

Nembutsu Wave



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Masks

In the month of October many will be celebrating or observing Halloween. It is surprising how many people have embraced this “holiday”. As Buddhists living here in America, we have assimilated into the culture and traditions and many will observe Halloween with parties, giving out treats and even decorating their homes.

I understand that the tradition of wearing masks comes from the belief that ghosts would return to earth on Halloween. In order to hide themselves from the ghosts’ people would wear masks when they went out at night. People would do this in the hopes that they would fool the ghosts into thinking they were fellow spirits. In our modern day, it has become “fun” to don the mask of a super hero or a villain and play the part for one day.

In reality, we all don different masks throughout our lives. As an example, at one time we might wear the mask of a student, or a teacher, in another instance we may be wearing the mask of a parent or a child. We wear the mask of an employee or a supervisor, we are at one moment a brother and at the same time a friend. We are husbands and wives, helpers and consumers. We all have different persona that we wear from time to time.

These are the many masks that we wear, day to day, moment to moment. The Buddha teaches us to take time to remove those masks and see the true and real self. Beneath all the roles lies what the Buddha called Buddha nature, the potential to be truly wise and compassionate. This is what we call Enlightenment. The true and real self is the unselfish being that lies beneath all the roles we play.

The many different practices that Buddhism offers are intended to delve deep behind all the roles we play and find the true and real self. As we practice and peel away the many layers of self we find that the true and real self is the result of wisdom and compassion that we have received from all our encounters and experiences. The encounter with this truth of life is realizing our own blindness and foolishness. The result is our heart becomes one with the heart of the Buddha, the heart of true wisdom and compassion that embraces all beings.

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MASKS – continued

Living with the Buddha Dharma softens our rigid hearts and minds and we become freed from selfishness and greed. Living with the Buddha Dharma opens up a deep gratitude for the gift of life that we have received. Then we can celebrate not just the holidays, but we can celebrate life itself.

Gassho,

Reverend Hosei Shinseki



Eitaikyo 永代経読

Each year in November we observe our temple Eitaikyo service. 永代経読, the full term is Eitai doku kyo, literally means perpetual sutra chanting. This is a unique Japanese Buddhist observance. The term *Ei* means eternal. It's Chinese character means a river with many tributaries that flow on and on. *Tai* means generations. *Kyo* means sutras or the words of the Buddha. *doku* means to chant. So the meaning is to eternally chant the sutras in memory of the generations of loved one who have died. At our temples we will continue to chant the sutras in their memory in perpetuity.

At our temples we have established a special Eitaikyo perpetual memorial fund. This was established to ensure the continuation of the teachings of Jodoshinshu and the Nembutsu. The fund is to be used specifically for the maintenance, replacement and repair of the temple altar or *onaijin*. The fund is maintained through the donations in memory of deceased family members. This ensures a perpetual service for the deceased even when there are no family members left to observe a memorial service. A special book sits on the *onaijin* with the names of the deceased.

Since the purpose of *Eitaikyo* is to ensure that a Jodoshinshu service is conducted eternally in memory of a loved one's name in the registry, families make initial donations into the fund and all donations at the annual *Eitaikyo* service are deposited into the fund.

NOVEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO
Sunday, November 14, 2021 – 10 A.M.
(Live Stream Service on You Tube)

Deceased

Kinji Satow
 Haruyo Higuchi
 Yasuyuki Ishida
 Robert Rikizo Nakamura
 Saka Saiki
 Saju Nakasako
 Kiyoko Nakamura
 Yoshio Somekawa
 Kikujiro Yokomizo
 Kinuyo Tanaka
 Seiji Shirakawa
 Mitsue Katayama
 Tadashi Ogawa
 Kiyoko Hatano
 Jenjiro Oda
 Tobei Kinoshita
 Kazuo Tanaka
 Woodrow Akira Imai
 Henry Kazuhiro Tanaka
 Ichiro Miyagawa
 Jewell Omura
 Terrie Teruko Minami
 Daisy Fumie Yoshiyama
 Richard Honda
 Anne Mari Hamada
 Lee Yut Moy Chan
 Roger Thornhill
 Hiroko Nishiguchi
 Teruo Hori
 Harry Menda
 Grace Ito
 Matsuyo Yamashita

