

# Barom Kagyu Chodrak Drupju Chuling

## Year of the Fire Monkey (2143) 2016 Important Dates

Message from Venerable Sonam Tenzin Rinpoche:

This year, the Tibetan New Year coincides with the Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean New Year. Therefore, it will be extremely auspicious. Venerable Rinpoche urges you to make a strong and determined resolution to engage in virtuous activities and to refrain from committing negative deeds. By keeping this commitment on a daily basis you will not only contribute to the promulgation of peace, love and harmony in the world but you will also help towards creating a friendlier environment with a reduced occurrence of natural disasters on our mother earth. Consequently, Rinpoche requests that you recite the **Ksitigarbha** ("earth treasure") Bodhisattva mantra as many times as possible.

May you all enjoy excellent health, may your Dharma practice continue to flourish and may your business endeavours succeed. May all obstacles vanish so that you move swiftly along the path to supreme enlightenment. May you all continue to receive showers of blessings of the Triple Jewels.

Calendar and important practice days:

In Buddhist traditions, certain days are considered especially auspicious for particular Dharma practices. These days can be recurrent either each (Tibetan) month or annually. The information below only serves as general guidelines to important practice dates and it is essential to obtain instructions from a fully qualified teacher.

1. **Buddha's Days** (recurring each Tibetan month): on these days, the effects of positive or negative actions are multiplied **100** times:

- 8th Day - Medicine Buddha
- 10th Day - Guru Rinpoche
- 15th Day - Amitabha Buddha
- 30th Day - Shakyamuni Buddha

2. **Eclipses**: On days when Solar and Lunar eclipses fall, the effects of positive and negative actions are multiplied **by 10,000** times.

3. Major Buddhist Festivals (**Duchens**): **Saka Dawa** , the 4<sup>th</sup> Tibetan month (7/05/2016 to Thu 5/06/2016) is the most auspicious time for Dharma

practice because the effects of positive actions are multiplied by **10 million** times, and observance of the five basic precepts is strongly recommended. The killing of animals is not permitted and the eating of black foods such as meat, is generally discouraged.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Tibetan month / day</b>	<b>Practice</b>	<b>Celebration &amp; Commemoration</b>
01-Jan-16	11 / 22		New Year's Day 2016
05-Jan-16	11 / 26		Anniversary of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Jamgon Kongtrul, named Jamgon Kongtrul Lodro Thaye
09-Jan-16	11 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
17-Jan-16	12 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
19-Jan-16	12 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
23-Jan-16	12 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
<b>February 2016</b>			
08-Feb-16	12 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
09-Feb-16	1 / 1		<b>Losar Tibetan New Year.</b> Fire Monkey Year 2143
15-Feb-16	1 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
17-Feb-16	1 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
21-Feb-16	1 / 14		Anniversary of Jetsun Milarepa, (Zhepa Dorje) - the greatest Yogi of Tibet

22-Feb-16	1 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon	<b>Chotrul Düchen</b> (Day of Miracles), plus anniversaries of Marpa Lotsawa, Garab Dorje & the 7 <sup>th</sup> Karmapa, Chodrak Gyamtso.  <b>Day of Miracles:</b> leaders of 6 main Indian philosophical schools challenged the Buddha to a contest and Buddha Shakyamuni performed miracles for 15 days, completely overwhelming his challengers and thus inspiring people to follow the Dharma. The full moon day marks the end of 15 days of miracle display
28-Feb-16	1 / 21		Anniversaries of the 14 <sup>th</sup> Karmapa Thekchok Dorje and the 1 <sup>st</sup> Jamyang Khyentse Wangpo
<b>March 2016</b>			
07-Mar-16	1 / 28		Anniversary of the 9 <sup>th</sup> Karmapa Wangchuk Dorje
09-Mar-16	1 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon Solar eclipse	Positive actions are multiplied by 10,000 times for Solar & Lunar Eclipses
10-Mar-16	2 / 2		Anniversary of the Grand Opening of the Barom Kagyu Temple in Sefton Sydney, Australia
16-Mar-16	2 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
18-Mar-16	2 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
23-Mar-16	2 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon Lunar eclipse	Positive actions are multiplied by 10,000 times for Solar & Lunar Eclipses
25-Mar-16	2 / 17		Good Friday
26-Mar-16	2 / 18		Easter Saturday
27-Mar-16	2 / 19		Easter Sunday (Easter Day)

