



MYOKONIN ZENTARO

Myokonin means a wondrous, excellent person. Shinran Shonin praises devout practitioners of the *nembutsu*, describing him or her as a beautiful white lotus flower in the secular world.

In *Shoshinge*, he wrote,
“All foolish beings, whether good or evil, when they hear and entrust to Amida’s Universal Vow, are praised by the Buddha as people of vast and excellent understanding. Such a person is called a pure white lotus.”

Those who receive Amida's power and recite the *nembutsu* are like beautiful lotus flowers blooming in this muddy world of suffering. Anyone who recites the *nembutsu*, whether they are good or bad, can be a *myokonin*, but, sometimes, there are *myokonin* who influence others in unusual ways. These *myokonin* stories

have been taught from person to person for many years.

About 170 years ago, in the Shimane prefecture in Japan, there was a *Myokonin*, Zentaro. When he was young, he was very competitive and aggressive so the people in his village did not like him. He got married and had four children but all four children passed away when they were young. Zentaro truly understood the impermanence of the world and he was very sad; so he began to go to the temple to listen to the *Nembutsu* teaching. He was 40 years old at that time. After devotedly listening/hearing the Dharma, he received Shinjin (true and real mind, entrusting heart to Amida Buddha) and awakened to the working of Amida Buddha's great wisdom and compassion. After he received Shinjin, he became very gentle and generous.

A story relates how Zentaro was once falsely accused by others. It was an incident that occurred while he was staying at a friend's home overnight. After Zentaro left, his friend discovered that he lost his expensive *kimono*. He asked his house maid about it and she replied, "it was Zentaro who took the *kimono*." Getting mad, he went to Zentaro's home and began swearing

at him. At first Zentaro did not say anything and just stared at his angry friend with a gentle face. Then Zentaro replied "Yes, I stole your *kimono*. I'm sorry. My wife is not here right now, so I don't know where your *kimono* is but I will pay for it." Then he gave money to his friend and said "I am very sorry. As a token of my apology, please take this *mochi* to your home." The angry friend accepted the *mochi* and went home. Going back to his home, he continued swearing at Zentaro and told his family members that Zentaro admitted to stealing the *kimono*. He gave the *mochi* to his family and they all ate the *mochi* except the maid. She began to cry and said, "I am sorry. I did it. I stole your *kimono*. I told a lie." As soon as he heard this, he went back to Zentaro to apologize. Zentaro just smiled gently, as usual.

This story teaches us one of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist ways to deal with the situation if we are wrongly accused. "Be quiet and make no excuses." "Compensating and apologizing instead of the wrongdoer." By doing so, Zentaro-san urged the house maid to reflect on her mistake.

Myokonin Zentaro's example might not work in this country where we are told you should not say "sorry" to others even though you are at fault, such as in a car accident.

If Zentaro was hit by a car and the person who hit Zentaro's car accused him. Zentaro would probably apologize to him and cover the cost of the accident. But here in LA in the 21st century, I guess the person who hit Zentaro's car would not reflect on his wrong deed.

We, who live in the United States in modern times, do not have to do like Zentaro, but we should know that among Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, there are (were) people who are very generous and who apologize even though they are not wrong.

Namoamidabutsu.

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

妙好人善太郎

古本竜太

「妙好人」とは、浄土真宗の篤信者のことをいい、親鸞聖人はそういった念仏者を、俗世間に咲く美しい白蓮華のようだと讃えられています。

「正信偈」には

「善人も悪人も、どのような凡夫であっても、阿弥陀仏の本願を

信じれば、仏はこの人をすぐれた智慧を得たものであるとたえ、汚れない白い蓮の花のような人とおほめになる。」

阿弥陀如来の願力をいただいてお念仏を称えるようになった人は、この濁った苦しみの世界に咲く美しい蓮の花のようだとされるのです。ですから念仏を称える人は、善人でも悪人でも誰でも妙好人だということですが、中には変わった行動によって、他人に影響を与え、私たちに念仏の教えを説いたり、私たちがどうあるべきかを考えさせる妙好人がいます。このような妙好人の話は、昔から人から人へと教えられてきました。

