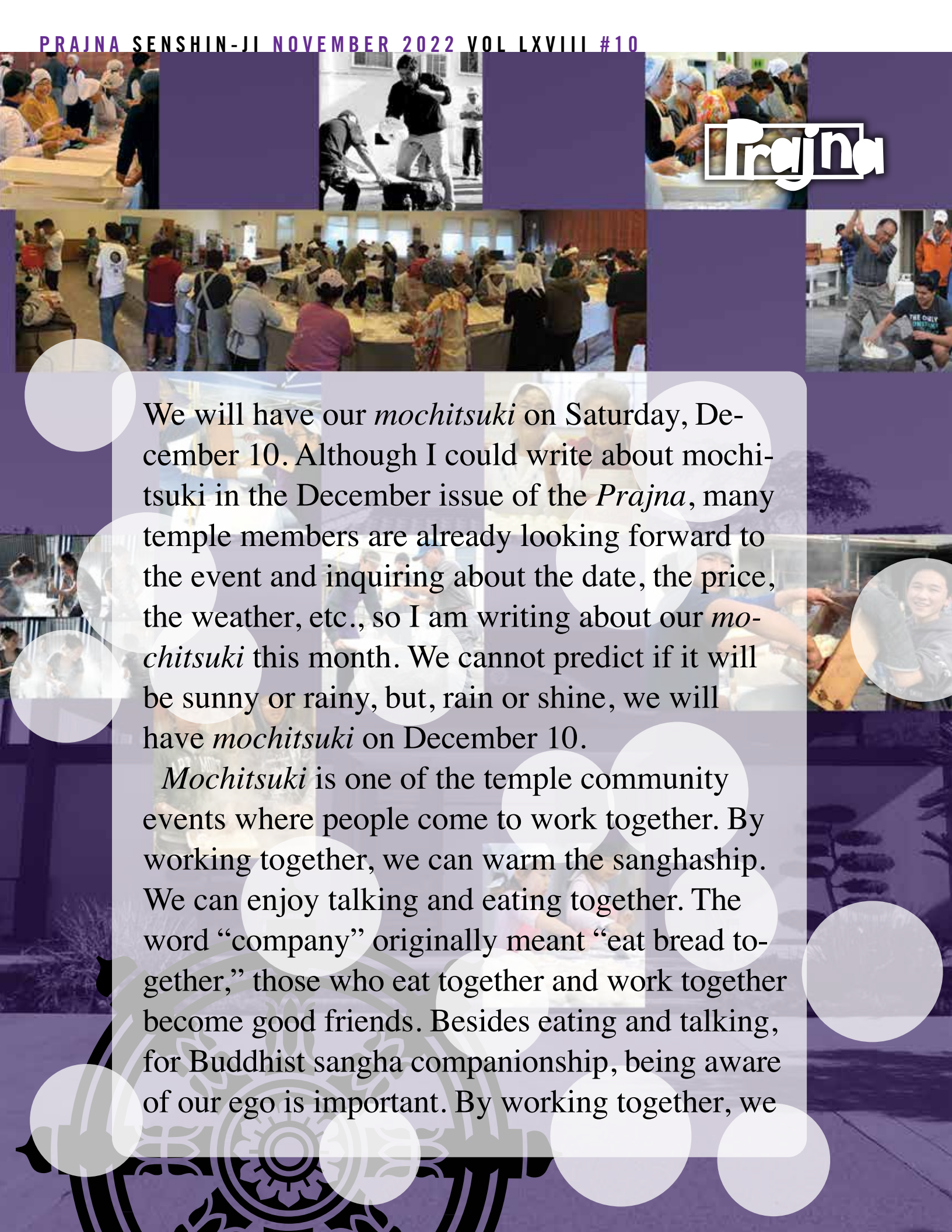


Prajna



We will have our *mochitsuki* on Saturday, December 10. Although I could write about mochitsuki in the December issue of the *Prajna*, many temple members are already looking forward to the event and inquiring about the date, the price, the weather, etc., so I am writing about our *mochitsuki* this month. We cannot predict if it will be sunny or rainy, but, rain or shine, we will have *mochitsuki* on December 10.

*Mochitsuki* is one of the temple community events where people come to work together. By working together, we can warm the sanghaship. We can enjoy talking and eating together. The word “company” originally meant “eat bread together,” those who eat together and work together become good friends. Besides eating and talking, for Buddhist sangha companionship, being aware of our ego is important. By working together, we



can see our ego, understanding life is *dukkha*, “things do not go as we wish,” or “we cannot control other people.” Through trial and error, we learn the importance of being less ego and receiving Amida Buddha’s salvation. *Mochitsuki* is one of the good opportunities for us to understand the *nembutsu* teaching and to

create Buddhist harmony.

In the Larger Sutra, Shakyamuni Buddha pointed out our foolishness. Foolish in Jodo Shinshu means self-centered or ego-centric. He stated, “Led by their own desires and failing to reflect on their own foolishness they come into conflict with others.” (*Three Pure Land Sutras* 2, p. 87)

When we pound *mochi* or when we roll the hot *mochi* into round cakes, foolish people are working together. Some conflicts and troubles happen sometimes. At that time, we Buddhist should be patient. We should know that other people are patiently working with us. With this thought, we can be grateful to others and create harmony.

