

The Church in New York City

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Regional Spanish-speaking Conference, Mar. 13-15, 2020, KPCC
- Citywide Young People's Gathering, March 14, 2020, Manhattan
- Young Working Saints and Young Families Blending, Mar. 20-21, 2020, KPCC
- International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones, Mar. 27-29, 2020, Anaheim, CA

PRAYER BURDENS

- Sisters--That all the sisters would enter into their full function in the church life which primarily is to maintain and preserve life and that they all would have adequate time daily to enjoy personal fellowship with the Lord and to "take root downward" (Isa. 37:31)
- Spanish-speaking conference--The upcoming Spanish-speaking conference at KPCC over the weekend of March 13-15
- Young people--The going on of the young people, their shining as luminaries in the midst of this crooked and perverted generation (Phil. 2:15), and the upcoming citywide young people's gathering on Saturday, March 14
- Shepherding--The shepherding of all the saints in each hall, both those who regularly attend the meetings and those who haven't been attending regularly, and any who are currently passing through suffering, whether health-related, family-related, job-related or otherwise
- The Lord's move in the Russian-speaking world

UPCOMING EVENTS

- NY/NJ Regional Conference, Apr. 3-5, 2020, Franklin, NJ
- Northeast Spring Young People's Conference, Apr. 9-12, 2020, KPCC
- Gospel to All the Nations Conference, Apr. 17-19, 2020, Atlanta, GA
- Memorial Day Conference, May 22-25, 2020, Atlanta, GA

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: *Crystallization- Study of Deuteronomy- Week 3: The Goodness of the Land – Its Food*
Portion from Week 3- Day 3:

Although your portion is seemingly so small and the demand is so great, you must realize that what you have is nothing less than the resurrected Christ. You can do all things in Him who empowers you, because He is resurrected and knows no limit. Apply Him.

When you come to the meeting with the brothers and sisters, you must realize your responsibility. You must share in the meeting with others. You must give some thanks and praise; you must offer some prayer. This is your responsibility.... In yourself you are weak, but in Christ you are not weak.... Yes, you have nothing, but in Christ you have everything. You say, "Oh, I am too poor!" Yes, you are poor in yourself, but you are not poor in the resurrected Christ. Remember that Christ is the barley in you. When you come to the meeting, apply Him as the one loaf of barley to feed all the others by your prayer or by your testimony....You must learn to apply Christ; you must make use of the Christ you have.

Corporate Reading:

"The Christian Life" Chapter 8

A REVIEW OF THE SISTERS' CONFERENCE

The regional sisters' blending conference was held at Hall 1 on Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020. Over 470 sisters from the Northeast region spent this wonderful day together. The main burden for this conference was for the sisters to see that their primary function in the church life is to preserve and maintain life for God's purpose.

The sisters have a very important and particular function in God's eyes. They can be compared to the blood in the body supplying life and nourishment to all the members. They function to preserve and maintain life. There are several examples of the sisters' function in the Old Testament. In Exodus, two midwives saved and

preserved the babies of the children of Israel at the risk of their lives which resulted in the salvation of Moses for the carrying out of God's purpose. In the book of Esther, Esther was raised up specifically to preserve and save the children of Israel. She risked her life to save her people by saying, "If I perish, I perish" (Esth. 4:16). In Judges 5, the Lord used Deborah and the younger Jael to defeat the enemies of Israel. In the New Testament, Prisca and Aquila "risked their own necks" for the Apostle Paul's life (Rom. 16:4).

There were four principles that were mentioned for the sisters to carry out the responsibility of bringing forth life:

1. **Love**—Sisters can take lead to love the Lord and to pour out for the ministry.
2. **Sacrifice**—No one can bring forth life more than a sacrificing mother.
3. **Prayer**—As the first responders to many situations, sisters should not murmur or reason but pray. For the sisters not to damage the church life, sisters should be like-minded and not gossip or criticize.
4. **Be the "salt" to "season" the church life**—Sisters should function to "season" the brothers' services with a proper spirit.

Sisters in the church need to stand in the proper position by taking the brothers as their covering. The sisters should take the lead to pray and serve together to bear the burden and meet the needs of many in the church. In Romans 16, there is a wonderful picture of the practical church life. In this chapter, Paul mentions a few serving sisters laboring in the Lord. Phoebe was a patroness who took care of the needs of many saints' by serving them. The sisters were encouraged to be trained like "nurses" in a hospital by taking care of the church and the needs of the saints through prayer and practical ways. As the Lord Jesus is the Patron, the Paraclete (Comforter), the sisters need to be the many patronesses to bear the responsibilities in the church. Prisca, Mary and Persis labored much together, taking care of the co-workers in the church life and the traveling brothers. The service of these sisters benefited the Apostle Paul and the church very much. Without the sisters there cannot be a normal practical church life because a lot of the services are carried out by them. Therefore, the sisters must never lose their heart to serve in the

church life. They should not let that fire go out! Even when the sisters are busy, they should not lose their heart to serve in the church life. The church will always be benefited by the sisters' labor.

The most important service of the sisters is their serving by prayer. Many of the problems in the church life are solved through the sisters' prayers. Even God's blessing will come from the sisters' prayers and the church needs the sisters to intercede desperately. For example, in the house of Mary, the night that Peter was released from the jail, all that happened was caused by the sisters' prayers! When there is a need, the sisters should not talk or gossip, but bear the burden to pray. If the Lord gains this in the sisters then the whole church will be blessed!

This year, one of our banners is "*The family life for church life.*" The church is made up of the families. And the best environment for the family life is the church life. If we would consecrate ourselves to the church life, we would have "*great resolutions in heart*" and "*great searchings of heart*" (Judge 5:15-16)!

The sisters also need to support their serving husbands by praying for them and taking care of the atmosphere of the household. This may be a sacrifice to the sisters but as they support their husbands then their ministry will become the sisters' ministry.

The conference was concluded with a joyful time of overflow from the sisters. Hallelujah for such a glorious time! **To access to the Audio Recordings of messages of the Sisters Blending Conference, please go to: <https://bit.ly/2vLqOOK>.**

LORD'S DAY ATTENDANCE – Mar. 1

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| HALL 1 | Jamaica Estates, Queens | 284/34 |
| HALL 2 | Midtown Manhattan | 79/9 |
| HALL 3 | Flushing, Queens | 136/21 |
| HALL 4 | Downtown Brooklyn | 38/5 |
| HALL 5 | The Bronx | 49/9 |
| HALL 6 | UWS, Manhattan | 56/10 |
| HALL 7 | South Brooklyn | 66/23 |
| HALL 8 | Elmhurst, Queens | 98/23 |
| HALL 9 | Staten Island | 28/7 |
| | TOTAL | 834/141 (975) |

**Adults including YP/ Children and Infants*