今から150年ほど前、日本の島根県に善太郎という名の妙好人がいました。彼は若い頃、あまり立派な人ではなく、勝気で乱暴者で村の人たちに嫌われていたそうです。善太郎さんは結婚して4人の子供をもうけましたが、4人とも若くして亡くなってしまいました。善太郎さんは世の無常を深く理解し、家族との悲しい別れが相次いだことがきっかけとなり、お寺にお参りしてお念仏の教えを聞くようになりました。その時、40代になっていた善太郎さんは、熱心に法を聞き、信心をいだき、自分の気づくまえから阿弥陀仏の大いなる智慧と慈悲をいただいていたことに目覚められました。そして、ご信心をいただいてからは人がかわったように、温厚で思いやりのある人になったといひます。

善太郎さんが他人から濡れ衣を着せられたことがあるという話があります。それは、善太郎さんが友人の家に一泊したときのことです。善太郎さんが帰った後、友人は高価な着物をなくしたことに気づきました。家のお手伝いさんに聞いてみると、「善太郎さんが持っていった」とのこと。頭にきた友人は、善太郎さんの家に行き、さんざん罵ったそうです。善太郎さんは何も言わず、怒っている友人を優しい顔で見つめていました。そして、「申し訳ない、あなたの着物を盗みました。今、妻がここにいないので、その着物がどこにあるのかわかりません。弁償します。」と答えました。そして、その友人にお金を渡し、「大変申し訳ありません。お詫びのしるしに、このお餅をあなたの家に持って行ってください」と言いました。怒った友人はその餅を受け取って家に帰りました。家に帰っても善太郎に悪態をつき続け、家族に「善太郎が着物を盗んだことを認めた」と話しました。するとお手伝いさんが泣き出して、「ごめんなさい。私がやりました。着物を盗んでしまったのは私です。」主人はそれを聞いてすぐに善太郎さんのところへ戻り、謝りに行きました。善太郎は、いつものように優しく微笑み、友人をとがめることはなかったそうです。

この話は、念仏者が不当に非難された場合の、どのように対処したらよいかを教えてくれるひとつの例です。濡れ衣を着せられても、だまって、言い訳をしない。そして本当の犯人の代わりに謝罪し、弁償までする、というものです。それによって、本当の犯人に反省を促すことになったのです。

けれどもこの妙好人善太郎の例は、交通事故などで自分に非があっても他人に「ごめんなさい」と言ってはいけないと教育されるこの国では通用しないかもしれません。

もし、善太郎さんが事故にあっ、相手に100パーセント非があるのに、その相手が善太郎さんに非があると訴えたとしましよう。その場合、善太郎さんはおそらく相手に謝罪し、事故の費用を負担するでしょう。しかし、この21世紀の口サゼルスでは、善太郎さんの車にぶつけた人は、自分の悪い行いを反省しないかもしれませんね。

現代のアメリカに住む私たちは、善太郎さんのようにするのは難しいけれども、浄土真宗の仏教徒の中には、とても寛大で、自分は悪くないのに謝る人がいる（いた）ことを知っておきましょう。

南無阿弥陀仏

Monthly Memorial DECEMBER
Virtual Shotsuki Service December 5 at 10a

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-in-law	Uyetake, Yoshiko
Domoto Family	Grandmother	Domoto, Tsuchiyo
Fujimoto, Miki	Mother	Fujimoto, Mary
Hashimoto, Miwa	Father-in-law	Hashimoto, Thomas K.
Hirayama, Kiyome	Son	Hirayama, Glen
Ikari, Kathy	Grandmother	Kato, Kikuyo
Ikegami, Sumiko	Father	Shigaki, Uichiro
Iriye, Kenny	Father	Iriye, Kazunori Henry
Kamikawa, Emi	Mother	Kamikawa, Violet
Kojima, Chikako	Father	Uneda Harry Kazushi
Lew, Judy	Mother	Matsuda, Mickey
Matsubayashi, Kazuo	Father	Matsubayashi, Moriichi
Minami, Jean	Brother-in-law	Minami, Yoshimi
Mori, Johnny	Father	Mori, Yasuo
Mori, Wendy	Father	Sahara, Hiroshi
Motokane, Eddie	Mother	Motokane, Helen
Nishida, Kikuko/Nishida, Russell	Husband/Father	Nishida, John
Nishisaka, Merrie/Nishisaka, Scott, Nishida, Lori	Grandmother	Nishisaka, Ritsuko
Nishisaka, Merrie/Nishisaka, Scott	Grandmother	Sanada, Tsuta
Ohata, Ron	Father	Ohata, Shigetoshi Michael
Ota, Joanne	Father	Ota, John
Sonday, Reiko	Grandmother	Fukumoto, Kinu
Takashima, Iris	Grandfather	Yasuda, Hikokichi
Tomita, Misao	Father	Nakamura, Masutaro
Tomita, Misao	Husband	Tomita, John
Tsuji, Hisako	Mother-in-law	Tsuji, Takiye
Ushirogata, Mutsuo	Sister	Hagiwara, Naruko
Usui, Aiko	Father	Nishiyama, Masakichi
Usui, Aiko	Brother	Nishiyama, George
Usui, Nancy	Mother	Shimabukuro, Kiyoko
Usui Family	Father	Usui, Frank
Wakinaka, Vickie	Mother	Wakinaka, Esther
Yoshihata, Dorothy	Husband	Yoshihata, Sokumei
Yoshimura, Brett and Susan/Yoshimura, Evelyn	Father/Brother	Yoshimura, Victor

