

Barom Kagyu Chodrak Drupju Chuling

Year of the Fire Rooster (2144) 2017 Important Dates

Losar message from His Holiness the 17th Gyalwang Karmapa Ogyen Trinley Dorje:

" From the bottom of my heart, I pray that we can all embark on new paths to happiness and that our wishes may be fulfilled auspiciously. Generally we human beings have greater mental abilities than other beings. For that reason, no matter what difficulties we encounter without getting discouraged, we must continue to face our difficulties without being daunted by them. It is important that we not lose our hopes and wishes. In this new year, may you have the inspiration and capacity to have new hopes, and make new aspirations."

Message from Venerable Sonam Tenzin Rinpoche:

Venerable Sonam Tenzin Rinpoche and Venerable Lama Namsai wish to extend to all students, supporters and friends their best wishes for a very happy New Year 2017, the Tibetan year of the Fire Rooster 2144. 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 more friendly environment and protecting our mother earth.

May you all enjoy excellent health, may your dharma practice continue to flourish and may you always encounter happiness. May all obstacles vanish so that you move swiftly on the path to supreme enlightenment.

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 but 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 4th Tibetan month (Fri 26/05/2017

to Sat 24/06/2017) 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.

Date	Tibetan month / day	Practice	Celebration & Commemoration
01-Jan-17	11 / 3		Anniversary of the 1 st Karmapa, Dusum Khyenpa
07-Jan-17	11 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
11-Jan-17	11 / 14		Anniversary of Sakya Pandita Kunga Gyaltsen
12-Jan-17	11 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon	Anniversary of the 10 th Karmapa Choying Dorje
16-Jan-17	11 / 19		Anniversary of Taklung Thangpa, the founder of Taklung Kagyu lineage
23-Jan-17	11 / 26		Anniversary of the 1 st Jamgon Kongtrul, named Jamgon Kongtrul Lodro Thaye.
27-Jan-17	11 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
February 2017			
04-Feb-17	12 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
06-Feb-17	12 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
10-Feb-17	12 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon Lunar eclipse	Positive actions are multiplied by 10,000 times for Solar & Lunar Eclipses
26-Feb-17	12 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha Solar eclipse	Positive actions are multiplied by 10,000 times for Solar & Lunar Eclipses
27-Feb-17	1 / 1	New moon	Losar Tibetan New Year
March 2017			
07-Mar-17	1 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
10-Mar-17	1 / 13		Anniversary of the Grand Opening of the Barom Kagyu Temple in Sefton Sydney, Australia
11-Mar-17	1 / 14		Anniversary of Jetsun Milarepa, (Zhepa Dorje) - the greatest Yogi of Tibet
12-Mar-17	1 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon	Chotrul Düchen (Day of Miracles) , plus anniversaries of Marpa Lotsawa, Garab Dorje

			<p>& the 7th Karmapa, Chodrak Gyamtso.</p> <p>Leaders of 6 main Indian philosophical schools challenged the Buddha to a contest and Buddha Sakyamuni 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 Miracles.</p> <p>On this day, the effects of positive and negative actions are multiplied by 10 million times</p>
18-Mar-17	1 / 21		Anniversaries of the 14 th Karmapa Thekchok Dorje and the 1 st Jamyang Khyentse Wangpo
26-Mar-17	1 / 28		Anniversary of the 9 th Karmapa Wangchuk Dorje
28-Mar-17	1 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times

April 2017

04-Apr-17	2 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
06-Apr-17	2 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
11-Apr-17	2 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
14-Apr-17	2 / 18		Good Friday
15-Apr-17	2 / 19		Easter Saturday
16-Apr-17	2 / 20		Easter Sunday (Easter Day)
17-Apr-17	2 / 21		Easter Monday
22-Apr-17	2 / 26		Anniversary of Jetsun Taranata
26-Apr-17	2 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
29-Apr-17	3 / 3		Anniversary of the 2 nd Karmapa, Karma Pakshi

May 2017

03-May-17	3 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
05-May-17	3 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
10-May-17	3 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon	Lord Buddha taught the Kalachakra Tantra for the first time
22-May-17	3 / 26		Anniversary of the 15 th Karmapa, Khakhyap Dorje

25-May-17	3 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
27-May-17	4 / 2		Anniversary of Barom Dharma Wangchuk, the founder of Barom Kagyu Lineage

