



Heavenly Parent's Holy Community

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Dear Family,

Observance of True Parents' Day and Heavenly Parent's Day in 2021

Earlier this morning, we successfully concluded the Cheon Il Guk leaders' meeting for 2021 together with True Mother and leaders from all around the world. We had more than 600 families from our region joining the final session by ZOOM even though it was as usual in the middle of the night. Thank you all!

Recently, some of you have asked us for a clarification about the planned observance of True Parents' Day and Heavenly Parent's Day in 2021. As you will have seen from the beautiful Cheon Il Guk calendar prepared by our EUME team, these Holy Days will be **observed** on the same day as True Parents' Holy Wedding, April 27, 2021.

If you turn to that page in the calendar you will see that all the details are there. On that day we will observe:

- The 61st Anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding (original date 3.16 by the lunar calendar in 1960)
- The 54th Heavenly Parent's Day (original date January 1, 1968 solar calendar)
- The 62nd True Parents' Day (original date 3.1 by the lunar calendar in 1960)

We know it can be a little confusing. In fact, the way that we celebrate Holy Days is continuously evolving. Among the 8 major Holy Days, 3 were traditionally by the Gregorian calendar: True God's Day, Day of the Declaration of God's Eternal Blessing [Chil Il Jeol] on July 1, and Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World [as it then was known] on October 3. All the others were celebrated according to the lunar calendar date. Then, in 2010, True Father introduced the "Heavenly Calendar" which uses lunar calendar dates and we started to celebrate True God's Day according to the Heavenly Calendar starting in 2010. In fact, that year we celebrated twice: on both the solar date January 1 and the lunar date February 14. On January 30 True Father revealed that he had long intended to do this, saying at Hoondokhae that morning "When I was in my early twenties, which was about 70 years ago, I decided to introduce the Heavenly calendar to humankind."

The names of the Holy Days have also changed. Back in the 1990s, all the Holy Days were updated to include the word "True," and so God's Day became True God's Day and so on. As we all know, soon after True Father's passing, True Mother revealed that God yearns for us to recognize that we have a Heavenly Parent, and so we started celebrating True God's Day as Heavenly Parent's Day, by the Heavenly calendar.

On True Parent's Day in 1977 True Father explained that the need for Holy Days only came into being as part of the restoration providence, saying "If there had been no fall of man, we would never have seen such Holy Days as God's Day, Parents' Day, Children's Day and World Day. Adam and Eve would probably have been the only two people who would have celebrated these days, while their descendants would have celebrated only the victory of their established foundation."

So there would have been just one day of celebration and he explained it would have been the day of Adam and Eve's wedding blessed by God—the day of the victory their established foundation. True Mother's move to observe these three holy days together on True Parents' Holy Wedding Anniversary is a sign of the advancement of the providence and the realization of the Heavenly Parent's dream. With that in mind, we would like to remind and encourage all our families to prepare well for the upcoming Holy Days, both by offering a suitable period of devotion, and by preparing the very best offering / donation we can manage.

Sincerely,

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