

The Founder of Jōdo Shū
The 800th Memorial Anniversary of Hōnen Shōnin
 浄土宗 宗祖法然上人八百年大遠忌

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“...Namu Amida Butsu, Namu Amida Bu” Ten Recitations by No One But You

Every year on Memorial Day weekend, ministers of LA Buddhist Church Federation visit cemeteries to observe a memorial service for veterans. At Evergreen cemetery, where I participated in the service, many people joined in a line of incense offering under the heat of early summer. The first half of this year is almost gone and Bon/Segaki service draws near. It feels as if Bon/Segaki service in July is like a turning point which falls in the middle of a year.

A bamboo stalk is very strong and supple because it has joints. The more joints a bamboo wears, the taller it grows straight. We also have joints in every part of our body that enable us to make physical actions. The function of our body attributes to the existence and movement of numerous joints. Joints seen in a bamboo and our body play an indispensable role of their physical development. Then, let us think about what serves as a joint indispensable for our mental development.

There are a lot of due dates in our social lives that urges something needs to be done in a certain period of time. For instance, if we do not prepare for an examination before its date, we would fail to pass the exam. Though it is discouraging, this kind of failure is not critical to the substance of our mentality. However, let us imagine how we are to be prepared against such critical issues as aging, illness and death that are derived from the birth of our lives. These are the issues where we are unable to know their due dates in advance. Let us think of each regular service as a joint for our religious mentality which provides us an opportunity to reflect upon ourselves periodically during a year. Then, Bon/Segaki service may serve as a joint during the first half of this year to reflect upon what we did or did not do through a remembrance of our loved ones. And please regard “Goju Soden” of this winter as a joint in one’s whole life to establish a solid ground on which our faith stands in order to face the unavoidable issues of life.

Namu Amida Butsu

Kodo Tanaka



「...なむあみだぶつ、なむあみだぶ」 あなたが称えるお十念

例年メモリアル・デイの週末は各墓地にてロサンゼルス仏教連合会による戦没者追悼会が行われており、エヴァーグリーン墓地での追悼会に出仕しました。徐々に夏らくなった熱い陽射しの中、多くの方々が先人の供養に参詣されました。来月は早お盆・大施餓鬼会を迎えます。7月のお盆は一年のほぼ真ん中、大事な節目となる法要です。

例えば竹は強しなやかな植物ですが、それは「節」があるからです。「節」が多くなるほど高くまっすぐに伸びていきます。私達の体にも関節という多くの「節」があります。関節があり、それが働いているからこそ身体が動きます。「節」は竹や人の身体の働きに不可欠な役割を果たしています。では、人の心には「節」は要らないでしょうか。例えば社会生活には期日という「節目」があります。試験が近づくまで勉強を始める心持にならず結局試験に失敗するのはよくあることですが、命を取られる問題ではありません。しかし、生まれた以上避けられない「老・病・死」の問題についてはどうでしょう。こうした人生の諸問題が訪れる期日を事前に知ることはできません。どうぞ年間定例大法要のすべてを、一年間を通じて自分の心を見つめる「節目」とお考え下さい。お盆はご先祖の供養を通じ念仏に励み、この上半期自分の成すこと成さざることを省みる心の「節目」となると存じます。そして今冬の『五重相伝会』は一生の「節目」たる法会と心得いただき、一人でも多くの皆様が入行されることをお願いいたします。南無阿弥陀仏

田中孝道

DECEMBER 10 (Fri), 11 (Sat), 12 (Sun), 2010
GOJU SODEN(The Fivefold Transmission Retreat)
Three-day Buddhist Practice of Jodo Shu

12月10日(金)・11日(土)・12日(日)
『五重相伝会(ごじゅうそうでんえ)』開筵(かいえん)
信仰と修行を育む三日間の修養道場



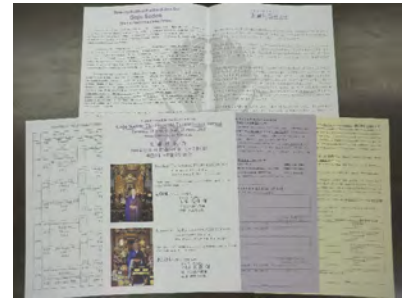
Preacher: Rev. Ryokei Arimoto
Daikyo-ji temple, Osaka
勸誡師：有本亮啓先生
(大阪 大鏡寺)



Instructor: Rev. Gyoken Honda
Myouin-ji temple, Shimane
教授師：本田行憲先生
(島根 妙雲寺)



Special Prayer: Rev. Gyokei Honda
Gokuraku-ji temple, Shimane
回向師：本田行敬先生
(島根 極楽寺)



Goju Soden Pamflet & Applications
五重相伝会申込書

“Goju Soden” is a traditional retreat for Jodo Shu followers for the transmittal of the essence of the teachings of Honen Shonin. This significant religious event of Jodo Shu will be observed for the first time in the Continental United States. During the 3 days of this retreat, special sermons and rituals (English translation provided) and Nembutsu practice will be provided exclusively for participants. Please DO NOT miss this precious opportunity for Jodo Shu followers not only to understand the teachings logically but also to internalize it through the religious experience and practice which only “Goju Soden” can bring.

