Chuang Yen Monastery

Buddhist Association of the United States

Annual Winter Closure and Qingming Visitation Notice

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Each winter, Chuang Yen Monastery closes to the public. New York winters bring frequent snow and ice, and this seasonal closure helps keep all visitors safe while allowing our resident monastics to devote themselves fully to their practice. Please see the details below. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

1. Closure and Reopening

The monastery will be closed to the public from **January 2 through March 31** each year, and will reopen on **April 1**.

2. Qingming Grave Visits and Ancestor Remembrance

Visits to the Thousand Lotus Terrace and the Memorial Hall, including Qingming grave visits and ancestor remembrance, will resume when the monastery reopens on **April 1**. We are unable to make exceptions for early visits during the closure, so we kindly ask families to plan ahead.

Honoring our loved ones comes from the heart and is not limited to the Qingming Festival. You are always welcome to visit, pay your respects, and remember your loved ones anytime from **April through December**. Chanting and dedicating merit at home is also a meaningful way to honor those who have passed.

3. Business Visits During the Closure

If you need to take care of matters related to the Thousand Lotus Terrace or the Memorial Hall during the closure, **please call ahead to make an appointment**. Once confirmed, please arrive at the scheduled time and leave the grounds promptly after your business is completed. We regret that we cannot admit visitors without an appointment.

4. Please Note

- New Year's Day: The monastery will be open on **Friday, January 1, 2027**, for the Interfaith Prayer Service for World Peace.
- Lunar New Year: The monastery will be open from **Saturday, February 6, through Monday, February 8, 2027**.
- Please do not leave flowers, fruit, or other offerings outside the main gate during the closure.
- Visitors who remain on the grounds after completing their business do so at their own risk.

Please help us share this notice with family and friends so that no one makes a long trip only to find the monastery closed.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience. We are deeply grateful for your continued support, and we wish you and your loved ones peace, good health, and many blessings.

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