

I can see clearly now...

Senshin's Hatsubon and Obon Dance is coming on Saturday, July 2. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we were not able to gather at the temple for Obon dancing; but, for the first time in two years, we will dance again at the temple.

This year, we will dance to six songs. One of the songs is Nobuko Miyamoto-san's new song, *Kangi-e*, which means the gathering of joy. There is also *Bon Odori Uta* (The song of *Bon Odori*), and several other familiar tunes.

One of the songs that our dance teachers like is *Joban Tanko Bushi*, which means mining song of Joban. *Tanko* means mining and *bushi* means song. Joban is the name of an area in Japan north of Tokyo, Fukushima, and the Ibaraki area. This song was originally Joban coal miners' work song. There are several versions of this song and our *Obon* dance version has

seven lines of lyrics. Although this is a coal mining song, only the first two lines of the song are about their mining work. They carried a lantern, called *kantera*, as they mined the coal. The remaining five lines were about love – male miners thinking of women. This song was sung from around the late Edo period

or the early Meiji period about 140 years ago. Our obon dance version was recorded in 1963 by Masao Suzuki. This song does not have *Jodo Shinshu* teaching very much but it's okay. It is a good working/love song.

Ashibina, an Okinawan song, is also a nice *Obon* dance song. This song was originally released in 1988 by Shuken Maekawa. *Ashibina* means playground and the lyrics say, “the hermit crabs and girls both enjoy shaking their hips with the taiko and sanshin music.” It is also not related to *Jodo Shinshu* teaching very much but it's okay. It is a cheerful and enjoyable song.

Another song I would like to introduce to you is *I Can See Clearly Now*, which was a 1972 hit song, sung by Johnny Nash. This song is not an *Obon odor*i song but parts of the lyrics are related to *Jodo Shinshu* teaching. I think many people have heard Jimmy Cliff's cover version of the song which was released in 1993.

Johnny Nash, an American pop singer, moved to Jamaica in the 1960s and was influenced by Reggae music. He had a friendship with a Reggae music icon, Bob Marley, and he later released a song *I Can See Clearly Now*, which became a million-seller hit song. It was released on June 23, 1972, so, this is the 50th anniversary year of the song. Whenever I hear this song, it reminds me of lines from *Shoshinge*.

In the song, Johnny Nash sings,

*I can see clearly now the rain is gone,
I can see all obstacles in my way*

Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind.

It's gonna be a bright, bright sun-shining day.

In *Jodo Shinshu*, “I can see all obstacles in my way” is important. If we can see obstacles, we can pay attention to them, and we would get less trouble. We can dodge the obstacle or not step into trouble. In Buddhism, the obstacle is my ego or our self-centeredness and the passions come from our ego. They are greed, anger, hatred, misery, etc.

In *Shoshinge*, Shinran Shonin wrote;

The darkness of our ignorance is already broken through;

Still the clouds and mists of greed and desire, anger and hatred,

Cover as always the sky of true and real shinjin.

But though the light of the sun is veiled by clouds and mists,

Beneath the clouds and mists there is brightness, not dark.

The life issue comes from our ego, self-centeredness. We can know the direct cause of the issue; therefore, Shinran Shonin stated, darkness of ignorance is broken through. We usually don't know the cause of our issue. We blame others and we think the cause of the issue is outside. But by learning the *nembutsu* teaching, we can get to know the direct cause is inside. “It's my ego.” The mean boss, colleagues,

speeding ticket officers, sickness or separation are indirect causes of our sufferings. Our ego wants to control everything in our own way. But in many cases, things do not go as we wish, and others do not follow what we plan, so we are stressed and frustrated.

We are usually ignorant of the direct cause of our life issues so *Jodo Shinshu* teaching always encourages us to be aware of our ego. When we notice/accept it, we break through, as in *Shoshinge*. Once we break through, we can see obstacles in our way, so we can pay attention to our ego and try to be less ego. However, while we are living, we are not able to remove our ego, so *Still the clouds and mists of greed and desire, anger and hatred, Cover as always... But Beneath the clouds and mists there is brightness, not dark.* And Shinran Shonin taught that these clouds and mists will be gone when we are born in the Pure Land after our death. Although we are full of ego-passions and life is suffering, thanks to the *nembutsu* teaching, our lives also have hope and brightness. This is the meaning of the lines of *Shoshinge* and I often remember it whenever I listen to *I Can See Clearly Now*. It is not an *Obon* song, but it's okay. It is something related to *Jodo Shinshu* teaching and it is a nice song.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