We are receiving applications from our local congregation and also from followers outside the state of California. So far, we received the application and inquiry regarding this retreat from almost 40 individuals. If you have not subscribed, please enroll as soon as possible by returning the applications attached to the pamphlet (see photo).

We wish to report that more than 10 ministers, besides the 3 priests introduced in the photo posted as above, will kindly visit Los Angeles from Japan to observe this retreat. A special prayer (Okuri Goju Eko) will be extended to your loved ones led by Rev. Gyokei Honda with all attending ministers. Please apply for this conferral of Goju for your loved ones, who did not have a chance to participate in “Goju Soden” in their lifetime.

『五重相伝会(ごじゅうそうでんえ)』は法然上人の教えの真髓を受者一人一人に授けるために行われ、浄土宗檀信徒が一生に一度は必ず入行する伝統的修養会です。

来る12月10日(金)～12日(日)の三日間、宗祖法然上人800年大遠忌を記念し、アメリカ本土で初めてとなる『五重相伝会』をロサンゼルスに於いて勤めます。『五重相伝会』でしかできない信仰体験を通じ、教えを頭で理解するに留まらず、念仏の信仰と修行をしかと身と心に修める大切な法会です。

昨年8月の案内開始以来、檀信徒の皆様をはじめ、東部などカリフォルニア州外の方々など40名程の方々から参加希望を受けております。申込お済でない方は、至急パンフレット(上記写真右参照)添付の申込書にご記入の上返送下さい。

有り難いことに、上記三名の役職先生方のみならず10名以上の僧侶の方々もロサンゼルスでの『五重相伝会』を勤めるために日本より参加されます。日程中、回向師本田行敬先生お導きのもと出仕僧侶全員で一霊一霊ねんごろに回向する「贈五重回向(おくりごじゅうえこう)」を勤めます。生前に五重相伝を受ける機会を得ず亡くなられた方々のための最上の供養です。入行と共に申込下さい。

Gyoki Service (Memorial Svc for Honen Shonin)

Prayer for the Overseas Ministers/Mizuko Kuyo



Gyoki service was observed on Sunday, January 24th. Memorial Service for Honen Shonin (1133-1212) is specially called “Gyoki” to commemorate His ministry that pioneered Pure Land Buddhism in Japan which equally enabled common people to attain birth in the Pure Land of Amida Buddha through the practice of “Namu Amida Butsu.” A special prayer was offered for the late ministers who served the propagation of Nembutsu in the United States. Also in the service, 3 memorial tablets were offered to extend a prayer for children who unfortunately passed away at birth or in their childhood.

New Year’ Party followed at the 1F Hall. The congregation enjoyed the traditional New Year’s cuisine served by Fujinkai and entertainment of a traditional shamisen performance by an American young boy.

Intensive Study Program of Bukkyo Univ. Los Angeles

In February, Bukkyo University-Los Angeles Extension held its 32nd intensive study program with 22 Bukkyo Univ. students from Japan. Traditionally, the students start their day worshipping Amida Buddha at the main hall and engaging in clean-ups. It was impressive that their daily morning prayer became longer and more earnest day by day while they worked hard on each of their programs. There was another joyful moment when they exchanged greetings in English with our temple supporters who visited the temple for a memorial service.



御忌会 / 先亡開教使追悼回向 / 水子供養

1月24日(日)、御忌会を勤めました。浄土宗を開かれた法然上人(1133 - 1212)ご命日の法要は特別に「御忌(ぎよき)」と呼ばれます。「阿弥陀仏の本願を信じ南無阿弥陀仏と称えることで誰もが等しく極楽浄土に往き生まれることができる」と説き、誰でもどこでも行える念仏の教えを広めた法然上人を偲び、そのご恩に感謝する法要です。法要では、その念仏の教えを伝えることにアメリカで尽力された先亡開教使先生方の追悼回向、また3霊の水子供養を勤めました。



法要に引き続き1階ホールで新年会が行われ、婦人会によるお赤飯・お雑煮・三味線演奏を楽しみました。



佛教大学ロサンゼルス校集中講座



2月、佛教大学ロサンゼルス校の第32回集中講座が行われ、22名の佛教大学生が研修を行いました。いつも学生達の一日は本堂でのお参りと館内外の清掃から始まります。毎日プログラムに真剣に取り組む生活の中で、日を追うごとに学生達の朝のお参りが長く、熱心になっていったのは特に印象深いものでした。また、年回法要に参詣した当院の檀信徒家族と学生達が英語で挨拶を交わし互いに親しく交流するという、喜ばしい一幕もありました。

Spring Higan Service/Mizuko Kuyo



Spring Higan service was observed on Sunday, March 14th, which happened to be the day that daylight saving time started. The congregation recited “Ichimai Kisho-mon (Single Sheet Covenant of Honen Shonin)” and sang “Tsukikage (Moonlight) in the service to accompany the recitations of “Namu Amida Butsu.” We extended a special prayer for ancestors of our congregation and also for four (4) deceased children with a memorial tablet. Mizuko kuyo (memorial services for deceased children) started in spring 2008 as a new effort of our temple. We have been observing it for two years not only at regular services but also at any time when requested. Almost 50 memorial tablets were offered so far to pray for deceased children. We wish to continue this service to contribute spiritually to the families who lost their loving children. Luncheon followed the service and Fujinkai served a lunchbox for the congregation. Everyone, a bit sleepy by the time-change, enjoyed a warm day of early spring.