In our Senshin service book, we have Prince Shotoku’s 10th clause of the 17th article constitutions. Prince Shotoku was a son of the emperor in the 7th century in Japan. He made the 17 article constitution, encouraging people to follow Buddhism. And due to this, Japan became a Buddhist country.

“Let us cease from wrath, and refrain from angry looks. Nor let us be resentful when others differ from us. For all men have hearts, and each heart has its own leanings. Their right is our wrong, and our right is their wrong. We are not unquestionably sages, nor are they unquestionably fools. Both of us are simply ordinary men. How can anyone lay down a rule by which to distinguish right from wrong? For we are all, one with another, wise and foolish, like a ring which has no end.”

*Bonbu* means an ordinary man. In Shinran Shonin’s thought, *bonbu* is a foolish being, and one of the features of a *bonbu* is having *bonno*, greed, anger and other desires that come from

ego. Everybody is a *bonbu*, so no one knows what is truly right and what is truly wrong. Both may be right, both may be wrong, so try to accept others. When we talk with others, we should know that other people have different thoughts. Just knowing this helps us to have less trouble and conflict.

Besides this clause, the first clause is famous. “*Harmony is to be valued. No fighting is essentially honored. If everyone, both elder and younger, discuss with concord and friendship, everything goes well of itself.*”

Prince Shotoku, thought harmony is most important to create a peaceful society, and in order to do that, he thought Buddhism is the best teaching.

He stated in the second clause, “*People should sincerely revere the three treasures, Buddha, Dharma and Sangha.*”

At *mochitsuki*, let’s work together with other *bonbus* and enjoy creating harmony.

*Namoamidabutsu*

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

A temple member brought an article about *mochitsuki* which appeared in the November 1978 issue of the *Prajna*. It was written by John Hiramoto-san and the late Gary Shirasago-san 46 years ago. It is a story about how much they and the temple members love *mochitsuki*.

## The Story of Mochitaro

(From *Prajna* November, 1978 issue)

By Gary Yukio Shirasago and John Eichi Hiramoto

Long ago, on about 25 years ago, there lived an old man and his wife. They were two very nice people. One day the old man went fishing at his favorite spot on the Los Angeles River. As he casted out his line, to his surprise he saw a big *mochi* come floating down the river. The old man pulled the *mochi* to shore. He had never seen such a large *mochi* before in his life. He hurried home with it to show the old woman. The old woman was surprised too, but delighted and said, “We can eat *mochi* tonight!” They both liked *mochi* very much. Evening finally came and they were just about to cut up the *mochi*, when suddenly the *mochi* split apart – inside was a crying baby boy. The old man and his wife were very astonished and didn’t know what to do. They never had any children of their own so they decided to take care of the child, as if he were truly theirs. They named him Mochitaro.

Well, the years went by and Mochitaro

grew up. During this time there was this little church. It was a very together church. The people that went to this church were very happy people because every year they would have a *Mochitsuki*. It brought everyone out. The young people and old people of the church would have fun making *mochi* together. It made them happy to make *ichiban*, good *mochi* and to eat it, especially for *ozoni* on New Year’s Day.

But one day the bad and mean SNOMED came and took all the *usus*, the wooden pounding mallets, and the *mochi* machines. And for two years, the people could not have a *Mochitsuki*. This made all the people very sad and their spirits began to decline, they could no longer make *ichiban*, good *mochi* and eat it on New Year’s Day.

When Mochitaro heard of this, he told the old man and old woman that he must go and get all the *mochi* equipment back. Of course, the old man and old woman didn’t

## 12月にもちつきをします 古本竜太

まだ11月ですが、お寺の皆がもちつきを楽しみにしているので、おもちのお話しをしましょう。皆、もちつきの日程、おもちの値段、天気、ヘルプについて尋ねられます。コロナウイルスのため、2年前はもちつきは中止、去年は人数制限をしてもちつきをしましたが、今年は普段通

り、12月10日に行います。天気はたぶん晴れますので、ぜひもちつきに来てください。

おもちについて、おもしろい話を聞いた事があります。なぜ私たちはおもちをお正月にお仏壇に供えるのかのお話ですが、それは日本ではお米が主食であることと、おもちは日本人の美德とする感謝と忍辱（「にんにく」忍耐のこと）を表す食べ物だからだそうです。

お米はお米の実であるモミを育てて苗にし、春に田植えをします。田んぼに植えられた苗は太陽のひかりの恵みを受けて育ち、夏になると苗は元気な若者のように太陽に届こうと上にむかってどんどん大きくなっていきま

す。やがて青々とした苗は実をつけて稲と呼ばれるようになりますが、それは若者が大人になっていくようでもあります。青かった稲が秋になると実った稲穂の重みで頭をたれます。それはあたかも育ててくれた太陽、また大地や水に感謝しているようです。「実るほど頭をたれる稲穂かな」の句のように育ててくれた親、まわりの家族、友人へ感謝ができるようになった精神的に成熟した人間にたとえられます。

