



Schedule of Events for the annual Maitreya Festival

August 20, 2017

12:00-1:30

Lunch under the tent

2:00 PM-2:40 PM

Procession begins: the Maitreya Festival is in honor of the Future Buddha Maitreya, who is both the outer manifestation of loving kindness and our inner development of loving kindness. It will begin with our resident monks inviting Maitreya to descend from his heavenly residence to join us. His presence is represented by a Maitreya statue, which is carried in a procession that is led by the monks and starts at the temple. They will stop in the four cardinal directions, and recite prayers to invoke and worship all the buddhas and other wisdom beings and in particular those associated with each direction.

2:40 PM-3:10 PM

The procession will conclude within the temple, and all guests should find a seat. Joshua Cutler, executive director of the Tibetan Buddhist Learning Center (TBLC), will give a welcoming address, which begins with a recorded message by His Holiness the Dalai Lama in Tibetan that is then translated into English. After the welcoming address the assembled monks will recite more extensive prayers to Maitreya and all the assembled buddhas and wisdom beings.

3:10 PM-3:50 PM

Geshe Yeshe Thabkhe will give a short teaching,

3:50 PM-4:30 PM

Prayers conclude, refreshments and entertainment: the monks and guests recite together in Tibetan the prayer called *King of Maitreya's Aspirational Prayers* (a phonetic copy of the Tibetan is given out). While the monks are reciting a few concluding prayers, it is the Center's custom to pay respects to Maitreya at the altar. If you would like to make an offering to Maitreya, there is a donation box near the Maitreya tapestry.

Refreshments will be served, and entertainment will be offered by members and friends of TBLC.