

# The Church in New York City

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Citywide Church Gathering (Jan. 26, Lord's Day)**

We will have a citywide gathering of the church in NYC **next Lord's Day, Jan. 26, at Hall 1 (Jamaica Estates)**; all other meeting halls will be closed on Lord's Day morning. A Zoom meeting is available for those who cannot attend in person. Translation will be provided in Chinese, Spanish, and Korean both in Hall 1 (by radio) and in the Zoom meeting. Lunch will be provided after the meeting so please plan to stay and blend with the saints from all nine districts!

**Schedule:**

10:00AM - 12:30PM

Lord's Table and Special Fellowship

12:30 PM Lunch

**Location:**

Hall 1 - Jamaica Estates

87-60 Chevy Chase Street,

Jamaica Estates, NY 11432

**Zoom Information:**

Meeting ID: 876 8783 6098 Passcode: 2025

One tap mobile: +19294362866,,87687836098#

**Children and Young People:**

Children's Service (Pre-K and grades K to 5) will begin at 10am. Please use the entrance to the lower level using the ramp to the underground parking garage. The young people (grades 6-12) will not have a separate meeting and will stay in the main meeting after the Lord's Table.

**Parking:**

The underground parking garage will be closed to vehicles. Please find parking in the neighborhood around 188th Street.

Please check [www.churchinnyc.org](http://www.churchinnyc.org) for more details and updates.

- **2025 International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference (Feb. 14-16)**

The 2025 International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference (ICSC) will be held in Anaheim, CA on Feb. 14-16, 2025. Hospitality will be arranged for those attending the conference. Details are available at [www.icsc2025.org](http://www.icsc2025.org).

- **Upcoming Church Events: details to follow**

**Feb. 16-18:** Citywide YP Winter Retreat in KPCC

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office Hours are for saints to call in to fellowship or to pray with some serving ones.

**Day & Time:** Monday through Saturday (except Wednesday), 10:30AM-11:30AM

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 378 512 3114 Passcode: 3131

One tap mobile: +19294362866,, 3785123114#

The burden for holding these office hours is that the hearts of the saints can be comforted and that their souls would be restored.

## PRAYER BURDENS

- That all the saints would “number our days” and redeem the time so that every day would have eternal value before the Lord

**Psalm 90:12** – Teach us then to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

**Ephesians 5:16** – Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

- The saints in the church in Los Angeles and the community at large in the wake of the wildfires in the LA area—While direct damage to property among the saints is relatively limited, there are some who are bearing direct loss and suffering, and many more who will be subsequently impacted through loss of livelihood, health

challenges, and financial burdens; let us pray for the saints and the people of LA, and stand with the church in LA for their burden for the gospel at this time

- The citywide young people’s meeting was held last Saturday in Hall 1
- The upcoming FTTA gospel trips—From January 23 to February 9, FTTA gospel trip teams will go out to more than 30 cities on the east coast of the United States and 18 countries in Europe to join with local saints for the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom; a total of 277 saints will participate in these trips; let us pray:
  - a. That the Lord will fully cover the travel, safety, security, border crossing, and health of all those involved
  - b. That the sanctifying Spirit will go before the saints to prepare the hearts of those the Lord has chosen
  - c. That remaining fruit will be borne in each place visited, and the Lord will add to the churches as His testimony in each of these places
  - d. For the teams of trainees who will be laboring in NYC, in Upstate NY and in New Jersey
- The citywide church gathering on Lord’s Day, January 26—Let us pray for every aspect of this gathering, including the attendance of the saints, the Lord’s speaking to the church that day, and all the related practical services
- The various needs of the saints both locally and in other localities (e.g. physical and emotional, health-related, job-related, family-related, etc.)

## MORNING WATCH

### HWMR: 2024 JULY SEMIANNUAL TRAINING: Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1)

#### WEEK 9: Christ as the Resurrection and the Grain of Wheat

##### Portions from Days 2 & 3:

Resurrection is an eternal principle in our service to God. A servant of the Lord is one who has died and resurrected. God testifies again and again to His people that authority to serve God lies in resurrection, not in a person himself. All services to the Lord must pass through death and resurrection before they will be acceptable to God. Resurrection means that everything is of God and not of us. It

means that God alone is able and that we are not able. Resurrection means that everything is done by God, not by ourselves. ....All those who know resurrection have given up hope in themselves; they know that they cannot make it. As long as the natural strength remains, the power of resurrection has no ground for manifestation. ....What we can do belongs to the natural realm, and what is impossible for us to do belongs to the realm of resurrection. (CWWN, vol. 47, “Authority and Submission,” pp. 244-246, 248-249)

Why do we stress the distinction between the living God and the God of resurrection?. ....While the living God can perform many acts on man’s behalf, the nature of the living God cannot blend with the nature of man. When, on the other hand, the God of resurrection works, His very nature is wrought into the nature of man...Even when the living God has performed some act on your behalf, after that act as before it, He is still He, and you are still you. ....On the other hand, when the God of resurrection works, He communicates Himself to man by that which He does for him. (CWWL, 1957, vol. 3, “The Living God and the God of Resurrection,” pp. 19-20)

The significance of suffering.....is this, that the devastation it brings to the old creation provides an opportunity for the God of resurrection to impart Himself into His creatures so that they emerge from the death process with a divine element in their constitution. The primary purpose of suffering in this universe, particularly as it relates to the children of God, is that through it the very nature of God may be wrought into the nature of man...Through a process of outward decay, an inward process is taking place that is adding a new constituent to our lives [2 Cor. 4:6]. ....You must give your consent to God when He seeks to lead you through devastating processes. And you need have no fear, for God knows how to apportion suffering. ....He invariably chooses the lot of each one with this goal in view—an increase of the divine content in our life. If He chastises us, it is always “what is profitable that we might partake of His holiness” (Heb. 12:10). “All things work together for good to those.....who are called according to His purpose” (Rom. 8:28). What good? It is this, that we may be “conformed to the image of His Son” (v. 29). (CWWL, 1957, vol. 3, “The Living God and the God of Resurrection,” pp. 20-21, 24-25)