感謝ができるようになった稲の人生（米生？）はここでおわりではありません。今から稲はお米になりおもちになっていくのにいろいろな苦に耐えなければならないのです。

まず、稲刈りのときにまさかりで

切られ、その稲穂も刃でとられます。その後、冬で寒いにお米の皮をはがされます。それでおもちになってくれるために、寒い中、まず滝のような水で洗われて、冷たい水のなかにつけられて一晩を過ごし、次の日には反対に熱い火で炊かれたり蒸されたりして、大変な目にあいます。

それで終わりではなく、その後モチマシーンの中に入れられ、乾燥機の中にいるようにぐるぐると回されます。そしてさらに人の手でちぎられ、こねくり回され、握られて、とうとう最後にまるい美しいおもちになるのです。思えば苦難の連続なのです。

そのような苦勞をしてくださっ  
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want him to go, but they knew that there was no way that they could stop him, so they gave him their blessings. So, with his Sumitomo Bank hachimaki tied around his head and his California First Bank fan in his belt, Mochitaro set out to the spot where it said the SNOMED lived. The location was somewhere in the Santa Monica Mountains.

Mochitaro reached the large front gate of the SNOMED and rapped on it and said, “*Let me in, I am Mochitaro and I’ve come to de-*

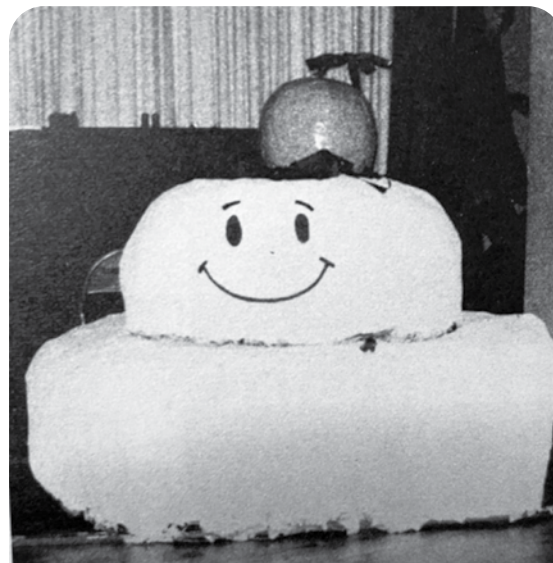
*feat you.*” Inside the house there were about a dozen SNOMED having a party, drinking lots of *sake* and Primo beer, and of course, eating pounds and pounds of *mochi*. They all laughed and said, “*Who’s this Mochitaro? Does he actually think that he can defeat us? SNOMED?*”

Of course they did not know that Mochitaro had brought some reinforcements from the tiny church that had gotten the *mochi* equipment stolen from. There was Dennis, Bruce, Duck, Henry, Gary, Paul, Michael, Gene, Jimmy, Tak, Little Tak, Chuckie, Ron, and of course John-Boy. They sat in silent meditation until Mochitaro gave them the signal. All of sudden, they could feel their adrenalin flowing, as if their blood was filled with *mochi* and as a very-together *Sangha*, they overwhelmed the SNOMED with their strength and total commitment to the recapturing of their *mochi* equipment. The SNOMED begged for mercy, but the spirited crew gave them none. MOCHI POWER HAS TRIUMPHED. Mochitaro and his motley crew made them load all the *usus* and *mochi*

machines onto Dennis’ truck and all the mallets onto Ron’s Datsun pickup. He also made them go to this little church with them so that they could unload all the hot stuff that they had taken. They (the SNOMED) promised never to do anything like that again. But that was not enough for Mochitaro. He made them promise to only think pure and beautiful thoughts and do only pure and beautiful deeds knowing that what they did now would depend their happiness or misery.

All the people were happy once again because they could have their *Mochitsuki* and make *ichiban*, good *mochi*. Everyone was very thankful to Mochitaro, especially the Reverend and Arte. Mochitaro was praised highly in all the BCA newsletters. But Mochitaro knew that he could not have done it alone. It took the help of others as well as the love of *mochi*. It just goes to show that you need that kind of special something in order to realize that special something.

This is not the end of the story... As long as there are lovers of *mochi*, this story will always be alive.





