

Examination Blessing Ceremony (3rd Sept. 2011)

The Examination Blessing Ceremony will be held on 3rd Sept. 2011 (Sat.) to instill confidence in our children and encourage them to prepare well for their year-end school examinations. Please come with your children and/or your friends' children for the blessing service.

Programme on 3rd Sept. 2011 (Sat.)

- 2.50 pm Children assemble at the Shrine Hall
- 2.55 pm Student Representatives invite the Venerables to commence Blessing Service at Relic Chamber
- 3.00 pm Offerings to the Buddha
- 3.05 pm Recitation of Suttas and Parittas by the Venerables
- 3.45 pm Blessing by Venerables, tying of Blessed Thread and distribution of Blessed Water
- 4.00 pm Gilanapaccaya for Venerables
- 4.05 pm Light refreshment for children and their parents

Children's Day Celebration (2nd Oct. 2011)

We will be celebrating Children's Day on 2nd Oct. 2011 (Sun.). All members and devotees are invited to bring their children or friends' children to the celebration at 12.30 pm.

Programme on 2nd Oct. 2011 (Sun.)

- 10.45 am Children's Puja Service
- 11.00 am Dhamma Class Activities
- 11.50 am Vegetarian lunch for children
- 12.30 pm Children's Day Celebration
- 1.30 pm End of programme

Dhamma-In-Action Day (8th Oct. 2011, Sat.)

As part of the Vassana Cultivation programme, we will be distributing food and beverage items and supermarket vouchers to under-privileged families in the Marine Parade area on 8th Oct. 2011 (Sat.) at 9am. Last year we visited 50 under-privileged families but this year we plan to distribute grocery items to 100 families. We need volunteers to drive to the homes of these families to deliver the items and interact with them. Please register your interest to participate by signing up on the form posted on the notice board at Ti-Sarana.

For those who are interested to make a donation for the project, please send your contributions to the Hon. Treasurer. The funds collected will be used to buy the necessities for the families.

Abhidhamma Day (11th Oct. 2011)

The Full Moon Day of October is of special significance to Buddhists not only because it marks the end of the Rains Retreat (Vassana) but because it highlights one of the most important events in the life of the Buddha. According to Buddhist chronicles, the Buddha, the Enlightened One, went to the Tavatimsa Heaven to preach Abhidhamma (Collection of higher doctrines) to His mother, who passed away seven days after His birth and was reborn in the Tusita Heaven as a Deva called Santusita. The Buddha expounded Abhidhamma for the first time there in the presence of Santusita and other Devas for 90 days. At the end of the Rains Retreat (Vassana) on the Full Moon Day of October, the Tathagata descended to earth (to the human abode) at the city of Sankassa.

Now, Buddhists observe Abhidhamma Day annually in commemoration of the Buddha's return from the abode of celestials to that of human beings. It is a significant religious occasion as the Abhidhamma is really the golden knowledge which will help one to discard wrong views and to acquire the right views for one's total liberation from all miseries. Buddhists offer lights to the Buddha image and perform meritorious deeds on this day in accordance with the tradition which has been upheld since the life time of the Buddha. All students, members and devotees are encouraged to come and participate on the Abhidhamma Day Programme.

Abhidhamma Day Programme (11th Oct. 2011, Tues.)

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| 7.30 pm | Evening Poya Puja |
| 8.15 pm | Offering of lights |
| 8.30 pm | Abhidhamma Chanting and Sharing of Merits. |
| 8.45 pm | Meditation |
| 9.00 pm | Gilanapaccaya for Venerables |

KATHINA CELEBRATIONS (23rd Oct. 2011, Sun.)

We will be holding our Kathina and Robes Offering Ceremony on 23rd Oct. 2011 (Sun.). Venerables from other Buddhist organizations will also be

invited to the ceremony. Members and devotees who wish to make offerings to the Mahasangha can place orders for Robes (at \$40 each) and Essential Requisites (at \$80 each) by completing and submitting the Kathina Day Offerings Form with their donations to the Honorary Treasurer.

