

Nembutsu Wave



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BODHI DAY

Once again we find ourselves at the year's end. It is hard to believe that another year has gone by. I recall in my youth when the days seemed to drag on so slowly in anticipation of the New Year. I was so anxious to taste the sushi, the chicken teriyaki and the Ozoni on New Year's day. Now in my later years the time swiftly passes and the New Year is upon me so quickly. I still look forward to the delicious New Year's foods and seeing everyone celebrating.

Lately I often wonder why the time seems to pass by so swiftly. Perhaps it is because I fail to savor each moment, perhaps my sense of anticipation and excitement is not what it used to be. Perhaps, and more likely, I am busy with life and all that it brings with it. The Japanese term *isogashii* 忙し is made of two parts, the left radical is 心 *kokoro* which means the heart/mind. The right half of the character is 亡 *bu* or *mu* means to destroy, perish, disappear or die. When our lives are so busy we can literally lose our minds and hearts. This is what it means to be *isogashii*.

December is a very busy time of the year, we find ourselves running here and there, visiting family, friends, shopping etc. Since we are so very busy, we should find the time in our busy schedules to take a moment and express our gratitude for all that we have and all that we receive.

December 8th commemorates the day Siddhartha Gautama awakened to the Truth and became The Buddha. On that day he opened a path for all of us to follow, he blazed a trail that leads us to that Truth. The Buddha understood that we are all *isogashii* and that we cannot all live the life of a monk, but if we take a moment to think about one tiny moment or one small item or person that brings joy into our lives we can be grateful for that. The Buddha also understood that we have trouble maintaining that deep gratitude as we go about our busy lives. The 18th vow of the Buddha was established by him for busy beings such as you and I.

If, when I attain Buddhahood, sentient beings in the lands of the ten quarters who sincerely and joyfully entrust themselves to me, desire to be born in my land, and call my Name, even ten times, should not be born there, may I not attain perfect Enlightenment. Excluded, however, are those who commit the five gravest offences and abuse the right Dharma.

Bodhi Day – continued

The Truths that the Buddha had awakened to on December 8th were outlined in his very first sermon. The Truth of interdependency. All of us are connected to each other, our thoughts, words and actions affect all other human beings. At the same time, we cannot exist without the support, generosity and kindness of others seen and unseen.

He also taught the truth of impermanence. All things are subject to change, we are born into this world and as a result we will die. Our time here is precious and so are the lives of others. When we embrace this truth we live our lives differently, treating each moment and others we come into contact with differently. He taught the Truth of cause and effect. All things that arise before us have a cause whether it be a person, an event or an experience. The results usually emanate from ourselves in the form of joy, sorrow, elation, disgust etc. Those who embrace this truth confront events with wisdom, understanding and responsibility.

In our world of “busy-ness” I hope we find a moment to reflect upon the great gift of the Dharma that the Buddha has opened up for us and we express our gratitude all that we have received this past year.

Shinen Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu. 新年あけましておめでとうございます。
Happy New Year everyone.

Gassho,
Rev. Shinseki

A Re-Opening A Chance to Re-Awaken

As we close out the year 2021 it has been a full year of video, live streaming services. Instead of getting dressed and traveling to the temple, we have been able to stay in our pajamas and turn on the computer to view the Sunday services. This has been very convenient for many, but there is something missing.

We are in discussions with all our temples about re-opening in January with in person services. This is exciting news. If we can return it will be a celebration and a renewed opportunity for us to share in the Dharma. The temple is more than just a building it is a place where we gather with our “extended” family. In the temple we are a family. And like all families we may not always agree or get along, but in the end we embrace and accept each other as part of a Sangha.

When we are together in the temple, we share a common bond as a Sangha. The chanting of the sutras, the singing of gathas and the reciting of namoamidabutsu cannot be replicated on the internet. When we share in these activities, it is the one time in our busy lives when we are one with our Sangha. It is a moment when we are not thinking petty thoughts, we are not self-absorbed, what is coming out of our mouths is pure, true and real. We are together creating a beautiful, sound of praise to the Buddha’s saving power.

