

Nembutsu Wave



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Happy New Year.

新年あけましておめでとうございます。

First of all, I want to take a moment to wish all of you a happy New Year. This year 2022 is the year of the tiger.

During the past year all of you have kindly supported me in my efforts to bring the Buddha Dharma to our three temples and the surrounding area. Because of your efforts and support we have been able to survive another year. I look forward to 2022 as we increase our efforts and programs at the temple.

On behalf of my family I send to all of you our deepest thanks and gratitude for all of your support and look forward to your advice and assistance in 2022.

This year 2022 (or 2,585 from the time of the birth of the Buddha) is the year of the tiger, people born in 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022 are considered tiger people. Here are some traits attributed to those born in the year of the tiger. People born in a year of the Tiger are brave, competitive, unpredictable, and confident. They are very charming and well-liked by others. But sometimes they are likely to be impetuous, irritable, and over indulgent. With stubborn personalities and tough judgment, Tigers work actively and express themselves boldly, doing things in a high-handed manner. They are authoritative and never go back on what they have said. With great confidence and indomitable fortitude, they can be competent leaders. They will not make preparations for anything, but can handle anything that comes along. (Courtesy of Chinahighlights.com)

It was believed that as the Buddha lay dying; all the animals were summoned before him. Of all the animals twelve showed up to tender farewell to the Buddha. In honor of the twelve the Buddha designated a year after each. It was therefore thought that the person born in that year is strongly influenced by that animal.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR - continued

The 12 animals that showed up in front of Lord Buddha included the rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig successively. The story is that the cat spoke with his friend the rat. They agreed that whichever one of them awoke in the morning first would be responsible for waking the other so they could go to Lord Buddha together. Unfortunately, the rat did not wake his friend the rat. And for this reason, the cat is missing from the twelve who visited the Buddha.

In Gassho,

Rev. Jay & Jane Shinseki and family.

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Update on Re-Opening our Temple in January

With the recent variant of Covid, we are going month to month on making decisions about gathering in person and includes resuming outside group activities. All future services will be all streaming services until further notice.

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding.

Gassho,

Rev. Hosei Shinseki

New Year's Greeting
OHTANI Kojun

Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

Over these past couple of years, we have had to adjust our lives in accordance with the scale of the spread of COVID-19. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to those who fell victim to the disease and express my sympathies to those who are undergoing treatment. I would also like to express my respect and sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and frontline medical professionals who have been engaging in the treatment of infected people, as well as all essential workers who have made it possible for us to continue with our lives.

This infectious disease has not only greatly affected the life of each one of us, but also revealed many issues that had been contained in our society. Sakyamuni Buddha, who passed on the Dharma to us, made clear of the fact that we cannot see the truth because we are too attached to our own thought. Therefore, it is only natural that conflicts and divisions come about in a society in which those who, like us, fundamentally self-centered beings, act in accordance based on one's own thought.

In the following *wasan* poem, Shinran Shonin deeply reflected on himself and described what we humans are like,

Although I take refuge in the true Pure Land way,
It is hard to have a true and sincere mind.
This self is false and insincere;
I completely lack a pure mind. (*Hymns of the Dharma-ages*)

As the *wasan* shows, we are basically incapable of accepting the reality of this world, such as, dependent origination, impermanence, and no-self. And because of this we constantly suffer. Only through being aware of and appreciating Amida Buddha's compassionate and salvific working, are we enabled to accept our true self. Shinran Shonin clarified that such ignorance is the very reason why Amida Buddha's salvific working has reached every one of us. Keeping in mind that we are always embraced in Amida's compassionate Light, let us live each day to the fullest, even though we have yet to see the end of the tunnel.

I feel truly assured hearing that many of you have been making efforts to share the Jodo Shinshu teaching within the greater society through various and innovative ways despite the current situation. It is my hope that your temples will continue serving as your spiritual home, and therefore, I humbly ask for your understanding and cooperation in support of your temples. I would like to conclude my new year's greeting with my heartfelt appreciation to you all.

