

# GCF ORTIGAS Sunday Bulletin

# MAY 8, 2022 Mother's Day Celebration

# ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE\*

10:00 AM and 5:30 PM Call to Worship Worship Through Praise Worship Through Giving Church Updates Community Prayer Scripture Reading Worship in the Word *Pastor Larry Pabiona* Appreciation for the Mothers Benediction

# FILIPINO WORSHIP SERVICE\* 3:00 PM

Tawag Sa Pagsamba Pagsamba Sa Pag-awit Paghahandog Mga Anunsiyo Panalanging Pangkapulungan Pagbasa ng Banal na Kasulatan Pag-aaral ng Salita ng Diyos *Pastor BJ Sebastian* Appreciation for the Mothers Basbas MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION | MAY 8, 2022

# Mother's Day Celebration The Ministry of Motherhood: An Entire Life as a Tribute to God

LUKE 1:41-47

Can you imagine being the earthly mother of God the Son? The Bible says that "Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). She probably did that all her life! Here are five vignettes from Mary's life, snippets that show her character. From these events, we gather insights by which we honor our mothers and, hopefully, inspire them to keep going:

- 1. A MOTHER'S SACRIFICIAL COMMITMENT: Mary accepted her Son unconditionally despite knowing the pain it would cause her.
  - a. The Annunciation the implications of her pregnancy in their conservative culture (Luke 1:26-38).
  - b. The Prophecy of Simeon at the Temple "a sword will pierce through your own soul" (Luke 2:35).

**Implication:** Our children are not perfect like Jesus. Sometimes they are born with things that concern us or even break our hearts or grow into people who do. As our faith grows from God's initial salvation (Luke 1:47), the same faith in our reliable God helps us bear the inevitable sacrifice of parenting.

- 2. A MOTHER'S SACRIFICIAL HUMILITY: Mary took her Son's growing assertion of His supremacy over her with humility.
  - a. The Twelve-year-old Jesus at the Temple "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49)
  - b. Jesus' First Miracle at Cana "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come"... "Do whatever He tells you." (John 2:4-5).

**Implication:** Part of motherhood is learning to let go as your children become what they were meant to be. As we ask a perfect God to bless our imperfect efforts through prayer, we'll be able to let them spread their wings and live out God's will in their lives.

- 3. A MOTHER'S SACRIFICIAL TRUST: Mary accepted her Son's endorsement to another caretaker trustingly.
  - a. Jesus' Endorsement at the Cross to John (John 19:25-27) "Woman, behold, your son! ... Behold, your mother!"

**Implication:** At a certain stage in life, we must learn to trust the children we raised. It is often unsettling to let them lead us or to trust their decisions for us, but we must. And you can when you've raised them right! This happens as we bring them up "in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

# **FINAL THOUGHTS**

"She kept these things in her heart." The exemplary motherhood of Mary reminds us that while there is only one God and one mediator between God and man – Jesus Christ (1 Timothy 2:5) – yet God has lovingly given humanity a historical example of how someone pulled off the most challenging mothering task in history. How? She magnified God, not herself, and she had put her faith in "God my Savior" (Luke 1:46-47). Have you?

# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR MOTHERS!

#### MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION | MAY 8, 2022

# Ang Pananampalataya Ni Hannah

1 SAMUEL 1:1-2:11

# PANIMULA

Ang kwentong makikita natin ngayon ay isang salaysay kung paano binago ng Diyos ang kasaysayan ng isang bansa sa pamamagitan ng isang ordinaryong babae na buong-buo ang pagtatalaga ng kanyang buhay sa mga layunin at kalooban ng Diyos. Ang babaeng ito ay si Hannah. At siya ang naging ina ni Samuel na namuno sa bansang Israel, at hinanda ito sa isang kaharian na panggagalingan ng Mesias at Tagapagligtas.

# 1. ANG PROBLEMA NI HANNAH (1 Samuel 1:1-8).

- Nakatulong ang isang mapagmahal at may-takot sa Diyos na asawa (1 Samuel 1:1-4, 1 Samuel 1:8).
- b. Nakalugmok sa isang tila walang pag-asang pagkabaog (1 Samuel 1:5).
- c. Nakasama ang isang mapait at mapagtuya na katunggali (1 Samuel 1:6-7).