Nokotsudo Reopening
Service December 5

As the Nokotsudo renovation has been completed, we will hold a *Nokotsudo* reopening service on Sunday, December 5. The service will begin immediately after the Sunday Service. Those who have placed the family members' urns in the *Nokotsudo* and wish to join the service, please contact Rev. Furumoto.

Bodhi Day Service
December 5

In Mahayana tradition, we celebrate December 8th as Bodhi Day. Bodhi Day is the day to observe Shakyamuni Buddha's attainment to enlightenment. About 2500 years ago, under a pippara tree in a forest in India, a human Gautama Siddhartha awakened to the truth of the universe and became the Buddha. This tree was later called "Bodhi tree," and now the town where Gautama attained enlightenment is named "Bodh-gaya." "*Bodhi*" and "*Bodh*" mean awakening or enlightenment. To commemorate the special day for the Buddhists this year, we will hold a Bodhi Day service on Sunday, December 5.

Oseibo Service
December 19

The "*Oseibo*" service will take place on Sunday, December 19 at 10am. The Japanese word "*Oseibo*" literally means "the end of the year". "*O*" is an honorific prefix, "*sei*" means year, and "*bo*" means the end. However, in Japanese, the word "*Oseibo*" indicates "year-end gift". In our tradition, we present *Oseibo* gifts to ministers and others who help to maintain the temple functions as an expression of our appreciation for their support, guidance, and kindness during the year. We usually have an *Oseibo* year-end luncheon following the service, but this year, due to Covid 19, it has been cancelled. We hope we can gather next year to have a big party to thank each other.

Jyoya-ye /End of Year Service
December 31, 2021, Friday, 5:00pm

We will hold a virtual **Jyoya-ye** service on New Year's Eve. **Jyoya-ye** is a year-end service that literally means the gathering (*ye*) of *Jyoya* (eliminating the night). "Eliminating the night" implies "the night, wishing to remove the dirt or filth collected during the year." In this case, the dirt or filth means our blind attachments, the memories of misconduct, and troubles that accumulated during the year. With the wish of dispelling

these undesirable wants, thoughts, and memories, we hold the year-end service, welcoming the New Year with a refreshing mind.

除夜会

除夜会とは年末の法要で、「夜を除く集まり」と書きますが「夜を除く」とは、その年に身に付いた埃や垢を取り除くという意味です。埃や垢とは、私たちの煩惱、またこの一年間に起きた間違いや悩みごとなどを指します。そういった煩惱や嫌な思い出を取り除くことを願ってお勤めするのが除夜会ですが、浄土真宗では、そういった煩惱や嫌な思い出を引き受けてくださる阿弥陀さまに感謝し、「煩惱を断ぜずして涅槃をうる」とはということなのかを考えるご縁でもあります。12月31日の午後5時からはじまります。

Shusho-ye, or Gantan-ye
Service/New Year Day Service
January 1, 2022, Saturday 10:00 a.m.

Shusho-ye, or **Gantan-ye**, simply means "Service for the New Year." The literal translation of **Shusho-ye** is "a gathering for a revision, modification or correction." New Year's Day is an opportunity for us to refresh our hearts and minds by reflecting upon the past year's mistakes so that we can correct them and begin the new year in the right direction.

