

Bathing the Buddha Dharma Assembly

The eighth day of the April of the Chinese lunar calendar is the holy birthday of Sakyamuni Buddha. Before the Buddha renounced and reached enlightenment, he was known as Prince Siddhartha. According to Buddhist sutras, right after the Prince was born, He said, with one hand pointing to the sky and the other pointing to the ground, “From heaven to earth, I alone am the world-honored one.” Nine dragons in the sky then poured streams of fragrant water from their mouths to bathe the prince’s body. Ever since, Buddhists hold the Bathing the Buddha Dharma Assembly to celebrate the holy birth of the Buddha.

The Sutra on the Merits Accrued from Bathing the Buddha states many of the benefits of bathing the Buddha: The practitioners will experience wealth and well-being in this life time. They will have great health and long life. Their wishes will be granted. Families and friends will live in harmony, be far away from the eight difficulties, and be free from all karmic conditions that will result in sufferings.

To celebrate the holy birthday of Sakyamuni Buddha, the World Buddhism Association Headquarters (W.B.A.H.), Hua Zang Si, and Sanger Mission will hold the Bathing the Buddha Dharma Assembly on **Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Sakyamuni Buddha Hall at Hua Zang Si in San Francisco. We will bathe the Buddha with the most wonderful fragrant water.

You are cordially invited to experience the Dharma joy.

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