SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

MAY WE GATHER

A NATIONAL BUDDHIST MEMORIAL CEREMONY
FOR ASIAN AMERICAN ANCESTORS

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MEMORIAL CEREMONY
1:00–2:30pm | El Campanil Theatre
602 W 2nd St, Antioch, California

O-Daiko Drum and Kansho Bell
Dr. Paula Arai (Institute of Buddhist Studies) and
Rev. Harry Gyokyo Bridge (Buddhist Church of Oakland)

Emcee Welcome
Dr. Funie Hsu and Chenxing Han

Chanting of the Three Refuges

Hyobyakumon (Pronouncement of Intention)
Rev. Duncan Ryūken Williams (Zenshuji Soto Mission)

Dharma Message on Lovingkindness & Compassionate Action
Arisikha Razak (East Bay Meditation Center)

Dharma Message on Spiritual Kinship & Creating Peace
Ven. Dr. Longyun Shi (American Bodhi Sea Buddhist Association)

Memorial Service and Offering of Memorial Tablets
Chinese chanting of the Heart Sutra, recitation of names, and dedication of merit led by Ven. Dr. Longyun Shi
Memorial Tablets
Rev. Shumyo Kojima (Zenshuji Soto Mission)

Kintsugi Lotus
James Okumura

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In spiritual friendship,

The May We Gather Collective
Duncan Ryūken Williams; Funie Hsu; Chenxing Han; Patricia Wakida; Jhani Randhawa; Juliet Bost Yokoe
PILGRIMAGE
2:30–3:30pm | 2nd Street, Waldie Plaza, G St, and F St | Antioch, California

Silent Procession on 2nd St and Waldie Plaza
All participants

Daoist Healing Ceremony at Waldie Plaza
Ceremony led by Master E-Man with assistant Sumo Liu (First Taoism Foundation)
Reading of Antioch City apology by Mayor Pro-Tem Monica Wilson
Offerings by Bishop Myokei Caine-Barrett, Jun Hamamoto, Rev. Sungha Lee, Rev. Kaishin Victory Matsui, Rev. Cristina Moon, Rebecca Nie, Brian Nagata, Bhante Sanathavihari, Monica Wilson, and Larry Yang

Group Photo at Waldie Plaza
All participants

Procession Continues on G St and 2nd St
All participants

Closing Ritual at “Birthplace of Antioch” Marker on F St
Tibetan chanting and khata scarf offerings by Khenpo Paljor Gyatso (Pure Land of Iowa)

RECEPTION
3:30–5:00pm | Antioch Senior Center
415 W 2nd St, Antioch, California
Refreshments by Go Vegan
GROUP CHANTS

Three Refuges
Namo tassa bhagavato arahato sammāsambuddhassa
Namo tassa bhagavato arahato sammāsambuddhassa
Namo tassa bhagavato arahato sammāsambuddhassa

Buddhaṃ saraṇaṃ gacchāmi
Dhammaṃ saraṇaṃ gacchāmi
Saṅghaṃ saraṇaṃ gacchāmi

Dutiyampi Buddhaṃ saraṇaṃ gacchāmi
Dutiyampi Dhammaṃ saraṇaṃ gacchāmi
Dutiyampi Saṅghaṃ saraṇaṃ gacchāmi

Tatiyampi Buddhaṃ saraṇaṃ gacchāmi
Tatiyampi Dhammaṃ saraṇaṃ gacchāmi
Tatiyampi Saṅghaṃ saraṇaṃ gacchāmi

Recitation of Names on Memorial Tablets
Yong Ae Yue | Vicha Ratanapakdee | Yik Oi Huang |
Sia Bun Ning | All people who have lost their lives through racial and religious animus

In Praise of the Bodhisattva of Compassion
Nam Mô Bò Tát Quán Thế Âm
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Nam Mô Bò Tát Quán Thế Âm ...
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El Campanil Theatre
Joshua Price; Nick Carvalho

Procession Leaders
Bishop Myokei Caine-Barrett (Myoken-ji Temple – Nichiren Buddhist Sangha of Texas); Mingling Chiang (Tzu Chi Foundation); Jun Hamamoto (Plum Village, Buddhist Church of Oakland); Mushim Patricia Ikeda (East Bay Meditation Center); Rev. Sungha Lee (Won Buddhism San Francisco Temple); Rev. Kaishin Victory Matsui (Ancestral Heart Temple / Brooklyn Zen Center); Rev. Cristina Moon (Daihonzan Chozen-ji International Zen Dojo); Brian Nagata (BDK America); Rebecca Nie (Mahavajra Seon Sanctuary); Roger Rosner (Tricycle: The Buddhist Review); Bhante Sanathavihari (Sarathchandra Buddhist Center); Thenmozhi Soundararajan (Equality Labs); Munya Su (Tzu Chi Foundation); Larry Yang (East Bay Meditation Center)

Guanyin Statue
James Chan; David Chan
Dharma Message on the Sublime Attitudes
Jee Suthamwanthanee (Bay Area Thai Sangha)

Dharma Message on Interconnection & Stewarding Wholeness
Rev. Liên Shutt (Access to Zen)

Prayer for Caste Equity
Thenmozhi Soundararajan (Equality Labs)

Offering of Kintsugi Lotus and Chanting of Sacred Texts
Offering of Kintsugi lotus by Ven. Hyungjeon and Ven. Hyokeun (Borisa Zen Center)
Vietnamese chanting in praise of the Bodhisattva of Compassion led by Ven. Thich Tinh Nghia (Thien Tam Buddhist Temple) with Evalyn Dang (Kim Quang Temple), Tin Ly (Phuoc Lam Monastery), Helena Nguyen (Phuoc Lam Monastery), Thanh Nguyen (Thien Quang Temple), and Conan Phan (Phuoc Lam Monastery)

Dharma Message on Compassion & Collective Healing
Rev. Grace Song (Won Institute of Graduate Studies)

Dharma Message on the Path to Enlightenment
sujatha baliga (Gyuto Foundation)

Chanting for Blessing and Protection
Lao chanting by Ven. Khammai Sayakoummane (Wat Lao Saysettha of Santa Rosa)

Exit Procession
Flower offerings by procession leaders and all participants
Taiko drumming by Diablo Taiko