Ang problema ni Hannah ay isang pagsubok na idinulot ng Diyos sa kanyang buhay para ipamalas ang Kanyang kaluwalhatian sa pagsasagawa ng Kanyang mga balakin sa harap ng tila imposibleng sitwasyon.

# 2. ANG PANALANGIN NI HANNAH (1 Samuel 1:9-18).

- a. Puno ng iyak mula sa isang may hapis na puso (1 Samuel 1:9-10).
- b. Para sa isang espesyal na anak na maglilingkod sa Diyos (1 Samuel 1:11).
- c. Pinagtibay ng isang nabigong pari (1 Samuel 1:12-18).

Ang panalangin ni Hannah ay hindi nagmula sa isang matapang at maalam na puso, kundi mula sa isang desperadong mananampalataya na inilagak na ang lahat ng kanyang hinanakit sa kamay ng isang makapangyarihan at mapagmahal na Diyos—sa isang pagtatalaga ng kanyang sarili at ng kanyang pamilya sa kung ano mang layunin ng Diyos para sa kanila.

# 3. ANG PAGPUPURI NI HANNAH (1 Samuel 1:19-2:11).

- a. Isang panalangin na pinakinggan at tinugon ng Diyos (1 Samuel 1:19-20).
- b. Isang anak na itinalaga na habang-buhay na lingkod ng Diyos (1 Samuel 1:21-28).
- c. Isang panalangin ng pagpupuri sa isang Soberenyang Diyos (1 Samuel 2:1-11).

Ang papuri ni Hannah ay hindi lang dahil sa pinagbigyan siya ng Diyos sa kanyang kahilingan na alisin ang kanyang pait at hinanakit sa kanyang pagkabaog. Ang papuri niya ay dahil sa ginamit ng Diyos ang kanyang problema upang ipasok sa kasaysayan ng Israel ang isang lalaki na magdadala ng solusyon sa apostasia ng bayan para ihanda siya sa pagkakaroon ng kaharian; isang kaharian na pamumunuan sa hinaharap ng Mesias na Tagapagligtas nila at ng buong mundo.

# KONKLUSYON

Ang mga problema ay maaaring maging pagpupuri kung ito ay bubuhusan ng panalangin na nakasumite sa kalooban ng Diyos. Maaaring gumawa ng kababalaghan ang Diyos sa buhay ng mga ordinaryong tao na buo ang pagtatalaga na makita ang pagsasagawa ng mga layunin ng Diyos sa kanilang buhay. ■

# The Shepherd's Voice

# God's Way to Heaven

#### THE GOSPEL

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures," (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

# THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

God is holy and righteous: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6:3). He requires holiness of us as well: "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16).

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST Christ is the expression of God's love for us: "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). Christ paid the penalty of our sins and died for sinners: "For Christ died for sins once for all, righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God (1 Peter 3:18).

Through Christ, God offers man reconciliation: "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them (2 Corinthians 5:18).

#### WHAT SHOULD WE DO? Believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior:

If you confess. With your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

#### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, be merciful to me, a sinner. I believe that You are the Son of God who took the penalty for my sins on the Cross. I humbly ask You to be my Savior and submit to you as my LORD forever. Amen. by Pastor Larry Pabiona, GCF Senior Pastor

# We Honor Mothers On This Special Day

Anna Jarvis started Mother's Day when on May 12, 1907, she held a memorial service at her late mother's church in West Virginia. In 1914, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson made it a national holiday. It has spread like wildfire since, and is now in most nations of the world as a beautiful way of honoring these special ladies who have given life to others.

In the traditional GCF way, we include in this special celebration, our biological, adoptive, and spiritual mothers. That makes our celebration even more special, and much larger too, because we recognize that spiritual mothers are most precious in the sight of God!

# Welcome Back to Traditional Worship

Do you miss singing the old hymns of the faith? Well that ends now, because every Saturday from hereon, at 5:30 PM, we are resuming the GCF Traditional Worship Service. In this much simpler worship service, the old hymns of the faith are emphasized while the message of the Word never changes. If your schedule fits, or if you miss the great hymns, do join us starting this Saturday, May 7, at 5:30 PM.

