

Prajna

Mother's Day

We have several special events and services in May. On Sunday, May 17, we will hold our *Gotan-ye Service* (Shinran Shonin's birthday celebration) in conjunction with Hatsumairi (child presentation ceremony). On Monday, May 25 at 11 am, we will meet at Rosedale Cemetery for the Memorial Day service.

Another event that we should not forget is Mother's Day. This year, it will be on Sunday, May 10. Although our temple does not hold a special Mother's Day service or event, we have a Parents'

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Day breakfast in June. We thank both mother and father at that time. Father's Day is usually considered an appendix to Mother's Day, so our way may be fair for both mothers and fathers.

I understand why Father's Day is not so special for many people, when I reflect on my daily life. My wife spends a lot of time with my children. She is a soccer mom, she prepares meals and oversees their homework, while I am at the temple for work or lying on the couch at my home.

Nowadays, the role of mother and father, male and female, has become more equal than before, so sometimes fathers stay home taking care of the children while mothers are working outside. And those children who were raised by fathers, Father's Day is very special, more than Mother's Day. But in either case, we owe a lot to our mother and father.

It is said that there are ten debts of gratitude that we owe to our parents. These ten debts are written in a sutra called, *Bumo Onjyu Kyo* (sutra on the heavy indebtedness to parents). *Bumo* means mother and father, *Onjyu* means heavy indebtedness and *Kyo* means sutra.

The sutra states that benevolence from parents is vast and profound. Without parents, we were not able to be born into this world, and we would not know how to eat, how to go to the bathroom, how to speak, how to smile, etc. However, the sutra also teaches us that when children grow up, they may forget what they received from their parents, and, "If the father calls his son ten times, the son ignores him nine times." When the son shows up, he gets angry and rebukes his father. Then the sutra warns us of such an ungrateful person and states, "If you made your parents think, it would have been better had you never been born," you would accumulate really heavy bad karma. In order to remind us of

the benevolence from our parents, the sutra lists the ten debts we owe to our parents as follows:

1. The first benevolence is that when the mother is pregnant, she always pays attention to what she eats, how she exercises, and when to rest, all for the sake of her baby.
2. When the mother is giving birth to her baby, she must bear pain beyond description.
3. As soon as the mother gives birth to her baby, she forgets all the pain and takes care of the baby with unconditional love.
4. The mother nourishes her baby by giving milk.
5. When the baby wets the bed, the mother takes her place by the baby's side even though the baby's urine may wet her.
6. The mother washes her baby's dirty clothes.
7. When the father or mother feeds their baby, they often chew the food, swallow the bitter part and feed the sweet part to the baby.
8. The father and mother will protect their children with all their might even though they know that their deeds may create bad karma.
9. When the child travels somewhere, their father and mother are always

anxious for their return home.

10. As long as the father and mother are alive, they are always concerned for their children and want to take care of them. Even after their death, they aspire for the happiness of their children.

Looking at these 10 benevolences, we find that we owe a lot to our parents. Thanks to their care and love, we are able to grow. We owe great debts of gratitude to our fathers and mothers.

Also, thanks to the parents' care, we are able to know the warmth of Amida Buddha. Traditionally, Amida's great compassion is compared to a mother's love of her children. Shinran Shonin stated, "Amida regards each being as Amida's only child," and "When sentient beings think of Amida just as a child thinks of his mother," we indeed are able to feel the warmth of Amida's compassion. Because our mother and father provide us with the warmth of loving care, we can imagine and feel Amida's unconditional love and great compassion.

For this year's Mother's Day, shall we heartily show gratitude to our mothers?

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

母の日

五月の第二日曜日は母の日です。洗心寺では6月の父の日にジュニアYBAがペアレンツデイ朝食会を開くので、母の日には特別な行事はしません。けれども、母親にはたいへんお世話になっているので、みなさま各ご家庭で特別に母親に感謝する行事をしてください。それで、6月にはお寺にきてもう一回母親に感謝しましょう。

現在では、以前に比べて父と母の役割が変化しつつあり、父が育児をし、母が会社で働くスタイルの家庭もめずらしくなくなってきました。けれども、数十年前までは子供を育てるのは主に母親の役割だという考えが一般的でした。それで母の日には、365日、子供に食事を用意し、教育を施すなど、たいへんな仕事をしてくださる母のご苦勞をねぎらい、感謝を表して、カーネーションを贈ったり、食事の用意を父と子供がしたりと、特別な日でした。一方、父の日は、あまり特別でなく、母の日のおまけのように捉えられていた感があります。

けれども現代では父も母もできるだけ平等に子育てをする風潮がありまじ、父に育てられたという方もおられるので、父の日の特別感も増しているように思えます。

「父母恩重経（ぶもおんじゅうきょう）」というお経があります。このお経はインドのお釈迦さまがお話されたものではなく、中国の僧侶たちが創作したお経とされています。当時の僧侶たちは中国の人々が大切にしている価値観、「両親を敬い感謝すること」を仏教の教えとしてとり込み、人々に仏の教えを広めていこうとされたようです。

そのことを少なからずの人々は知っているのですが、「父母恩重経」の内容が心にうったえるので、中国でも日本でも広く受け容れられ、説かれつづけるお経となりました。

このお経には、その名のごとく、父と母から受けた恩はたいへん重いと説かれています。父母のおかげで生まれ、育つことができたので、両親への恩を報ずることがすすめられ、父や母をして「こんな子を生むでなかった。」といわしめることが、たいへん深い罪であるといわれます。また、父母から受ける10種の恩が紹介されています。

その中には、母が十ヶ月もおなかの中に子供をいれてくださった恩や、死んだ後でさへも子の幸せを願ってくださっている恩、などのことが書かれています。それらを読むと、両親から受けている恩はたいへんありがたいものであると教えられます。