修正会（しゅしょうえ）、元旦会
（がんとんえ）

一月一日にお勤めする法要を修正会といいます。新年の最初の日に心を正しい方向に修正するという意味があります。また、元旦にお勤めするので、元旦会ともいいます。浄土真宗では、阿弥陀如来に「お金がもうかりますように」、「病気にならなせんように」とか「いい大学にはいれますように」などのことを祈りません。そういう願いはたいがい自分のエゴを拡張することになるので、本当の安心をえることが難しくなるためです。修正会は、そういう自己中心の願いがある自分を反省し、その自分を受け入れてくださる阿弥陀如来に感謝し、一年を心安らかに生きていくきっかけとなる法要です。

Our New Year Service will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Listed are donations handled by the Regular Treasurer:
Special: donation received with no specific reason given
Orei: donation for use of temple facilities, equipment, etc.

Nokotsudo: donation by families who have family cremains in the **Nokotsudo** (columbarium)

The Regular Treasurer is required to send receipts for donations of \$250.00 and over. Receipts for all other donations will not be sent unless requested by the donor.

OCTOBER DONATIONS

Harold Cooke Sunoo
Donation

Sachi Oda
Nokotsudo

Anonymous
Donation

Madalyne Adams
Nokotsudo

Madalyne Adams
Osaisen

Tamotsu Ito
In memory of Toshiye Ito

Amy Yukawa
Covid Donation

Eugene and Elaine Murakami
Dana/Book Club

Merrie Nishisaka
In memory of Mary Ann Nishisaka

Merrie Nishisaka
In memory of Masami Sanada

Dennis and Celia Huey
Donation

Kenneth Hatai
Dana

Jerry Ogawa
Nokotsudo Building Fund

Arlene Yokoyama
Birth of grandson

Paul Hiramoto
Nokotsudo

Betty and Tak Yamashita
Osaisen

Meri and Wayne Fong
Services and Online Sessions

Hisako Takashima
Funeral Service for Kimie Maruyama

Nishisaka Family
3rd Cycle Memorial for Mary Ann Nishisaka

Nishisaka Family
Orei

Nishisaka Family
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Sandra Aguilar
Dana

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Eshinni Service

Kathy Ikari and Family
Funeral Service for Kei Ikari

Dale Shirasago
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Fujie & Ronald Ohata
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Eshinni/Kakushinni

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Eshinni/Kakushinni

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70th Anniversary

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Ohigan

Eugene & Elaine Murakami
Ohigan

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Merrie Nishisaka

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Betty and Tak Yamashita

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John and Debbie Hiramoto

Paul Hiramoto

SHOTSUKI HOYO OCTOBER 2021

Observant

In Memory Of

Madalyne Adams
Lillian Kuwata

Ted & Julie Akahori
Mother Umeji Akahori

James and Karen Harada
Laura Matsumura

Deb & John Hiramoto
Sumiko Hiramoto

Paul Hiramoto
Sumiko Hiramoto

Richard & Helen Nakawatase
Anna Lew Nakawatase

Richard & Helen Nakawatase
Kise Nakawatase

Michiko & Richard Sakakura
Motoji & Joe Sakakura

Reiko and Mark Sonday
Kiyoko Nimi

Wilbur & Iris Takashima
Peggy Jinde, Katsuye-Takashima

Betty Yamashita
Grandfather Uetsusabura Ito

Arlene Yokoyama
Stan Yokoyama

Donation College Savings 529 Plan

Senshin has a College Savings 529 Plan to help with the costs of higher education for our g. the contribution is to go to the Senshin Buddhist Temple, Account #9393725.

If you write a check to Senshin, there is no minimum. If you write a check to MESP, the check must be \$25 or more.

Owned by the temple, the intention of the fund is to provide additional support to its minister and family.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Eugene Murakami at (909) 861-0697 or genemura@roadrunner.com.

Vehicle Donation

We take any vehicle (car, pickup, truck, motorcycle, and even boat) as a donation to the temple. Donors can report the full amount of funds received from the vehicle donation as a deduction on their tax returns.

We work with Harold's Car Donation Service (HCDS) to have vehicles picked up, processed and refurbished as necessary to bring in the highest sale amount for the donated vehicle.

