading up to God's Day on January 1, 1968. God was miserable, I was miserable, Unificationists also were miserable.” (Cham Bu Mo Gyeong p. 597). And yet, from that

miserable state, God's Day could emerge as the “day on which True Parents appear as the substantial manifestation of God” (CBMG p. 456).

In between the Holy Blessing of True Parents in 1960 and the end of the 1967, True Parents offered, together with the worldwide membership, a 7-year period of devotion. During that time, True Mother went on a crash course of indemnity – representing all women – going through unimaginable trials to earn her status as the True Mother who could be trusted by True Father. During that time, through various world tours, a worldwide foundation was made to create a tribal level foundation upon which True Parents' family could exist and be protected. And so, on the first day of the first month of 1968, True Father could declare the 1st God's Day.

The name of this occasion has evolved over the years – the word “True” was added in 1994, and “God” became “Heavenly Parent” in 2014 – but the root occasion we celebrate is the moment in 1968 when True Father felt complete trust in his wife, True Mother, and that together they could emerge as a couple in whom God could be manifested – the invisible God finally becoming flesh in a harmonised husband and wife, father and mother.

As we celebrate this holy day, let's feel confident to celebrate every day of the year as an occasion that can be connected to God through True Parents. We have True Parents, and that is something to be immeasurably proud of, and our further pride is in connecting all humanity back to God through the True Parents for whom they long.

If your local community is hosting a holy day pledge service, please attend with your family and friends, and if you can't, please offer your own family pledge service on Saturday morning with a heart full of joy. You may find [these words](#) helpful as *hoon dok hwe* to study beforehand or on the day.

The 5th year of Cheon Il Guk will be a year full of hope. I hope that you can share my hope and invest into every day of this next year with a joyful gratitude in God & True Parents. Happy New Year!