阿弥陀さまのお慈悲は、母親の子にたいする愛情にたとえられることがあります。親鸞聖人は「仏様は衆生をあたかも自分の一人子のようにおもてくださる」とか、「子が親を思うように仏さまを思へば、仏さまを見ることができると、おっしゃっておられます。

両親が私たちを愛情をこめて育てて下さったことで、私たちは愛情や、やさしさのぬくもりを感じることができます。そのおかげで、私たちが阿弥陀様のお慈悲をおもうとき、両親から受けたぬくもりのように、阿弥陀様のお慈悲のはたらきが、ぬくもりとして感じることもできるのです。

洗心寺では特別に母の日のイベントはしませんが、母の日には母から受けた恩を思いおこし、感謝しましょう。

南無阿弥陀仏

古本竜太



Monthly Memorial Service MAY

Sunday, May 10, 2015 10:00am

The monthly memorial service is usually held on the first Sunday of each month in memory of those who have passed away in that month. At the service, the list of names of the deceased, the person observing the memorial and the person's relation to the deceased is read. The Monthly Memorial List is also published in the Prajna newsletter. To have a name entered into the Monthly Memorial List, please call the office as names may not automatically be entered after a funeral.

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Akahori, Ted	Sister	Akahori, Helen
Arita Family	Mother	Arita, Yoshi
Ebata, Donna	Husband	Ebata, Duane
Harada, Yuki	Brother	Okubo, Hirotaka
Hashimoto, Miwa	Daughter	Hashimoto, Janice Miyo
Hayamizu, Sumiko	Father	Nakashima, Hashigoro
Hiramoto, Sumiko	Husband	Hiramoto, George
Ikegami, Sumiko	Mother-in-law	Nozawa, Shinako
Iriye, Kenny	Mother	Iriye, Midori
Komai, JoAnn	Mother	Yamada, Alice
Kuwata, Yuriko	Husband	Kuwata, Kijiro
Kuwata, Yuriko	Brother-in-law	Kuwata, Kiemon
Kuwata, Yuriko	Sister	Ogura, Toyoko
Miyagishima, Lily	Husband	Miyagishima, Yoshimi
Munekata, Ryo	Father	Munekata, Tadajiro
Murakami, Eugene	Father-in-law	Tamura, Jimmy
Murakami, Yomiko	Stepmother	Inouye, Hisako
Matsumura, Henry	Grandmother	Yamaguchi, Fujiko
Nakagawa, Fred	Father	Nakagawa, Motoharu
Nishikawa, Yoko	Grandmother	Uyemura, Minoe
Nishikawa, Yoko	Mother	Uyemura, Chizuko
Nishisaka, Yuriko	Father-in-law	Nishisaka, Yoshio
Ohata, Ron	Brother	Ohata, Kevin
Okazaki, James	Mother	Kuroi, Osae
Rogers, Beverly	Grandmother	Tokaji, Masano
Rogers, Beverly	Step-Grandfather	Tokaji, Kaname
Saiki, Yumi	Mother	Yoshida, Toshiko
Sakamoto, Yoshie	Father-in-law	Sakamoto, Kikujiro
Sato, Terry	Father	Kishiba, Uichi
Sondai, Reiko	Grandmother	Nimi, Kameyo
Takashima, Wilbur	Grandmother	Takashima, Tsume
Takashima, Wilbur	Father	Takashima, Katsumi
Tanaka, Nobuko	Husband	Tanaka, Masuo
Terrell, Jackie	Mother-in-law	Fukumoto, Tomiko
Toji, Bob	Father	Toji, Mamoru
Torio, Taye	Mother	Sugimoto, Shizue
Toyama, John	Father	Toyama, Seikichi
Tsuji, Hisako	Husband	Tsuji, Shoichi
Ushirogata, Yukie	Mother	Matsushita, Tsune
Usui, Aiko	Mother	Nishiyama, Chiyeiko
Uyemura, Koichi	Grandmother	Uyemura, Minoe
Uyemura, Koichi	Mother	Uyemura, Chizuko
Yamashita, Betty	Father	Takahashi, Tokuso
Yoshida, Miyeko	Father	Suzuki, Urao

APRIL OBSERVANCES WHICH DID NOT APPEAR IN THE APRIL ISSUE

Takahashi, Elaine	Grandmother	Nakamura, Komatsu
Phuntshog, Gedun	Grandmother-in-law	Nakamura, Komatsu
Takahashi, Sumiji	Great-Grandmother	Nakamura, Komatsu

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Castellon, Josyel	Great-Grandmother-in-law	Nakamura, Komatsu
Takahashi, Zen	Great-Great-Grandmother	Nakamura, Komatsu
Takahashi, Elaine	Father	Takahashi, Yoshiharu
Phuntshog, Gedun	Father-in-law	Takahashi, Yoshiharu
Takahashi, Sumiji	Grandfather	Takahashi, Yoshiharu
Castellon, Josyel	Grandfather-in-law	Takahashi, Yoshiharu
Takahashi, Zen	Great-Grandfather	Takahashi, Yoshiharu

Gotan-ye and Infant Presentation Ceremony

This year, we will observe *Gotan-ye* on, Sunday, May 17th. *Gotan-ye* is the celebration of Shinran Shonin's birth. Shinran Shonin was born on May 21, 1173. *Gotan* means birth and *ye* means gathering. We also hold the Infant Presentation Ceremony in conjunction with *Gotan-ye*. The children presented will receive a small *nenju* as a gift and make a hand print to commemorate the special occasion. If you wish your children or grandchildren to attend the ceremony, please call to the temple by May 10th. The speaker will be Rev. Masao Kodani, BCA Minister Emeritus.

