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.

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
No one turned away due to lack of funds

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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

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
   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 ~ 3:30 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
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 Sandup.
   Suggested Donation $30/person
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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
   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
4:00 ~ 5:00 pm – Dissolution Ceremony of Sand Mandala and Dispersal of Sands

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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