Monthly Memorial NOVEMBER

Shotsuki Service November 6 at 10a

Seshu (Observant)  
Deceased Relation To Obervant, Deceased

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| Akahori, Ted<br><i>Friends</i> Imai, Harry and Ida       | Murakami, Hisako<br><i>Mother</i> Takahashi, Koito                       | Ushirogata, Mutsuo<br><i>Father</i> Ushirogata, Kiichi          |
| Akahori, Ted<br><i>Brother</i> Akahori, Bob Yoneo        | Nakagawa, Fred<br><i>Mother</i> Nakagawa, Kiyo                           | Ushirogata, Yukie<br><i>Brother</i> Matsushita, Hiroshi         |
| Higa, Dorothy<br><i>Mother</i> Kuwaki, Martha Masako     | Nakawatase, Richard<br><i>Father</i> Nakawatase, Hideyoshi               | Uyeno, Matsuko<br><i>Father-in-law</i> Uyeno, Yoshisuke         |
| Imamura Family<br><i>Mother</i> Imamura, Kikuye          | Nakawatase, Richard<br><i>Mother</i> Nakawatase, Sachiko                 | Wakinaka, Bernice<br><i>Father-in-law</i> Wakinaka, Yoriosuke   |
| Imamura Family<br><i>Uncle</i> Yoshimura, Toshiyuki      | Nakawatase Family<br><i>Grandfather</i> Nakawatase, Anzaemon             | Wakinaka, Bernice<br><i>Mother-in-law</i> Wakinaka, Tane        |
| Isomoto, Glen<br><i>Mother</i> Isomoto, Satoko           | Nishisaka, Merrie<br>Nishisaka, Scott<br><i>Father</i> Nishisaka, Arthur | Wakinaka, Bernice<br><i>Father</i> Nagaoka, Tokuzo              |
| Kammerer, Michele<br><i>Father</i> Kammerer, William     | Okazaki, James<br><i>Friend</i> Chan, Donald                             | Yamaguchi, Toshiko<br><i>Husband</i> Yamaguchi, Frank           |
| Kiyohara, Ruby<br><i>Husband</i> Kiyohara, Akira         | Otamura, Katherine<br><i>Husband</i> Otamura, Roy                        | Yamasaki, Reiko<br><i>Husband</i> Yamasaki, George              |
| Kojima, Chikako<br><i>Grandmother</i> Uneda, Yoshiko     | Sato Family<br><i>Father</i> Sato, Gene                                  | Yamashita, Betty<br><i>Brother</i> Takahashi, Paul              |
| Koyanagi, Katherine<br><i>Father</i> Koyanagi, Kenji     | Shimohara, Ellen<br><i>Husband</i> Shimohara, Jerry                      | Yokoyama, Arlene<br><i>Father</i> Yamada, Harold                |
| Kuwata, Tom<br><i>Grandmother</i> Yamada, Tosao          | Shimohara, Ellen<br><i>Mother-in-law</i> Shimohara, Chiyoko              | Yokoyama, Arlene<br><i>Brother</i> Yamada, Richard              |
| Matsumura, Henry<br><i>Grandmother</i> Matsumura, Satomi | Sonday, Reiko<br><i>Father</i> Nimi, Shinichi                            | Yoshimura, Brett and Susan<br><i>Daughter</i> Yoshimura, Deklan |
| Minami, Jean<br><i>Mother</i> Yokomi, Misako             | Takamoto, Robert<br><i>Wife</i> Takamoto, Sachi                          |   |
| Minami, Jean<br><i>Brother</i> Yokomi,Tadashi Ted        | Takashima, Iris<br><i>Uncle</i> Yasuda, Shig                             |   |
| Murakami, Eugene<br><i>Mother</i> Murakami, Yomiko       | Tanaka, Lilian<br><i>Mother</i> Shiosaki, Ethel                          |   |
|  | Toji, Dean/Toji, Suzanne<br><i>Mother/Mother-in-law</i> Toji, Evelyn     |   |

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.

Bodhi Day Service  
Sunday, December 4, 10a

In Mahayana Tradition, we celebrate December 8th as **Bodhi Day**. Bodhi Day is the day to celebrate Shakyamuni Buddha’s attainment of enlightenment. About 2500 years ago under a pippara tree in a forest in India, a human Gautama Siddhartha awakened the truth of the universe and became the Buddha. The tree was later called “Bodhi tree” and now the town where the Gautama attained enlightenment is named “Bodhgaya.” *Bodhi* and *Bodh* means awakening or enlightenment. To commemorate the special day for the Buddhists, this year, we are going to hold a Bodhi Day service on Sunday, December 4.

Bodhi Day Movie  
*Carving the Divine* by Yujiro Seki

Following the Bodhi Day service, we are going to watch a film *Carving the Divine* (2021). It is a documentary film that offers a rare look into the 1400-year-old Buddhist woodcarving tradition and the practitioners struggling to preserve its legacy in a rapidly changing Japan. The film provides profound insight into the Japanese psyche as well as the nature of human perseverance through suffering. The film is directed by Yujiro Seki.

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ておもちになってくださるから、おが仏さまのご安置されるお仏壇に、一年のはじめにお供えされるのにふさわしい食べ物だということです。  
ご苦労をしてくださって、私たちの命を支えてくださるおもち  
は、阿弥陀さまににているともいえるでしょう。阿弥陀さまが法蔵菩薩さまだったとき、仏になる善い行いをすることのできない衆生を助けられようと、願いをおこされました。そしてお米がおもちになるように、いろいろなご修行をしてくださり艱難辛苦を乗り越えて、どのような者でも救うことのできる阿弥陀佛となられたのです。  
讃仏偈の最後に、「仮令身止 諸苦毒中 我行精進 忍終不悔」とありますが、それは「衆生のために自分がいかなる苦や毒をうけようとも、いつも忍んで、かならず皆を仏にさせるという願いを成就させる。」という意味です。そのように皆のために苦を乗り越えてくださった仏さまでありますから、私たちが手を合わせ感謝させていただく存在となり、また同じく苦を忍んでくださったおもちが、仏さまのお供えになるのです。  
阿弥陀さまのご苦労、おもちのご苦労、またお米を育てた自然の恵みに感謝して、もちつきを楽しみ、おもちをいただくようにしましょう。  
南無阿弥陀仏

In-person *Shoshinge*  
Chanting Class

**Sundays after family service**  
We will have Chanting and Ritual Classes every Sunday following the Service. Rev. Aki will teach how to chant *Shoshinge* and *Ojo Raisan*. Please join the class so that you can chant *Shoshinge* and *Ojo Raisan* by yourself.

Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin  
November/December 2022

**The Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu 1-5**  
**Rev. Ryuta Furumoto, Wednesdays,**  
**November 30 & December 7, 6:30 to 7:15pm**

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 welcomed 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..

2023 SENSHIN  
NEMBUTSU RETREAT

The Senshin Nembutsu Retreat will feature guest speaker **Rev. Dr. Mark Unno on February 4–5 at the Palm Garden Hotel in Thousand Oaks**. Spending the weekend with Rev. Mark is always thought provoking and enlightening. The program will be similar to the retreats in prior years featuring morning, afternoon and evening sessions on Saturday and a morning session on Sunday. A buffet Santa Maria-style dinner is available on Saturday evening and a Deli Sandwich lunch us offered on Sunday. Breakfast is offered to those staying overnight at the hotel on Friday and Saturday. Registration forms for the Retreat, hotel rooms and meals are available on Senshin’s website or on request. Please register early as Rev. Mark has been a very popular guest speaker in the past.  
If you are interested in attending, please email me, Neil Komai, at [nkomai49@gmail.com](mailto:nkomai49@gmail.com), or call me at 626-252-171



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.



SEPTEMBER DONATIONS

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*Donation for new candles*  
Michiko Sakakura  
*50 yr memorial service for Kotaro Sakakura and 41 yr memorial service for Joe Sakakura*  
Donna Ebata  
*Nokotsudo*  
Lori Kanda Kelly & Family  
*In memory of Mamoru E. Kanda*  
Wasabi Kai *Orei*  
Kiyo Yoneda *Nokotsudo*  
Kiyo Yoneda  
*In memory of Kazuo Yoneda*  
Sumi Hayamizu *Nokotsudo*  
John and Debbie Hiramoto  
*USC parking fundraiser*  
Sam Yamashita &  
Boy Scout Troop 719  
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Wasabikai *Orei*  
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*Donation*  
Katherine Hayashi  
*In memory of Lily Enfield, Harue & Tsugio Takeuchi*  
Miki Fujimoto *Nokotsudo*  
Doug and Chris Aihara  
*Orei - Social Hall*  
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Mayumi Kodani *Donation*  
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Ted Akahori  
*70th Ann./Keiro Kai*  
Dennis & Celia Huey  
*70th Ann.*  
Craig Minami 70th Ann.  
Michael & Lily Yanagita  
*70th Ann.*  
Donna Ebata  
*Hydrangea Project*  
Ellen Shimohara *Obon*  
Matsuko Uyeno *Obon*

Ruby Kiyohara  
Suyekichi Nakawatase  
Tammy & Dale Matsubara  
Suyekichi Nakawatase

SEPTEMBER FLOWER DONATION

Marty and Kathie Umemoto  
Sumi Hayamizu  
Kiyo Yoneda  
Ted and Julie Akahori  
Chikako Kojima  
Paula Shirasago  
James and Karen Harada  
Anonymous  
Marilyn Shimabukuro  
Ruby Kiyohara  
Tammy and Dale Matsubara

SEPTEMBER 2022 SHOTSUKI HOYO

Observant  
*In Memory Of*  
Ted & Julie Akahori  
Tomi Akahori  
Ted & Julie Akahori  
Dr. Fred Miyazaki  
Stacey Camara  
*Grandfather* Rev. Enryo Unno  
Miki Fujimoto  
Kikuyo Rooks  
James & Karen Harada  
Laura Matsumura  
James & Karen Harada  
Tom Harada  
Sumiko Hayamizu  
Robert Hayamizu  
Kathy Ikari  
Kei Ikari  
Janis Ishitani  
*Mother* Yoshimi Ishitani  
Richard Kodani  
Fred Kodani  
Richard Kodani  
Shirley Kodani  
Chikako Kojima  
Tom Kojima  
Richard Kok  
*Father* Yoke Chuan Kok  
Darren & Stephanie Mizutani  
*Grandfather*  
Rev. Enryo Unno

Eugene & Elaine Murakami  
Raymond Murakami  
Helen Nakawatase  
Anna Lew Hosaka  
Craig & Cindy Ogawa  
Kikuo Ogawa  
Jerry Ogawa  
Kikuo Ogawa  
Ellen Shimohara & Family  
*Father-in-law* Henry Shimohara  
Keith Shimabukuro  
Misao Oshiro & Yoshiko Shimabukuro  
Marilyn Shimabukuro & Gilbert Leong  
Misao Oshiro & Yoshiko Shimabukuro  
Paula Shirasago  
George Shirasago & Glenn Shirasago  
Wilbur & Iris Takashima  
Seichi Jinde, Haru Takashima  
Wilbur & Iris Takashima  
Shirley Kodani  
Kathleen & Marty Umemoto  
*Father* Miyoshi Matsuda  
Kathleen & Marty Umemoto  
*Grandmother*  
Ishi Akamichi  
Wong Family  
Kei Ikari  
Arlene Yokoyama  
Stan Yokoyama

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Anonymous  
Julie Akahori  
Ted Akahori  
Don Akamine  
Roy Asahi  
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Debra & Stan Fukawa  
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Sumiko Hayamizu  
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Kiyoko Yoneda  
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Donation College Savings 529 Plan

Senshin has a College Savings 529 Plan to help with the costs of higher education for our minister's family.