- 9:30am: Japanese Study Class
- 10am: Gotan-ye and Infant Presentation Ceremony
- 11am: English Study Class / Dharma School



2015年度の降誕会法要および初参りを5月17日（日）10時から行います。降誕会は親鸞聖人の誕生をお祝いする法要です。ゲストスピーカーは名誉開教使の小谷政雄先生です。初参りは子や孫が仏さまの教えを聞いて立派な大人になるようにと願ってお勤めされる式で、親鸞聖人の誕生をお祝いする降誕会の法要の時にあわせて式を行います。参加者にはお念珠やギフトが贈られ、記念に手形と足形をとります。新しく生まれたお子さんやお孫さんとぜひ一緒にお参りください。お子さまの年齢が2才か3才くらいまででしたら初参りに参加できますので、お申し込みやご質問はお寺に電話してください。法要後、スタディクラスがあり、その後はおとぎの接待があります。

9時半、日本語の集い
10時、降誕会法要、初産式
11時、英語スタディクラス（大人）
ダルマスクール（子供）

Senshin-ji Building Fund May 2015 Update

In late March, the construction plans for the Social Hall remodeling were submitted to the Fire Department for their review, and the plans were then forwarded to the Department of Building and Safety (DBS).

As mentioned previously, we hope that the review will involve no more than the typical comments and corrections, and will not result in a referral to the Los Angeles County Health Department for further review of the proposed kitchen improvements. If there are no extraordinary issues that arise during the plan checking process, the Satoh Brothers firm anticipates the initial review to be completed within six weeks (at the most). If that does work out, then the corrections/revisions

requested by the plan checkers can be performed and the plans returned to the DBS for final approval. Then the permitting process can be initiated.

Although we cannot promise that the construction schedule that starts in late July will progress without any hiccups, we are hopeful that the work will be substantially completed such that we can proceed with our annual mochitsuki activities in December.

Also, another reminder that you are welcome to take cuttings from the plumeria plants alongside the Social Hall. You can also dig out the small palm plants as well (which is a lot of work).

We shall continue to provide updates each month as we proceed with the

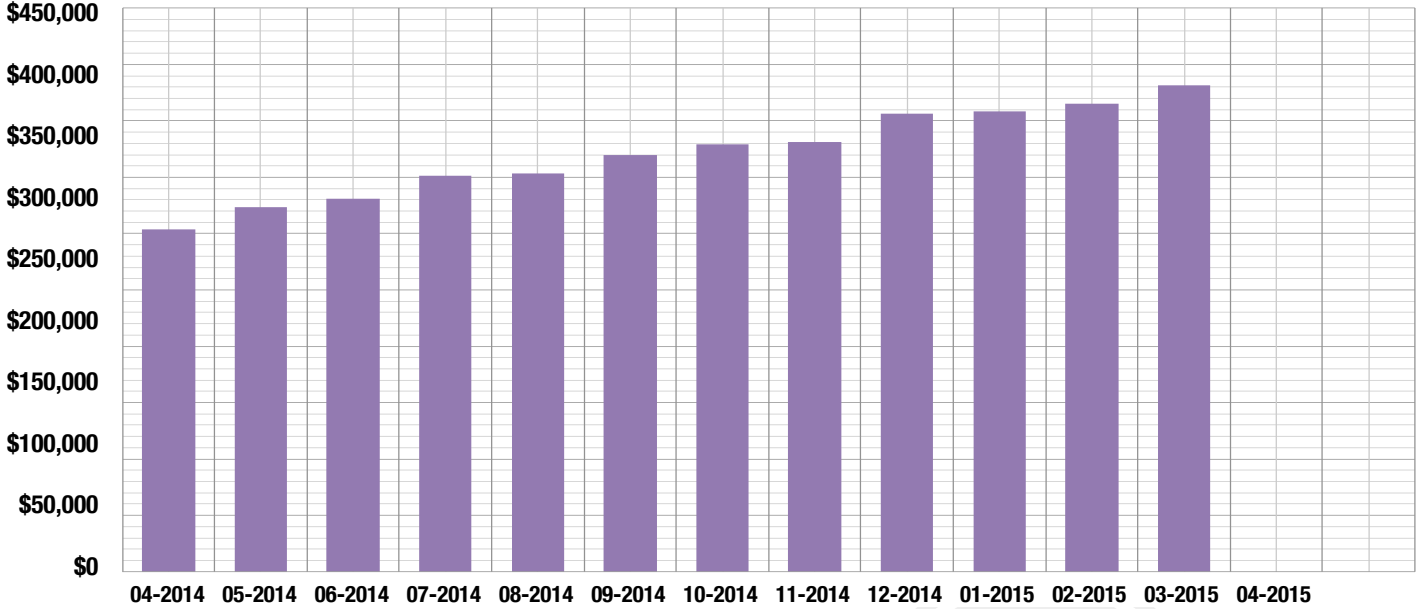
review/approval/permitting process.

Gassho,
Wilbur Takashima

DONATIONS RECEIVED IN MARCH:

Ebata, Donna
Hisamune, Catherine
Hori, Robert & Kok, Richard
Ishitani, Janis
Iyemura, Cathy
Kamikawa, Emi
Kodani, Richard & Denise
Rogers, Beverly
Senshin Dharma School
Shimabukuro, Shigeichi
Yamashita, Tak & Betty

Senshin-ji Building Fund: Social Hall
Goal: \$500,000 by April 30, 2015



Senshin-ji Building Fund
1311 West 37th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Donation Amount: \$ _____

(Please make checks payable to: Senshin-ji Building Fund)

NOTE: In order to maintain compliance with IRS policy, whenever we receive a check in the amount of \$250.00 or more, we will send an acknowledgement letter to the donor for his/her records. For amounts less than \$250.00, your cancelled check will serve as a receipt for the donation. *However*, if you wish to have a letter of receipt sent to you, regardless of the donation amount, please let us know and we will be most happy to comply.

