



Buddha Gate Monastery Dharma Events August to December, 2017

“To be liberated is not to escape from difficulties; it is to use the power of wisdom and samādhi to eliminate the obstacles present. That is liberation.” ~ The Grand Master Wei-Chueh’s Dharma Dews

Date	Day	Event	Time
One Stick of Incense in August —Wednesdays and Sundays from 10:30-11:30 am			
9/3	Sun	Ullambana Ceremony & Meng Shan Memorial Service	9:30 am—4:00 pm
9/17, 9/24	Sun	One Stick of Incense (1 hr. meditation)/ Meritorious Helping Out	10:30-11:30 am/ after lunch
10/1, 10/15, 10/29	Sun	One Stick of Incense (1 hr. meditation)/ Meritorious Helping Out	10:30-11:30 am/ after lunch
10/8	Sun	Diamond Sutra Ceremony	9:30 am—noon
10/22	Sun	Venerable Master Jian Deng, Abbot of Chung Tai Chan Monastery Propagating Buddha Dharma in Bay Area Venue: Chung Tai Zen Center of Sunnyvale	9:00 am Dharma Talk 11:00 am Transmission of Three Refuges and Five Precepts
11/5, 11/12	Sun	Half-Day Chan Retreat (please see *)/ Meritorious Helping Out	8:30 am—noon/ after lunch
11/19	Sun	Diamond Sutra Ceremony	9:30 am—noon
11/25 & 11/26	Sat Sun	Two-day Chan Retreat (please see *)	
12/24/2017-1/1/2018	Sun	Liang Huang Jeweled Repentance Ceremony & 2018 New Year Blessing Ceremony	

We welcome everyone to attend the Ceremony of Grand Meal Offering to the Buddha, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the 1st and 15th day of each lunar month. In the year 2017, from Sep to Dec, these will be on: 8/6, 8/22, 9/5, 9/20, 10/4, 10/20, 11/3, 11/18, 12/2 & 12/18.

We would appreciate volunteers to help after the ceremony.

- * To attend half-day or two-day Chan retreat, beginning class and meditation suit are required.
- * All our programs are free of charge. We are supported by your generous donations.
- * Call to register or inquire.

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