The Kathina Cloth will be offered to the Mahasangha in the morning. Thereafter the Cloth will be cut and sewed. The sewed Kathina Robe will be offered during the Evening Puja Service at 6.30 pm to the Venerables who have observed the Vassana retreat at Ti-Sarana Buddhist Association. The Offering of Kathina Robe to the Mahasangha is carried out only once annually after the observation of the three-month Vassana. Please come for the ceremony as a mark of respect and gratitude to the Venerables for their guidance in our spiritual development.

Kathina Day Programme

Morning

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| 7.00 am | Members and Devotees assemble for Kathina Procession |
| 7.15 am | Kathina Procession to Shrine Hall |
| 7.25 am | Invitation of Mahasangha to Shrine Hall |
| 7.30 am | Buddha Puja |
| 7.45 am | Invitation to Mahasangha to participate in Kathina Cloth Offerings |
| 8.00 am | Welcome Address by President of Ti-Sarana Buddhist Association
Address by Chief Religious Adviser
Offering of Kathina Cloth to Mahasangha
Offering of Vassavasika Robes to Mahasangha
Offering of Robes/Essential Requisites to Mahasangha |
| 8.20 am | Blessing by Mahasangha for members and devotees |
| 8.35 am | Offering Morning Dana (Breakfast) to Mahasangha |
| 8.45 am | Recitation of Suttas by members and devotees |
| 9.00 am | Continuation of Offerings of Vassavasika robes by members & devotees |
| 9.30 am | Cutting and sewing the Kathina Cloth |
| 11.00 am | Buddha Puja |
| 11.45 am | Dana for Venerables |
| 11.50 am | Vegetarian Lunch for members and devotees |
| | Afternoon |
| 12.30 pm | Conferment of Buddhist Names Ceremony |
| 1.00 pm | Recitation of Chatta Manavaka Gatha |
| | Evening |
| 6.30 pm | Puja |
| 7.00 pm | Offering of Kathina Civara (Robe) to Venerables |

- 7.10 pm Dhamma Talk by Venerable
- 7.20 pm Blessing By Venerables for members and devotees
- 7.30 pm Gilanapaccaya for Venerables
- 7.35 pm Light refreshment for members and devotees

Kathina Eve Special Blessing Service (22nd Oct. 2011, Sat.)

On Kathina Eve, the Buddha Relic will be invited to the Shrine Hall and the Mahasangha will be reciting Suttas and Parittas to bless all members and devotees. We look forward to your presence.

Programme on Kathina Eve (22nd Oct. 2011, Sat.)

- 6.30 pm Evening Puja
- 7.00 pm Gilanapaccaya for Venerables
- 7.05 pm Light refreshment for members and devotees
- 7.20 pm Invitation of the Buddha Relic to the Shrine Hall
- 7.25 pm Invitation to the Mahasangha to commence Special Blessing Service
- 8.30 pm Blessing by the Venerables for members and devotees

Conferment of Buddhist Names (23rd Oct. 2011, Sun.)

In conjunction with our Kathina and Robes Offering Ceremony, we will be holding the Refuge Taking and Conferment of Buddhist Names Ceremony on 23rd Oct. 2011, Sunday. Members and devotees who wish to have a Buddhist name conferred on them by Bhante Dr. P. Gnanarama Mahathera are to fill up the form attached with this newsletter. The duly completed form is to be submitted to Bhante Gnanarama by 1st Oct. 2011.

Programme on 23rd Oct. 2011 (Sun.)

- 12.30 pm Refuge Taking by Preceptors who requested for Buddhist names
- 12.40 pm Observance of Five Precepts
- 12.50 pm Conferment of Buddhist Names by Bhante Gnanarama
- 1.00 pm Recitation of Chatta Manavaka Gatha