3/1/2015	Barbara Tanezaki Elso Kanagawa & Celia Huey	1st cycle, Takashi Tanezaki Special
3/1/2015	Christina Garcia Michael & Nancy Murakami	In memory of Sab Shimada In memory of Arthur Murakami
3/5/2015	Sharon Koga Lance Nagano	In memory of brother, Steven Koga In memory of George Nagano
3/8/2015	Lena Murakami & Family Ethel Mayekawa Misao Matsuda Michael Matsuda	49th day service, Arthur Murakami Memorial service, Takashi Tanaka One year service for Sachi Fujikawa Special
3/15/2015	Julia Murakami Yoshiko Takeuchi Asa & Bernice Wakinaka Yoshiko Takeuchi Doris Hirosawa Todd Shirasago Gary & Paula Shirasago Dale & Susan Shirasago Mae Shimada Gary & Paula Shirasago, Dale & Susan Shirasago Nokotsudo	49th day service, Arthur Murakami Nokotsudo Special 3rd memorial, Sharon Takeuchi 3rd memorial, Sharon Takeuchi 49th day service, Sally Shirasago 49th day service, Sally Shirasago 49th day service, Sally Shirasago 49th day service, Sally Shirasago 49th day service, Sally Shirasago Nokotsudo
3/19/2015	Henry Matsumura	Special
3/21/2015	John Yasumoto Family Sumiko Hiramoto Maya Sugano Curtis Tsuji Denise Levy Frank & Susie Usui Wasabikai Qris Yamashita & Chris Komai	In memory of Russell Iwanaga In memory of Tsuneo Muramaru Nokotsudo, Tami Tsuji Nokotsudo, Tami Tsuji Nokotsudo, Tami Tsuji Special Use of hall Special
3/29/2015	Carol Baker Henry Matsumura Misao Matsuda Lillian Kuwata	Special 49th day service, Isamu Matsumura 49th day service, Isamu Matsumura Nokotsudo

April 2015 Flower Donations

Anonymous	Nishikawa Family
Misao Matsuda	Yo Takeuchi
Jean Minami	Yukie Ushirogata
Motoko Saneto	Mr. and Mrs. Roy Usui
Nell Sawada	

Kikuo and Kaoru Ogawa Memorial Scholarship

In memory of Kikuo and Kaoru (Kay) Ogawa, two separate scholarships will be awarded for the 2015 year. Consideration will first be given to applications from members of Senshin Buddhist Temple. If no qualified applications are received from any Senshin members, the scholarship awards will be opened to members of any Buddhist temple in the Los Angeles area.

The first scholarship will be granted to a student who will have graduated from high school by June of this year, or who has passed the General Educational Development (GED) test. A second scholarship grant will be made to a person who may wish to pursue further education with the intent to effect a change of direction in life (with regard to vocation), or who may just wish to pursue further education to improve his/her life.

Both scholarships are intended for anyone with a desire to further his or her education, and who is enrolled in a university, college, trade school or technical school (or has the intention of doing so at the time that the scholarships are awarded).

Each of the two scholarships will be in the amount of \$1,000.00, which can be used toward payment of tuition, fees and/or other educational expenses.

Applications are now available.

Requirements that must be met to be considered for these scholarships include: 1) Must be a member of a Buddhist Temple and/or Sangha; 2) Must have a high school diploma or GED certificate (this requirement can be waived under certain circumstances); 3) Acceptance by, or enrollment in, a university, college, trade school, technical school, or an institution that is approved by the scholarship

committee.

Applications are available via email from Wilbur Takashima (wk-takashi@aol.com) or from Patty Yamano (patty.yamano@gmail.com). Applications are due by June 1, 2015 and will be awarded at the Senshin Buddhist Temple Obon service that is scheduled on July 12, 2015.

For telephone inquiries, please leave a message for Wilbur Takashima at the Senshin temple office (323) 731-4617.

MEMBERSHIP SENSHIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Senshin membership dues for 2015 enable us to enjoy all the temple services, programs and activities (including a full time minister) at Senshin and to maintain our temple facilities. The Senshin dues include BCA dues of \$109.41. We look forward to your continuing support of Senshin.

Please return the form fully completed along with your check, so that we can make sure our information is current and complete. If you have already paid your 2015 dues, please accept our gratitude.

If you have any questions or wish to make special payment arrangements, please feel free to leave a message for Kathy Ikari at Senshin (323) 731-4617 or senshintemple@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continuing support and participation in making Senshin a very special place.

Name	Birthdate*		
Name	Birthdate*		
* please provide, if claiming Senior Membership Category			
Address	City	State	Zip
Phone	Email		

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

☐ Couple/Family (includes children up to 18 years of age): **\$385**

☐ Individual: **\$200**

☐ Senior (80 years+ with out BCA membership): Complimentary

☐ Senior (80 years+, with BCA membership): **\$110**

Total amount enclosed:

Please make checks payable to: **Senshin Buddhist Temple**

Send/bring to: 1311 W. 37th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

Busshin (Buddha's Heart and Mind)

This month, Mas Sensei chose a calligraphy scroll for the *tokonoma*. The two *kanji* characters 佛 (*Butsu*) and 心 (*Kokoro*) were strongly but delicately written on the scroll. This word is read *Busshin* in Japanese and it means the Buddha's heart and mind. The calligraphy was written by Rev. Zuiken Inagaki (1885 – 1981), who was well known as a Jodo Shinshu teacher, an educator and a writer. His son, Rev. Hisao Inagaki, the famous translator of Pure Land sutras and Pure Land Masters' workings, is a friend of Mas Sensei. They met at a meeting of the Ryukoku Buddhist scripts translation committee. One New Year day in the 1960s, Mas Sensei and other *Sansei* students from the BCA were invited to Rev. Hisao Inagaki's home in Kobe. There, Mas Sensei met Rev. Zuiken Inagaki and asked him to write a calligraphy scroll. Rev. Inagaki very kindly wrote the word "*Busshin*" on a scroll and presented it to Mas Sensei. *Busshin* means Great Compassion of Amida Buddha. A Chinese Pure Land master, Shantao stated, "Learning Buddhism is learning the Buddha's great compassion."

