



THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL SEONGHWA OF
SUN MYUNG MOON
THE TRUE PARENT OF HEAVEN, EARTH AND HUMANKIND

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Tirana, Albania was one of the more than 194 locations that organized a commemorative event on the occasion of the second anniversary of rev. Sun Myung Moon ascension, known as Universal Seunghwa Ceremony by unificationists worldwide.

The main ceremony in Albania was organized at the Peace Embassy main hall where about 50 FFWPU members, Ambassadors for Peace and blessed families gathered to pay their respects to this great man in human history.

The program begun with the Cheon Il Guk anthem; then the MC, Mr.Sokol Rexhepi invited the participants to stand and honor the anthem of the ideal nation so much desired by Heavenly Parent that has to be substantiated by each of us. In the opening speech he emphasized the eight spiritual disciplines that True Father championed during his life on earth of which he also spoke on one of the latest Peace Messages (13).



The wife of Albania National Leader, Mrs.Marjeta Rroshi, offered the opening prayer. She was followed by Mrs. Kozeta Zavalani, a poet, writer and women leader, head of Tirana Peace Council that vividly reported on her attendance of the 1-st anniversary of TF Seunghwa in Seoul, Korea, last year.

A short video presentation with shots from TF life and his Universal Seunghwa ceremony followed and moved the hearts of the viewers. It was followed by a solemn and silent moment of flower offering from 21 participants to the altar prepared for the occasion. A student from W-CARP read some minutes from Peace Messages where True Father reminded us about the three stages of life and the meaning of the seonghwa ceremony.

As it's natural in such occasion several people were asked to share their beautiful experiences while Father was on earth. The first on was Mrs.Rroshi, one of the early followers of Rev. Moon in Albania who said that although two years of TF ascension already past she still cannot believe it. Later she shared how everything was possible while True Father was still on earth proving that God was with him. She reminded of the real

love that Father demonstrated while in Athens, in May 2011, when he extended his speech by 1 hour while waiting the Albanian members arriving in two buses. “Once again I want to express my gratitude to True Parents who opened new ways for us to connect and know God, our Heavenly Parent. Let us inherit the great tradition and legacy that True Father left us behind”, Mrs. Rroshi concluded.



Another elder member, Mr. Altin Rexhepi took the pulpit who began by saying that True Father was also a champion of true love. “On my experience on commemoration events in our families it is natural that the number of participants is being reduced as time passes. The ones that remain are the ones closest to the ascended”, said Mr. Rexhepi implying that those present are really close to Father Moon. Among others he shared a recent dream with Father where Altin was showing the way to Father through some stairs “and as the stairs continued they became so narrow that not even one man could go through. I said to Father that there is no more space to go, but he kept on and passed where nobody could go followed by a few members”. His interpretation was that Father always walked paths that no one could go and that he opened wide for us the way to God and heavenly kingdom.

After him, the leader of Tirana community, Mrs. Manjola Vasmatics gave a powerful and spirited speech entitled “Let us finish the marathon of peace-building, victorious as True Parents”.



“I was reflecting on my life and I concluded that I don’t what kind of direction would my life had taken if I didn’t connect to True Parents” – said Manjola. “I’m scared to close my eyes and imagine that. I was wandering in darkness looking for a ray of light; I was looking for answers on life, values, the meaning and purpose of it. The future looked meaningless, but heaven was opened and the black cloud disappeared when I began to understand True Parents and their teachings. Yes, I found my sun. No matter how strong a storm comes I know that TF will enlighten and lead our way of life more than ever. But I also learned something else: that TF is also your sun, he is True Father, Messiah, True Parent that came as the root of blood lineage and original goodness.”



The last person on the podium was the chairman of UPF Albania, General Bajram Ibraj, who although appointed as AfPs in 2007 had several chances to attend and directly see True Father in action. “It was my dream to serve at least one time as Father’s bodyguard,” said Mr.Ibraj - “and I’m very happy to have made it real during Father’s visit in Athens, Greece in 2011, when, for a moment, I helped him get into his car”. He also reminded of how he signed and left a note to the state police in 2005 to escort True Father in his visit to Albania in 2005 when Mr. Ibraj was general police director; having no idea that two years later he would receive the Ambassador for Peace title signed by Father and Mother Moon. In a way, Mr.Ibraj’s testimony was the cherry on the cake of this beautiful and moving event.



Everything was offered to Heaven with three cheers of Eok Manzei led by the MC.

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