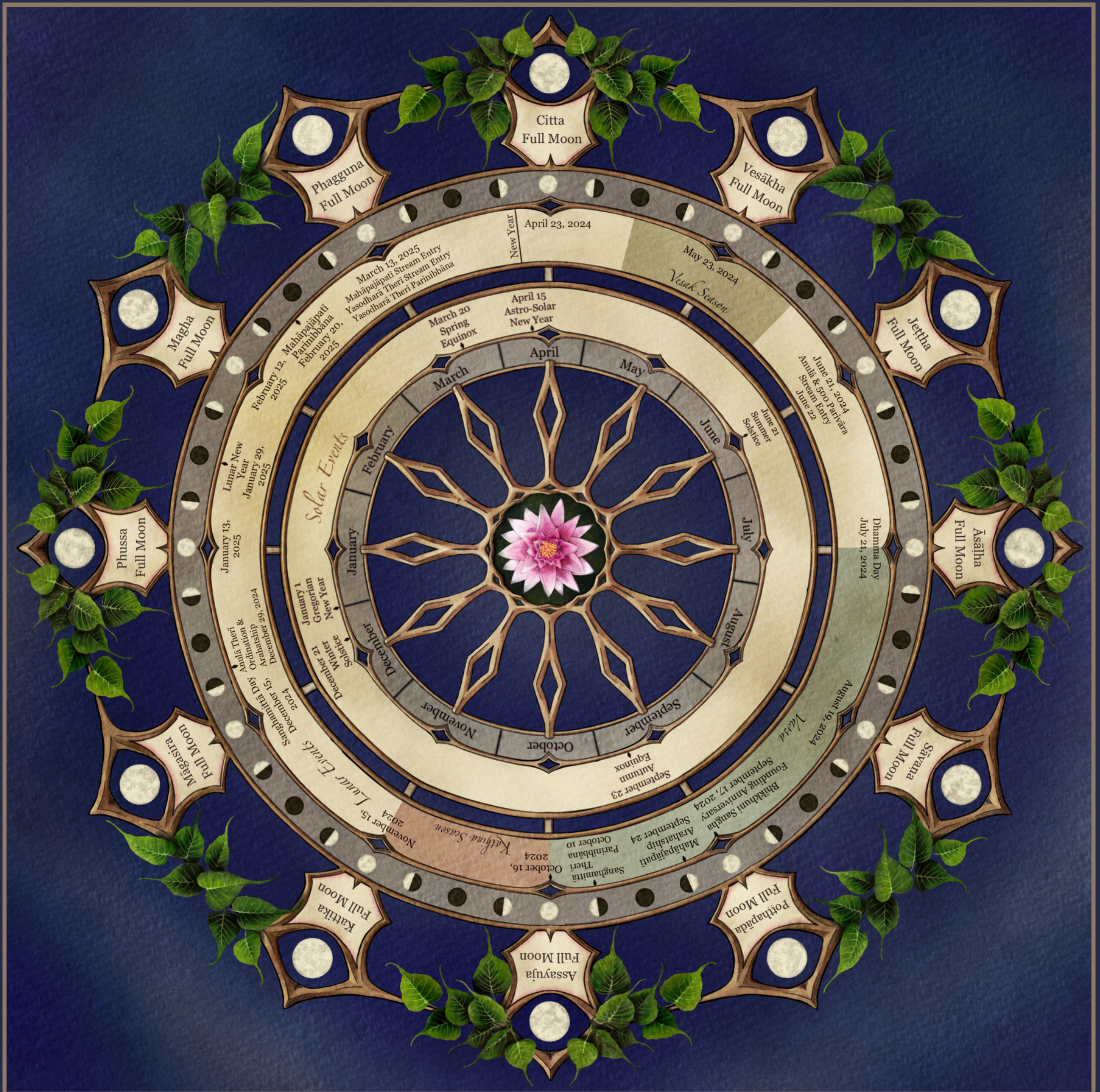


# Bhikkhunī Sangha

## Lunar Calendar Commemorative Dates

### 2567-2568 BE | 2024-2025 CE



### PRINCIPLE DATES

- September 17-18, 2024 🌕 Founding Anniversary of Bhikkhunī Sangha & International Bhikkhunī Day: Fourfold Sangha Day
- December 14-15, 2024 🌕 Sanghamittā Day
- February 20, 2025 🌕 Mahāpajāpatī Gotamī & Bhikkhunī Founders Parinibbāna Day

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## DATES IN FULL

—Mid-April: Astro-Solar New Year—

*June through September 2024:  
Foundations of the Bhikkhunī Sangha*

### June 2024

- Jun 21–22 Arrival of Mahinda Thero & Company to Sri Lanka, Jeṭṭha Puṇṇamī Poson Poya Full Moon Day
- June 22–23 Anulā & 500 Parivāra Stream Entry & Stream Winning Days

### September 2024

- Sep 17–18 Bhikkhunī Sangha Founding Anniversary / International Bhikkhunī Day / Fourfold Sangha Day  
Bhāddapada/Poṭṭhapāda Puṇṇamī (Bhadrapad Purnima) Binara Poya Full Moon Day
- Sep 24–25 Mahāpajāpatī Gotamī Therī Arahatsip Day  
Assayuja-māsarṁ Kaṇha Pakkha Aṭṭhamī Waning Half Moon Uposatha

