



Day of Miracles

SUN 28th feb

9am Meditation

9.45am 1000 Armed Chenrezig Practice

10.30am Ven Geshe Jampa Gyaltzen
Teachings: Essence of Nectar-Lam Rim

7.00pm Guru Puja

The first full moon of the year is celebrated in the Vajrayana as the Day of Miracles, or ChotrI Duchen, to commemorate the final day of miraculous display by the Buddha which lasted 15 days. He performed these numerous miracles to overpower the six heretical teachers who challenged the Buddha. When the Buddha first received the challenge, he moved to another kingdom of India and he continued to avoid the teachers until he had visited all the kingdoms. Finally, he had the kings of these lands and their retinues accompany him to the final kingdom. There, at an arranged field, he displayed his miraculous powers for 15 days, it is said, to increase the devotion and merit of future disciples. Through these acts of this 15 day period, which are every year observed by the great prayer festival of the Gelugpa Monlam Chempo. The Buddha defeated the heretical teachers and introduced all in the audience to the path of Dharma.



The victory banner originates from the victory banner that was a military standard carried in Indian warfare. It was adopted as the symbol of Buddha's enlightenment. In Tibetan Buddhism it is said to symbolise the methods for overcoming the defilements—the development of knowledge, wisdom, compassion, meditation, and ethical vows.