

Memorial activity honoring the legacy of Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon – the True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind

Tirana – Albania, 22nd of September 2012 Sokol Rexhepi

On September 22nd 2012 at the Hotel Tirana International we hold the memorial activity honoring the legacy of True father. Over 300 people gathered on the main hall of the hotel at 10.00 AM on Saturday, many traveling from different cities of Albania. Among blessed families, members & parents and Ambassadors for Peace, there were three Members of Parliament, one Former Chairman of Parliament, four Former MPs and two famous Artists.

From 6th – 13th of September around 500 members and parents, Ambassadors for Peace and other VIPs paid respects to Father at our Peace Embassy in Tirana where the altar was established to honor True Father.



All brothers and sisters offered sincere CS conditions during all this time and many of them wanted desperately to go to Korea and see Father for the last time. Unfortunately, because of financial limitations only 10 members from Albania could fly to Korea and 16 other members who already were in Korea could attend the Universal Seonghwa Ceremony in Ceongshim World Peace Center. Beside 26 members, we were much honored to have Pres. Moisiu

and his daughter also come to Korea and even speak as one of the only three speakers at the Universal Seonghwa Ceremony.

During this time, brothers and sisters in Albania were making preparations to honor True Father's legacy on national level by holding a national level Memorial event.



At 10.00 AM already the hall was full and the MC, Mr. Ali Lacej opened the event by offering words of grace and gratitude towards True Father, including his personal testimony and experience with True Father in Yeosu – Korea and Athens – Greece. He mentioned that True Father's teachings found ground in Albanian souls and they for sure will bear fruits in this country.



The program continued with the CIG anthem, Blessing of Glory, followed by the moving video Tribute to True Father, with Albanian subtitles, which starts with Father's final prayer at CJG.



The report prayer was offered by Mrs. Manjola Vasmatics – community leader of Vlora. Her tearful prayer moved everybody and the holy atmosphere was already very high. On behalf of everybody, she reported to heaven that *“...Father we miss you dearly, however, we want to assure you that we will not despair and run away, but will inherit your legacy of True Love and fully unite with our True Mother and International President, Hyung Jin Moon to bring victory on Foundation Day, because you have prepare everything for us to go on...”*



Afterwards, Mr. Bajram Ibraj – the Chairman of the Presiding Council of UPF Albania gave a very deep and moving message about Father's life course, making it very clear for everybody who Father was, what he did and what is his legacy. At the beginning of his speech he said: *“...I have seen and have asked, I received answers and asked again; have studied on and on, I have discussed with different friends. Then I believed that everything is extraordinary, universal, divine and very familiar and as such should be embraced by everybody. Based on my profession, in order to believe something you should approve it from three different sources. I did so and do you know what the conclusion was? I believed in the power, greatness, human and the divine of this Global Peace Citizen. ... He lived his life for 40 years as Messiah, 40 years as True Parent and 10 years and King of Peace. ... He left us the great inheritance included in the 8 teaching materials and textbooks and we should study and live our lives according to them...”*



The program continued with another 20 minutes moving video which included the video shown during the Universal Seonghwa Ceremony in Korea and parts of the ceremony itself.



After the video presentation, Mr. Sokol Rexhepi – Secretary General of UPF Albania shared his feeling and personal experience of how he could feel True Father as his own Father and that we should feel now responsible to bring forward True Fathers legacy as a filial child would do. At the end of his message, he read the condolence message sent to True Mother and Hyung Jin Nim by all the Albanian Ambassadors for Peace and signed by the Members of the Presiding Council. He said: *“As a good parent, before leaving this world he prepared everything for his children. He left us with the Word declared on the eight textbooks; a worldwide movement that is covering almost every field of life and a substantial infrastructure to continue this mission. Moreover he appointed a successor, his younger son reverend Hyung Jin Moon.*



Personal testimonies continued with Mrs. Marinela Stefanc – community leader of Tirana. She said that already 1/3 of her life already she spent following the teaching and the ideal of True Parents and that she could proudly say that True Father was her own Father. *“True Father choose my eternal husband and I am determined to bring forward his vision of building a world of peace though true loving families...”*



The next speaker who shared her feeling about Father was Mrs. Kozeta Zavalani – the Chairman of Tirana Peace Council. Among other appreciating words she said: *“I have heard about Rev. Moon 17 years ago and I can say that my life and my family have been blessed since then in many ways”*. At the end of her message she read a poem about True Father she wrote.



The last speaker was Mr. Gani Rroshi – National Leader of Albania. He started by sharing his life changing experience when he first heard about Divine Principle and how his dream became meeting with True Father. He shared about True Father’s absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal love toward God and His Will; about Father’s unconditional love towards humankind; his earnest desire & investment to unite all religions centered on One God; His parental heart towards everybody regardless of being a Head of State or a simple ordinary person. Mr. Rroshi mentioned that Father’s main mission was to give God’s blessing to all people and engraft them into God’s lineage and used the opportunity to invite everybody to attend the Cosmic Blessing on February 17th 2013, before the Foundation Day. He said: *“True Father did a lot for Albania and Albanians and we have a mission as a nation to fulfill by serving our Balkan region and Europe. In 2005 when True Father visited Albania he mentioned to the President of that time that if 2000 young Albanian people are educated and will follow my teachings, this nation will be changed and blessed. Let us inherit True Father’s true love and follow his teachings by building loving families centered on God and build a nation which can manifest love, hope and goodness toward other nations. If we do so, I am sure God’s blessing will be with our country and Albania can become a source of blessing to other countries”.*



The program continued with the offering of flowers on the altar in front of True Father’s picture by 21 representatives, representing 7 communities in Albania and Kosovo, 7 Local Peace Councils and Blessed Families. First, 7 community leaders offered flowers and bows to True Father. Second, chairs of Local Peace Councils offered flowers and bows, followed by 7 representatives of all Blessed Families.



The event concluded with 4 cheers of Eok Mazei lead by the MC of the event, Mr. Lacej who explained the meaning of the cheers and that this is a tradition established by True Parents.



We are very happy and grateful to be able to honor the legacy of our True Father on National Level and feel very confident that under True Mother and our International President's leadership will bring great victory on the Foundation Day!



We would like to thank you very much all brothers and sisters who worked really hard to make this event successful!
We will love our True Father, Forever!
With deep love and appreciation,
Albanian HQ

