

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- December Semiannual Training, Dec. 23-28, 2019, in Anaheim, CA
- Video Trainings at various halls begin as early as Dec. 24. Please check the schedules in your respective halls.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The strengthening of the church life in NYC:
 1. The burden for the gospel to our classmates, coworkers, neighbors and family members
 2. The mutual shepherding of all the saints and the visitation of those who have not been meeting regularly
 3. The strengthening of all the small group meetings and church meetings in all nine halls
 4. The labor on the college campuses in the NYC metropolitan area
- The covering of all the saints and the strengthening of the churches in Chile, Bolivia, Colombia and Hong Kong in the midst of political and social unrest

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Semiannual Celebration on Jan. 12, 2020 in Queens College
- Church-wide Parents & Serving Ones Conference, Feb. 1, 2020, Hall 1
- NYC Middle School & High School Retreat, Feb. 16-18, 2020 in KPCC
- Regional Sisters' Blending, Feb. 29, 2020, Hall 1
- International Chinese-Speaking Conference, Feb. 14-16, 2020, in Anaheim, CA

MORNING WATCH

Material Offerings - Week 3:

Material Offerings and Full-time Service

Corporate Reading:

"The Experience of Christ" Chapters 22 & 23

HALL 9 STARTED ON SEPT. 8, 2019!



After 45 years of prayer and labor in Staten Island, the first Lord's Day meeting commenced in the newly purchased meeting hall on September 8, 2019. Approximately 40 adults and 10 children attend the Lord's Day meeting regularly. Now the church in New York City has at least one hall in each of the five boroughs.

LORD'S DAY ATTENDANCE – DEC. 1

HALL 1	Jamaica Estates, Queens	188/27
HALL 2	Midtown Manhattan	65/11
HALL 3	Flushing, Queens	161/28
HALL 4	Downtown Brooklyn	34/4
HALL 5	Bronx	18/3
HALL 6	UWS, Manhattan	47/7
HALL 7	South Brooklyn	50/15
HALL 8	Elmhurst, Queens	79/18
HALL 9	Staten Island	47/11
	TOTAL	689/124(813)

**Adults including YP/ Children and Infants*

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL REPORTS

This Thanksgiving weekend, the saints in NYC enjoyed a rich time of feasting, blending, and fellowship. Here are some encouraging reports:

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On Saturday evening of Nov. 30th, over 120 saints along with their families, colleagues and friends of various ages and languages gathered at Hall 1, Jamaica Estates, for a Thanksgiving dinner. After the dinner saints prayed together and gave testimonies of their enjoyment and experiences of the Lord. The whole night was full of thanksgiving.

On the evening of Thanksgiving, over 50 were packed into the brothers' house near the SUNY Stony Brook campus. Twelve new students came for the first time. A family of four, who owned a nearby restaurant, joined us even though Thanksgiving was the only day of the year their restaurant was closed. We sang hymns and read some scriptures. We invited the new ones to pray to receive the Lord.

A few events were held in Hall 3, Flushing, during the Thanksgiving weekend. On Wednesday evening of Nov. 27th, there was a blending time of five small group meetings with over 120 saints and friends. Many saints shared their testimonies and enjoyment of the church life in the past year. On Thursday morning, Thanksgiving Day, 32 elderly saints gathered at the Hall with their friends to host the first "Senior Citizens Gospel Meeting" which will be carried out every Thursday morning in the coming year. Another group of young adults spent Thanksgiving Day visiting the saints in Halls 7 & 9. In Hall 7, they pursued the book of Deuteronomy with the saints; in Hall 9 they enjoyed a time of feasting and singing. On Saturday morning, over 100 saints and about 25 children gathered to testify of the Lord's blessings for the past year and to celebrate the first anniversary since moving into the new meeting hall.

A Thanksgiving dinner was held in Hall 5, the Bronx, on Nov. 28th with 62 adults and 17 children (including gospel contacts). After

dinner, we sang hymns and shared how Christ has been our grace and salvation throughout the year with much thanksgiving. A brother testified how amazing it is that saints with different backgrounds, mother tongues, and cultures could gather harmoniously during the Thanksgiving night. The whole night was full of joy and love. We tasted the reality of the one New Man (Eph. 2:15).

On Thanksgiving day, the saints in Hall 7, South Brooklyn, had a glorious time blending, feasting and reading the Bible. Among the 100 adults and 30 children, it was delightful to have around 20 saints visiting from other districts and 10 saints who haven't been with us for a while. The Lord's presence was rich during the corporate pursuit of the book of Deuteronomy and the subsequent blending. All the saints were cherished and nourished.

On Thanksgiving afternoon, over 80 adults and 24 children gathered in Hall 8, Elmhurst. We enjoyed hymns 1052 "Coming Home, Coming Home" and 507 "Christ Liveth in Me". We enjoyed a wonderful love feast prepared by the saints. There was a time of sharing and review of the Lord's blessings to Hall 8 during the past year. The children gave a brief hymn presentation, and their serving ones testified how they learned to serve together to raise up the next generation for the Lord.

The saints in Staten Island gathered for a Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 28th in Hall 9. There were 52 saints including 22 visiting saints and 11 children present. We enjoyed delicious food, shared our experiences of the Lord over the past year, and rejoiced in the splendid church life.