Once the proceeds from the vehicle donation are received by Senshin, a letter is sent to the donor to acknowledge the vehicle donation. The letter includes details of the donated vehicle and the amount for which the vehicle was sold or salvaged. All donors will be acknowledged in the *Prajna*.

If you have any questions about the program, or wish to donate a vehicle, please contact either Jean Minami (323) 938-0048, or Wilbur Takashima (310) 398-9558.



Message from the Board

We are pleased to announce that we are gradually and carefully reopening Senshin to the Sangha for Sunday services. The Reopening Committee put together a plan to allow us to have Sunday services with about 50 pre-registered attendees. ABA and BWA tested this plan in October and November and we believe we can have a safe, limited opening as long as conditions allow. There is a link on the Senshin website for you to register for a Sunday service and we will continue to offer a Zoom connection for those who can't come to Senshin.

Nokotsudo Modernization

The December *Shotsuki Hoyo* (memorial service) on December 5 will mark the reopening of the *Nokotsudo*. Rev. Furumoto will reach out to our *Nokotsudo* families to come to Senshin for the *Shotsuki Hoyo* service and *Nokotsudo* re-opening.

The *Nokotsudo* was designed and completed in 2007 by Jackie Terrell and Ravi Gunewardena. Their design was beautiful but the engineering of the shelves (by yours truly) lacked long-term durability. Yo Takeuchi saw this and generously gifted Senshin with a specific donation to fix the sag-

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ging shelves.

Kate Meigneux, Fujie Ohata, James Okazaki, and Rev. Furumoto joined the 2021 *Nokotsudo* Committee and after careful consideration we decided that Jackie and Ravi's design is still aesthetically and functionally perfect and has capacity to last for another 30 to 40 years. We chose to honor Jackie and Ravi's design by preserving all of their dimensions but the old shelving had to be completely replaced. Kate gave the new interior a beautiful fresh look and selected shelving material that looks clean and will be very durable. The new shelves were engineered with much more steel than before so we don't anticipate sagging in the future.

This modernization prompted us to review our administration of the *Nokotsudo*. As you know, the *Nokotsudo* is for Senshin folks and a place in it cannot be purchased. It runs on *Orei* and volunteers. Fujie Ohata re-wrote our *Nokotsudo* guidelines and updated the *Nokotsudo* records and we believe we have a point-of-contact for all but a few of the oldest urns. In November we reached out to all of our known *Nokotsudo* contacts to have you review and sign our guidelines and ensure our contact list is accurate. Your prompt response is required and appreciated. If you are responsible for someone in the *Nokotsudo* but have not received a letter from me, please reach out to Fujie Ohata to correct our records.

For those of you who have loved ones and friends in the *Nokotsudo*, we humbly ask that you sign up to occasionally support flower *toban* and *osoji*. Fujie will help you pick a time that suits your schedule. Your *orei*

Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin

Rev. Akiko Rogers will cover the basic teachings of Buddhism 4 on Tuesdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and 14, 6:30pm to 7:15pm. Everyone is welcome. For those who have not yet signed up and would like to join, please sign up to take the class at senshintemple@gmail.com. Those who have signed up for the last sessions will receive the class link.

is always appreciated but your time and effort is what it takes to keep our *Nokotsudo* tidy and beautiful.

2022 Schedule

The Board of Directors is planning 2022 as if it's going to be a "normal" year. Our 70th anniversary and Keiro-kai events planned for 2020 will be rescheduled in 2022. Of course, we will be carefully monitoring the situation and will adjust our schedule if needed.

Osoji - December 12

Osoji is Sunday December 12 and we're requesting all hands on deck since it's been almost two years since we've done one. The temple grounds need some extra care to remove two years of dust and cobwebs. The exterior has an unusually heavy coat of dust and the interior needs a good scrubbing including walls, doors and baseboards. Bring whatever cleaning tools and materials that you like to use and help Senshin start our post-Covid era squeaky clean.

Join us on Sundays on Zoom. At 9:45am Aki-Sensei gives a Virtual Kid's Talk that all of us can learn from and enjoy. 10:00am is our regular service.

Please check out our new website at senshintemple.org for the link to Sunday services, the calendar, links and content that might interest you. *In Gassho,*
RUSSELL NISHIDA

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**Senshin Retreat 2022
February 12 & 13**

Palm Garden Hotel, Thousand Oaks

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Peter Hata will be speaking at our 2022 retreat. Please come and join us. We expect to have a lot to discuss after two years in seclusion.