Contributing to this fund will provide tax-free income for the minister's children when they are college age. In eight years at 7%, monies put in today could almost double by the time they are ready to go to college.

If you would like to contribute, you have two options:

1. Write a check out to Senshin Buddhist Temple along with a memo or note indicating you would like to contribute

2. You can write a check out to MESP (Michigan Education Savings Program) and mail it directly to PO Box 55925, Boston, MA 02205-5925. Be sure to send a note indicating 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.

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.

Amazon Smile

Did you know that when you shop at smile.amazon.com and designate Senshin Buddhist Temple as your charitable organization, Amazon will donate back 0.5% for qualifying purchases?

From April to June of this year we have

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.

received \$222.36. Since we have been participating in the program a few years ago, we have received \$984.23.

Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and select Senshin Buddhist Temple from the list of charities

Thank you for your support.

REMINDER Membership Dues

Have you paid your 2022 Senshin Temple membership?

We are still accepting payments for 2022 membership dues payments. If you have forgotten, please take the time to do so. Your membership dues are needed to help cover the Temple's operating costs for utilities, insurance, routine maintenance of temple building & grounds, temple program activities, guest speakers, *Prajna* newsletter mailing and a full-time minister. A portion of the 2022 dues is used to pay the \$166.90 BCA assessment that Senshin must pay for each temple member.

For information, please contact Kathy Ikari at 310 345-1174.





& ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Message from the Board

Our 2022 Chicken Teriyaki fundraiser was a success for the Sangha! It was three years since our last Chicken Teriyaki so we had to dust off our mental cobwebs and get organized. With Chicken Teriyaki, we are particularly guided by the Issei and Nisei generation with their recipes and brilliant food production-line engineering. They were top of mind all weekend and made us feel like we were part of something historic and special. So many of you came out to participate in planning, preparation and production of our teriyaki chicken dinners. A special thank you to Chikako Kojima who coordinated the long-postponed event. We'll do it again earlier in 2023 and once again will appreciate your enthusiasm and support.

Senshin's 70th Anniversary/Kei-ro-kai celebration is on November 6, just right around the corner. The celebration will include a service, *otoki*, entertainment and a raffle. This can be considered a big "Welcome Back" celebration for our Sangha and Super Seniors. I really hope you can join us.

As of this writing, COVID is trending down and more of you are coming to Sunday service and activities. For those of you who haven't ventured to Senshin in the last two years we hope you'll be back as soon as you feel comfortable. Mindful that some of our Sangha members are no longer physically able to come to Senshin, we will continue to Zoom Sunday services for the foreseeable future. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and

make adjustments as needed.

Join us on Sundays in person or on Zoom at 10:00am. Please check out our new website at [senshintemple.org](http://senshintemple.org) for the link to Sunday services, COVID updates, the calendar, links and content that might interest you.

*In Gassho,*  
RUSSELL NISHIDA

BWA

After a 3-year pause, Senshin was bustling with our Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser on Oct 9th. It was a huge success because of our faithful and dedicated Sangha. Thanks to everyone for their tremendous help. Everyone was so generous with their time in prepping, cooking, plating and clean up. We didn't miss a step in getting back to normal.

Thanks also to Wendy Mori and her crew for displaying all the treasures at the BWA White Elephant Sale and Reiko Sondag for the Craft Sale. Special thanks to Nobuko Miyamoto for



leading us in a morning exercise break during the prep work, Qris Yamashita and Suzanne Toji for their wisdom in

guiding everyone throughout the day.

Thank you for attending the Esh-inni / Kakushinni / Lady Kujo / BWA Memorial Service October 23rd. We hope everyone enjoyed the delicious *Otoki* catered by Aloha Cafe and the refreshments by the BWA ladies for the Tri-Temple Seminar that was also on October 23rd.

Please come out for the Senshin 70th Anniversary Celebration November 6th and share some smiles and laughs as the BWA ladies offer a special presentation.

A great big welcome to our newest members, Yoko and Kelvin Nishikawa!

We thank the following for their generous Dana:

Kiyo Yoneda *in memory of Kazuo Yoneda*

Toshiko Yamaguchi *Special*  
Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa *in memory of Minoe Uyemura, Sekiyo Nishikawa and Edith Nishikawa.*

If you would like to join BWA, please contact Donna at [ebatadonna@gmail.com](mailto:ebatadonna@gmail.com).

Our next meeting: November 13.

Jr YBA

Following October, November is also a very busy month for the Juniors. Some of us will attend the Jr. YBA events like the Southern District Jr. YBL Jam Session. For the Senshin 70th Anniversary Party, we will perform some short and cute Japanese songs to celebrate.

We are already excited and prepared for December events, mainly *mochitsuki*!

If you have any questions about Jr.