June 2017

02-Jun-17	4 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
04-Jun-17	4 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
09-Jun-17	4 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon	Saka Dawa Düchen (Vaishakha Day): Buddha Sakyamuni attained Enlightenment & Paranirvana. At the age of 35 year old, the Buddha attained enlightenment at Bodhgaya (India). This is the most sacred day of all Buddhist festival days. On this day, the effects of positive and negative actions are multiplied by 10 million times
12-Jun-17	4 / 18		Anniversary of Dzogchen Patrul Rinpoche, the author of "The Words of My Perfect Teacher"
24-Jun-17	4 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
26-Jun-17	5 / 3		His Holiness the 17 th Karmapa Ogyen Trinley Dorje's 32nd birthday

July 2017

01-Jul-17	5 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
03-Jul-17	5 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
06-Jul-17	5 / 13		His Holiness the Dalai Lama's 82nd birthday
09-Jul-17	5 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
23-Jul-17	5 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
27-Jul-17	6 / 4		Chökhör Düchen: Buddha Shakyamuni taught the 4 Noble Truths (the First Turning of the Wheel of the Dharma at Sarnath). On this day, the effects of positive and negative actions are multiplied by 10 million times
31-Jul-17	6 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times

August 2017

02-Aug-17	6 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Anniversary of Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava) and the birthday of A-Ten Phuntsok Rinpoche, Abbot of Chodrak Khang Nay monastery
06-Aug-17	6 / 14		Anniversary of the 3 rd Karmapa, Rangjung Dorje
07-Aug-17	6 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon Lunar eclipse	Anniversary of Gampopa, the Physician of Dagpo & great father of all the Kagyu lineages and the author of "The Jewel Ornament of Liberation". Positive actions are multiplied by 10,000 times for Solar & Lunar Eclipses
21-Aug-17	6 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon Solar eclipse	Positive actions are multiplied by 10,000 times for Solar & Lunar Eclipses
29-Aug-17	7 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
31-Aug-17	7 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times

September 2017

03-Sep-17	7 / 12		Anniversary of the 11 th Karmapa Yeshe Dorje
06-Sep-17	7 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon	Anniversaries of the 4 th Karmapa Rolpe Dorje and Kunkhyen Pema Karpo, the head of Drukpa Kagyu lineage
15-Sep-17	7 / 25		Anniversary of Phagmodrupa
20-Sep-17	7 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
21-Sep-17	8 / 1		Anniversary of the 5 th Karmapa Dezhin Shegpa
24-Sep-17	8 / 4		Anniversary of the 13 th Karmapa Dudul Dorje
28-Sep-17	8 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
30-Sep-17	8 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times

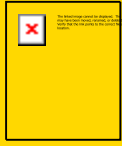
October 2017

05-Oct-17	8 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
13-Oct-17	8 / 23		Anniversary of the 8 th Karmapa Mikyo Dorje
16-Oct-17	8 / 27		Anniversary of Gendun Rinpoche
19-Oct-17	8 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
28-Oct-17	9 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times

30-Oct-17	9 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
November 2017			
04-Nov-17	9 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon	Birthday of Lama Namsai
05-Nov-17	9 / 16		Anniversary of the 16 th Karmapa, Rangjung Rigpe Dorje
10-Nov-17	9 / 22		Lha Bab Düchen: Buddha Sakyamuni descent from Tushita Heaven, at Sankhasa, near Patna. To repay his mother's kindness and to liberate her, Buddha spent 3 months teaching the Dharma in the Gods realms. On this day, the effects of positive and negative actions are multiplied by 10 million times
18-Nov-17	9 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
26-Nov-17	10 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
28-Nov-17	10 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
December 2017			
03-Dec-17	10 / 15	Amitabha Buddha Full Moon	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
12-Dec-17	10 / 25		Anniversary of Je Tsongkhapa
17-Dec-17	10 / 30	Shakyamuni Buddha New Moon	Anniversary of the 12 th Karmapa Changchub Dorje
21-Dec-17	11 / 3		Anniversary of the 1 st Karmapa, Dusum Khyenpa
25-Dec-17	11 / 7		Christmas Day & Sonam Tenzin Rinpoche's birthday
26-Dec-17	11 / 8	Medicine Buddha	Boxing Day
28-Dec-17	11 / 10	Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava)	Positive actions are multiplied by 100 times
31-Dec-17	11 / 13		New Year's Eve



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