For 2022, we have moved the retreat back to the second weekend in February, the 12h & 13th. The retreat will begin Saturday morning followed by

afternoon and evening sessions. The retreat will conclude Sunday with a morning session and lunch.

In the interest of saving paper, we are not including the registration form in the Prajna. Please contact me if you are interested in attending, Neil Komai: 626-252-1714 or email: nkomai49@gmail.com. I will email you the registration form.

As a reflection of our times, this is subject to change based on the prevailing health guidelines.

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December is the month to reflect on events of the past year. The time went by quickly as a blur, mostly in front of a computer screen. It will only get better. We look forward to getting things back to normal in the coming year with activities to strengthen our link of interdependence to each other. Thanks to our representatives, Sandra Aguilar and Debbie Hiramoto, who attended the Federation of Buddhist Women's Association meeting by



Zoom. We are grateful for their time and comprehensive report back to the group. Thanks to Fujie Ohata for the lovely photo from the Eshinni/Kakushinni Memorial Service on 10/24/21 with JoAnn Komai, Rev. Candice Shibata, Akiko Rogers, and Sandra Aguilar.

We gratefully acknowledge the generous dana from the following:

Family of the late Mrs. Motoko Sano to *terry cloth towels and a collection of Buddhist books.*

Kathie and Marty Umemoto

luncheon sheet cake dessert

Madalyne Adams in *memory of mother, Lilian Kuwata*

Debbie Hiramoto in *memory of mother-in-law, Sumiko Hiramoto*

Chiyoko Inouye *Special*

Marilyn Shimabukuro in *memory of mother, Fumie Shimabukuro, and Auntie, Doris Shigaki*

Mat Uyeno *Special*

Linda Uyemura in *memory of mother-in-law, Chizuko Uyemura, Edith Nishikawa and grandmother-in-law, Minoe Uyemura*

Debbie Hiramoto, Jill Katsuda, Ikuko Matsubayashi, Jean Minami, Wendy Mori, Beverly Rogers, Suzanne Toji

Eshinni-Ko, Kakushinni-Ko, Lady Takeko Kujo and deceased BWA members' memorial

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**Senshin Jr. YBA
Scrip Order Form**

Send to Harumi Kawaguchi 626/230-1433 SenshinScripSale@gmail.com
3170 Bear Creek Drive, Newbury Park, CA 91320

Name	Order Date
Address	Phone Number.
	Email Address

Clothing & Accessories	QTY	Total
Bloomingdale's \$25 \$100		\$
Kohl's \$25 \$100		\$
Macy's \$25 \$100		
Nordstrom \$25 \$100		
Old Navy \$25		
TJMaxx/HomeGds/Marshalls \$25		\$
TJMaxx/HomeGds/Marshalls		\$
Dining - Casual	QTY	Total
Applebee's \$25 \$50		\$
Baja Fresh \$25		\$
California Pizza Kitchen \$25		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10 \$25		\$
Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf \$25		\$
El Pollo Loco \$10		\$
Islands \$25		\$
Olive Garden \$25		\$
Panera Bread \$10 \$25		\$
Rubio's Restaurants \$25		\$
Starbucks \$10 \$25		\$
Subway Restaurants \$10		\$
Taco Bell \$10		
Discount Store & Outlets	QTY	Total
Sam's Club \$25 \$50 \$100		\$
Target \$10 \$25. \$100		\$
Walmart \$25 \$100		\$
Electronics & Office	QTY	Total
Best Buy \$25 \$100		\$
GameStop \$25		\$
Office Depot / Office Max \$25		\$
Staples \$25 \$100		\$
Entertainment	QTY	Total
AMC Theatres \$25		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10		\$
Fandango \$25		\$
Regal \$25		\$
Gas & Auto	QTY	Total
76 Gas \$25 \$100		\$
ARCO \$50 \$100		\$
Chevron CA Only \$50		\$
Exxon \$50		\$
Jiffy Lube \$30		\$
Mobil \$50		\$
Shell \$25 \$100		\$