Introduction of Presentation Copies BOOKS ON BUDDHISM BY REV. KODO MATSUNAMI

We would like to thank Rev. Kodo Matsunami, former overseas minister, at Kinryuji-temple, Tochigi, Japan, for donating his works in English. The following books are available at the temple (see photo on the right). If you are interested, please visit or call the temple office.

- **Light in Dark Times (Available)**
- **New Perspective**
-Living Our Lives the Buddhist Way (2 copies)
- **Essentials of Buddhist Manners and Rituals**
-A Practical Guide (3 copies)
- **Awakening to the Infinite Light**
-The Heart of Amitabha Sutra (1 copy)

*A donation of \$10 per copy is appreciated.

春 彼 岸 法 要 / 水 子 供 養

奇しくも夏時間が始まる日となった3月14日(日)、春彼岸法要・水子供養を勤めました。法要では、参詣者一同で「一枚起請文」を唱え「宗歌つきかげ」を斉唱、木魚念仏にて檀信徒各家の彼岸回向を行いました。水子供養では4霊の塔婆供養を行い、早世された檀信徒子女の念仏回向を勤めました。水子供養は、亡くなられたお子様の供養を望む方々のために、当院の新たな試みとして2年前の春彼岸より始めました。定例大法要のみに限らず随時受付けており、これまでに50霊ほどのお子様の塔婆供養を勤めてきました。今後も続けていきたいと思っております。法要後のお齋では婦人会によるお弁当が供され、参詣者共々早春の一日を楽しみました。



寄 贈 図 書 の 紹 介

「日本人として心が豊かになる仏事とお勤め 浄土宗」



以前のニューズレターにて紹介しましたが、一昨年長野県安養寺ご住職服部淳一先生よりご著書『日本人として心が豊かになる仏事とお勤め 浄土宗』のご寄贈をいただきました。折に触れお檀家の皆様にお分けしてまいりましたが、わずかですが在庫がございます。ご希望の方は急ぎ寺務所までご連絡下さい。



**Notice: BON/SEGAKI SERVICE & Mizuko Kuyo
SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2010**

10:30 a.m. Sermon*: Rev. Gyoken Honda

11:00 a.m. Service

12:00 p.m. Luncheon: Welcome party for Rev. Koju Ito

*English summary will be provided

Bon/Segaki Service pays tribute annually to the deceased by offering a memorial tablet (toba) to extend a special prayer. Please apply for this special prayer and attend the service. We will also offer a special prayer for unborn/newborn/early deceased children combining with annual prayer for our ancestors.

In December, we will observe “Goju Soden (The Five-fold Transmission Retreat of Jodo Shu).” Rev. Gyoken Honda, who will serve as instructor at the retreat, will visit Los Angeles for Bon/Segaki Service consecutively from last summer (see P. 3). Rev. Honda will deliver a sermon about the significance and mental preparation about this special retreat. Also, Rev. Koju Ito is arriving from Japan in early June to serve as an additional minister at our temple. A welcome party for Rev. Ito will be held at the luncheon after the service. Please attend this service with your family.

Photographs from LABCF Hanamatsuri



**法要案内：お盆・大施餓鬼会 / 水子供養
2010年7月11日(日)**

午前10時30分 法話:本田 行憲師(浄土宗常任布教師)

午前11時 法要

午後12時 お斉・伊藤孝樹開教使歓迎会

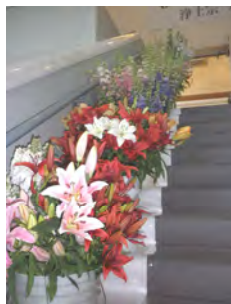
お盆・大施餓鬼会では塔婆供養を勤めます。ご先祖のため、塔婆供養をお申込下さい。参詣の際昨年のお塔婆をご持参の上、新しい塔婆をご自宅の仏壇にお祀り下さい。また、お盆・大施餓鬼会に併せて水子供養を勤めます。各塔婆供養申込については法要通知を参照下さい。

本年12月の『五重相伝会』にて参加者の作法等の指導にあたる役職・教授師をお勤め下さる本田行憲(ほんだ ぎょうけん)先生(3ページ参照)が、昨年に続き日本から来られます。法話にて『五重相伝会』の意義・心得についてお話を頂戴いたします。

またこの6月初旬、日本より伊藤孝樹(いとう こうじゅ)師が新任開教使として当院に赴任、法務に加わります。法要後、お斉に併せて伊藤先生の歓迎会を催します。どうぞご家族揃って法要に参詣下さい。

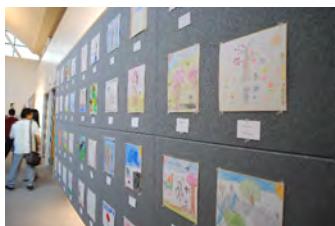
ロサンゼルス仏教連合会「花祭り」の様子





Los Angeles Buddhist Church Federation that consists of 7 temples annually observes the Hanamatsuri service to celebrate the Buddha's birth. Jodo Shu served as the chair temple this year and the event took place at our temple on Sunday, April 11th with about 150 worshippers including followers from the LABCF affiliated temples and people from our community. We wish to briefly report the event as follows.