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

床の間ギャラリー今月は、マス先生は書を選ばれました

二つの漢字“佛” (butsu)と“心” (こころ)は力強く、しかし同時に繊細に書かれています。この語は佛心 (ブッシン、bushin)と読み、仏の心を意味します。この書は浄土真宗の僧侶、教育者、文筆家として著名な稲垣瑞剣師(1885-1981)が書かれたものです。瑞剣師は浄土仏教の教典や高祖の論書の翻訳者として知られる稲垣久雄師の父でもあります。久雄師とマス先生は友人で、お二人は龍谷大学の仏典翻訳委員会の会合で知り合ったそうです。1960年代の或るお正月、マス先生とBCAから派遣された3世の留学生数名が、久雄先生の神戸にあるご自宅に招待されました。そこでマス先生は瑞剣先生に掛け軸の書を書いて頂きたいとお願いされました。瑞剣先生は快諾され、掛け軸をマス先生に贈呈されたのです。

仏心とは阿弥陀仏陀の大慈悲のことです。中国の浄土教の高祖善導大師は“仏教を学ぶとは仏の大慈悲を学ぶことです (学佛大悲心)”と述べています。

なもあみだぶつ
古本竜太開教使
訳 松林和夫

Flower arrangement by Motoko Saneto

Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Religious Committee

ZandanKai on May 18 at 7:30pm.
Contact JoAnn or Neil Komai for details.

B W A

BWA gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

Kimiyo Kunitake: special
Asa & Bernice Wakinaka: special
Frank & Susie Usui: special
John & Deb Hiramoto: special
Connie & Gene Matayoshi:
in memory of Yoneko Matayoshi
Yo Takeuchi: in memory of
Sharon Takeuchi
Kenneth Imaizumi: in memory of
Michi Imaizumi
Misao Tomita: in memory of
John Tomita
Rogers Poultry: chicken for Chow

Mein Dinner Fundraiser
Suzanne Toji: chicken & supplies
for Chow Mein Dinner
Fundraiser

Thank you for supporting our first
Chow Mein Sale.

Due to Teriyaki Chicken, the Desert Sale and White Elephant Sale on May 3rd and Mothers Day on May 10th, there will be no BWA reikai in May. Next Reikai meeting will be June 7th.

Happy Mothers Day to all!

A B A

The ABA would like to thank everyone for buying our famous Cha Shu Bao during *Hanamatsuri*. This is the first time that we sold 1,200 bao! The ABA's would like to

thank everyone for their support.

Our Morongo Casino trip on April 25 was a successful trip as always. We had our famous MR. BINGO MAN for games, food, drinks, and prizes. We had some winners, and some that left their deposits to be picked up next year. (Ha! Ha!)

We will be helping out with our famous Chicken Teriyaki event by making the tsukemono. We appreciate for all the members to come help out.

Our next meeting will be May 17 at 9am since our leader is out down under (Australia and New Zealand from April 28 to May 15). Like always, we welcome all new members to come and join our group.

Jr Y B A

On April 5th, the Jr's had a great bake sale for *Hanamatsuri*. All of the deli-



cious treats sold out quickly. Proceeds from the sale will go towards the Southern District Endowment Fund.

Coming up in June, the Jr's will be hosting the annual Parent Day Breakfast on Sunday, June 14th. Please note the change in the date, so mark your calendars.

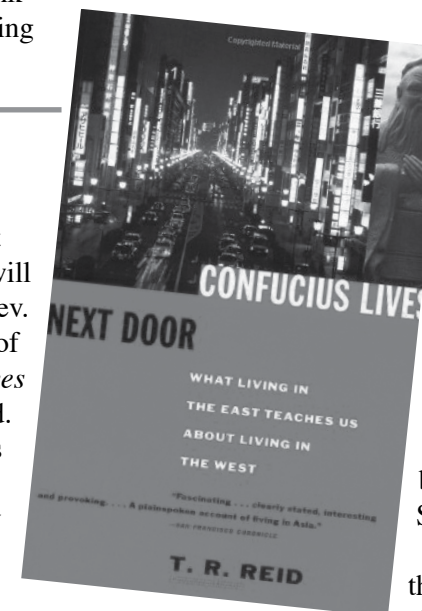
Next Jr. YBA meeting will be on Sunday, May 3rd, after service.

Facilities

The ceiling lights outside of the entrance to restrooms in the Education Building were replaced. Yanase landscaping replaced the sprinkler timer on the north side of the Hondo. Two *Naijin* flower vases are leaking and will be temporarily repaired until we get new ones. The sink in the Hondo flower room is cracked, has been sealed and will be replaced soon. The Hondo ceiling needs repair. And there's a lizard running around in the office somewhere. Thank you, Dougie, for watching over these things.

Book Group

Our next Book Group meeting is on May 31st after Study Class. We will be discussing a book Rev. Mas mentioned in one of his talks, *Confucius Lives Next Door* by T.R. Reid. New titles, new authors and new members are welcome. Contact Lilly & Mike Yanagita (818) 956-1070, email n7willow@gmail.com.



Senshin-ji Members

The 2014 Senshin-ji Member Directories have arrived!

At last, the temple directories (with photos) are here. You can pick up your pre-ordered copy up in the temple office before or after service on Sundays. If you would like to come during the week, please call first to make sure Janice is in.

We also have a limited number of extra copies for sale at \$20 each.