January 1, 2022

OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

年頭の辞

新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

昨年も一昨年に引き続き、私たちの生活は新型コロナウイルス感染症(COVID-19)の流行に対応したものとなりました。ここに、新型コロナウイルス感染症によりお亡くなりになられた方々に謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、罹患されている皆さまに心よりお見舞い申し上げます。また、治療・対策にあたられている医師、看護師をはじめとする医療従事者の方々、ライフラインの維持に努めておられる方々に深く敬意と感謝を表します。

この新型コロナウイルス感染症は、私たち一人一人の生活に大きな影響を与えました。それは、同時に社会の問題も浮き彫りにしています。仏教を説かれたお釈迦様は、自分自身の考えにとらわれ、真実をみることのできない私たちの姿を指摘されています。私たちが自分の思い通りに行動したら、社会の中に対立や分断を生むこととなります。

親鸞聖人は、ご和讃に「浄土真宗に帰すれども 真実の心はありがたし 虚仮不実のわが身にて清浄の心もさらになし」とうたわれました。阿弥陀さまのおはたらきによって知らされる私たちの本当の姿は、縁起や無常、無我というこの世界の真実をそのままに受け入れることができずに悩み苦しむ姿です。親鸞聖人は、そのような私たちに阿弥陀さまのおはたらきが届いていると明らかにされました。いまだに新型コロナウイルス感染症の収束が見通せない世界ですが、阿弥陀さまのおはたらきを聞き、それを依りどころとして日々の生活を過ごしてまいりましょう。

現在の厳しい状況の中でさまざまな試みを重ねながら、今までとは違った方法で浄土真宗のみ教えを広く社会へ伝える取り組みもなされていると聞き、たいへん心強く思います。これからもお寺が皆さまの心の支えとなりますよう、お寺の活動にご理解とご協力を頂きますことをお願い申し上げます、年頭のご挨拶といたします。

2022年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派

門主 大谷光淳

JANUARY 2022 SHOTSUKI HOYO

Sunday, January 16, 2022 - 10 A.M.

Log onto: [Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple](#) & Scroll down to Sunday Service Live Stream on YouTube. This will take you to: [CentCoast Tri-Temple You Tube Site](#).

Deceased

Misao Minemoto
 Ichiko Tsubouchi
 Ikuichiro Sumida
 Kumahachi Inazu
 Tama Hattori &
 Dr. Takashi "Tak" Hattori
 Asao Tanaka
 Mikino Yokomizo
 Genzo Hamamura
 Ayame Yokota
 Yaye Tanaka and Frank Tanaka
 Kimi Ono
 Haya Nakasako
 Stanley Honda
 Yoshi Sugita
 Kazuyo Morishita &
 Richard Hiroshi Oyama
 Tajuro Watanabe
 Yoshinobu Tokubo
 Teruko Katsuyama
 Fumiyo Shimizu
 Yaeno Yokogawa
 Nobuo Shiromoto
 Akira Ochikubo
 Tatsuichi Yamaguchi
 Taki Morikawa & Hisaye Morikawa
 Natsuye Kawasaki
 Toshiko Hada
 Isao Masuda
 Tsuruyo Nakamura & Margaret Omoto
 Janet Imagawa Maruyama
 Mutsumi Taylor
 Michael John Hahn
 Clara Nobuko Takigawa
 Kiyoko Kadani
 Sheila McDonald
 John Ishizuka

Family

Minemoto Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Ken Nishi
 Mr. & Mrs. Ray Sumida
 Ms. Lisa Honda
 Hattori Family

 Yorita Family
 Yokomizo Family
 Hamamura Family
 Dr. & Mrs. Eric Yokota
 Mr. & Mrs. Ed Tanaka
 Nishimura Family
 Mrs. Keiko Nakasako
 Mr. Lorence Honda
 Mr. Stewart Suzuki
 Mr. Richard Oyama