Grocery	QTY	Total
Albertsons/Pavillions/Vons \$25		\$
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Smart & Final \$25 \$100		\$
Sprouts Farmers Market \$25.00		\$
Health & Beauty	QTY	Total
Bath & Body Works \$10 \$25		\$
CVS Pharmacy \$25 \$100		\$
Sally Beauty \$25		\$
Rite Aid \$25		\$
Sephora \$25		\$
ULTA \$25		\$
Wagreens \$25 \$100		\$
Home Improvement	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25 \$100		\$
Home Depot® \$25 \$100		\$
Lowe's \$25 \$100		\$
The Home Depot® \$25 \$100		\$
Online Shopping	QTY	\$
Amazon.com \$25 \$100		\$
Apple Store \$15 \$25		
Groupon.com \$25.00		\$
Zappos.com \$25 \$100		\$
Specialty Retailer	QTY	\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$5		\$
Container Store \$25		\$
Disney \$25		\$
Jo-Ann Fabric \$25		\$
Michaels \$25		\$
PetSmart \$25		\$
See's Candies \$25		
Sporting Goods & Outdoors	QTY	\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25		\$
REI \$25		\$
Universal Prepaid Cards	QTY	\$
VisaGiftCd No Activatn Fee \$50		\$
VisaGiftCd No Activatn Fee \$100		\$

洗心仏教会

11月感謝録:

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	故K猪狩—K猪狩一家	故M西坂追悼:	M西坂
70年記念:	M&L柳田	故M真田追悼:	M西坂
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12月法要スケジュール:

2日(木)	午後7:00	ヴァチャル理事会
5日(日)	午前8:30	ヴァチャル恒例婦人会
	午前9:45	ヴァチャルキッズお話
	10:00	ヴァチャル祥月法要
	11:00	納骨堂法要
7日(火)	午後6:30	仏教学院クラス
12日(日)	午前8:00	大掃除
14日(火)	午後6:30	仏教学院クラス
19日(日)	午前9:45	ヴァチャルキッズお話
	10:00	ヴァチャルお歳暮法要
26日(日)	午前9:45	ヴァチャルキッズお話
	10:00	ヴァチャル家族礼拝
31日(金)	午後5:00	除夜会法要
1月1日(日)	午前10:00	修正会法要

11月供花: T赤堀,A横山,M西坂B&T山下,M&R.Sunday,J&D平本,P平本仏教学院: J南,F&R大畑

12月お花当番: 4日R.本河,R.Kok,11日I高島,18日A横山,25日&1/1日古本先生

10月お寺当番: 婦人会

10月本堂当番: W/I高島,G/J磯元

1月の予定: 1/15日:報恩講セミナー,16日報恩講法要

2021年12月

A B A

The ABA would like to thank everyone that participated and donated prizes to our Zoom Bingos throughout the year. We are looking forward to 2022 and hoping for a better year.

Jr Y B A

In the past month, the Jrs have been busy attending events. Recently, some of our members attended the Southern District JAM session with the theme “Buddhism in Cartoons.” Participating in games and listening to keynote speakers, they learned how to see Buddhist teachings in every aspect of life starting from cartoons.

With the holiday season quickly coming upon us, many of you may be in need of some gifts and what better way to do that than through gift cards! Jr. YBA is still selling our Scrips (gift cards) as a general fundraiser which serve as great gifts for the holidays or any occasion. Orders are submitted on the 2nd and last Sundays of the month. Forms are available at SENSIN-TEMPLE.ORG and in the Temple office. For more info, please call/text Harumi Kawaguchi at (626) 230-1433. If you are a high school student interested in learning more about Jr. YBA, feel free to contact Joyce Yamashita at Kyokosam@aol.com.



As 2012 comes to a close it's hard to believe we haven't been able to hold classes for two years! Fortunately that hasn't kept the WasabiKai doors closed the whole time. It provided me personally a haven during lockdown and an opportunity to reflect on our progress and growth over the past few years, and think about what the future may hold for us.

Our humble beginning really had no direction, as I had not taught pottery before. I was able to learn some simple

hand building techniques from a potter I met and a class he taught. I realized that I could develop a class where anyone with no previous experience could create useful and original ware. With guidance and participation from Rev. Mas, we developed our first class, “Japanese dinnerware and plating.” In five weekly sessions students were able to create dinnerware and actually plate food in an artful manner. This class was very popular and gave us the five week format to develop classes such as “Raku Tea Ware and the History of Tea,” “Simple Flower Arrangements and Vases for the Tokonoma,” “Goin-kyo Yakimono,” a dinnerware class and nabe meal prepared by Rev. Mas which provides an opportunity for exploration in creativity in senior years. We also were able to provide open studio sessions Tuesday and Thursday for those who wish to continue their exploration in clay. I am proud to say they have become potters in their own right as they have participated consistently over a number of years.

