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Mangala Vihara (Buddhist Temple),
Resident Monks

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wish to thank all members & devotees
for your offerings, support for this
KATHINA celebration

**MAY THE BLESSINGS OF
THE TRIPLE GEM
BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
ALWAYS**

MANGALA VIHARA (BUDDHIST TEMPLE)



***KATHINA CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2018***

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**ANNUAL KATHINA CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2018**

PROGRAMME

5.30 am All members and devotees collect your order of robe from the Shrine Hall .

THE ROBE IS YOUR OFFERING TO THE SANGHA. PLEASE CARRY IT IN A RESPECTFUL MANNER.

6.30 am **Mdm Koh Siew Khim and Ms Cheong Beng Khim from the Theravada Buddhist Studies in Chinese** representing the members and devotees, will carry the main **Kathina Robe** and lead the procession three rounds the temple's compound.

7.00 am Presentation of the **Kathina Robe** and other gifts to the Maha Sangha

7.15 am **Buddha Puja** (morning service)
Breakfast for all

11.00 am **Buddha Puja** (Offering of lights, incense, flowers)

11.30 am **Dana** followed by lunch

6.45 pm **Maha Bodhi Puja**

7.00 pm **Buddha Puja** (evening service)

7.45 pm Sermon by Bhante Cittara

8.00 pm Transferring of Merits

Many types of merits accrued to those who:

- i) Look after the needs of monks during this period;
- ii) Participate in Dhamma sermons, Dhamma discussion, meditation programmes and chanting of Parittas;
- iii) Make offerings of Kathina robes and other gifts on Kathina day.

Privileges for the Kathina-Monk*

Only one monk among those observing Vas in the same temple will be nominated to receive the Kathina Robe. Being nominated his privileges are:-

- ❖ Not having to inform the monks of his accepting and going to an invitation of alms meal;
- ❖ Not having to observe the Vinaya rules in respect of the set of three robes;
- ❖ Participate in group's meal without the need to seek permission from Chief monk;
- ❖ Having as many robes as given without having to share them with other monks;

Benefits for Lay People

- i) If they go anywhere they do so lightly, happily, easily and with fewer burdens.
- ii) Wherever they go, they do so freely and they are protected against dangers and disturbances.
- iii) They can perform their tasks easily.
- iv) They will not suffer from hunger (of food) nor any harm from food.
- v) They will have plentiful clothing.
- vi) Their belongings will not be destroyed by enemies even when they are far away from their belongings.
- vii) Their belongings will not be destroyed by these five enemies - water, fire, king (government), thief and bad children; but their belongings will be kept safe even though they have forgotten about them for a long time.
- viii) Their belongings will not be taken away by others.
- ix) They will gain greater profit of their commercial affairs than others.

KATHINA PROCESSION : SUNDAY, 28 OCT 2018

Time : 6.30 am sharp
Place of Assembly : Shrine Hall
Leader-in-Charge : Mr Mervin Phua (Chairman)

PLEASE BE PRESENT BY 6.00 AM (in FULL WHITE ATTIRE)

<u>Names</u>	<u>Duty</u>
1. Mr Sam Chong	: The Buddhist Flag
2. Mr Leong Peng Ho	: Yellow Candle
3. Mr Lim Peng Swee	: Yellow Candle
4. Ms Beatrice Yee	: Joss-stick
5. Ms Doris Sim	: Joss-stick
6. Ms Linda Sim	: Joss-stick
7. Mdm Koh Siew Khim & Ms Cheong Beng Khim	: Kathina Robe
8. Mr Lee Ruey Kwong	: Ceremonial Umbrella
9. Mdm Helen Tan Gik Hoa	: Tray of Bunga Rampai
10. Mdm Rita Lee	: Tray of Sireh
11. Mdm Ivy Lee	: Bouquet of Flowers
12. Mdm Helen Lim Guat Bee	: Tray of Flowers
13. Mr Alan Soon	: Sounding the Bell
14. Members & Devotees	: Carrying Individual Robes & Gifts
15. Members & Devotees	: Candles & Joss-sticks
16. Mr Glen Ong & Lee Mee Yin	: Photographers
17. Mr Tan Weng Cheong	: Sound System

OFFERING OF KATHINA ROBES

What is so special about offering Kathina robes?

Kathina robes are offered to the Sangha in a monastery only once a year and during a specified period, which starts from the end of Vassa (the Vassa period spans the from full moon of July to the full moon of October), to the next full moon day. Kathina robe offering is thus carried out between the days following the full moon of October to the full moon of November.

Kathina robes are offered to the Sangha, and not to any individual monk. This rare opportunity is what makes it so special.

When we say “I offer this robe to the Sangha”, we mean all the Sangha or the community of Bhikkhus in the world. This includes those who gained enlightenment and those who are yet to be enlightened. Sangha means the community of monks which must consist of a group of at least four monks. Today, when you offer the Kathina robes, you will offer them to the Sangha; that means all noble disciples of the Buddha – not only the Enlightened Ones.

The monks having observed their Vassa in Mangala Vihara and celebrated Pavarana, will then celebrate “Kathina”.

One of the stanzas chanted during Kathina glorifies the greatness of merit gained in performing Kathina, “Even this solid earth, or a solid rock or a piece of diamond could tremble, shake or break at times but the merit obtained by offering the Kathina robe could not be nullified by anything until one achieves the ultimate goal of “Nibbāna”. That is why it is called “**Kathina**” (Unshakable).

In the Therāgathā, a disciple named Nāgitha recalled the glorious benefits of having offered the Kathina robe to the Maha Sangha – he was never born in the lower planes of existence (like the spirit world or animal realm) but only in higher or blissful realms like the divine planes or human world. The merit thus obtained was very helpful to him to realize the ultimate truth.

However, even the merit of offering Kathina robes cannot help a person from suffering the consequences if he had committed any of the five heinous crimes (patricide, matricide, murder of an arahat, wounding of a Buddha or causing schism in the Sangha). For minor bad deeds, the positive power of offering Kathina robes could reduce or impeach their negative effects. Furthermore, one could be blessed with happiness, good health, long life, good complexion, physical strength and wisdom in one’s wandering in Samsāra until the goal of Nibbāna is achieved.