I Can See Clearly Now

7月2日（土）に洗心の初盆とお盆踊りがあります。 コロナウイルスの感染拡大のため、去年と一昨年はお寺に集まってのお盆踊りができませんでしたが、今年はやっとお盆踊りができるので楽しみです。

今年はお盆踊りのミュージックは6曲あります。そのうちの1曲は、宮本ノブコさんの新曲で、「歓喜会」です。その他、盆踊り歌をはじめ、お馴染みの曲もいくつかあります。

「常磐炭坑節」はそのうちの一曲です。常磐というのは、福島と茨城地域の名前です。この歌は、もともと炭鉱の労働歌で、いくつかのバージョンがあり、私たちのお盆踊りバージョンでは歌詞が7行になっています。このバージョンでは、炭鉱の仕事のことを歌っているのは最初の2行だけです。カンテラと呼ばれる提灯を持って石炭を採掘するという意味の歌詞で、残りの5行は、男性の鉱夫が女性を想うという歌詞です。この歌は、今から約140年前の江戸時代末期から明治時代初期にかけて歌われはじめたそうです。私たちのお盆踊りの曲は、1963年に鈴木正夫さんが録音したものです。

沖縄の歌である「あしびなー」もいとお盆踊りの歌です。この曲は、1988年に前川守賢さんが発表したものです。あしびなーは「遊び庭」と書き、歌詞には「ヤドカリも女の子も太鼓や三線の音楽で腰を振って楽しんでいる」とあり、明るくて楽しい曲です。

今回、もう一つご紹介したいのは、1972年のヒット曲で、ジョニー・ナッシュさんが歌った「I Can See Clearly Now」という曲です。この曲はお盆の踊りの歌ではありませんが、1972年6月23日に発売され、今年で50周年になる曲です。私はこの曲を聴くたびに、正信偈のご文を思い出します。

アメリカのポップシンガーであったジョニー・ナッシュさんは、1960年代にジャマイカに渡り、レゲエ音楽に影響を受けていた。レゲエ音楽の象徴であるボブ・マーリーさんと親交を持ち、その後発表した「I Can See Clearly Now」はミリオンセラーとなるヒット曲となりました。1993年に

ジミークリフさんがこの曲をカバーし、現在ではそのカバーバージョンの方がよく知られているようです。

この曲の最初に、

「雨がやんで、はっきり見えるようになった、僕の行き先にあるすべての障害物が見える。目を覆っていた、暗い雲がなくなり、やがて明るく輝く日がやってくるだろう（筆者訳）」という歌詞があります。

浄土真宗では、「行き先にあるすべての障害物が見える」ということが大切です。障害物が見えれば、その障害物に注意を払うことができ、トラブルも少なくなります。障害物をよけたり、足を踏み入れないということが出来るのです。仏教では、障害物は私のエゴ、自己中心性、そして、そこから出てくる貪欲、怒り、憎しみ、不幸などの煩惱のことです。

親鸞聖人は『正信偈』の中で、こう書かれています。

「阿弥陀仏の光明はいつも衆生を摂め取ってお護りくださる ☒ すでに無明の闇ははれても ☒

貪りや怒りの雲や霧は ☒ いつもまことの信心の空をおおっている ☒ しかし ☒ たえば日光が雲や霧にさえぎられても ☒ その下は明るくて闇がないのと同じである ☒（現代語訳）」

阿弥陀さまの光、または教えによって、今まで見えてなかった人生の問題が見えてくる、と言われていきます。人生の問題とは、私たちのエゴ、自己中心性からくるものです。その直接の原因を知ることができるので、親鸞聖人は、無明の闇を破ることができると言われています。私たちは、自分の問題の原因がわかっていません。たいていは、問題を人のせいにしたり、原因は外部にあ

ると考えます。しかし、念仏の教えを学ぶことで、直接的な原因は内側にある、「自分のエゴだ」と知ることができるようになるのです。気の合わない上司や同僚、スピード違反の取り締まり、病気や離別などは、私たちを悩ませる間接的な原因です。私たちのエゴは、すべてを自分のやり方でコントロールしようとします。けれども、多くの場合、物事は自分の思い通りにならないし、他人は自分の計画通りに動かないので、私たちはストレスを感じ、不満を抱く野です。