Along with the classes and open studio, WasabiKai has worked with Saishin Dojo assisting with each class's projects. WasabiKai has also worked hard to beautify the west entrance with “The Bodhi Tree Project,” including plants and a beautiful bench built by Mike Yanagita.

Since these classes are for temple members only, there is a finite number of people who will take these class offerings. Many temple members have taken a class more than once and those who wish to pursue pottery as open studio participants will not be in large numbers. So the challenge will be to keep the doors open and people engaged as we wait out this pandemic. But for now I am grateful to those who have continued to support our efforts and to the WasabiKai studio potters who I look forward to meeting with each week.

On to a New Year!
Questions or suggestions...
Bob Miyamoto, 323 791.2719

Social Media

Instagram: Users are now able to not only follow accounts, but hashtags. You can follow **#SenshinEverything** and also tag your posts of Senshin with the hashtag if you'd like others to see solely your Senshin pics. **That's #SENSHINEVERYTHING.**

You can now view the **Senshin Google Calendar here: <https://bit.ly/2Gbhc27>**

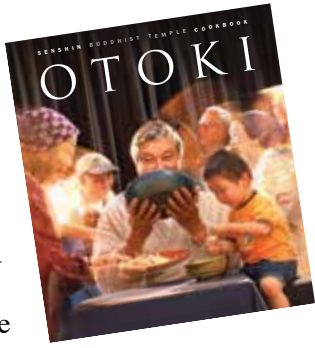
If you would like to add the Senshin Calendar to your iPhone or iPad:

1. Launch the Settings app on your iPhone or iPad.
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3. Tap on Add Account...under the Mail section.
4. Tap on Other.
5. Tap on Add Subscribed Calendar under the Other section
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Hongwanji Place

Senshin will continue to be closed for an indefinite period of time. If any of our Sangha wishes to make purchases from the Hongwanji Place store, please go to our website: **www.hongwanjiplace.com**. It is continually updated with more items displayed online. If you have any questions about availability of merchandise, or a general question, please contact Wilbur Takashima at (310) 994-1627 or at wktakashi@aol.com.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
				9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7p Virtual Temple Board Meeting		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:45a Virtual Kids' Talk 10a Virtual Monthly Memorial Service / Bodhi Day Service 11a <i>Nokotsudo</i> Reopening Service 12noon BWA <i>Reikai</i> (In person)		9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 6:30p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Virtual Basic Buddhism Class 4		9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		
12 Temple <i>Osoji</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18
8a <i>Osoji</i> – Temple Clean-up		9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 6:30p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Virtual Basic Buddhism Class 4		9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:45a Virtual Kids' Talk 10a Virtual <i>Oseibo</i> Service	7p Virtual Zadankai	9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1
9:45a Virtual Kids' Talk 10a Virtual Family Service		9:30a Virtual Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio			5p <i>Joya-E</i> End of the Year Service	10a <i>Shusho-e</i> , New Year Day Service

DECEMBER TOBAN:

Service Toban: B W A

Hondo Toban: Wilbur Takashima,
Iris Takashima, Glen Isomoto, Joyce
Isomoto

DECEMBER Onaijin Flower Toban:

Dec 4 Robert Hori / Richard Kok

Dec 11 Iris Takashima

Dec 18 Arlene Yokoyama

Dec 25 Rev. Furumoto

Jan 1 Rev. Furumoto

(Note: If you are unable to fulfill the week you
are scheduled, please contact Iris at (310) 951-
0160 or itakashima@aol.com)

JANUARY 2022 UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 1, *Shusho-E* - New Year Day
Service

Jan 15, *Hoonko* Seminar

Jan 16, *Hoonko* Service

SENSHIN ACTIVITIES

*The following meetings and classes
will be conducted virtually unless
otherwise informed.*

Board and committee meetings
Organization meetings
Virtual Exercise

*The following activities are cancelled
unless otherwise informed.*

Taiko, Gagaku, Bugaku
Karate, Surfing
Wasabi-kai open studio continues
unless otherwise notified.