Though forecast as rainy, it didn't rain on that afternoon and the temple started to fill with people by noon when the reception began. Visitors were welcomed by the sight of many flowers lining at the entrance. These flowers were graciously donated by volunteering stores from the Flower Market. Entering the main hall, the visitors were also welcomed by hundreds of colorful drawings decorating every wall. The visitors offered sweet tea one after another at the Hanamatsuri altar and enjoyed the exhibition.



The event started at 1:00 p.m. with the dedication of Bugaku performance by Kinnara Gagaku of Senshin Buddhist Temple, Los Angeles. Accompanied by the unique sound of traditional Japanese wind instruments and drums, two repertoires were performed by 4 dancers and 2 dancers, both dressed with splendid costumes as seen in photos posted above. The processional of LABCF 15 ministers followed the Bugaku performance. The ministers chanted with melody accompanied by Gagaku and recited the Three Treasures (taking refuge in Buddha, Dharma and Sangha) both in Japanese and English. During the sutra chanting, sweet tea offering was practiced in turn by the representatives of the affiliated temples and other supporting groups such as Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California and Japanese Prefectural Associations.

ロサンゼルス仏教連合会(日本仏教六宗派七ヶ寺)では、毎春お釈迦様の説かれた教えからテーマを定め、宗派を超え合同で『花祭り』を勤めています。今年は浄土宗が担当寺院となり4月11日(日)、当院を会場に『思いやり』をテーマとして『花祭り』が行われました。各宗寺院の檀信徒を中心に一般のアメリカ人・日本人など150名ほどが参詣され、共にお釈迦様の誕生をお祝いしました。以下に『花祭り』の様子を簡単にレポートします。

当日は心配されていた雨も降らず、正午より参詣の方々に賑わい始めました。受付を通る参詣者を迎えるのは、入口から本堂まで飾られた花々です。花は毎年ご協力いただくフラワーマーケットの有志店舗からのドネーションです。本堂では壁いっぱい子ども達の多彩な絵が展示され、堂内を華やかに彩っています。ステージ正面に設置された花御堂では参詣者が一人ずつ甘茶を注ぎ手を合わせ、その後思い思いに絵を鑑賞しています。



午後1時、まずロサンゼルス洗心寺のキンナラ雅楽による舞楽奉納で花祭りが始まりました。管絃・太鼓の調べに乗り鮮やかな衣装をまとった舞人が登場、四人舞と二人舞が奉納されました(上記写真参照)。舞楽が終わると引き続き雅楽が奏でられる中各宗寺院の先生方15師が入堂、法要が始まりました。雅楽を伴う声明、仏法僧(ぶつぼうそう)への皈依を誓う三皈依文(日英)が粛々と唱えられ、読経中は各宗寺院代表者や南加日系商工会議所・全国県人会協議会など日系諸団体の代表灌仏が行われました。



The award ceremony of the annual art contest took place after the service. “Spring” served as the theme for the children’s artwork and almost 250 entries were submitted by children of the LABCF affiliated temples and a Japanese elementary school, whose age ranged from 0 years old to high school student. Among them, 31 entries were submitted from our temple. Also, “thoughtfulness” served as the theme for the photo contest and almost 20 photographs were submitted. A trophy and commemorative gifts were presented to all the winners at the ceremony. Congratulations!

This year’s Hanamatsuri featured the commemorative lecture “Omoiyari - Ordinary Compassion” by Dr. Glenn T. Webb, Professor Emeritus of Pepperdine University, who recently served as lecturer at our temple’s 70th anniversary commemorative service (November 2007) and the BULA international academic seminar (March 2009). Since the concept of “Omoiyari” became one of the main topics dealt in the academic seminar last year, Dr. Webb’s lecture became a precious opportunity for us to clarify its meaning and the way to put it into practice. To briefly summarize the lecture presented both in English and Japanese, Dr. Webb made a point simply from his studies and experiences in religions, cultures and arts as follows: If you speak Japanese, preserve the respectful language (keigo). If you speak English, say “Please” and say “Thank you.” “Omoiyari - ordinary compassion” will be cultivated naturally through the practice of the respectful language, traditional Japanese arts such as tea, flower arrangement and martial arts, and Buddhist practices like “Nembutsu.” These practices were developed upon the Buddhist concept of “Jihi (compassion),” mindfulness of others (For further details of his lecture, please refer to his paper printed in the Hanamatsuri booklet.) An about 20-minute Q&A session between Dr. Webb and the audience followed and the event concluded in amicable applause.

法要に続き『花祭りアート・コンテスト』の表彰式が行われました。これは毎年『花祭り』に併せて開催される子どもの絵画コンテストです。今年のテーマは「春」で、0歳児から高校生を対象に各宗寺院檀信徒子女・日系小学校児童から約250点もの作品が寄せられました。当院檀信徒子女からも31点の作品が出品されました。近年行われている写真展は「思いやり」をテーマに約20点の作品が出品されました。表彰式では受賞者にトロフィーと記念品が贈られ、記念撮影。受賞者の皆様おめでとうございます。作品をお寄せいただいた皆様、ありがとうございました。