私たちは普段、人生の問題の直接の原因がわからないので、浄土真宗の教えでは、常に自分のエゴを自覚し、それに気づくように勧めているのです。その気づきがあると、自分のエゴに注意を払い、エゴを少なくするように勤めるようになるのです。生きている間は、エゴを取り除くことができないので、「貪りや怒りの雲や霧は ☒ いつもまことの信心の空をおおっている ☒」のようですが、「日光が雲や霧にさえぎられても ☒ その下は明るくて闇がない」とあるように、人生の問題の原因が見えてくるので、問題に対処できるのです。そして、親鸞聖人は、私たちが浄土に生まれ、死後仏になるときは、この雲や霧が消えて完全に明るくなるとお示しくださっています。私たちの人生はエゴと煩惱に満ち、人生は苦ではあるのですが、お念仏の教えのおかげで、私たちの人生には希望と明るさもあるのです。これが正信偈のご文の意味です、私は「I Can See Clearly Now」を聴くたびにこのご文をよく思い出します。お盆踊りの曲ではありませんが、浄土真宗の教えに関係しているいい曲です。

南無阿弥陀仏

Monthly Memorial JULY
Shotsuki Service July 10 at 10a

Seshu (Observant)
Deceased Relation To Obervant, Deceased

Akahori, Ted Brother-in-law Uyetake, Keiso	Matsubayashi, Kazuo Mother Matsubayashi, Atsuko	Terrell, Jackie Mother Howard, Marty
Akahori, Ted Friend Shigeyasu, George & Emiko	Meigneux, Kate & Meigneux, Emma & Teia Husband/Father Meigneux, Patrice	Tomita, Misao Brother-in-law Tomita, Akira
Fujimoto, Noriko Husband Fujimoto, Hisashi	Miyata, Satoshi Wife Miyata, Sue	Toyama, Beverly Aunt Murata, Hatsuye
Hashimoto, Miwako Brother-in-law Hashimoto, Harry	Mori, Wendy Mother Sahara, Chiyo	Toyama, Beverly Uncle Murata, Kenji
Hashimoto, Miwako Father Nishimura, Kanichi	Murakami, Eugene Father Murakami, Kazuo	Toyama, Tory Spouse Guerrero, Chase
Hiramoto, John Grandmother Kanegawa, Mitsuru	Nagano, Lance Wife Nagano, Julia	Wakinaka, Bernice Sister-in-law Nagaoka, Meta
Hosokawa, Gloria Grandmother Maruichi, Hatsu	Okazaki, James Uncle Okazaki, Tasuku	Yamashita, Betty Grandmother Ito, Toku
Huey, Celia Grandmother Kanegawa, Mitsuru	Ota, Joanne Mother Ota, Sydney	Yokoyama, Arlene Sister Yamada, Ellen
Imamura Family Grandmother Yoshimura, Hisa	Saneto Family Grandmother Saneto, Koima	Yokoyama, Arlene Mother Yamada, Thelma
Ito, Maryann Father Ito, Tokuo	Sato Family Grandmother Sato, Kogimi	Yoshimura, Evelyn Father Yoshimura, Dan
Kitano, Gerald Father Kitano, Melvin	Segawa Family Segawa/Kawamoto Families	Yoshimura, Brett & Susan Grandfather Yoshimura, Dan
Kitano, Jane Mother Otamura, Sumiko	Shigaki Family Mother Shigaki, Doris	Yoshimura, Evelyn Stepmother Yoshimura, Kay
Kojima, Chikako Daughter Kojima, Noreen	Shirasago, Paula Mother Shimada, Mae Satsuki	
Kok, Richard Mother Yoke, Toh Siew	Sugano, Michiko Mother Yoshimoto, Sayo	
Kunitake, Kimiyo Mother-in-law Kunitake, Shizue	Takashima, Iris Uncle Yasuda, Minoru	
Kunitake, Kimiyo Mother Yamada, Eiko	Takemoto, Jon Father Takemoto, Ben	
	Takeyama, Yo Husband Takeyama, Ray	

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.

