

Program

Saturday, April 24 3:00 pm

Opening Drums – Nisala Premaratna

Introduction – Darryl H. Ng, Master of Ceremonies

What is the Triple Gem? – Rev. Khema (Carol Lawrence)

Panca Pitu, Taking 5 Precepts – Ven. Natipola Mahinda

Welcome Speeches

Ven. Dr. Jongmao Kenneth Park, Buddhist Religious Director (USC)

Dr. Elizabeth Davenport, Office of Religious Life

Ven. Natipola Piymanada, President, Buddhist Sangha Council of Southern California

Pali Devotional Songs – Holly Fischer & Phil Kanakis

Religious Community Messages

Father Alex Smith - Rabbi Susan Laemmle - Narayin Singh

Thai Devotional Songs – Dhammakaya A.B.W.C.

Speaker – Hon. Judge Ngo Trong Nguyen

Performance – Korean Folk Drumming Team

Keynote Speaker – Dr. Ananda Guruge

Presentation to SCUBA honoring efforts of students in the Buddhist Community – Abbot

Nat Thai, Ven. Phra Raj Dhammaraj, Abbess A.B.W.C., Ven. Dr. Karunadharmma, and

the Hon. Consuls of Sri Lanka and Thailand

Pamathi, Devotional Buddhist Songs – Mahesh and Thamen Balasooriya

Word of Thanks – Ven. Chao Chu

Performance – Thai Dancing

Vietna Meditation – Rev. Heidi Singh

Closing Blessing – Maha Sangha

Bathing of Baby Padmakartha and Pitar Music by Ravi Amarawansa

Reception to follow at University Religious Center

The Buddhist Sangha Council of Southern California
&

The Southern California University Buddhist Association
invite you to our joint celebration of

Vesak

*The 2548th anniversary of the
Birth, Awakening, and Parinibbana
of our Lord Buddha*

Please join us

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Ground Zero Coffee House, USC

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All are welcome.

Happy Vesak

*Monks, there is one person
Whose birth into the world
Is for the welfare of many
For the happiness of many;
Who is born out of compassion for the world,
for the profit, welfare and
Happiness of gods and mankind.
Who is that one person?
It is a Tathagata who is Arahant,
A Fully Enlightened One.
This, monks, is that person.*

*"You, yourselves should make the effort,
The Awakened Ones are only teachers.
Those who enter this Path and who are meditative
Are delivered from the bonds Mara."*

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