

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones, Mar. 27-29, 2020, Anaheim, CA

PRAYER BURDENS

- The proper response to the current health crisis:
 - a. That the saints would not be alarmed or anxious about the spread of the coronavirus but rather take all the necessary precautions, cast all their anxieties on the Lord, trust fully in Him and have the peace which surpasses every man's understanding (1 Pet. 5:7; John 14:1, 27; Phil. 4:6-7)
 - b. That the church life would not be disrupted but that the saints would use every means available to continue "steadfastly in the teaching and the fellowship of the apostles, in the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42)
 - c. For the health of all the saints both locally and around the globe
 - d. That the virus would be limited and contained
- 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)
- The upcoming International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO) over the weekend of March 27-29

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Memorial Day Conference, May 22-25, 2020, Atlanta, GA
- Summer School of Truth Teachers' Training, May 30, 2020, KPCC

A Word of Encouragement from the Leading Brothers to All the Saints in the Church in New York City

The Lord Jesus spoke the following in John 14:1: "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe into God, believe also into Me." And in verse 27, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

In the midst of the unprecedented health crisis which we are facing with the coronavirus pandemic we want to encourage all the saints, "do not let your heart be troubled." We pray that all the saints would have the Lord's peace, the peace which the Lord gives. This is the peace that surpasses every man's understanding (Phil. 4:7). We pray that this peace of God would guard the hearts and the thoughts of all the saints and that none would be alarmed nor anxious.

With the increased testing which has been announced it is likely that there may even be a spike in the number of reported cases in NYC over the coming few weeks. We hope that if this is the case, even this would not disturb any saint's peace, but rather that we would all continue to trust fully in the Lord and His sovereignty. Dear saints, "the heavens do rule" (Dan. 4:26).

We certainly encourage all the saints to take the necessary precautions suggested by the authorities regarding the constant washing of hands and keeping adequate distance from others, etc. On the other hand, we also want to strongly encourage all the saints to not abandon their own assembling together (Heb. 10:25). The responsible brothers in each of our nine meeting halls have evaluated the situation in each hall and the needs of the saints in

their respective halls in order to determine what would be the best arrangement for the Lord’s Day meetings. In some cases, the meeting halls will still be used but with a much smaller number in attendance in order to comply with the regulations set forth by the city and the state for public meetings during a state of emergency. The majority of the saints will be meeting in small groups in homes. We encourage that the saints would meet in groups of no more than 8-10 in order to be able to comply with the mandate of keeping an adequate distance from others.

This means that beginning this week, and for the next several weeks, many saints will be “breaking bread from house to house” as it says in Acts 2:46. This is surely a wonderful development. May the Lord bless all the gatherings of the saints over the next few weeks, whether in the homes or in the halls.

We want to encourage the saints to use various multimedia formats to connect with one another for Lord’s Day meetings, small group meetings, seniors' meetings, and possibly even children’s meetings and young people meetings.

We also want to let you know that each week that we will be meeting in the homes we will be providing some content for the children in the form of video files which will be accessible from the Children’s Service page of the church’s website (www.churchinnyc.org). The content of the videos will be of children singing a few songs and a brief presentation of a lesson.

Finally, the president has declared Lord’s Day, March 15, 2020 to be a National Day of Prayer. We hope that all the saints would pray both personally and corporately that the Lord’s will would be done during this unprecedented time. Let us pray not only for all the saints but for all the people of New York City, for the Lord’s testimony in this city, for the saints and the churches all throughout the country, for our nation, and for the Lord’s interests throughout the earth. May the Lord turn this

situation to salvation for many (Phil. 1:19) and may even this crisis “work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose” (Rom. 8:28). Grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: *Crystallization- Study of Deuteronomy- Week 4: The Goodness of the Land – Its Minerals*
Portion from Week 4- Day 1:

We come to the place where we have something to do with the stones, the mountains, the iron, and the copper...These...are for the building, for the kingdom, for the battle, and for the security. Whenever there is a matured life in Christians, the building of God’s house will take place, and the battles of the spiritual warfare will be fought...Whenever we enjoy Christ to a certain extent, there is always an issue—the building and the battle. These two always go together. If you would have the building of God, you must prepare to fight. For the building of God we need the materials, and for the fighting of the battle we need the weapons. All of these depend on the stones, the mountains, the iron, and the copper. (CWWL, 1961-1962, vol. 4, “*The All-inclusive Christ,*” pp. 253-254)

Upon the land, the city and the temple are built, and they are built with these very materials—stones, iron, and copper. These minerals signify that there is something in the life of Christ as materials for the building of God and as weapons for the fighting of the battle.

Corporate Reading:

“*The Christian Life*” Chapter 9

LORD’S DAY ATTENDANCE – Mar. 8

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| HALL 1 | Jamaica Estates, Queens | 243/21 |
| HALL 2 | Midtown Manhattan | 68/7 |
| HALL 3 | Flushing, Queens | 98/8 |
| HALL 4 | Downtown Brooklyn | 24/2 |
| HALL 5 | The Bronx | 30/10 |
| HALL 6 | UWS, Manhattan | 43/9 |
| HALL 7 | South Brooklyn | 38/4 |
| HALL 8 | Elmhurst, Queens | 73/13 |
| HALL 9 | Staten Island | 34/9 |
| | TOTAL | 651/83 (734) |

**Adults including YP/ Children and Infants*