**The mind of a Buddha and the mind of a compassionate mother**

Activities commemorating the Birthday of the Buddha

**Bathing the Buddha Ceremony**

May 12: 9:00 am – 12:00 am

The temple celebrates the Birthday of Shakyamuni Buddha with the *Bathing the Buddha Ceremony*. After a formal, solemn ritual to welcome the statue of the baby prince, we will offer incense and flowers and shower the statue with fragrant water. To express our utmost gratitude, the participants will take turns bathing the Buddha.

Queen Maya, the mother of the Buddha, ascended to Trayastrimsha Heaven seven days after the prince's birth. The prince manifested infinite radiance to bless his mother while heavenly beings and Gods came to pay homage. In gratitude to Queen Maya giving birth to the Buddha, thereby bringing infinite light to the world, let us pray and bless all mothers during the celebration of the Buddha’s Birthday!

**“The Wisdom of the Diamond Sutra” Calligraphy Exhibition**

May 11: 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

May 12: 9:30 am – 2:00 pm

* Calligraphy exhibition exploring the Diamond Sutra’s profound and wonderful wisdom in eliminating afflictions
* Renowned calligraphers showcasing their works and conducting live demonstrations
* Live Buddhist music performed by Chinese zither musicians
* Traditional Chinese tea ceremonies

**Lingyen Charity Bazaar**

May 12: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

After the Bathing the Buddha Ceremony, check out the diverse array of booths offering exciting activities and delicious food. All proceeds from this charity bazaar will be donated to local charitable women's organizations. Vouchers for this event will be available for sale on April 7. We look forward to your participation and support!