If you have any question, please contact Debbie Hiramoto at debhiramoto@gmail.com or (626) 232-4736.

Social Media



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Wasabi-kai

A few years ago, a kiln was donated to our temple. Subsequently, the temple acquired a second kiln and the Wasabi-kai was created. The name "*Wasabi*" was derived

from two *kanjis*, *wabi* (rustic) and *sabi* (aging). With our instructor, Bob Miyamoto, a member of our Sangha and a potter, ceramic sessions are being conducted and beautiful bowls, cups, plates, and pots have been created by our Sangha students.

On *Hanamatsuri*, the Wasabi-kai displayed for sale those many beautiful and unique pieces as a fundraiser. The proceeds will help

to replenish the supplies so that the ceramic classes can continue. The *Saishin Dojo* students will also be exposed to the magic of the transformation of soft clay to artistic and interesting creations. When the renovation of the Social Hall is completed by year-end, the former Boy Scout room will be converted to a ceramics studio with the kilns nearby.

We, at Senshin, are fortunate to be among creative members of our Sangha who give their time so generously to contribute to the many cultural and educational programs that make our temple a special place to be. The activities and classes are so connected to Jodo Shinshu teachings and that make them all the more attractive to us.

2015 Hongwanji Youth Exchange (YBICSE) to Japan

Applications are now being accepted for the 2015 Hongwanji sponsored Youth Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange (YBICSE) - Youth Exchange. This year's exchange will take place from July 15-23, 2015 (BCA group will depart for Japan on July 14th), including youth from Hawaii, Canada, South America, and the

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SINCE 1958

Order Deadline Extended to April 29!

FAMOUS CHICKEN TERIYAKI DINNER
Includes: 1/2 chicken, rice, sesame green beans, cabbage tsukemono

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015 • \$12 PER DINNER

Pick up between 11a – 3p; pre-order only, by April 29

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Sunday, August 16th
SAVE THE DATE
2015
Senshin Picnic
Kenneth Hahn Park
DETAILS TO COME.....

Updates

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U.S. Participation is open to interested individuals, ages 16 to 25. The Hongwanji Youth Exchange includes tours of many historical sites related to the history of the Hongwanji and the life of Shinran Shonin. The homestay aspect of the program allows the students to experience living in members' homes and temples and, through discussions and activities, develop an awareness of the Nembutsu in the everyday lives of their host families.

The deadline to submit applications is MAY 15, 2015. Applications must be received by May 15th in order to be considered. Also, please note that a **Letter of Recommendation** from the applicant's resident minister must also accompany the application(s).

For more information, please contact Marilyn Shimabukuro, Doug Aihara, Rev. Furumoto, or pick up an application in the temple office.

Obon Raffle

This year our *Bon Odori* and Raffle will be held on Saturday, June 27. There will be four Grand Prizes and many smaller prizes. The Raffle drawing will take place at intermission and we are hoping for another successful day. We are reaching out to members for any raffle prize donation you may be able to make, such as \$10 gift cards.

Names of donors will be included on a thank you banner that evening unless requested to omit. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie

Hiramoto at debhiramoto@gmail.com or (626) 232-4736.

Thank you very much for your support!

Bon Odori Practices at Senshin

You may look a fool if you dance, but you are a fool if you don't. So why not join in? And for those of you who need a little more encouragement, here are the days you can practice:

- June 5 Friday
- June 9 Tuesday
- June 12 Friday
- June 15 Monday
- June 17 Wednesday
- June 23 Tuesday
- June 25 Thursday

All practices start at 7:30pm in the corner parking lot at Senshin.

A-yoi-yoi!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bon Odori, June 27, 2015, Saturday

OBON is almost here!!!

We ask for your help and participation in this Temple event. The temple organizations coordinate the different aspects of this *Obon* event, but need your help to make the night successful. No experience is required, only a willingness to help and enjoy. Please call Greg Yee, *Obon* Chairperson, at (626) 289-6712, or please leave a message and he will call you back; or leave this sign-up sheet in the Temple Office. All are welcomed!

Please circle one or more areas you are able to help during the approximate time schedule listed below and leave in Obon mailbox:

We hope to see everyone Saturday, June 27, 2015, helping and having fun at Senshin's *Bon Odori*.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

Morning: 8am-10am

1. Set-up *Yagura*
2. String up Lanterns and Light bulbs
3. Set up Chairs and food Booths
4. Cook *Somen*
5. Cut-up Green Onions and Kamaboko

Starting: 3pm

1. Cook and wrap Hot Dogs
2. Package Cha Shu Bao into bags
3. Cook Rice

During Dancing Help in Booths: 5pm-9pm

1. Selling Food and Drinks
2. Selling Raffle Tickets
3. Pass out Treats and Drinks to Guest Dancers
4. Check Trash Cans and Restrooms

After Dancing: 9pm-10pm

1. BEFORE the last dance is over, go to the kitchen and help Serve *Somen*
2. After Taiko ends, help put away the chairs in the Social Hall and Clean-Up

