



You are cordially invited to participate in the festivities

To celebrate the Royal Kathina Ceremony

In Commemoration of the 80th Birthday on December 5th of
His Majesty King Bhumibhol Adulyadej the Great, Rama IX

and

To celebrate the Loy Krathong Festival

On Sunday, November 11, 2007

At Wat Nawamintarachutis

382 South Street East, Raynham, MA 02767, USA

Mrs. Wilai Phrompen

President of Ceremony

The Kathina Ceremony, for monks, simply means “joining hands for making robes.” For lay people, it means “offering robes to monks who have observed the three-month Rains Retreat at a certain temple.” The Kathina Ceremony must be held within one month of the ending of the Rains Retreat. For the convenience of the general public, Wat Nawamintarachutis provides this opportunity for you to come and join this ceremony as a part of the annual celebration for the cultivation of meritorious deeds.

Since the establishment of Wat Nawamintarachutis in 2002 in honor of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej the Great, Rama IX of Thailand to celebrate the 60th anniversary of his coronation on June 9, 2006 and his 80th birthday on December 5, 2007, each year Wat Nawamintarachutis celebrates the Royal Kathina Ceremony.

This year’s ceremony is a very special occasion because it is to commemorate the 80th birthday of His Majesty. The robes, the honorable royal gift, will be presented to the resident monks at Wat Nawamintarachutis through **Mrs. Wilai Phrompen**, the president of the ceremony.

Loy Krathong is a festival celebrated annually throughout Thailand. It is traditionally performed on the full moon night of the twelfth lunar month, which usually falls on some day in November. The floating of a “Krathong” – a banana-leaf cup – is intended to float away ill fortune as well as to express apologies to Khongkha or Ganga, the River Goddess.

PROGRAM

Sunday November 11, 2007

- 09:00** A special opportunity for people to worship “Somdet Phranawamintarasasada.”
- 10:00** Homage to the Triple Gem (the Buddha, the Dhamma, and the Sangha); and the monks bless the congregation.
Communal offering of alms to monks and merit making
- 11:00** Offering of lunch to the monks and lunch for congregation.
- 12:30** Offering of Royal Kathina Robes and other amenities to monks;
Presentation of “Pha Pa trees” as special donation to the Construction Project of Wat Nawamintarachutis.
- 13:00** President of Ceremony thanks the congregation for their participation.
- 13:10** Head monk offers blessings to the congregation;
The congregation offers prayers and pours lustral water (to extend the blessings to others) and receives the blessings;
The congregation rejoices in “Punna” (meritorious deeds);
Conclusion of Ceremony.
- 14:00** Communal participation in “**Loy Krathong**”

We hope that your schedule permits you to join our temple community on this very special occasion.

**Royal Kathina Ceremony Committee
Wat Nawamintarachutis, Cambridge-Boston, USA**

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