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Special 8-Day Healing and Blessing Retreat

With Tashi Kyil Monastery Monks

Medicine Buddha Sand Mandala Construction

Medicine Buddha Empowerment

Chöd Puja and Skeleton & Black Hat Dance

Buddhist Rituals & Mantra Chanting

Tibetan Buddhist Art Workshop

Deity Blessing Retreats

November 23~30, 2015

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Drikung Dharma Surya Center (DDSC) is hosting, in partnership with the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center (TMBCC) and Labrang Tashi Kyil Monastery monks in India, a *Special 8-Day Healing and Blessing Retreat* at DDSC Temple from November 23 to November 30, 2015.



Tashi Kyil Monastery Monks



DDSC Temple Director
Ven. Khenpo Samdup

All events are open to the public and everyone is welcome. *DONATIONS* for the Tashi Kyil Monastery and DDSC Temple will be gratefully appreciated.

For Medicine Buddha Empowerment on November 28, 7~9 PM

Suggested donation is \$30/person

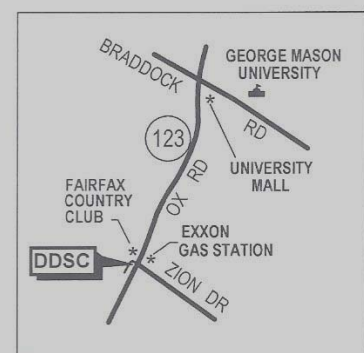
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Monday, November 23

10:00 am ~ Medicine Buddha Sand Mandala Opening Ceremony
10:00 am ~ 5:00 pm – Monks work on creating sand mandala

Tuesday, November 24

10:00 am ~ 5:00 pm – Monks work on creating sand mandala
1:00 ~ 3:00 pm - Compassion Buddha Chenrezig Blessing Retreat

Wednesday, November 25

10:00 am ~ 5:00 pm – Monks work on creating sand mandala

Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving Day Open

10:00 am ~ 5:00 pm – Monks work on creating sand mandala
1:00 ~ 3:00 pm - Tara Blessing Retreat

Friday, November 27

10:00 am ~ 5:00 pm – Monks work on creating sand mandala
10:00 am ~ 12 noon – Buddhist Rituals & Mantra Chanting
Monks will give instructions on how to perform prostrations, give a mandala offering, and how to set up a Tibetan Buddhist Altar. This will be followed by chanting in Sanskrit: Mantra of Interdependent Origination, Praise to Shakyamuni Buddha, Mantra of Bodhisattvas, and Heart Sutra
1:00 ~ 3:00 pm - Medicine Buddha Blessing Retreat

Saturday, November 28

10:00 am ~ 5:00 pm – Viewing of Medicine Buddha Mandala
10:00 am ~ 12 noon – Buddhist Rituals & Mantra Chanting
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1:00 ~ 3:30 pm – Tibetan Art Workshop
Welcome: Tashi Sholpa Village Dance
Hands-On Instruction will include:
Butter Sculpture Figures (using play-doh instead of butter)
Tibetan Prayer Flags
Sand Painting of Tibetan motifs
Coloring Book: Tibetan Monastic scenes, Tibetan animals, 8 Auspicious Symbols
Mani Stones (bring a flatish fist-size stone)
Farewell: Giant Panda Dance

Saturday, November 28 (cont'd)

4:00 ~ 5:00 pm – PowerPoint Presentation: “Buddhism and a Course in Happiness”
7:00 ~ 9:00 pm Medicine Buddha Empowerment: conferred by DDSC Resident Lama, Venerable Khenpo Samdup.
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Sunday, November 29

10:00 am ~ 4:00 pm – Viewing of Medicine Buddha Mandala
10:00 am ~ 12 noon – Buddhist Rituals & Mantra Chanting
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4:00 ~ 5:00 pm – Dissolution Ceremony of Sand Mandala and Dispersal of Sands

Monday, November 30

10:00 am ~ 11:00 am – Dharma Talk “Bodhicitta in Daily Life”
11:00 am ~ 12 noon – Chöd Puja followed by Skeleton Dance
1:00 ~ 2:00 pm – Prayers to remove obstacles followed by the Black Hat Dance
3:00 ~ 5:00 pm – PowerPoint Presentation: “Tashi Kyil Monastery” followed by Personal Life Stories spoken by each monk

Monks from Tashi Kyil Monastery will be at Drikung Dharma Surya Center from Monday, November 23 through Monday, November 30. During this time period, whenever available, monks can perform house, business, and sick home blessings. If you wish to receive such ritual blessings, please contact DDSC (drikungdharmasurya@gmail.com) for arrangement details.

On November 30, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, the monks will perform prayers to remove obstacles, followed by the Black Hat Dance. If you have a problem or obstacle in your life that you wish to be removed, please submit name(s) to DDSC (drikungdharmasurya@gmail.com) for arrangement details.

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