表彰式の後、ペパーダイン大学名誉教授グレン・ウェブ博士による記念講演(日英)が行われました。ウェブ先生には『浄土宗北米開教70周年記念法要(2007年11月)』『佛教大学LA校学術セミナー(2009年3月)』でも講師をお務めいただいております。特に「思いやり」というテーマは昨年の学術セミナーで大きく取り上げられており、当院にとっては改めてそれを学ぶ機会となりました。ウェブ先生の講演からは次のようなメッセージが明確に示されていたと思います。「日本語の敬語を大事にしよう。英語のプリーズ、そしてサンキューを大事にしよう。こうした言葉遣い、茶道・華道・武道などの伝統芸術の稽古、そして念仏など仏道修行を実践することは私達一人一人の中に思いやりを育むでしょう。敬語・伝統芸術・仏道修行の根底には他者への慈悲があります。」(講義内容については「花祭りブックレット」所収の論文を参照下さい)講演後20分ほど質疑応答が行われ、ウェブ先生と参詣者との間で和やかに熱心な会話が交わされました。

当院担当で行われた今年の「花祭り」も無事盛会に終了することができました。お手伝い下さった檀信徒皆様に感謝申し上げます。多くの方々の参詣をいただき、地域の皆様に広く当院を紹介する一日となったと存じます。(田中孝道記)

We wish to thank our congregation for their support which led this Hanamatsuri a great success. Fortunately, it also became a chance to introduce our temple publicly to our community. (Kodo Tanaka)

Condolences

Mr. Morio Mike Kawahara January 26, 2010
 Mr. Randy Tanaka February 17, 2010
 Mrs. Ruby Matsuda March 31, 2010
 Mrs. Chieko Shoda April 30, 2010

Memorial Services for Your Loved Ones

Memorial services are observed on the date of passing (mei-nichi), which comes every year, and at the anniversaries (nen-kai), which comes every 4-6 years (see P.12). It is an opportunity for the family not only to reward the deceased but also to nurture religious faith among the family.

- To schedule a service, try not to be late for the date of passing of your loved ones.
- Prepare flowers/ fruit/sweets offering for the altar.
- Services can be observed either at the temple or your home altar.

*If a loved one is very ill or your family is in crisis such as bereavement, please call the temple office immediately.

How to recite “Namu Amida Butsu?” Daily Practice of Ten Recitations (Ju-nen)

At services, we offer flowers, fruit and incense to the altar. However, what is most important when worshipping is that YOU recite “Namu Amida Butsu.” Junen (ten recitations) serves as the fundamental practice for us, the Jodo Shu followers. The following is a sample of how you follow through the ten recitations. Even though you may be already familiar with it at services, please try it in your daily lives.

Press the palms together in front of your chest (gassho) and repeat “Namu Ami Dabu” four (4) times.

NAMU AMI DABU
 NAMU AMI DABU
 NAMU AMI DABU
 NAMU AMI DABU (breath)

Take a breath and repeat another four (4) times.

NAMU AMI DABU
 NAMU AMI DABU
 NAMU AMI DABU
 NAMU AMI DABU (breath)

After taking a breath, recite “Namu Amida Butsu” at the ninth (9) time and conclude the tenth slowly with a bow (“Na-Mu Amida-Bu”).

NAMU AMI DABUTSU
 NA-MU AMIDA- BU- (bow)

お悔やみ

河原 もりお・マイク様
 田中 ランディ様
 松田 留美様
 正田 千恵子様

命日には法事を勤めましょう

故人の葬儀後、毎年やってくる命日を「祥月命日(しょうつきめいにち)」といいます。また数年おきに「年回忌(ねんかいき)」があります(12ページ年回表参照)。ご先祖なくして今の自分はありません。法事は亡くなられた方々に感謝を捧げると共に自分自身の信仰と念仏行を深める大切な機会です。ご先祖の命日には必ず法事をお勤め下さい。

- 命日に遅れないように法事をご予定下さい。
- お花・お供物をご用意下さい。
- 法事は寺院にて、またご自宅のお仏壇にてお勤めできます。

ご家族が危篤あるいはご不幸の際には、すぐに寺務所までご連絡下さい。

「... なむあみだぶつ、なむあみだぶ」 お十念の称え方

お参りでは仏前に花・供物・香を供養しますが、何よりも大事なことは私達一人一人が心を込め「南無阿弥陀仏」と声に出して称えること(念仏)です。その基本の形が十念であり、「南無阿弥陀仏」を常に十遍ずつ称えることです。法要の際にお馴染みと思いますが、どのように十遍のお念仏を称えるか、改めて紹介します。仏前で、食前食後に、日々の生活の中でお称え下さい。

胸の前で合掌し「なむあみだぶ」と4遍称えます。

なむあみだぶ
 なむあみだぶ
 なむあみだぶ
 なむあみだぶ(息)

息を継ぎ、再び4遍「なむあみだぶ」と称えます。

なむあみだぶ
 なむあみだぶ
 なむあみだぶ
 なむあみだぶ(息)

息を継ぎ、9遍目のみ「なむあみだぶつ」と称え、最後ゆっくり「な-む あみだ-ぶ-」と称え礼をします。

なむあみだぶつ
 な-む あみだ-ぶ- (礼)

Introducing Our Temple Supporter
- MRS. NAKAKO TOMITA -



Mrs. Nakako Tomita and the Family at the service

Since my parents belonged to a Jodo Shu Temple in Japan, my family has been visiting and supporting the Los Angeles temple of Jodo Shu. Especially, my mother participated in the “Goju Soden” in Wakayama, Japan. I remember accompanying my parents’ visit to the temple when Bishop Nozaki managed the temple activities. After the passing of my parents, I have been taking care of the family altar at my home for more than twenty years.