 Ms. Deborah Janssens
 Ms. Naomi Takigawa
 Katsuyama Family
 Enokida Family
 Mrs. Sayoko Yokogawa
 Mrs. Hanae Shiromoto
 Mrs. Nakaoko Ochikubo
 Mr. Tosh Yamaguchi
 Mr. & Mrs. Rey & Ann Alamares
 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Pochylski
 Hada Family
 Mrs. Kimi Hamai
 Mr. Michael Omoto
 Mrs. Jane Imagawa & Family
 Mrs. Lavonna Zimmerman
 Dr. Gregg & Julie Satow
 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Takigawa
 Ms. Linda Kadani
 Mr. Leland Richard Smith
 Mrs. Momoyo Ishizuka

November Shotsuki Hoyo Donations Received
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Rev. Jay & Jane Shinseki	Keiko Nakasako	Kurt Kodama
Katsumi & Atsuko Kinoshita	June Trachsel	Patricia Hori
Margaret Satow	Toru & Mary Kinoshita	Wako Matsushita
Lisa Honda	Roy & Sydney Yamashita	Akemi Ito
Alan Amemiya & Linda Kadani		

Eitaikyo Donations Received

Keiko Nakasako	Susie Tanaka	Katsumi & Atsuko Kinoshita
Margaret Satow	Dr. Sadayo Kanaya-Lurie	Toru & Mary Kinoshita
Wako Matsushita	Mary Shintani	Roy & Sydney Yamashita
Akemi Ito	Nancy Nakazawa	Alan Amemiya & Linda Kadani
Diana Kadani	Kenneth & Joyce Esaki	Christian & Karee Stanely
Edward and Elaine Slintak	Leland Smith	Jimmy & Taeok Shibasaki
Junko Kanaya-Adams	Doris Tsuchitani	Karen Sakai & Charles Dene

Special November Donations Received
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Nancy Tanaka, Shotsuki Hoyo Donation in memory of Kazuo Tanaka.
 Morgan & Suzan Nishiguchi & Morris Nishiguchi, Shotsuki Hoyo Donation in memory of Hiroko Nishiguchi.
 Bob Miyamoto, Shotsuki Hoyo Donation in memory of Sharon Miyamoto.
 Jimmy Hiroki & Taeok Shibasaki, 75th Anniversary Donation.
 Morgan & Suzan Nishiguchi, donation in memory of Nick Nakasako.
 Margaret Satow, donation in memory of Bill Omoto and Cindy Maruyama.
 Anonymous recurring monthly member donation.
 Roy & Sydney Yamashita, donation received for our General Fund.
 Mary Shintani, Ohigan donation.

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

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR



**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.



**NIRVANA DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE
&
PET MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**FEBRURY 13, 2022
SUNDAY, 10:00 AM**

Nirvana Day is the day that Shakyamuni Buddha entered "Perfect Nirvana" abandoning his physical body and all the desires attached to it.

We also are remembering our Pets who have passed away this past year.

Please join us on our Tri-Temple Live Stream on You Tube for these two very special memorial services.



SAVE THIS DATE

**SATURDAY
"OCTOBER 8, 2022"**

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

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



**TEMPLE RE-OPENING
UPDATE**

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January will be all streaming services.

**Thank you everyone
for your patients understanding.**

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DECEMBER: (Temple to be closed until further notice) View services on CentCoast Tri-Temple You Tube
December 31, 2021 Friday 8:00 pm Joy-e Service – Tri-temple Live Stream

JANUARY 2022 (All services will be Live Stream on CentCoast Tri-Temple YouTube)

January 1, 2022	Saturday	10:00 am	Shusho-e Service – Tri-temple Service Live Stream
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 Monterey 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 Tri-Temple Service

FEBRUARY (TENTATIVE) All services will be Live Stream on CentCoast Tri-Temple You Tube)

February 6, 2022	Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Service M.A.
February 10, 2022	Thursday	6:00 pm	MPBT Board Meeting
February 13, 2022	Sunday	10:00 am	Shotsuki Hoyo & Nirvana Day and Pet Memorial
February 20, 2022	Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Service M.A.
February 27, 2022	Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Service