

**Announcing Two Sermons by
U Pannya Vamsa
Abbot of Dhammikarama Burmese Buddhist Temple, Penang, Malaysia
President of Sasana Moli, International Burmese Monks Organization**

Program: On June 1, 2008, Sunday, at 11 AM, to mark the one-month anniversary of the passing of Venerable U Kovida (former abbot of Ma Soe Yein Monastery), his followers will offer a memorial meal to U Pannya Vamsa, abbot of Dhammikarama Temple (Penang, Malaysia), and other monks at Metta Nanda Monastery. Your participation and attendance are welcome.

Scheduled Sermons:

Saturday, May 31, 2008, 6:00 PM
Metta Nanda Vihara Dharma Retreat
(Monastery)
4619 Central Avenue
Fremont, CA 94536
Contact: (510) 795-0405

Sunday, June 1, 2008, 6:30 PM
(Both English and Burmese languages)
Jefferson High School
699 Serra Monte Blvd.
Daly City, CA 94015
Theravada Dhamma Society
Contact: (415) 793-2512

NOW is the most dangerous epoch for the sacred Buddhist faith. Never in the history of our homeland has our religion been subjected to such menace and assault as it currently is. The safety of our monks is in great jeopardy; so are their peaceful, religious rites. Some of our brethrens have been denied the freedom to worship, a fundamental right for everyone. The Burmese monks now face unprecedented abuse and cruelty. If we fail to intervene, Buddhism in its purest form may disappear forever from our homeland. It is, therefore, no longer sufficient to merely study and meditate on the Canonical principles. Now is the time to come together, to mount a vigorous defense, to strive for the survival of our cherished faith.

To this end, we have formed Sasana Moli, the International Burmese Monks Organization (IBMO), dedicated to the proliferation and preservation of Buddhism.

As president of the IBMO, Venerable U Pannya Vamsa has been on an international tour, urging the global public to join the ongoing struggle for Burma. For over 50 years, he has tirelessly worked to establish Buddhist centers and spread the Dharma around the world. He has now taken up the responsibility to raise funds for the victims of cyclone Nargis and to ensure efficient distribution of the collected donations. We encourage everyone devoted to Buddha's teachings, the survival of Buddhism, and the cause of the cyclone victims to take advantage of this rare opportunity to hear a sermon by the abbot.