

# MARBLE SHRINE

Buddha seated on a lotus, surrounded by his favorite disciples Ānanda and Kāçyapa, and two Bodhisatvas. The stalks of the lotuses on which they stand connect with the Buddha's lotus. Two of the Heavenly Kings who guard the world mountain Sumeru protect this shrine. In the lower panel there are two lions of naturalistic style guarding a vase. The votive inscription yields the date A.D. 560.

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