Monthly Memorial AUGUST
Shotsuki Service July 10 at 10a

Seshu (Observant)
Deceased Relation To Obervant, Deceased

Akahori, Julie Grandfather Uyetake, Senichi	Matsumura, Henry Grandfather Matsumura, Kunishiro	Takashima, Wilbur Uncle Taniguchi, Mitsuo
Domoto Family Domoto, Eiichi	Matsumura, Henry Uncle Matsumura, Kuniyoshi	Tanaka, Lilian Father Shiosaki, Rodney
Ebata, Donna Mother-in-law Ebata, Emiko	Minami, Jean Yokomi, Itsuto	Tanezaki, Barbara Mother Kakita, Hisako
Higa, Dorothy Father Kuwaki, Masao	Mori, Johnnn Grandmother Ishigaki, Tane	Toji, Suzanne Husband Toji, Robert
Ishizuka, Karen Brother Ishizuka, Tadao Kirk	Murakami, Eugene Grandfather Inouye, Kenso	Torio, Taye Father Sugimoto, Heiji
Isomoto, Glen Grandmother Isomoto, Sakuyo	Murakami, Eugene Grandmother Inouye, Komina	Toyama, John Brother Toyama, George
Isomoto, Glen Grandfather Isomoto, Ikusuke	Nakashima, Jean Mother Shigeyasu, Emiko	Wakinaka, Bernice Sister Yamada, Chiyoye
Kanda, Lynn Father Kanda, Mamoru	Nakawatase, Richard Grandfather Nakawatase, Suyekichi	Yamashita, Betty Mother Takahashi, Nancy
Gleeson, David Father-in-law	Nakawatase, Richard Aunt Inahara, Toshiko Lily	
Gleeson, Paiton, Emery, Montgomery Grandfather	Okita Family Father Okita, Kiyoshi	
Kiriyama, Iku Husband Kiriyama, George	Ono, David Father Ono, Akira	
Kitano, Jane Father Otamura, Masao	Rooks, Mariko Friend Hearn, Bobby	
Kodama, Nancy Husband Kodama, Malcolm	Sakakura, Michiko Father Sakakura, Kotaro	
Kojima, Chikako Mother-in-law Kojima, Natalia	Shirasago, Paula Father Shimada, Saburo	
Kojima, Chikako Aunt Kojima, Bonnie		
Kuwata, Tom Grandmother Kuwata, Kogiku		
Marubayashi, Roy Mother Marubayashi, Setsuko		

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Senshin

Senshinji Kangi-e Obon

In *Jodo Shinshu*, *Obon* is called *Kangi-e*, or The Gathering of Joy. It is a major festival in our Buddhist calendar year. It is a memorial service and celebration in memory of our ancestors. It is an occasion to remember our indebtedness to all who have gone before us, to appreciate and thank those lives and to reaffirm the sanctity of all living beings.

This year, we will hold the ***Kangi-e Obon Service*** on **Sunday, July 24, 2022**. The guest speaker will be Rev. Gyokei Yokoyama, Sozenji Buddhist Temple (Soto Shu)

洗心寺 歓喜会 (お盆法要)のご案内

浄土真宗ではお盆法要を歓喜会と呼びます。先亡の家族、友人を始め、有縁、無縁の方々に感謝しつつ、お浄土へ往生することがなぜ歓喜となるかの意義を聞思する法要です。皆様、ぜひお参りください。ご講師は横山行敬師です。スケジュールは英語をご覧ください。

No Sunday Services in August

We will not hold Sunday Services in August, however, the temple will be open for funeral and memorial services and Nokotsudo visitations. Regular Sunday services will resume on Sunday, September 11.

For funeral, memorial services or nokotsudo visitations, please call or email the temple.

8月は日曜日のお参りはありません。
9月11日よりお参りを再開します。

Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin July, August 2022

The Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu 1-5

Rev. Ryuta Furumoto

Wednesdays, July 20, 27 and August 3, 6:30p to 7:15p

We will have **Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu 1-5 classes**.

This will be the last session of the Basic Jodo Shinshu class 1. The classes are on-line and those who have not attended previous sessions are welcome to join this session. If you have not signed up for this program before, please contact the temple. Those who took previous sessions will receive the link to join the classes.

Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin In-person Class Chanting and Ritual Practices

Sunday, July 31, after family service

Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin will have in-person schooling at the temple. We will gather on Sunday July 31, after the service. This class is open to Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin attendees and anyone who wishes to join us.

