

# **Sofia Community Unites to Host Family Festival**

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A Family Festival was held on November 24 in the Peace Embassy of Sofia, Bulgaria.

The program began with a moving testimony by our VIP guest Mariana Tincheva-Eklesia about her experiences at the Southeast Europe Peace Summit held in Tirana, Albania, in October.

After that, Mihaela Sergeeva gave a lecture titled “The Family as the School of Love.” We then showed a short film introducing FFWPU and the Blessing, and finally we held the Marriage Rededication Ceremony.



Some musical and literary performances also enlivened the program. Some younger second-generation children sang a song, and we all repeated the refrain together with them: “Man cannot live without a family.”

Rumiana Russeva read a short excerpt from True Father's autobiography, and one newly blessed couple's wife recited a poem and sang a song about the family. As part of the program, Mariana Tincheva-Eklesia was awarded an Ambassador for Peace certificate.

There was a very nice and liberated atmosphere. It was a very special occasion, in that all the blessed families of Sofia united together and contributed to the success of the event by participating in the preparations and the program as lecturers, performers or officiators of the Blessing.