I hope we can understand and realize how unique this is in our lives. The temple gives meaning to our lives, and allows us to be in a place with other likeminded people. That is the definition of a Sangha a group who shares in praising Amida Buddha, learning and growing together. The temple houses that Sangha.

Hopefully, in January we will be able to re-open. If that happens it will be an opportunity for us to re-ignite the feelings of comradeship and awaken once again in our hearts and minds the appreciation for Shinran, Shakyamuni and Amida Buddha.

Gassho,
Rev. Hosen Shinseki

DECEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO
Sunday, December 12, 2021 – 10 A.M.
Log onto: montereybuddhist.org
Select: Sunday Service Live Stream on YouTube
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Deceased	Family
Torajiro Yashiki	Torabayashi Family
Toshiko Ishida	Ono Family
Jisaburo Nishi	Ms. Sachi Akaba
Masaru Hatano	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hatano
Tomehito Yorita & Kiyoko Tanaka	Yorita Family
Tsuka Baba	Baba Family
Rinzo Sugimoto	Sugimoto Family
Taju Inazu	Ms. Lisa Honda
Santaro Hirabayashi	Mr. Lenny Yoshiyama
Teiichi Kanaya	Dr. Sadayo Kanaya Lurie & Mrs. Junko Kanaya Adams
Haruichi Sakai	Mrs. Tokie Sakai
Fujiko Kodama	Mr. Kurt Kodama
Jack Masami Takahashi	Takahashi Family
Hatsuka Nishi	Shirakawa Family
Sharon Rei Miyamoto	Mr. & Mrs. Bob Miyamoto
Fusano Esaki & Teruo George Esaki	Mr. John Esaki & Amy Kato
Sada Tanaka	Tanaka Family
Yoshie Tabata	Mrs. Roberta Jo
Mutsuo Okayama	Ishida Family
Fusa Baba	Mrs. Miyo Saiki
Shinayo Kono	Mr. Mark & Kim Kono
Takako Kitahara	Mr. Junki Kitahara
Masatoyo Tatsumi	Mr. Craig Higashi

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DECEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO - *Continued*
Sunday, December 12, 2021 – 10 A.M.

Deceased	Family
Kimi Silva	Mr. Robert Silva
Kiyoshi Hori	Mrs. Patricia Hori
Goichi Nakamura	Nakamura Family
Zenichiro Oda	Mr. & Mrs. Larry and Anne Oda
Ogin Komatsu	Komatsu Family
Ken Isao Katayama	Ms. Ruby Katayama
Fumiko Yamamura	Yamamura Family
Tom Tomio Yaguchi	Mrs. Carle Hirahara
Harry Kuniharu Kadani	Mrs. Diana Kadani
Seizo Izumi	Ms. Ruby Izumi
Kazuo Dick Shiozaki	Ms. Karee Stanley
James Yutaka Takigawa	Takigawa Family
Mitsue Fidler Age	Age Family
Helen Sumiko Inada	Inada Family
Sumie Tokuno	Tokuno Family
Sumie Tsuji	Mr. David Uchida
Aiko Nagao	Adam Gavalla
Hiroko Takasaki	Mr. Yasuo Takasaki
Roy Nobuyoshi Hattori	Rick & Ellie Hattori & Family
Samuel Osamu Imai	Mrs. Fumiko Imai
Miyoko Enokida	Enokida Family

October Shotsuki Hoyo Donations Received

**Andy & Kathie Yoshiyama
Patricia Hori
Lisa Honda**

**Katsumi & Atsuko Kinoshita
Akemi Ito
Alan Amemiya & Linda Kadani**

**Atsumi Uyeda
Nancy Nakazawa**

Panda Express Fundraiser Donation Received

**Jim & Yoshiko Arao
Bob Miyamoto
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Nagata**

**Joyce Iwasaki
Katsumi & Atsuko Kinoshita**

**Kurt Kodama
Toru & Mary Kinoshita**

**September-October Donations Received for 75th
Anniversary Celebration**

**Nancy Tanaka
Frances Hitomi Trapp**

**Jane Naito
Dr. Sadayo Kanaya Lurie**

**Karen Sakai & Charles Dene
Hiroki Jimmy & Taeok Shibasaki**

Special October Donations Received

Dr. Sadayo Kanaya-Lurie, Ohigan Service donation.