Last year, we observed the 25th memorial anniversary service for my parents at our temple. Two younger sisters of mine, one in California and the other coming from Japan, attended the service with their families. It was an impressive moment for me to learn that three generations of our family assembled in Los Angeles to worship at the temple together for our parents. To my pleasure, my grandchildren and a daughter of my nephew started their relationship with the temple since our family attended the 70th anniversary commemorative service in 2007. It is so grateful that the relationship between the temple and our family is continuing through the generations.

This winter is a special winter because the “Goju Soden” is going to be observed for the first time in California. I really appreciate this occasion which will enable me to follow what my mother experienced in Goju Soden long time ago. I wish to continue worshipping and supporting our temple with my family.

Nakako Tomita

お檀家のご紹介 富田南加子さん

日本の実家が浄土宗のお寺の檀家でしたので、私の家族はずっとロサンゼルスでも浄土宗にお世話になっており、母は和歌山で『五重相伝』を受けたことがあります。野崎先生がおられた頃、よく両親と共に御寺をお参りしたことを思い出します。両親を亡くしてから20年以上自宅で仏壇をお護りしています。

昨年勤めた両親の25回忌では、二人の妹家族(一人は在米、一人は在日本)も参詣、我が家の三世代が揃って法要を勤めることができ、印象深い一日となりました。2007年の70周年記念法要以来孫達や甥の娘とお寺との関わりが始まり、世代を連ねてお寺とのご縁が深まっていることを嬉しく思っています。

私にとって今年の冬は特別です。かつて母が受けた『五重相伝』に参詣し、その経験を共にする機会をいただいたと有り難く思っています。今後も家族で協力し、共に御参りしていきたいと思っております。

富田 南加子

Fujinkai 2010 Membership Donation (婦人会寄付芳名)

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| Arai, Mr. Kenji | Blae, Ms. Yoko |
| Doiuchi, Ms. Nancy | Gutierrez, Mrs. Emi |
| Hatanaka, Mrs. Amy | Horiuchi, Mrs. Yoko |
| Ikemura, Mrs. Fujino | Inoue, Mr. & Mrs. Ryuichi |
| Inoue, Mrs. Sayoko | Ishii, Mrs. Emiko |
| Kawahara, Mrs. Setsuko | Kishi, Mrs. Fumiko |
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| Ogawa, Mrs. Aileen T. | Okamoto, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Y. |
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| Russell, Ms. Eleanor M. | Shirtcliff, Mrs. Yukie |
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| Tanabe, Mrs. Kay Chiyoko | Tanabe, Mrs. Mihoko |
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| Tomita, Mrs. Nakako | Tsuji, Mrs. Fusako |
| Tsukamoto, Mrs. Sakiko | Yamamoto, Mrs. Kimiyo |
| Yasuda, Mrs. Eiko | Yokoyama, Ms. Yoshiko |
| Yoshimura, Mrs. Sachiko | |

Fujinkai Special Donation

Jan 18- May 31, 2010

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| Kawahara, Mrs. Setsuko | Rikimaru, Mrs. Hiroko |
| Tomita, Mrs. Nakako | |

Special Donation (特別寄付) *continued from P.11

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| For juzu (prayer beads) | Mar | Goi, Mr. & Mrs. Shigeharu |
| Igawa, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin | Apr | Okamoto, Mr. Eugene |
| Kawahara, Mrs. Setsuko | | LABCF |
| Kirshner, Ms. Courtney | | Tanaka, Mrs. Hisayo |
| Feb Okamoto, Mr. Eugene | May | Okamoto, Mr. Eugene |
| | | LA BEAT |

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS – From January 18 to May 31, 2010-

Thank you for your donations. We appreciate your advice for correction in the following listings.