28-Mar-16	2 / 20		Easter Monday
30-Mar-16	2 / 22		Anniversary of Tenga Rinpoche
<b>April 2016</b>			
03-Apr-16	2 / 26		Anniversary of Jetsun Taranata
07-Apr-16	2 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
10-Apr-16	3 / 3		Anniversary of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Karmapa, Karma Pakshi
14-Apr-16	3 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
16-Apr-16	3 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
21-Apr-16	3 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon	Lord Buddha taught the Kalachakra Tantra for the first time
<b>May 2016</b>			
03-May-16	3 / 26		Anniversary of the 15 <sup>th</sup> Karmapa, Khakhyap Dorje
06-May-16	3 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
08-May-16	4 / 2		Anniversary of <b>Barom Dharma Wangchuk</b> , the founder of Barom Kagyu Lineage
14-May-16	4 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
16-May-16	4 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
21-May-16	4 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon	<b>Saka Dawa Düchen</b> (Vaishakha Day): Buddha Sakyamuni attained Enlightenment & Paranirvana. At the age of 35 year old, Buddha

			<p>attained enlightenment at Bodhgaya (India).</p> <p>On this day, the effects of positive and negative actions are multiplied by 10 million times</p>
24-May-16	4 / 18		Anniversary of Dzogchen Patrul Rinpoche, the author of "The Words of My Perfect Teacher"

### June 2016

05-Jun-16	4 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
12-Jun-16	4 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
14-Jun-16	4 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
20-Jun-16	4 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
26-Jun-16	4 / 21		His Holiness the 17 <sup>th</sup> Karmapa <b>Ogyen Trinley Dorje's</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> birthday, internationally celebrated on this day

### July 2016

04-Jul-16	4 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
06-Jul-16	5 / 2		His Holiness the <b>Dalai Lama's</b> 81 <sup>st</sup> birthday
12-Jul-16	5 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
14-Jul-16	5 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
19-Jul-16	5 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times

### August 2016

02-Aug-16	5 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
06-Aug-16	6 / 4		<b>Chökhör Düchen:</b> Buddha Sakyamuni taught the <b>Four Noble Truths</b> (the First Turning the Wheel of the Dharma at Sarnath).  On this day, the effects of positive and negative actions are multiplied by 10 million times
11-Aug-16	6 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
13-Aug-16	6 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Anniversary of Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava) and the birthday of A-Ten Phuntsok Rinpoche, Abbot of Chodrak Khang Nay monastery
17-Aug-16	6 / 14		Anniversary of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Karmapa, Rangjung Dorje
18-Aug-16	6 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon	Anniversary of Gampopa, the Physician of Dagpo & great father of all the Kagyu lineages and the author of "The Jewel Ornament of Liberation"

### September 2016

01-Sep-16	6 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon Solar eclipse	Positive actions are multiplied by 10,000 times for Solar & Lunar Eclipses
09-Sep-16	7 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
11-Sep-16	7 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
13-Sep-16	7 / 12		Anniversary of the 11 <sup>th</sup> Karmapa Yeshe Dorje
16-Sep-16	7 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon	Anniversaries of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Karmapa Rolpe Dorje and Kunkhyen Pema Karpo, the head of Drukpa Kagyu lineage
17-Sep-16	7 / 16	Lunar Eclipse	Positive actions are multiplied by 10,000 times

			for Solar & Lunar Eclipses
25-Sep-16	7 / 25		Anniversary of Phagmodrupa
30-Sep-16	7 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times

### October 2016

01-Oct-16	8 / 1		Anniversary of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Karmapa Dezhin Shegpa
05-Oct-16	8 / 4		Anniversary of the 13 <sup>th</sup> Karmapa Dudul Dorje
09-Oct-16	8 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
11-Oct-16	8 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
16-Oct-16	8 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
23-Oct-16	8 / 23		Anniversary of the 8 <sup>th</sup> Karmapa Mikyo Dorje
27-Oct-16	8 / 27		Anniversary of Gendun Rinpoche
30-Oct-16	8 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times

### November 2016

04-Nov-16	9 / 5		Birthday of Lama Namsai
05-Nov-16	9 / 6		Anniversary of the 16 <sup>th</sup> Karmapa, Rangjung Rigpe Dorje
07-Nov-16	9 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
09-Nov-16	9 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times

14-Nov-16	9 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
20-Nov-16	9 / 22		<p><b>Lha Bab Düchen:</b> Buddha Shakyamuni descent from Tushita Heaven, at Sankhasa, near Patna.</p> <p>To repay his mother's kindness and to liberate her, Buddha spent 3 months teaching the Dharma in the Gods realms.</p> <p>On this day, the effects of positive and negative actions are multiplied by 10 million times</p>
29-Nov-16	9 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
<b>December 2016</b>			
07-Dec-16	10 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
09-Dec-16	10 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
13-Dec-16	10 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
23-Dec-16	10 / 25		Anniversary of Je Tsongkhapa, founder of the Gelugpa School
25-Dec-16	10 / 27		Christmas Day & Sonam Tenzin Rinpoche's birthday
26-Dec-16	10 / 28		Boxing Day
28-Dec-16	10 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon	Anniversary of the 12 <sup>th</sup> Karmapa Changchub Dorje
31-Dec-16	11 / 2		New Year's Eve