Robert Silva, Ohigan Service donation.

Anonymous donation, received 10/2021.

William Matsuyama, donation in memory of Dorothy Suzuki.

Keiko Nakasako, donation in memory of Nick Itsuo Nakasako.

John Esaki & Amy Kato, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of Tonosuke Esaki.

Michael Uyeda & Family, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of Carol Hatano.

Allen & Barbara Okimoto, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of Henry Minoru Ono.

Joyce Haruki & Family, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of Teru Terry Haruki,

Jane Naito, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of Otis Kadani.

Anonymous recurring monthly member donation.

**Shirley Souza, Monterey High School Reunion Class of 1945-46 donation in memory of
George Kodama.**

Marlyn Johnson, donation for General Fund, September, October and November.

***Thank You Everyone For Your Generous Monthly Donations
and Supporting our Fundraiser and our 75th Anniversary***



**BODHI DAY
And
MONTEREY SHOTSUKI HOYO**

**DECEMBER 12, 2021
SUNDAY, 10:00 AM**

December 8th commemorates the day that Siddhartha Gautama awakened to the Truth and became The Buddha.

As reflected in Rev. Shinseki's message this month "In our world of 'busy-ness' I hope we find a moment to reflect upon the great gift of the Dharma that the Buddha has opened up for us and we express our gratitude all that we have received this past year."

Happy New Year Everyone
Shinen Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu



**HOONKO
And
MONTEREY SHOTSUKI HOYO**

**JANUARY 16, 2022
SUNDAY, 10:00 AM**

**GUEST SPEAKER:
REV. GREGORY GIBBS
PASADENA BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

Goshoki Hoonko is a Shinran Shonin Memorial Service gathering to express our indebtedness and gratitude to Shinran Shonin (1173-1262 C.E.), the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

We hope you will join us on line or in person (if possible) to observe this very special service.



SAVE THIS DATE

**SATURDAY
"OCTOBER 8, 2022"**

**MONTEREY PENINSULA
BUDDHIST TEMPLE
75TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

*****REVISED DATE DUE TO THE
CORONAVIRUS*****



**TEMPLE RE-OPENING
UPDATE**

We are going to keep our temple closed to Sunday Services and other facility use activities through the end of the year.

Due to the uncertainty of the ability to control the spread of the Delta variant, we have decided to not resume activities until January 2022.

We will keep everyone informed and will contact each group or organization who has used the temple for its activities.

Thank you for understanding.

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DECEMBER: (Temple to be closed until January 2022) View services on CentCoast Tri-Temple You Tube)

December 5, 2021	Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Service (WBT Shotsuki & Bodhi Day)
December 9, 2021	Thursday	6 pm	MPBT Board Meeting
December 12, 2021	Sunday	10:00 am	Shotsuki Service & Bodhi Day & DYP (Monterey)
December 16, 2021	Thursday	7:00 pm	75 th Anniversary Meeting
December 19, 2021	Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Salinas Shotsuki & Bodhi Day)
December 26, 2021	Sunday		No Service
December 31, 2021	Friday	8:00 pm	Joy-e Service - Monterey
January 1, 2022	Saturday	10:00 am	Shusho-e Service – Tri-temple Service

JANUARY 2022 (Tentative- may not be open to public, may still be on CentCoast Tri-Temple YouTube)

January 2, 2022	Sunday		No Service
January 9, 2022	Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Service M.A.
January 13, 2022	Thursday	6:00 pm	MPBT Board Meeting
January 16, 2022	Sunday	10:00 am	Shotsuki & Hoonko Service Guest Speaker: Rev. Gregory Gibbs -Recorded
January 20, 2022	Thursday	7:00 pm	Coast District Council Meeting
January 23, 2022	Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Service M.A.
January 30, 2022	Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Service