Senshin Jr. YBA  
Scrip Order Form

Send to: Stephanie Higa 213/700-1042  
1775 Santa Fe Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501  
[SenshinScripSale@gmail.com](mailto:SenshinScripSale@gmail.com)

|         |               |
|---------|---------------|
| Name    | Order Date    |
| Address | Phone Number. |
|         | Email Address |

How do you want your order delivered? (pls circle) Leave at Senshin USPS

| 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 \$100   |     | \$    |
| 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 \$5 \$10 \$25          |     | \$    |
| Subway Restaurants \$10          |     | \$    |
| Taco Bell \$5 \$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        |     | \$    |
| Albertsons/Pavillions/Vons \$100       |     | \$    |
| Smart & Final \$25 \$100               |     | \$    |
| Sprouts Farmers Market \$25 \$50 \$100 |     | \$    |
| Health & Beauty                        | QTY | Total |
| Bath & Body Works \$10 \$25            |     | \$    |
| CVS Pharmacy \$25 \$100                |     | \$    |
| Sally Beauty \$25                      |     | \$    |
| Rite Aid \$25                          |     | \$    |
| Sephora \$25                           |     | \$    |
| ULTA \$25                              |     | \$    |
| Walgreens \$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 \$25                 |     | \$    |
| 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 Activation Fee \$50      |     | \$    |
| VisaGiftCd No Activation Fee \$100     |     | \$    |

Please see [www.RaiseRight.com](http://www.RaiseRight.com) for more any more businesses with available gift cards. Family Enrollment #C2861D4362L25



洗心仏教会

9月感謝録:

寄付:M小谷,D白砂,P本川,D&S Lovall,D.Duoer  
寄付:蠟燭—C小島  
寄付:イーグルスカウトS山下&Troop719  
寄付:USC駐車場—J&D平本  
お礼:4世バスケットボール,ワサビ会,D&C相原  
納骨堂:D江畑,K米田,S速水,M藤本  
お盆: E下原,M上野

故M神田追悼:L.Kanda.Kelly&Family  
故K米田追悼:K米田  
故L.Enfield,H&T竹内追悼:K林  
50回忌:故Kさくら/41回忌:故J坂倉:M坂倉  
故S中渡瀬追悼:R清原,T&D松原  
アジサイプロジェクト: D江畑  
洗心寺70周年記念:T赤堀,Dennis/C.Huey,C南  
M&L柳田

11月法要スケジュール:

|          |                                     |   |
|----------|-------------------------------------|---|
| 3日(木)    | 7p.m.                               | 理事会                                       |
| 5日(土)    | TBD CAL                             | オールデイ 南加地区JrYBL総会、OCBCにて                  |
| 6日(日)    | サマータイム終了(1時間遅らす)<br>9:45a<br>10:00a | 日本語法要<br>洗心寺70周年記念/祥月法要<br>敬老会写真撮影<br>おとき |
| 11日(金)   | 6:30p                               | COLADOフットボール駐車場(ファンドレイジング)                |
| 13日(日)   | 8:30a<br>10:00a                     | 婦人会例会<br>家族礼拝 小谷正雄名誉開教使                   |
| 20日(日)   | 10:00a<br>11:00a<br>12noon          | 家族礼拝<br>正信偈読経<br>洗心寺総会                    |
| 26日(土)   | TBD                                 | Notre Dameフットボール駐車場(ファンドレイジング)            |
| 27日(日)   | 10:00a<br>11:00a<br>12noon          | 家族礼拝<br>正信偈読経<br>洗心寺総会                    |
| 30日(水)   | 6:30-7:15                           | 仏教学院                                      |
| 12月1日(木) | 7p                                  | 理事会                                       |

11月法要当番: お寺

11月本堂当番: W/I高島,G/J磯本

11月お花当番: 5日S.Aguila,12日I/K松林,19日J磯本,26日L/K植村,12月3日W/J森  
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。

11月供花:T&D松原,R清原,T赤堀,M島袋,P白砂,J&K原田,C小島,K米田,S速水,M&K梅本,匿名

2022年11月

YBA, or would be potentially interested in joining, please contact our parent advisor, Mrs. Juriko Yamada at afstue@gmail.com.



WasabiKai has received yet another gift from the Onaga Estate. Joanne Onaga was a gifted artist with many talents. She played the Koto, was an accomplished potter, and had a gift of bringing people together. She knew how to get things done and was very organized. She pretty much ran the



Little Tokyo Clayworks single handedly in its final years.

Joanne had a special twinkle in her eye as she viewed the world around her. Her whimsical nature is displayed in the piece we recently received. The potters of WasabiKai were in awe as we admired her hand built piece with her special illustration of the goings on in a potter's village.

We were trying to figure out where we could display it and share its story with others. It was decided that it would be a nice addition to the Bodhi

Tree area. It rests on a turntable so it can be viewed on all sides as it tells its story.

We hope you will find time to enjoy her piece as you sit in the shade of our Bodhi tree.

Please remember the WasabiKai Studio welcomes our temple members to visit our library, studio and view the works of our potters, and if interested in pursuing an adventure in clay to contact us.