皆様のご喜捨に感謝申し上げます。下記芳名リストに訂正等ございましたらご通知下さい。次号にて訂正させていただきます。

<p><u>Monthly Memorial Service</u> (祥月命日)</p> <p>Jan Murakawa, Mr. & Mrs. Junichi</p> <p>Feb Hatanaka, Mrs. Amy Ikemura, Mrs. Fujino Kondo, Mr. & Mrs. Kazumi Nakamoto, Mrs. Sadame Yamada, Dr. Shokei</p> <p>Mar Arai, Mr. Kenji Takeda, Mr. & Mrs. Masamichi</p> <p>Apr Shoda, Mrs. Chieko</p> <p><u>Monthly Service @Home/Nokotsudo</u>(月忌)</p> <p>Feb-May Horiuchi, Mrs. Yoko</p> <p>Mar Kawahara, Mrs. Setsuko</p> <p>May Kawahara, Mrs. Setsuko</p> <p><u>Funeral Service</u> (葬儀)</p> <p>Hirashima, Mrs. Elaine M. Kawahara, Mrs. Setsuko Shoda-Scott, Mrs. Jayne</p> <p><u>Anniversary Memorial Service</u> (中陰・年回忌)</p> <p>7th Day Tanaka, Mrs. Hitomi</p> <p>14th Day Tanaka, Mrs. Hitomi</p> <p>21st Day Tanaka, Mrs. Hitomi</p> <p>28th Day Tanaka, Mrs. Hitomi</p> <p>35th Day Kawahara, Mrs. Setsuko Tanaka, Mrs. Hitomi</p> <p>42nd Day Tanaka, Mrs. Hitomi</p> <p>49th Day Kawahara, Mrs. Setsuko Tanaka, Mrs. Hitomi Hirashima, Mrs. Elaine M.</p> <p>100th Day Kawahara, Mrs. Setsuko Igawa, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin T. Tanaka, Mrs. Hitomi</p> <p>1 Year Doiuchi, Ms. Nancy Kitajima, Mrs. Mae Yaeko</p> <p>3rd Suzuki, Mrs. Elizabeth Nagata, Mrs. June</p> <p>7th Yasuda, Mr. & Mrs. Tetsuya Yasuda, Mrs. Sumiyo (Sp Donation) Kishina, Mr. Masahiro</p> <p>13th Kawakami, Mr. Thomas Saito, Mr. & Mrs. Hideki</p>	<p>17th Tanioka, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Kuroki, Mr. & Mrs. Yoshihiro Gutierrez, Mrs. Emi F.</p> <p><u>Purification Service</u> (厄除供養)</p> <p>Denk, Mrs. Masami Miyazawa, Ms. Rie Sato, Ms. Kumi</p> <p><u>Gyoki Service/Mizuko Kuyo</u> (御忌会・水子供養)</p> <p>Doiuchi, Ms. Nancy Hatanaka, Mrs. Amy Horiuchi, Mrs. Yoko Ikemura, Mrs. Fujino Inoue, Mr. & Mrs. Hiroshi Inoue, Mr. & Mrs. Kazumasa Koyanagi, Ms. Katherine Kudo, Mr. & Mrs. Koji Nakamoto, Mrs. Sadame (Tanimine) Ogawa, Mrs. Aileen T. Okamura, Ms. Nobuko Rikimaru, Mrs. Hiroko Russell, Ms. Eleanor M. Shirtcliff, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Shoda, Mrs. Chieko Suehiro, Mr. Robert Takagi, Mr. Akira Takaki, Mrs. Etsuko Tanabe, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Y. Tanabe, Mrs. Shizuko Tanaka, Mrs. Hisayo Tomita, Mr. & Mrs. Jim A. Yamashita, Ms. Tomomi</p> <p><u>New Year's Party</u> (新年会)</p> <p>Rikimaru, Mrs. Hiroko Rice Ikemura, Mrs. Fujino Cake Tomita, Mrs. Nakako</p>	<p><u>Spring Higan Service/Mizuko Kuyo</u> (春彼岸会・水子供養)</p> <p>Hatanaka, Mrs. Amy Horiuchi, Mrs. Yoko Ikemura, Mrs. Fujino Inoue, Mr. & Mrs. Hiroshi Inoue, Mr. & Mrs. Kazumasa Iseri, Mrs. Nobue Koyanagi, Ms. Katherine Miyakawa, Mr. Manabu Nakamoto, Mrs. Sadame (Tanimine) Niji, Mrs. Aiko Nishikubo, Ms. Naomi Ogawa, Mrs. Aileen T. Okamoto, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Okamura, Ms. Nobuko Ota, Mr. & Mrs. Seiichi Rikimaru, Mrs. Hiroko Sakaguchi, Mrs. Otake T. Shirtcliff, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Shoda, Mrs. Chieko Suehiro, Mr. Robert Takagi, Mr. Akira Takagaki, Mrs. Mine Takaki, Mrs. Etsuko Tanabe, Mrs. Shizuko Tanabe, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Y. Tanaka, Mrs. Hisayo Tomita, Mr. & Mrs. Jim A. Yahiro, Mrs. Akemi Yamamoto, Mr. & Mrs. Sam O. Yokoyama, Ms. Yoshiko Sweets Takagaki, Mrs. Mine Rice Ota, Mr. & Mrs. Seiichi Yasuda, Mr. & Mrs. Tetsuya</p> <p><u>Hanamatsuri</u> (花祭り)</p> <p>Kawahara, Mrs. Setsuko Miyazaki, Mr. & Mrs. Mack M. Tomita, Mr. & Mrs. Jim A. LA Buddhist Church Federation</p>
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2010 Temple Support Dues Acknowledgement by May 31, 2010 護持会費納入ご芳名(5/31/10 現在)

Temple Support Dues (\$200) is an essential fund to which the temple members/supporters contribute annually for the temple to provide religious services for its congregation. Please refer to the following listings and if you inadvertently did not complete the TSD 2009 or 2010, we would sincerely appreciate your contributions to fill our temple's vital fund. Your understanding and contribution is most appreciated.

