

## FFWPU UK: True Heavenly Parents' Day, True Parents' Day and 64th Anniversary of True Parent's Holy Wedding

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With multiple important Holy Days coming up later this month, refresh your memory on what they represent.



### 24th April 2024 - True Heavenly Parents' Day

"God's Day" was founded on January 1st, 1968 as one of the major Unificationist Holy Days.

On February 10th, 2013, it was renamed as "True Heavenly Parents' Day"

This year, the Holy Day will take place on Wednesday 24th April, alongside True Parents' Day and the Cosmic Blessing.

### But what actually is "True Heavenly Parents' Day"?

It is a celebration of God, our Heavenly Parent and our rededication to him.

What has Rev. Sun Myung Moon say on the topic of God, our Heavenly Parent?

"God's Day gives Him the opportunity to show His love to His children."

"What kind of day is God's Day? For God, it is a joyful day and a good day. He wants to encounter good people on this day. He wants to bless you and celebrate this day with you, but actually, He has no one qualified to receive that blessing. All around the world people are celebrating this first day of the year, but only members of the Unification Church celebrate it as God's Day. Therefore, God wants to be with you this day."

"Long in advance, you must begin to prepare for each new God's Day, planning what to offer from the depths of your heart... An offering is not limited to the time in which it is made. It becomes the gift of all things of creation, the gift of the children, and the gift of one's self. Before you come to God's Day, repent of all your ungodliness and sweep it away."

"On official holidays we must share everything with one another and live joyfully while God rejoices." - Rev. Sun Myung Moon

### What is the significance of "True Heavenly Parents' Day"?

God gave Adam and Eve the "Three Great Blessings" at the time of creation. However, they fell away from God and were not able to fulfil them. Through the work of Jesus and True Parents, the Three Great Blessings have been restored and brought back to us into a True Relationship with God, our Heavenly Parent, thus establishing True Heavenly Parents' Day.

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children, 3: to be the owners of creation and to govern it with love.)

On the day that Adam and Eve got married, it would have been a day of joy not only for the perfection of two children of God, but also for Adam and Eve to stand as a husband and a wife to each other, and for all creation to welcome their owner of true love. In other words, 'Parents' Day', 'Children's Day', 'Day of All Things', and 'God's Day' were supposed to be on the same day. However, when Adam and Eve fell, all of God's ideal of Creation was lost.

True Parents walked the path to restore God's ideal of creation that was lost. Overcoming various hardships, on April 11th, 1960, True Parents were wed through a Holy Wedding Ceremony. Due to their victory over the seven-year course of restoration, 'God's Day' was declared on January 1st, 1968."



### **True Parents' Day**

"Parent's Day" was founded on March 1st, 1960 as one of the major Unificationist Holy Days.

On the 35th Parents' Day in 1994, it was renamed as "True Parents' Day".

This year, the Holy Day will take place on Wednesday 24th April.

### **But what actually is "True Parents' Day"?**

It is a celebration of a True Husband and a True Wife coming together in Blessed Marriage, creating a family centred on God and becoming True Parents.

What did Rev. Sun Myung Moon say on the topic of parents?

"Grandparents handed down love to parents, the parents handed down love to a husband and a wife, and the couple handed down love to children... You were born of your parents, so your parents were the first ones to whom you could speak. Your first sound was "daddy and mommy." What are parents born for? They are born for their children!"

"This day was established to celebrate the day on which a man and woman became husband and wife based on the original love of God. It celebrates the beginning of the ideal realm of human completion that God has long desired. It celebrates the complete unity of the mind and body of a man and the mind and body of a woman, achieved horizontally with God as the center."

"Children must grow up looking at their parents as their models, thinking, 'I will be like my father. I will be like my mother.' That is the best tradition." - Rev. Sun Myung Moon

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On this day Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon declared that they became the True Parents of humankind... As such, the engagement ceremony with Hak Ja Han was held at the headquarters church of Seoul on March 1st, 1960 Heavenly Calendar, on the victorious foundation on which he had indemnified and restored human history. True Father, Rev. Moon, came as the third Adam, restored the foundation for the 'True Parents' of humankind and could welcome True Mother, Hak Ja Han, as his bride. 'The marriage of the Lamb', as prophesied in the Bible, (Revelation 19:7) was fulfilled. Beginning the following year, 1961, this day was decided to be Parents' Day. In 1994, it was renamed as True Parents' Day, and other days, such as 'God's Day', 'Day of All Things', 'Children's Day' were also renamed to have 'True' at the beginning of the title."

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#### **64th Anniversary of True Parent's Holy Wedding**



April 11, 1960 (March 16 by the lunar calendar) marked the historic day in the Unification tradition of "the marriage supper of the Lamb." True Parents joined in holy matrimony in the Chungpa-dong headquarters church. Wedding decorations were put up in the main hall, the walls and floor were covered with white cloth, and a platform was erected. When preparations were completed, True Father consecrated the hall with salt. This began the church tradition of consecrating belongings with Holy Salt.

As described by Rev. Young-hwi Kim, True Mother, dressed in a white hanbok (the traditional Korean dress) with a long wedding veil over her head and ornaments befitting a bride, came down the stairs from the second floor, arm in arm with True Father. A chorus of "Song of the Banquet" was their wedding march. The ceremony was carried out twice, first in the Western style with a wedding veil, and then in the Korean traditional style with a blue silk hanbok, square belt and black hat for the groom and a bridal headpiece and Korean royal dress for the bride.

The offering table for the Holy Wedding was set up according to revelations received from Heaven, with some forty kinds of food in cylindrical columns. After the meal, celebrations were held in the same hall, joyously highlighted by True Parents' dance. True Father said that because of this ceremony, the Principle and the existence of the Unification Church would become known throughout the entire world, and the Will of God would be accomplished.