Take Apart *Yagura* & CleanUp Parking Area: 9pm-10pm

1. Help taking apart and putting away *Yagura*, Chairs, Lanterns, Lights, and Booths.
2. Close Up the Temple

Name _____

Phone# _____

Email _____

2015 Southern District Bon Odori Schedule

	DATE	DAY	TEMPLE	BON ODORI	BAZAAR
June	13	Sat	Arizona Buddhist Temple	6:45-9p	5-9p
	20	Sat	Sun Valley Buddhist Temple	7p	5-10p
	21	Sun	Sun Valley Buddhist Temple	6:30p	5-9p
	27	Sat	Senshin Temple	7p	
			West Covina Buddhist Temple	7p	2-9p
			San Fernando Valley Temple	7p	4:30-9p
	28	Sun	San Fernando Valley Temple	6:30p	5-9p
July	11	Sat	Oxnard Buddhist Temple	6p	1-9p
			Los Angeles Hongwanji Betsuin	7p	3-10p
	12	Sun	Los Angeles Hongwanji Betsuin	6:30p	3-9p
	18	Sat	Santa Barbara Buddhist Temple		
			Pasadena Buddhist Temple	6:30p	4-9p
			Orange County Buddhist Church	7p	2-9p
			Venice Hongwanji Temple	6:30p	3-9p
	19	Sun	Pasadena Buddhist Temple	6:30p	4-8:30pm
			Orange County Buddhist Church	7p	2-8:30pm
			Venice Hongwanji Temple	6:30p	1-9p
	25	Sat	WLA Buddhist Temple	6:30p	4-10p
			Vista Buddhist Temple	6:30p	12noon-8p
			Higashi Honganji Temple	6:30p	12noon-9p
	26	Sun	WLA Buddhist Temple	6:30p	3-9p
			Vista Buddhist Temple	6:30p	12noon-8p
			Higashi Honganji Temple	6:30p	12noon-9p
			Guadalupe Buddhist Temple	3p	12noon-4p
August	1	Sat	San Diego Buddhist Temple	6:30-8:30p	5-8:30p
			San Luis Obispo Temple	6:30p	1-9p
			Gardena Buddhist Temple	6p	3-10p
	3	Sun	Gardena Buddhist Temple	6p	2-9p
	9	Sat	Las Vegas	12:45p	11-3:30p

Senshin Happi Still Available for Purchase!

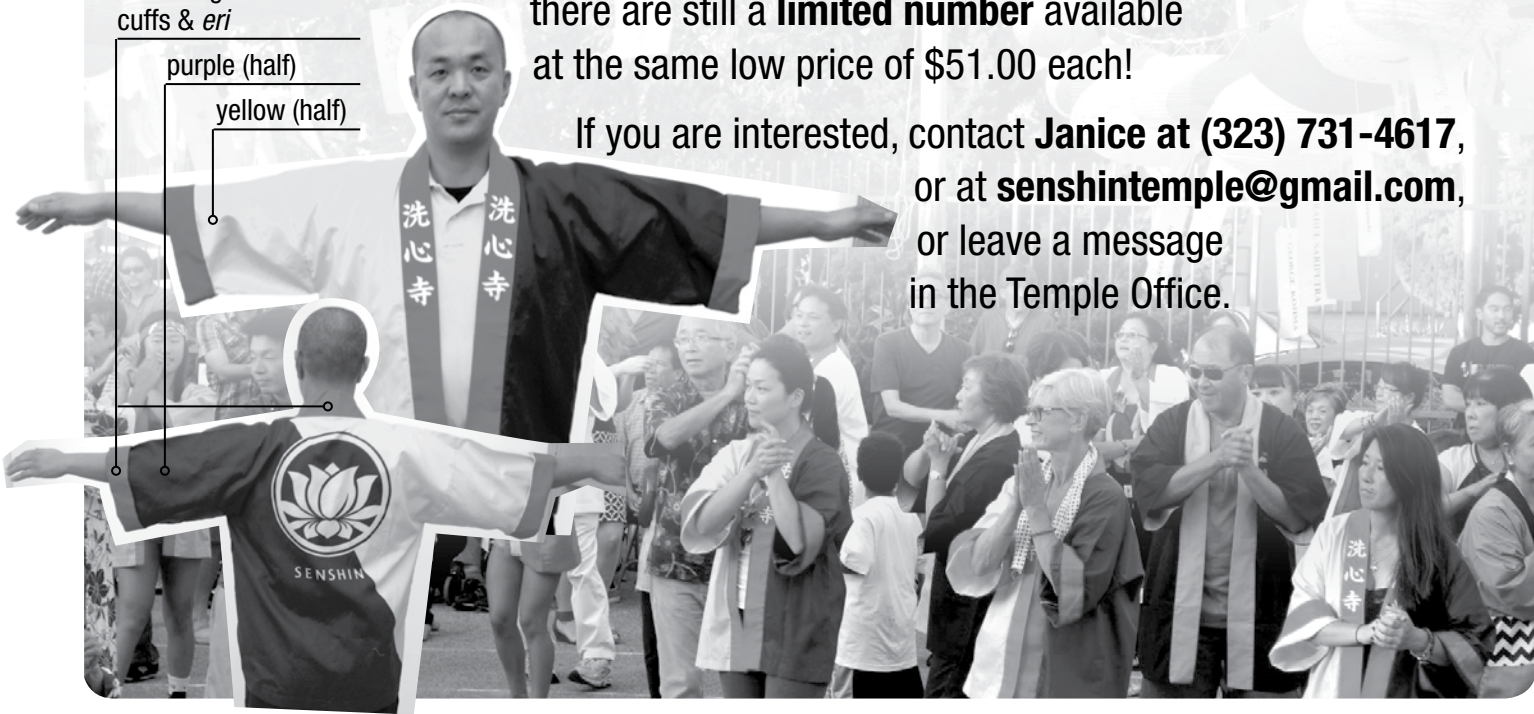
If you did not purchase the new Senshin happi in 2014, there are still a **limited number** available at the same low price of \$51.00 each!

If you are interested, contact **Janice at (323) 731-4617**, or at **senshintemple@gmail.com**, or leave a message in the Temple Office.

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yellow (half)



Senshin-ji *Hatsumairi* Infant Presentation

The *Hatsumairi* is a special service at which an infant is presented for the first time to the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha at the temple, hence the term *Hatsumairi* which means “First Going.” Parents bring their infant child or children to the temple for the first time to present them before the image of the Buddha Amida and to the members of the Sangha, expressing their desire to expose them to the Buddhadharma, the teachings of the Buddha.

