



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-māsarū Kaṇha Pakkha Aṭṭhamī Waning Half Moon Uposatha

October 2024

- ☉ Oct 10-11 Sanghamittā Therī's Parinibbāna Day
Assayuja-māsarū 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-māsarū 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-māsarū Amāvāsī 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 & Suddhodana Rāja's Stream Entry Day
Note the following day is Rāhulamātā Bimbā Yasodharā (Bhaddā Kaccānā) Therī's Stream Entry Day

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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-māsarū 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-māsarū 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-māsarū 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-māsarū Amāvāsī* Dark Moon Uposatha

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