Osoji, Temple Clean Up

Our temple cleanup will be taking place on Sunday, August 28 at 9:00am. The temple cleanup is one of our important activities to deepen our understanding of Buddhism, so please come to help.

“Oh soh ji” is a major cleanup to beautify all sections of the temple. “Oh” means big or major and “Soh ji” means clean up.

In Buddhism, cleaning is one of the important practices or daily deeds. Our surroundings are a reflection of our hearts and minds and vice versa. Cleaning outside means cleaning inside. When we clean up outside, we can also clean our heart and mind. To welcome the new Sunday service season, September 2022 to July 2023, with a refreshing mind, let's clean up our temple.

Listed are donations handled by the Regular Treasurer:
Special: donation received with no specific reason given
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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.

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Memorial service for

Motoko Saneto

(Aunt, 1st Year)

Satoshi Saneto

(Uncle, 7th Cycle)

Art Hirayama

(Father, 17th Cycle)

Koime Saneto

(Grandmother, 25th Cycle)

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Memorial service for

Motoko Saneto

(Aunt, 1st Year)

Satoshi Saneto

(Uncle, 7th Cycle)

Art Hirayama

(Father, 17th Cycle)

Koime Saneto

(Grandmother, 25th Cycle)

Kanaye Saneto

(Grandfather, 50th Cycle)

Glenn and Harumi Saneto
1st year memorial service for Motoko Saneto

Satomi Saneto
Saneto/Hirayama Family Memorial Service

Kiyome Hirayama
Saneto/Hirayama Family Memorial Service

Memorial service hall use

In memory of Motoko Saneto

Satomi Saneto
Memorial service hall use

In memory of Motoko Saneto

Glen and Joyce Isomoto
Funeral Service for Kiyoko Isomoto

49th Day memorial service for Kiyoko Isomoto

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Nokotsudo

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Nokotsudo

7th Year Memorial for Leo Sugano

Moriyama Family
7th Year Memorial for Leo Sugano

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Ted and Julie Akahori

Kelvin and Yoko Nishikawa
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SHOTSUKI HOYO
MAY 2022

Observant

*In Memory Of*Ted & Julie Akahori
*Betty Akahori*Ted & Julie Akahori
*Helen Akahori*Donna Ebata
*Duane Ebata*James & Karen Harada
*Fujiko Yamaguchi*Sumiko Hayamizu
*Hashigoro Nakashima*Deborah & John Hiramoto
*George Hiramoto*Paul Hiramoto
*Father, George Hiramoto*Robert Hori & Richard Kok
*Father, Takashi Hori*Neil & JoAnn Komai
*Alice Yamada*Lisa Ann Maeda
*Lily Domoto*Debra Nishida & Neil Hurley
*Sister, Gwen Nishida*Russell & Lori Nishida
*Gwen Nishida*Ron & Fujie Ohata
*Brother, Kevin Ohata*Beverly & Jennifer Rogers
*Grandparents, Masano & Kaname Tokaji*Marilyn Shimabukuro & Gil Leong
*Al Shigaki*May Sugano Egner
*Leo Sugano*Wilbur & Iris Takashima
*Katsumi J. Takashima, Tsume Takashima*Kathy & Marty Umemoto
*Grandson, Jayden Tadao Ito*Yukie Ushirogata
*Tsune Matsushita*Betty Yamashita
Father, Tokuso Takahashi

SENSHIN'S PANDA PARTY

Senshin's Panda Express Virtual Fundraiser is just around the corner on Friday, July 8. Hopefully you have the flyer on your refrigerator or bulletin board

already and the date on your calendar. If you've sent the digital flyer to your friends and family, contact them again with a reminder just a few days before the event. Pandas are all over so they can order at any location in the city, state, or country. Another option besides ordering individual meals is to look at



their catering menu, order family style and have everyone come over for lunch or dinner. This is a very easy fundraiser.

You'll be able to have an enjoyable meal and raise funds for Senshin without any work at all. 28% of the sales will be given back to Senshin to help develop their religious programs for members of all ages.

The key to success is EVERYONE'S participation. So be sure to join in on Senshin's Panda Party on July 8! Your help and support are greatly appreciated.

Fundraiser Code: 908457

Vehicle Donation

This is a reminder that Senshin will 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.



