



## September 18th (and 20th) are Our Re-Birthday!

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Dear Family,

Over the next three days our American Family will celebrate some of the most important dates in the history of True Parents' work in the United States.

Today, we mark the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Madison Square Garden Speech, delivered on September 18, 1974, in New York City, the culmination of True Parents' *Day of Hope* speaking tours which had begun nearly two years earlier. True Father spoke on *The New Future of Christianity* and proclaimed that Jesus had not come to die on the cross, that the crucifixion was not the original mission of Christ, that "the Lord would return as the Son of Man in the flesh," and that "the day is at hand." Members covered Manhattan with eighty thousand two-by-three-foot posters with a portrait of True Father advertising that "September 18 Could Be Your Re-Birthday." Even the *New York Times* had to concede, "His face is everywhere, it seems."

Two years later, over 300,000 people gathered in Washington DC, where True Father spoke on *America and God's Will*. After the Washington Monument Rally, True Father said:

"I feel light as a feather. I feel like I can fly. I have borne a tremendous burden of responsibility, but with the victory at Washington Monument, I feel like I have been liberated from the weight. I can now walk as a free man. I can hold my head up before heaven and earth."

More details and photos of these landmark events are available on our website, [www.familyfed.org](http://www.familyfed.org).

In two days' time, we will gather again at the Manhattan Center in New York, and around the country, for our National Memorial Program honoring the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of True Father's ascension in 2012. Our participation in these events, and our ongoing commitment to keep moving forward with True Parents' work in America, is surely the very best way to comfort and encourage our True Mother on earth and to inspire our beloved True Father, watching over us from heaven. Come by all means!

These Memorial Services are not just a time for looking back, but to look forward to an America where millions of people have received the blessings of rebirth, resurrection and eternal life through True Parents. We must make concrete plans and renewed commitments to play our part in that great work.

Let's make today, September 18, and Saturday, September 20, America's re-birthday!

With all blessings and love,

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