### October 2024

- Oct 10–11 Sanghamittā Therī's Parinibbāna Day  
Assayuja-māsarṁ Sukka Pakkha Aṭṭhamī Waxing Half Moon Uposatha  
*\*Note: this date is also Mahā Mahinda Thero's Parinibbāna Day.  
\* Both Sanghamittā Therī's & Mahinda Thero's Cremation Day is one week later*

*October through December 2024:  
Sanghamittā Therī & the Jāyasrī Mahā Bodhi Tree Story Cycle*

### December 2024

- Dec 14–15 Lunar Sanghamitta Day  
Maggasira Puṇṇamī (Margashirsha Purnima) Unduvap Poya Full Moon Day

*February through March 2025:  
Founding Bhikkhuni Sangha's Parinibbānas*

### February 2025

- Feb 12–13 Beginning of Mahāpajāpatī Gotamī Therī's Final 7-day teaching  
Māgha Puṇṇamī (Māgha Purnima) Magha Puja Sangha Day/Navam Poya Full Moon Uposatha
- Feb 12–20 Mahāpajāpatī Gotamī Therī's Final 7-day teaching
- Feb 20 Mahāpajāpatī Gotamī Therī & Founding Bhikkhunī Sangha Parinibbana Day  
Phagguṇa-māsarṁ Kaṇha Pakkha Aṭṭhamī Waning Half Moon Uposatha  
*\* Note this half moon is also Mahā Moggallana Thero's Arahatsip Day; Sāriputta Thero's Arahatsip Day is one week later on the Phagguṇa-māsarṁ Amāvasī Dark Moon Uposatha*

### March 2025

- Mar 13–14 Rāhulamātā Bimbā Yasodharā (Bhaddā Kaccānā) Therī Parinibbāna Day  
Phagguṇa Punnamī (Phālguna Purnima) Medin Poya Day Full Moon: Celebrating the Buddha's First Return to Kapilavastu  
*\*Note this is also Mahāpajāpatī Gotamī & Siddhodana Rāja's Stream Entry Day  
\*Note the following day is Rāhulamātā Bimbā Yasodharā (Bhaddā Kaccānā) Therī's Stream Entry Day*

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## DATES IN FULL

October through December 2024:

Sanghamittā Therī & the Jāyasrī Mahā Bodhi Tree Story Cycle



### October–November 2024 (normally in November)

India Pilgrimage dates Nov 15–30

- Oct 18 The Great Request to Emperor Asoka & Sanghamittā Therī: Asokan Bodhi Pūjā  
Kattika-māsam Pāṭipade (1st day) (through Kattika Puṇṇamī)
- Nov 4–15 Ashoka's Bodhi Puja w/Southern Branch Sapling: Coronation #1
- Nov 15 Final Departing Festival at Pātaliputta with Ashoka, Sanghamitta, Bhikkhuni Sangha & Bodhi Tree  
Kattika Puṇṇamī (Kartik Purnima) Ill Poya Full Moon Uposatha Day: Bodhi Pūjā
- Nov 16–22 Asoka, Sanghamitta & Bodhi Tree's Journeys from Pataliputra to Tamralipti Port  
Maggasira Pāṭipade - 1st day of Waning Gibbous Moon
- Nov 22–30 Weeklong Asokan Sendoff for Sanghamitta & Bodhi Tree at Tamralipti  
Maggasira-māsam Kaṇha Pakkha Aṭṭhamī Waning Half Moon Uposatha  
*\*Note: this date is also Sāriputta Thero's Parinibbāna Day; one week later is Mahā Moggalanna Thero's Parinibbāna Day*

### December 2024

Sri Lanka Pilgrimage dates Dec 9–30

- Dec 1–8 The Great Departure: Sanghamitta and Bodhi Tree's Journey by Sea India to Sri Lanka  
Maggasira Waxing Crescent:
- Dec 9–19 Sanghamitta and Bodhi Tree's Ten Days Welcome on Sri Lankan shores by King  
Devānampiya Tissa & Mahinda Thero
- Dec 9–12 Sanghamitta & Bo Tree: At Shore Welcome (4 days, Jambukolapattana)
- Dec 13–20 Sanghamitta & Bo Tree Onshore Welcome: Samuddadasanasala (7 days)
- ✦ Dec 13–14 Astro-Solar Sanghamitta Day: Rohini Asterism on Astro-Solar Calendar
- ✦ Dec 14 Luni-Solar Sanghamittā Day
- Dec 14–15 Lunar Sanghamittā Day  
Maggasira Puṇṇamī (Margashirsha Purnima) Unduvap Poya Full Moon Day: Dec 14–15
- Dec 20–24 Sanghamittā & Bodhi Tree's Journey with Great Fourfold Sangha Company to  
Anuradhapura (4 days)
- Dec 23–30 Bodhi Tree's Arrival & Establishment in Anuradhapura  
Phussa-māsam Kaṇha Pakkha Aṭṭhamī Waning Half Moon Uposatha
- Dec 29–30 Anulā Therī & Founding Sri Lankan Bhikkhuni Sangha Ordination with Sanghamittā  
Therī & Arahantship  
Sri Lanka Bhikkhunī Sangha Founding Anniversary + Sri Lanka Fourfold Sangha  
Founding Anniversary | Phussa-māsam Amāvasī Dark Moon Uposatha

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