

**SIXTEENTH ANNUAL
BUDDHIST SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH
VESAK GATHERING**

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH 2024

BATHING THE BABY BUDDHA

ZEN CENTER OF PITTSBURGH

YOU ARE INVITED TO PRESS YOUR PALMS TOGETHER AND BOW, THEN USE THE LADLE TO POUR WATER INFUSED WITH FLOWERS AND FRAGRANT SPICES OVER THE STATUE OF THE BABY BUDDHA THREE TIMES. THE BATHING OF THE BABY BUDDHA IS AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE, BRINGING YOUR INTENTION TO THE MOMENT.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CEREMONY AND THE THEME

JOHN BOGAARD

VESAK IS THE MAJOR BUDDHIST HOLIDAY OF THE YEAR AS IT CELEBRATES THE BIRTH, ENLIGHTENMENT AND PASSING AWAY (PARINIRVANA) OF THE HISTORICAL BUDDHA. THIS YEAR'S THEME IS **WATERING OUR COMMON ROOTS**.

WELCOME & DHARMA MESSAGE

PHRA VIDESRATANAPORN

DEVOTIONAL DANCE

WAT PADHAMMARATTANA

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL SANGHAS

INVOCATION

DHAMMA GONE YEE MONASTERY

CHANTING OF THREE REFUGES

NEIGHBORHOOD ZEN

BUDDHAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI
DHAMMAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI
SANGHAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI

DUTIYAMPI BUDDHAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI
DUTIYAMPI DHAMMAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI
DUTIYAMPI SANGHAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI

TATIYAMPI BUDDHAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI
TATIYAMPI DHAMMAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI
TATIYAMPI SANGHAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI

INCENSE OFFERING

LAUGHING RIVERS SANGHA

SUTRA RECITATION

SAKYAMUNI BUDDHA TEMPLE

DHAMMA TALK

REV. KOTOKU CRIVELLO

CHILDREN'S BUDDHIST SONG

PITTSBURGH BUDDHIST CENTER

BUDDHIST READING

PITTSBURGH BUDDHIST WOMEN SANGHA

MEDITATION FOR WORLD PEACE

BHANTE PEMARATANA

CHILDREN'S BUDDHIST SONG

CLEVELAND BUDDHIST VIHARA

DEDICATION OF MERITS

BELMONT ZEN CENTER

OFFERING CHILDREN'S CRAFTS TO THE BUDDHA

ALL CHILDREN

CEREMONY OF WATERING THE COMMEMORATIVE PLANT

EVERYONE

CLOSING SONG FOR THE CEREMONY.

LED BY LAUGHING RIVERS SANGHA

WE ARE ALL ONE

WE ARE ALL THE LEAVES OF ONE TREE (2X)
THE TIME HAS COME FOR ALL TO LIVE AS ONE
WE ARE ALL THE LEAVES OF ONE TREE.

WE ARE ALL THE WAVES OF ONE SEA (2X)
THE TIME HAS COME FOR ALL TO LIVE AS ONE
WE ARE ALL THE WAVES OF ONE SEA.

WE ARE ALL THE STARS OF ONE SKY (2X)
THE TIME HAS COME FOR ALL TO LIVE AS ONE
WE ARE ALL THE STARS OF ONE SKY.

WE ARE ALL THE LEAVES OF ONE TREE,
WE ARE ALL THE WAVES OF ONE SEA,
THE TIME HAS COME FOR ALL TO LIVE AS ONE
WE ARE ALL THE STARS OF ONE SKY.

SOCIAL TIME & REFRESHMENTS

EVERYONE



NOTES ABOUT THE DEVOTIONAL DANCE OFFERED BY WAT PADHAMMARATTANA:

KRITAPINIHAN IS A BLESSING DANCE THE MEANING OF THE DANCE IS HAVING THE BLESSING AND BLESS YOU AS WELL.

KRITAPINIHAN DANCE IS USED TO BLESS AT VARIOUS OCCASIONS. FEMALE PERFORMERS DRESS AND ARE PRETENDING TO BE AN ANGEL. THE DANCER(S) DANCE ACCORDING TO THE LYRICS, AND AT THE END HOLDS A TRAY OF FLOWERS AND SCATTERS THEM. THIS BLESSING DANCE IS USUALLY PERFORMED AT AUSPICIOUS CEREMONIES AND GENERAL EVENTS.

NAME OF DANCERS:

PIYAPORN JORDANOFF
KRISANAPORN SUWANNANAN