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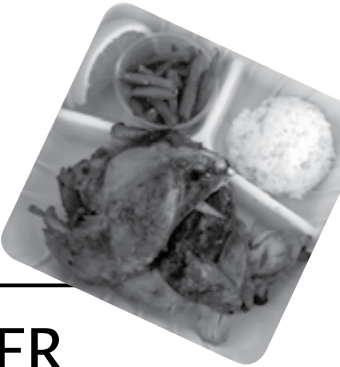
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to those of you who have sent in your membership dues for 2022. We are happy to accept your 2022 membership application & dues, if you haven't done so already!

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FAMOUS CHICKEN TERIYAKI DINNER

Includes: 1/2 chicken, rice, sesame green beans, cabbage tsukemono

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022 • \$20 PER DINNER

Pickup between 11a-2:00p; pre-order only, by October 2

ALSO BWA WHITE ELEPHANT, CRAFT & BAKE SALE

First Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Cell (Preferred)	REQUIRED
	<input type="checkbox"/> Home	
Last Name		
Email Address		
Number of dinners at \$20 each =		
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment included (check/cash) \$		

ORDER FORM

Here is the order form for Chicken Teriyaki dinners.

No tickets will be printed or mailed. This order form is also available on our website.

Chicken Teriyaki is a major fundraiser for Senshin.

Thank you for your continued generous support.

QUESTIONS?

Call Debby Fukawa 626-487-7231 or email, debfukawa@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to **SENSHIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

Mail this order form to:
Senshin Chicken Teriyaki

1311 W. 37th Street,
Los Angeles, CA 90007

OR drop off your order in the Teriyaki mail slot in the temple office.

洗心仏教会

2022年7&8月

5月感謝録:

寄付:M小谷,D白砂,R竹本,ワサビ会,Q山下,C駒井
S.Aguilar,A林田,California Wellness
Foundation,匿名

葬儀:故K磯元—G&J磯元

お礼:4世バスケットボール,
施設利用:K平山,S実藤

納骨堂:M菅野,A&D実藤,G&H川口,G&J磯元,M.Adams
D&M宮本,T&J赤堀

初参り:K石塚,B中村,D&M小川,A横山,S東司,M&K梅本

寄付:繁那羅/BCA Workshop- A吉川

故L菅野7回忌:M菅野,森山一家

故A平山,M実藤,K実藤,K実藤,S実藤追悼,
17 & 50回忌:D&J平山,G実藤,K&J平山,S実藤
B平山,G&H実藤,K平山,

故M梅本追悼:M&K梅本

故Y西坂追悼:L&R西田

故K.S神田:L神田,L.Kelly

故M&T小田追悼:S小田

故A紫垣追悼:E&S.Young

故K桑田追悼:M.Adams

故K元金:E&H元金

故T堀追悼:S堀

故M田中追悼:G上島

7月法要スケジュール:

2日(土) 4:30p 初盆お参り
7:00P 盆踊り
9:00p 本堂お参り,千燈荘厳

3日(日) お休み

5日(火) 6:30p 仏教学院

7日(木) 7:00p 理事会

10日(日) 8:30a 婦人会例会
10:00a祥月法要:7 & 8月
11時 日曜学校

17-21日 西心道場SLOキャンプ

17日(日) 10:00a家族礼拝
日曜学校

24日(日) 10:00aお盆歓喜絵
横山行敬海峡使、曹禅寺(曹洞宗)

31日(日) 10:00a家族礼拝
仏教学院:読経、儀式練習(礼拝の後)
11:00a日曜学校

7月法要当番: 日曜学校

7月本堂当番: D松田,J岡崎,N永谷,W永谷

7月お花当番: 2日M宮本,9日Y/R宮川,16日Y/K西
川,23日D/J平本,30日Q山下,8/6日D竹原
もし予定日に当番ができない時に
は、Iris(310-951-0160)またはitakashima@
aol.comまでご連絡ください。

7月の予定: 2日:初盆,盆踊り。9日:歓喜会

5月供花: K&Y西川,E下原,T山口,J南,R&L
西田,B&A.Rogers,M島袋,M&R.Sunday,M菅
野,Y後潟,D&A實藤

仏教学院: 7月20 & 27日, 8月3日6:30p-
7:15p、

8月法要スケジュール:

4日(木) 7:00p 理事会

7日(日) お休み

14日(日) お休み

21日(日) お休み

28日(日) 9:00a-正午大掃除
(みなさん、よろしくお願ひします)

