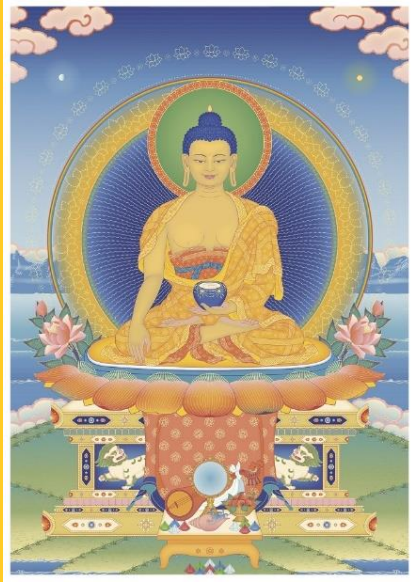


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TASHI CHOLING'S VIDEO-STREAMED *FESTIVAL DAY PUJAS 2020*



*We hope you can join us for the
Shakyamuni Buddha puja in
honor of Chökhör Duchen:*

*Friday, July 24th, 6:30-9:00 pm
Pacific!*

*Sangye and Lama Chonam will
teach on the meaning of this
special day, then we will
practice the *Liturg*y of the
Buddha, called *Treasury of
Blessings*, by Mipham
Jamyang Gyatso*

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PUJA AND HOW TO OBTAIN TEXTS**

There are four special festival days throughout the year. The next one, Chökhör Duchen, falls on Friday, July 24th. On each of these special days, it is said that the effects of positive or negative actions are multiplied ten million times. Thus, it is traditional to engage in virtuous activities and prayer on these days. More information about the four festival days is provided below.

At Tashi Choling, we practice the Shakyamuni Buddha puja on these Festival Days. Both digital and print format texts for this practice are available on the Vimala Treasures website:

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| <p>The DIGITAL text is HERE</p> | <p>Print format is HERE <i>(But please note: Due to our reduced Vimala staff hours, we will not be able to guarantee delivery of the printed text in time for this week's particular puja. However, since we use this text for all four Festival Days, at least you'll have it for the next one!)</i></p> |
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The Four Festival Days of the Buddhist Calendar

CHÖTRUL DUCHEN, the "Festival of Miracles"

CHÖTRUL DUCHEN, the "Festival of Miracles," occurs on the full moon (the fifteenth day) of the first Tibetan month, which is called Bumgyur Dawa. The first fifteen days of the year celebrate the fifteen days on which the Buddha displayed a different miracle each day in order to increase the merit and the devotion of future disciples.

SAGA DAWA DUCHEN, the "Festival of Vaishakha"

SAGA DAWA DUCHEN, the "Festival of Vaishakha," occurs on the full moon (the 15th day) of the fourth Tibetan lunar month, which is called Saga Dawa in Tibetan. It celebrates Buddha Shakyamuni's enlightenment and parinirvana. At the age of thirty-five, Buddha attained enlightenment at Bodhgaya. This day also marks the anniversary of his parinirvana at Kushinagara. ('Parinirvana' is the final passing beyond suffering manifested by buddhas and highly realized masters at the end of their lives. Shakyamuni Buddha demonstrated passing into parinirvana at the age of eighty in the town of Kushinagara, after saying: "It is in the nature of all things that take form to dissolve again. Strive with your whole being to attain perfection.").

CHÖKHOR DUCHEN, the "Festival of Turning the Wheel of Dharma"

CHÖKHOR DUCHEN, the "Festival of Turning the Wheel of Dharma," occurs on the fourth day of the sixth Tibetan lunar month each year. For seven weeks after his enlightenment, Buddha did not teach. Finally, encouraged by Indra and Brahma, he turned the Wheel of Dharma for the first time at Sarnath by teaching the 'Four Noble Truths.'

LHA BAB DUCHEN, the "Festival of the Descent from Heaven"

LHA BAB DUCHEN, the "Festival of the Descent from Heaven," occurs on the 22nd day of the 9th Tibetan month. Previously, Buddha had ascended to the Heaven of Thirty-Three in order to give teachings to benefit the gods in the desire realms and to repay the kindness of his mother by liberating her from samsara. On this day, Buddha returned from heaven to earth.

We hope to see you online for these special events!

May All Beings Benefit!