Bob Miyamoto  
1bobmiyamoto@gmail.com

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.
2. Tap on Mail, Contacts, Calendars.
3. Tap on Add Account...under the Mail section.
4. Tap on Other.
5. Tap on Add Subscribed Calendar under the Other section
6. Enter or copy in the following link: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/jr9b2e26vovo0a0rhht9kt6i0k%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>

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*BWA doing their Chicken Teriyaki "thing."*





2022 SENSHIN

# MOCHITSUKI

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10** from 7:00am until completion

Please join us in one of our annual get-together/work-together activities and in continuing a Senshin tradition. Remember, the Mochitsuki is a Temple activity and is one of the few activities that brings together all age groups. It is the closeness that Mochitsuki and other temple activities foster that has kept our temple so strong and centered. So come out and spend the day with friends making our own "certified pounded" mochi. As always, lunch will be served.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7** from 7:00pm

Please join us to wash the rice, if you are able

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11** from 8:30am - 11:00am

Please pickup your orders at the temple and join us for Osoji (Temple clean-up) from 8:00am - 12:00pm

If you have any questions, please contact:

Joyce Yamashita

(310) 994-8086 or senshinmochitsuki@gmail.com



## 2022 SENSHIN MOCHITSUKI ORDER FORM

**ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

Mochi orders will be limited to 600 pounds on a first ordered first served basis.

**Please order as early as possible.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

cell/home (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order:

pound(s) of Komochi @ \$ **7.00/pound** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Limit 20 pounds** (approx. 10 mochi pieces/pound)

set(s) of Okasane @ \$ **9.00/set** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_



Please make check payable to: **SENSHIN JR YBA**

Please mail to:


**MOCHITSUKI C/O SENSHIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

**1311 W 37TH STREET**

**LOS ANGELES, CA 90007**

Please take into consideration postal delays and send in order/payment early. We request that order/payment be received at temple by Friday, November 25.





# SENSHIN'S VIRTUAL BODHI BOUTIQUE

NOVEMBER 11 THRU 27

<https://www.32auctions.com/2022BodhiBoutique>



## Senshin Temple's BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

joyfully offers a diverse collection of vintage items in our Virtual Bodhi Boutique. The featured items have been gently used by our temple's members and friends and are now available for purchase and enjoyment for yourself or as a holiday gift. All items will be sold as is. This is not an auction, but rather a sale with set "Buy Now" prices. Thank you very much for your support and generous dana.

- ❖ Boutique will be open November 11th through 27th
- ❖ Items will be available for pick up on December 3rd, 4th, 10th and 11th from 10am until 12noon at Senshin Buddhist Temple

❖ Cash or check accepted upon pick up.  
*No credit cards accepted*

❖ Credit card donations via 32auctions will incur an additional transaction fee

❖ Questions: [BWAuction@gmail.com](mailto:BWAuction@gmail.com)

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| SUNDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY                                       | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|
|   | <b>1</b><br>10:30a-2p WasabiKai<br>Open Studio | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br>10:30a-2p WasabiKai<br>Open Studio<br>7p Temple Board Meeting                  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br>TBD Fundraiser,<br>USC Parking (Cal)                  |
| <b>6</b> Daylight Savings Time Ends   | <b>7</b>                                       | <b>8</b><br>10:30a-2p WasabiKai<br>Open Studio  | <b>9</b>   | <b>10</b><br>10:30a-2p WasabiKai<br>Open Studio                               | <b>11</b><br>6:30p Fundraiser,<br>USC Parking (Colorado Buffalos) |
| <b>9:45a</b> Japanese Dharma Message<br><b>10a</b> 70th Anniversary Service<br>Monthly Memorial Service/ <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> Followed by Keiro Kai Group Photo, Luncheon and Entertainment |  |   |  |   |   |
| <b>13</b><br>8:30a BWA <i>Reikai</i><br>10a Family Service, Rev. Masao Kodani, BCA Minister Emeritus  | <b>14</b><br>7p <i>Zadankai</i>                | <b>15</b><br>10:30a-2p WasabiKai<br>Open Studio | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b><br>10:30a-2p WasabiKai<br>Open Studio                               | <b>18</b>   |
|   |  |   |  |   | <b>19</b>   |
| <b>20</b><br>10a Family Service<br>11a Chanting Class: <i>Shoya-raisan</i><br>12noon General Meeting  | <b>21</b>                                      | <b>22</b><br>10:30a-2p WasabiKai<br>Open Studio | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b> Thanksgiving  | <b>25</b>   |
|   |  |   |  |   | <b>26</b><br>TBD Fundraiser,<br>USC Parking (Notre Dame)          |
| <b>27</b><br>10a Family Service<br>11a Chanting Class: <i>Shoya-raisan</i>  | <b>28</b>                                      | <b>29</b><br>10:30a-2p WasabiKai<br>Open Studio | <b>30</b><br>6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin, Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu 1-5 (online) | <b>Dec 1</b><br>10:30a-2p WasabiKai<br>Open Studio<br>7p Temple Board Meeting | <b>Dec 2</b>  |
|   |  |   |  |   | <b>Dec 3</b>  |

## NOVEMBER TOBAN:

**November Service Toban** Temple  
**November Hondo Toban** Wilbur Takashima, Iris Takashima,  
 Glen Isomoto, Joyce Isomoto

## NOVEMBER Onaijin Flower TOBAN:

**November 5** Sandra Aguilar  
**November 12** Ikuko / Kaz Matsubayashi  
**November 19** Joyce Isomoto  
**November 26** Linda / Koichi Uyemura  
**December 3** Wendy / Johnny Mori

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

## UPCOMING IN DECEMBER 2022

**December 4** Bodhi Day Service  
**December 10** Mochitsuki  
**December 11** Osoji Temple Cleanup  
**December 31** Joya-e, End of year service