9月1日(木) 7:00p 理事会

8月法要当番: お休み

8月本堂当番: お休み

8月お花当番: 6日D竹原,13日D/R小谷,20日
S.Lovall,27日P本河,9月3日P森川,

9月予定:1日: 理事会,4日:お休み,24日:秋のお彼岸
勉強会,25日:秋のお彼岸法要



SAVE THE DATES

October 9, 2022

SENSHIN

Chicken Teriyaki Fundraising Event

November 6, 2022

SENSHIN

70th Anniversary and Keirokai

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Message from the Board

We look forward to seeing you when you feel comfortable returning to Senshin. Senshin is stirring back to life with in-person services and a growing list of activities being planned. The Board of Directors is hopeful that we can continue a careful return to normal. Our last two Board meetings were in-person, we're seeing more people coming to Sunday services, **Obon (for our Sangha only) is on July 2, Chicken Teriyaki is scheduled for October 9 and our belated 70th Anniversary celebration is scheduled for November 6.** After service on Sundays is once again a popular time for us to meet and plan.

There are a number of folks who are here regularly to make Senshin operate smoothly. Our big events like Obon, Chicken Teriyaki and Mochitsuki attract a deeper bench of volunteers and we very much appreciate your participation. This year we ask that you make a special effort to come

out and help since we are less certain of what our volunteer crews will look like. The saying "the more the merrier" is applicable with our sangha activities.

Please check www.senshintemple.org for the link to Sunday services, the calendar and links to interesting content.

In Gassho,

RUSSELL NISHIDA

BWA

Looking forward to time out of the kitchen? Save the date of July 8th to order take out from Panda Express to support the temple fundraiser. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to Senshin Temple. Spread the word to your family and friends too.

As a follow up to the earlier Gardening Seminar in May, half a dozen BWA ladies happily visited Florence Nishida's community garden on May 21 to put into practice what they had learned. They cleared and prepped

some land to start a new crop of vegetables and then learned to compost and prepare soil for planting. We eagerly wait to see the fruits of their labor in the next few months.

We gratefully acknowledge the generous dana from:
Satomi Saneto *Special*
Suzanne Toji *New Year's Party*
Debbie Hiramoto *Gotanye*
Kathie & Marty Umemoto
Hatsumairi for granddaughter, Rylee Umemoto, and grandson, Cody Ibutkin, and for flowers for New Year's Party.

ABA

ABA is looking forward to Senshin's first Obon since 2019, and being able to just dance and share the day with our Sangha. We are also anticipating Bingo for Kei-Ai residents in August and December, subject to Covid. If you want to help, please join us. ABA has decided to not have a rummage sale this year due to Covid concerns and logistical issues. Finally, ABA has toban for September services, and as you read this, we will be preparing to serve our sweetened carbohydrates (aka donuts) at our September 11th service, our first service after the harvest. See you there.

Jr YBA

The Jrs. have had our third in-person meeting during this past month since the temple reopened. The Jrs. bid farewell to our graduates, including Chloe Fujii, Carter Kawaguchi, Paige Mizutani and Jordyn Saiki... congratulations and good luck to you all! We are looking forward to the many in-person events that will be occurring in the future, including Obon, and the Southern District Jr. YBL Conference, hosted by OCBC Jr. YBA in September. If there are any high schoolers and soon-to-be freshmen that are interested in joining Jr. YBA, please contact Mrs. Yamashita at kyokosam@aol.com.



BWA Visit to Florence Nishida's Community Garden

Facilities

Paul Middo replaced the faucets in the Social Hall restrooms. They were on automatic shutoff with a run time of 30 seconds. The new faucets turn on and off manually.



Perfectly Imperfect

In last month's Prajna I wrote about a pot that had been waiting to be fired following the passing of master potter Yukio Onaga. Twenty seven years of dust, not knowing the state of completion, I was able to have it fired by potter Yasuko Ogawa at Summer Studio Art Academy in Lomita in their cone 10 reduction fired kiln. It was decided to fire it as found. Everyone who has seen the pot waiting to be fired wondered what the final outcome would be. All potters are anxious to



amazing potters have been up to. If anyone is interested in classes please contact me: 1bobmiy-amoto@gmail.com.



open the kiln to reveal the finished pieces. I was there to help Yasuko unload the kiln and finally see Yukio's piece fired.