Family

Mrs. Margaret Satow
 Mr. Steve Oka
 Ishida Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Gary Nakamura
 Mrs. Miyo Saiki
 Mrs. Keiko Nakasako
 Mr. Michael Omoto
 Mrs. Wako Matsushita
 Yokomizo Family
 Yorita Family
 Shirakawa Family
 Mrs. Ruby Katayama
 Mrs. Elaine Slintak
 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hatano
 Mrs. Roberta (Tabata) Jo
 Mr. & Mrs. Toru Kinoshita
 Mrs. Nancy Tanaka
 Audrey Moore & Charlotte Holland
 Tanaka Family
 Mrs. Setsuko Miyagawa
 Omura Family
 Mr. Martin Minami
 Mr. Lenny Yoshiyama
 Ms. Lisa Honda
 Mrs. Jane Hamada Shinseki
 Chan Family
 Thornhill Family
 Mr. Morris Nishiguchi
 Mrs. Suzanne Schenck
 Rollins & Sandy Menda
 Ms. Beverly Ito
 Mr. & Mrs. Roy & Sydney Yamashita

September Shotsuki Hoyo Donations Received

**Kurt Kodama
Nancy Nakazawa**

**Margaret Satow
Toru & Mary Kinoshita**

Akemi Ito

September Fall Ohigan Service Donations

**Keiko Nakasako
Katsumi & Atsuko Kinoshita
Akemi Ito**

**Hidetake & Rimiko Ogura
Toshi Uyeda
Lisa Honda**

**Toru & Mary Kinoshita
Sayoko Yokogawa**

Donations Received for 75th Anniversary Celebration

**Nancy Tanaka
Frances Hitomi Trapp**

**Jane Naito
Dr. Sadayo Kanaya Lurie**

Karen Sakai & Chrles Dene

Special September Donations Received

Nancy Tanaka, special Fall Ohigan Service donation.

Christian and Karee Stanley, special Fall Ohigan Service donation.

Bill and Ida Akimoto, special Fall Ohigan Service donation.

Edward and Christine Nakao, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of Tase Nakao.

Junko Kanaya Adams, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of Mitsuye Kanaya.

Bill and Ida Akimoto, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of Inez Iku Izumi.

Donald and Cecily Butts, donation in memory of Ruby Tabata.

Susie Tanaka, donation in memory of Bill Omoto.

Alan Amemiya and Linda Kadani, donation in memory of Ellie Hattori's brother.

Hiroaki (Jimmy) and Taeok Shibasaki, donation in memory of Dorothy Suzuki.

Anonymous recurring monthly member donation.

Toshi Uyeda, donation in memory of Ruby Tabata.

Roberta (Tabata) Jo, donation to temple for Memorial Service for Ruby Tabata.

Akemi Ito, donation in memory of Dorothy Suzuki.

Jeffrey Sumida, 2021 dues for Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple Membership.

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

Thank you everyone who supported our recent Panda Express Fundraiser.

Our Temple is very grateful for everyone's support that was extended to us from our local communities and those friends from far away.

DOMOARIGATO EVERYONE



Thank you everyone for participating in the Virtual Coast District Nembutsu Family Conference.

It was enjoyed by all and we want to thank the Watsonville Buddhist Temple members for creating a very thoughtful and fun conference.



UPCOMING
BDK – YOSHIAKI FUJITANI
INTERFAITH PROGRAM AT:

CHAMINADE UNIV. OF HONOLULU

SUNDAY 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM (HST)
VIRTUAL
NOVEMBER 14, 2021

The BCA is encouraging our Sangha to register and participate in this Interfaith Program that includes panelists from the Buddhist, Catholic & Jewish traditions sharing their personal experiences.

Please see the flyer insert in this November Newsletter for registration and contact information.



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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This will take you to: CentCoast Tri-Temple Site

We decided to postpone all in-house activities until January 2022:

NOVEMBER:

November 7, 2021	Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Service (WBT Shotsuki & Eitaikyo)
November 11, 2021	Thursday	6:00 pm	MPBT Board Meeting
November 14, 2021	Sunday	10:00 am	Shotsuki Service & Eitaikyo (Monterey)
November 18, 2021	Thursday	7:00 pm	75 th Anniversary Meeting
November 21, 2021	Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Salinas Shotsuki)
November 28, 2021	Sunday		No Service

DECEMBER: (TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS)

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 (Monterey)
December 19, 2021	Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Salinas Shotsuki & Bodhi Day)
December 26, 2021	Sunday		No Service
December 31, 2021	Friday	3:00 pm	Joy-e Service – Tri-Temple Live Stream)
January 1, 2022	Saturday	12:00 pm	Shusho-e Service – (Tri-Temple Live Stream)