護持会費（\$200）は檀信徒各家に毎年お納めいただく浄財で、一年間寺院を維持し、檀信徒各家の葬儀・年回・定例法要等の宗教活動を行うのに不可欠な財源です。現在、今年度（2010）護持会費納入をお願いしております。下記の芳名リストをご参照いただき、今年度分並びに2009年度分未納・分納の方はどうぞ納入にご協力お願い申し上げます。

Temple Support Dues 2009

Arai, Mr. Kenji
Arichi, Mr. & Mrs. Toshihiro
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Goi, Mr. & Mrs. Shigeharu
Hatanaka, Mrs. Amy
Horiuchi, Mrs. Yoko
Ikemura, Mrs. Fujino
Inoue, Mr. & Mrs. Hiroshi
Ishii, Mr. & Mrs. Nobuo (2/2)
Kishi, Mrs. Fumiko
Kishimoto, Mrs. Teru
Kitajima, Mrs. Mae Y.
Kobayashi, Mr. & Mrs. Kenji
Kondo, Mr. & Mrs. Kazumi
Koyanagi, Ms. Katherine
Kudo, Mr. & Mrs. Koji (3, 4/4)
Kuniyuki, Mr. & Mrs. Gary
Maruyama, Mrs. Etsuko
Misumi, Ms. Etsuko
Miyakawa, Mr. Manabu
Miyazaki, Mr. & Mrs. Mack
Nakamoto, Mrs. Sadame
Narasaki, Mrs. Shizuko (2/2)
Naruko, Mrs. Yoshiko
Niji, Mrs. Aiko
Niwa, Mr. & Mrs. Yoshio (4/4)
Ogawa, Mrs. Aileen Takako
Okamoto, Mr. Eugene Y.
Okamura, Ms. Nobuko
Osaka, Mr. Toshii
Osakada, Mr. & Mrs. Masao
Ota, Mr. & Mrs. Seiichi
Rikimaru, Mrs. Hiroko
Sakaguchi, Mrs. Otake T.
Sameshima, Mr. Masakazu
Sato, Mrs. Irene (Iriye)
Sato, Ms. Masako
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Suehiro, Mr. Robert
Suginome, Mr. Manabu
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Tadakawa, Mr. Chester
Takagaki, Mrs. Mine
Takaki, Mrs. Etsuko
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Tanaka, Mrs. Hisayo
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Yasuda, Mrs. Eiko
Yoshimura, Mrs. Sachiko

Temple Support Dues 2010

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Blae, Mr. Ira
Doiuchi, Ms. Nancy
Goi, Mr. & Mrs. Shigeharu
Gutierrez, Mrs. Emi (2, 3, 4/4)
Hatanaka, Mrs. Amy
Heiberg, Mr. & Mrs. Erik
Horiuchi, Mrs. Yoko
Ikemura, Mrs. Fujino
Inoue, Mr. & Mrs. Hiroshi
Inoue, Mr. & Mrs. Kazumasa
Inoue, Mr. & Mrs. Ryuichi (1/4)
Ishii, Mr. & Mrs. Nobuo (1/2)
Itakura, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey
Kawahara, Mrs. Setsuko
Kishi, Mrs. Fumiko
Kishimoto, Mrs. Teru
Kitajima, Mrs. Mae Y.
Kondo, Mr. & Mrs. Kazumi
Koyanagi, Ms. Katherine
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Miyazaki, Mr. & Mrs. Mack
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Narasaki, Mrs. Shizuko
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2010 SUMMER-WINTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Please mark the following service dates on your calendar. Thank you.

下記の法要日程をご自宅のカレンダーにご記入下さい。

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2010, 10:30 a.m.

BON SEGAKI SERVICE (Annual Service for the Deceased)
/Memorial Service for Unborn/Newborn/Early Deceased Children

盆・大施餓鬼会 / 水子供養

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2010, 10:30 a.m.

AUTUMN HIGAN SERVICE (Service for the Autumnal Equinox)
/Memorial Service for Unborn/Newborn/Early Deceased Children

秋彼岸法要 / 水子供養

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2010, 10:30 a.m.

JUYA SERVICE (Service for the Special Nembutsu Period)
/Memorial Service for Unborn/Newborn/Early Deceased Children
/Symbolic Ritual of Cremation of Old Religious Items

十夜法要 / 水子供養 / 浄焚供養

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010

GOJU SODEN-E (The Five-fold Transmission Retreat of Jodo Shu) 五重相伝会

*Schedule is subject to change. (日程は諸事情につき変更の場合があります)

*Temple will be closed on the following holidays: (下記休日は閉館させていただきます)

Independence Day (SUN 7/4/10), Labor Day (MON 9/6/10),

Thanksgiving Day (THU 11/25/10), Christmas Day (SAT 12/25/10)

2010 MEMORIAL ANNIVERSARIES (2010年 年回表)

<i>Anniversaries 年回</i>	<i>Year of Passing 没年</i>
One year (一周忌)	2009 平成 21 年
3rd (三回忌)	2008 平成 20 年
7th (七回忌)	2004 平成 16 年
13th (十三回忌)	1998 平成 10 年
17th (十七回忌)	1994 平成 6 年
23rd (二十三回忌)	1988 昭和 63 年
25th (二十五回忌)	1986 昭和 61 年
27th (二十七回忌)	1984 昭和 59 年
33rd (三十三回忌)	1978 昭和 53 年
37th (三十七回忌)	1974 昭和 49 年
43rd (四十三回忌)	1968 昭和 43 年
47th (四十七回忌)	1964 昭和 39 年
50th (五十回忌)	1961 昭和 36 年

Important Worshippers' Manners お参りの心得



Let us be mindful of wearing the juzu (nenju: prayer beads) and wa-gesa (Buddhist collar) at the service. If you do not have one, please contact the temple office.

法要の際は念珠（念珠）と輪袈裟を身につけましょう。
お持ちでない方は寺務所にお問い合わせ下さい。