After inspecting the finished piece you could see where glaze had been knocked off prior to firing and the effects of the dust remaining on the pot. We were very pleased with the results, glaze flaws and all. As experienced potters we evolve to see the beauty of the sometimes failed attempt or the natural

unexpected result of the fire. Truly a lesson in the concept of Wabi Sabi.

I'm pleased to see this concept embraced by the potters of WasabiKai. Some of their first projects didn't meet their expectations, but in time they can sometimes look back and see the beauty of their Wabi Sabi piece.

I would like to thank Kaz Ota, who joined me in revisiting Yukio and Joanne Onaga's home/studio, Yasuko Ogawa, David Parson / Summer Studio Art Academy, and Nancy Hirata (Joanne's sister) who entrusted me with completing Yukio's piece.

I encourage the Sangha to visit the WasabiKai Studio and see what our



Hydrangeas (*ajisai*) temple update

The hydrangeas are growing well and one of them turned blue. About three months have passed since we planted the hydrangeas. We planted the hydrangeas that are supposed to bloom in blue but due to the quality of soil, they became red/pink. A temple member said "if you put used coffee grounds on the soil, it will turn to blue." After we put the used coffee ground several times on the soil (mulch) to one of the hydrangeas, in about a month, the flower became blue, (or purple). The hydrangea do enhance the brightness of the temple and community atmosphere. People walking along the temple stopped and looked at the hydrangeas, and some said "hello," or

asked who we were. We hope we'll have rain so that the hydrangeas grow bigger and bring a good atmosphere to the temple and the neighborhood. If you have used coffee grounds, please bring them to the temple and sprinkle them near the hydrangeas. It also becomes nutrition for the soil.



SENSHIN-JI 2022 JULY 2565

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
						4:30p <i>Senshinji Hatsubon</i> Service 7p <i>Bon Odori</i> 9p <i>Omairi</i> in Hondo <i>Sento Shogon</i> (1000 oil lamps); <i>Horaku</i>
3 No Services	4	5	6	7	8	9
		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 6:30p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Chanting for Bonbu		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7p Temple Board Meeting	All Day Panda Express Fundraiser	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:30a BWA Reikai 10a Monthly Memorial Service, July/August <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> & Family Service		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10a Family Service, 11a Dharma School July 17-21 Saishin Dojo SLO Camp	7p Zadankai	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Virtual: The Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu, 1-5	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		
24 Obon Kangi-e Service	25	26	27	28	29	30
10a Obon Kangi-e Service: Guest speaker, Rev. Gyokei Yokoyama, Sozenji Buddhist Temple		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Virtual: The Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu, 1-5	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		
31	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6
10a Family Service 11a Dharma School In-person Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Class: Chanting and Ritual Practices		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Virtual: The Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu, 1-5	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7p Temple Board Meeting		

JULY TOBAN:

Service Toban: Dharma School

July Hondo Toban: Doug Matsuda, James Okazaki, Nick Nagatani, Wendy Nagatani

JULY Onajin Flower Toban:

July 2 Marilyn Miyamoto
July 9 Yoko / Richard Miyagawa
July 16 Yoko / Kelvin Nishikawa
July 23 Deb / John Hiramoto
July 30 Qris Yamashita

Aug 6 Denise Takehara

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SENSHIN-JI 2022 AUGUST 2565

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Ga-kuin Virtual: The Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu, 1-5	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7p Virtual Temple Board Meeting		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
No Service		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
No Service	7p Zadankai	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
No Service		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		
28 Osoji Temple Cleanup	29	30	31	Sept 1	Sept 2	Sept 3
No Service 9a-12noon Osoji Temple Cleanup		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7p Temple Board Meeting		

AUGUST TOBAN:

Service Toban: None

Hondo Toban: None

AUGUST Onaijin Flower Toban:

Aug 6 Denise Takehara

Aug 13 Denise / Richard Kodani

Aug 20 Sheri Loyal

Aug 27 Patti Honkawa

Sept 3 Paige Morikawa

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Upcoming in SEPTEMBER 2022:

September 1 Temple Board Meeting

September 4 No Service

September 24 Fall Higan Seminar

September 25 Fall Higan Service

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November 6, 2022: Senshin 70th Anniversary and Keirokai

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