Senshin Temple’s *Gotanye Service*, the birthday of Shinran Shonin, will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2015. All babies born since the last *Gotanye Service*, or thereabouts, are invited to participate in this year’s *Hatsumairi*.

Please fill out the registration form below and mail it to Senshin Temple no later than May 10th. The *Hatsumairi* will be held as part of the *Gotanye Service* at 10:00am when your child will be presented a *Nenju*, a certificate and gift.

初参りのお知らせ

2015年度の初参りを5月17日（日）10時から行います。初参りは子や孫が仏さまの教えを聞いて立派な大人になるようにと願ってお勤めされる式で、親鸞聖人の誕生をお祝いする降誕会の法要の時に式を行います。参加者にはお念珠やギフトが贈られ、記念に手形と足形をとります。新しく生まれたお子さんやお孫さんとぜひ一緒にお参りください。お申し込みやご質問は5月10日までにお寺に電話してください。

Hatsumairi Registration Form

Name of Child

Name in Japanese Characters, if applicable

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Sex (circle one)

☒ M ☐ F

Name of Parents

Address

Phone

Email

Please mail Registration Form to:
Senshin Buddhist Temple
Hatsumairi Registration
1311 W. 37th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007



洗心仏教会

2015年5月

3月感謝録:

特別寄附:	金川エルソ,ヒュイツェリア,松田マイケル 脇中あさ&パニース,松村ヘンリ,ベイ-カキャロル 臼井フランク&スージ,山下クリス	故種崎たかし一回忌 故藤川さち一回忌	種崎バーバラ 松田みさを
納骨堂:	竹内よしこ,白砂ゲーリ&ポーラ,レビデニース 白砂デイル&スーザン,菅野まや,辻カーチス 桑田リリアン	故竹内シャロン3回忌 追悼故島田サブ 追悼故村松つねお 追悼故村上アーサ 追悼故古賀スチーブ 追悼故田中たかし 追悼故長野ジョージ 追悼故いわながラッセル	竹内よしこ,広沢ドリス ガルシアクリスチナ 平本すみこ 村上マイケル&ナンシ 古賀シャロン 前川エセル 長野ランス 安本ジョーン一家
故村上アーサ49日法要	村上レナ&一家 村上ジュリア		
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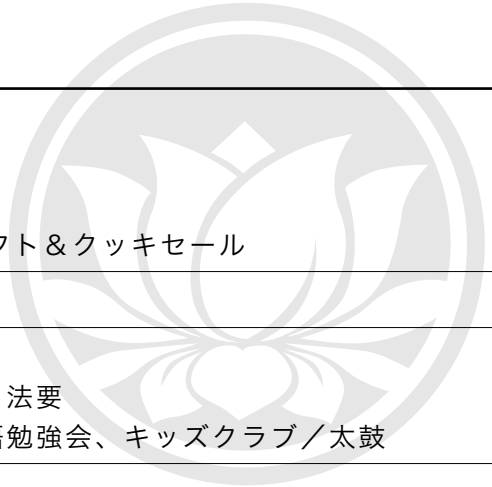
5月日程:

3日（日）	午前10時	家族礼拝 チキンテリヤキ、 BWAホワイトエレファント、クラフト&クッキセール
7日（木）	午後7時半	理事会
10日（日）	午前9時半 午前10時 午前11時	日本語法要 祥月法要 英語勉強会、キッズクラブ／太鼓
17日（日）	午前9時半 午前10時 午前11時	日本語法要 御誕生、宗祖親鸞聖人誕生、小谷政雄名誉開教使 初参り 英語勉強会、日曜学校
24日（日）	午前9時半 午前10時 11時	日本語法要 家族礼拝 英語勉強会 キッズクラブ／太鼓
31日（日）	午前9時半 10時 11時	日本語法要 家族礼拝 英語勉強会、日曜学校

内陣お花当番: 2日:P.森川/D.竹原,9日:J.駒井/K.メイグニュ,16日:J.平本/D.平本,23日J.南/J.中島
30日:C.森田,M.渡辺

本堂当番: J.臼井、B.中村、N.永谷、W.永谷

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 <i>Chicken Teriyaki</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9
10a Family Service 11a – 3p Pick-up time <i>Chicken Teriyaki</i> (pre-order only); BWA White Elephant , Craft and Dessert Sale		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 7:30p Temple Bd Mtg 8p Kinnara Taiko		
10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Monthly Memorial Service / <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> 11a Study Class / Kids' Taiko / Kids' Club		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Bugaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		
17 <i>Gotanye, Hatsumairi</i>	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a <i>Gotanye</i> (Shinran Shonin's Birthday) <i>Hatsumairi</i> (Infant Presentation) Rev. Masao Kodani <i>BCA Minister Emeritus</i> 11a Study Class / Dharma School		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service 11a Study Class / Kids' Taiko / Kids' Club	11a Memorial Day Services at Rosedale Cemetery	9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Bugaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		
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9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service 11a Study Class / Dharma School 12noon Book Group Meeting						

MAY TOBAN

Sunday Service Dharma School

Hondo Toban Jim Usui, Bob Nakamura,
Nick Nagatani, Wendy Nagatani

May Onaijin Flower Toban

May 2 Paige Morikawa / Denise Takehara
May 9 JoAnn Komai / Kate Meigneux
May 16 John Hiramoto / Deb Hiramoto
May 23 Jean Minami / Jean Nakashima
May 30 Carrie Morita / Marsha Watanabe

UPCOMING IN JUNE

June 14 Parent's Day Breakfast
June 15 *Saishin Dojo* Summer Dharma School
June 27 Senshin-ji *Hatsubon* and *Bon Odori*

*All classes subject to change
without notice.*

*Please call a group member to
confirm meeting/rehearsal.*