# About the Philippine National Elections

The upcoming elections this May 9, 2022 has the potential to be the most divisive and heated in our nation's history. Be reminded again of how God chose a king for Israel, and let us emulate God's criteria for a leader in Psalm 78:70-72:

- **1. A History of Care:** COMPASSION especially for the traumatized, underprivileged, and undeserved.
- 2. A Heart of Character: INTEGRITY especially regarding money and achievements.
- 3. A "Hand" of Competence: PERFORMANCE verified by documented achievements, especially in public service.

May God guide you in your personal choices as we fervently pray that God blesses the Philippines with the best leaders possible. ■

# Worship Through Giving

# "...God loves a cheerful giver."

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7



Send a copy of your transaction document to finance@gcf.org.ph so your giving can be properly recorded and an official receipt can be sent to you.



Covid-19 Emergency **Response Efforts** 

You may also give to support the church family's COVID relief efforts. Just indicate "For COVID-19 Fund" when you email your transaction document.



# **Missions Support**

By God's grace, GCF continues to support missionaries and missionary organizations. If you are being led by the Holy Spirit to designate your giving to our Missions Support Fund, please indicate "FOR MISSIONS" when you email your transaction document to finance@gcf.org.ph If you are led to give, you may do so through the following means:

Account Name: **Greenhills Christian Fellowship, Inc.** 

**BDO** BDO Corporate Center Savings Account: 000661590216

METROBANK **Ortigas Sapphire** Savings Account: 629-3-62919733-9

**CHINA BANK** Ortigas ADB Savings Account: 1112-02006218

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**Ortigas Emerald** Peso Savings Account: 9823 0217 01

UNIONBANK UB Plaza Checking Account: 0005-9001-0426

**ROBINSONS BANK** Main Office Savings Account: 1000-3010-0017-355

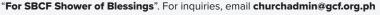
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# SHOWER OF BLESSINGS FOR SBCF

Let us help meet the needs of Subic Bay Community Fellowship (SBCF) as an expression of worship that results in thanksgiving to God! (2 Corinthians 9:12) To "shower" SBCF with "blessings", you may give through the official GCF accounts. Email your transaction document to finance@gcf.org.ph and indicate





# **Church Updates**

# WORSHIP WITH US ON-SITE

# SATURDAYS

# Live on-site only

Traditional Worship | 5:30 p.m.

# SUNDAYS

# Live on-site and online

- English Worship | 10:00 a.m.
- Filipino Worship | 3:00 p.m.
- Sunset Worship | 5:30 p.m.

# KidsLIFE WORSHIP

For kids aged 7-12 10:00 a.m. Worship Service only Pre-Registration required at gcf.link/KidsLIFEonsite

### REMINDERS OF GOD'S CARE AND FAITHFULNESS DEVOTIONALS

New Timeslot and New Venue Tuesdays | 7:00 p.m. at GCF Ortigas and online

# THE GCF FAMILY'S HOUR OF PRAYER

New Timeslot and New Venue Thursdays | 7:00 p.m. Live at GCF Ortigas and via Zoom

# **KidsLIFE Online**

Saturdays • Ages 2-6 — 10:00 a.m. • Ages 7-12 — 10:15 a.m. Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

# LIVEstream (YouthLIVE Worship)

Saturdays • 5:00 p.m Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

# YA TALKS

Fridays | 8:00 p.m. Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

# URGENT NEED: DOCTORS AND DENTISTS

Operation Compassion needs volunteer doctors and dentists for upcoming medical mission trips: May 16-20 at Oriental Mindoro and June 1-4 at Catanduanes.

Sign-up at Operation Compassion Ministry at (0925) 885 5511.

# DEPRESSED? ANXIOUS? LOST A LOVED ONE?

If you need someone to talk to, we are here to listen. Contact us at **GCF ERCC Hotline: 0917 532 7794** 

# HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

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# **ONLINE VISITOR'S CENTER**

Is it your first time today? We want to personally welcome you via Zoom after each Worship Service.

Zoom Room: gcf.link/WelcomeToGCF

Welcome Form: gcf.link/GCFWelcome

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