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TEMPLE SCHEDULE

Please note:
Services will be streamed online. The temple remains closed until further notice.

NOVEMBER

15	**10:00am**	**Hōonkō Service**
22	10:00am	Sunday Service
29	10:00am	Sunday Service

DECEMBER

6	10:00am	Shotsuki Service
13	10:00am	Bodhi Day / Year-end Family Service
31	**6:00pm**	**Joya-e New Years Eve Service**

JANUARY

1	**10:00am**	**Shusho-e New Years Day Service**
11	10:00am	Shotsuki Service

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Hōonkō Service

10:00AM ON FACEBOOK LIVE

THE TEMPLE IS CURRENTLY CLOSED FOR THE DURATION OF THE COVID-19 STAY-AT-HOME ORDERS.

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HHBT-LA.ORG

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FACEBOOK.COM/HHBT.LA
SUNDAYS | 10AM

OR WATCH LATER ON FACEBOOK OR YOUTUBE
YOUTUBE SEARCH:
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ONE'S LIFE
Finding Joy in the Midst of Suffering

Rinban Noriaki Ito

Sadao Yokoyama was a photographer for the Betsuin in Osaka, Japan for many years. He was also a poet and a serious student of the Buddhadharma. One day, he saw these words on a signboard at a temple – "*One's Life – To Overcome Suffering*." In response, he wrote the following passage:

On the message board at a temple it said,
One's Life – to overcome suffering.
We can overcome suffering,
But soon after we've moved on,
Another bout appears.
Be that as it may, what is best perhaps,
Is to accept those challenges.
I believe that such a world does exist.

I think many people think of Buddhism as a religion whose goal is to rid oneself of suffering. It is recorded that Shakyamuni Buddha often said, "my purpose is to rid ourselves of suffering." As a result, people throughout history thought of Buddhism as a teaching to relieve human suffering.

It is with this in mind that the Buddha himself began his spiritual journey by discarding all possessions of the worldly life he enjoyed as the prince of his kingdom. He instructed his students to join the Sangha with no possessions, having only the robe they wore and the bowl with which to receive alms. That lifestyle, it was said, was conducive to living a simple life reducing desires of all kinds. This, he said, is one important way to rid oneself of suffering.

In the United States and around the world, people engage in such practices as meditation to try to condition themselves to reduce earthly desires in order to be happy and to lessen those conditions that lead to suffering as much as possible.

Our tradition of Jōdo Shinshū begins with the premise that we are beings who are incapable of ridding oneself of suffering. As it says in the poem above, "*We can overcome suffering, but soon after we've moved on, another bout appears*." This was Shinran Shonin's awakening. It is inevitable that we will suffer. The Buddha listed four principal causes of suffering that all living things are subject to – birth, illness, aging, and death. Yet, we go on thinking that I am immune to such things. This teaching, we think, applies to others, but not to ourselves.

And while we are thinking that way, it is inevitable that we come to a time in our lives when we are burdened with illness, the effects of aging, of the sadness of losing loved ones, and ultimately having to face our own impending death. And at times like that, we say to ourselves, "it wasn't supposed to be like this."

The truth that life is impermanent and that, along with the joy of living, each of us inevitably faces challenges leading to pain and suffering is true for all people. Shinran Shōnin teaches us that through our own efforts we cannot do anything to relieve suffering in our lives. When life is going well, it's easy to appreciate our lives. But he tells us that life is a precious gift that we've all received. We should, therefore, be grateful for this opportunity to live this life which is unrepeatable. But, to truly appreciate life is to appreciate every facet of this life. To receive with true appreciation even the challenges, the hardships that we inevitably encounter, as the poet reminds us to do.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed nearly everything about our everyday lives. So many people in our country and around the world have suffered and died from this terrible illness. Some people say this challenge has brought us closer together, not physically of course, but on perhaps a more meaningful level. By not being able to spend time together as family and as friends, we realize how important such things are. We are fortunate to have our phones and such tools as Zoom and Facetime to communicate and to even see each other at least on a screen. It's still not the same as being able to gather together at the temple to listen to the Dharma, or to spend an afternoon with family or with friends. In the midst of such challenges, we are also reminded of how important people are in our lives. The difficulties remind us of how wonderful life is.

Now entrenched in my 70s and experiencing more physical challenges, I find that these reminders become more and more important. This, I believe, is how Buddhism steers us to find meaning and satisfaction in every day of our lives. It isn't a matter of trying to get rid of suffering, but to embrace all facets of our lives, both positive as well as negative. This, I believe, is the way that our everydays can be continue to be meaningful providing opportunities for us to continue to grow.

The most recent news indicate that we still need to follow the guidelines and to do our best to stay safe and healthy. Hopefully, we can all eventually benefit from a vaccine sometime next year and be able to gather regularly again at the temple.

Betsuin News

COOKBOOK UPDATE

Thank you for all of your recipe submissions!

We will be sending updates about the Cookbook Fundraiser and how to purchase your pdf soon. Please be sure that you are subscribed to our email list to receive updates!

Thank you!

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YEAR-END & NEW YEAR EVENTS

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we have had to cancel our usual Year-end and New Year events. We will miss gathering for events such as Temple Clean-up and Mochitsuki.

Services will be held online via Facebook, but we will not be able to gather for our Joya-e (NYE) or Shusho-e (NYD) Services nor our Eitaikyo Luncheon in January.

Thank you for your understanding and we hope to see you in the months to come.

Please continue to exercise caution, wear your masks, and stay safe!

MEMBERSHIP Update

Paid 2020 Temple Members will receive the following benefits ***upon request*** from the office

•10% off coupons
- Fugetsu-Do - Toyo Miyatake

Membership dues for 2020 are $350.00 for couple / family and $175.00 for single members. **We no longer send out membership cards. Please keep your receipt as proof of membership.** Thank you for your continued support.

Our deepest condolences

to the family and relatives of …

Mr. James Seishiro Yasuda (83)
September 1, 2020

Ms. Elaine Miyuki Fukumoto (59)
October 19, 2020

Mrs. Toshi S. Ashikaga (102)
October 20, 2020

Namu Amida Butsu

Help The Way

The Way needs your help and welcomes your contributions. With the cost of printing and postage steadily increasing, we request your support in helping to make our newsletter available in the years to come. Please consider making a donation to *The Way* to offset some of the cost. Thank you for your continued support and readership.

Onegai-shimasu!

SUBMISSION DEADLINE!

Submissions for *The Way* are due the 10th of each month for the following month's issue. Articles and announcements for our January 2020 Issue are due December 10th, 2020. Submissions may be subject to printing restrictions and staff approval. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!

LOVE FOR LUMBINI

Lumbini has served the Little Tokyo and Downtown Los Angeles community for over 40 years. They are centrally located in Little Tokyo inside Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple. Lumbini was the first Preschool/Daycare Center program in Little Tokyo. They have provided care for many of the families who worked/work or lived/live in the Little Tokyo/Downtown area. They have weathered many ups and downs but were still able to keep its doors open. COVID-19 hit, generating many new challenges and fears.

The school had to close its doors in March under the stay at home orders and reopened on July 6, adhering to all requirements of the CDC, Health Department, and local community care licensing.

When the school reopened, only a fraction of the students returned to school. In July, Obon was canceled, and Lumbini was unable to hold their annual fundraiser, creating the need for the "LOVE FOR LUMBINI" campaign.

The goal of the campaign is to help Lumbini ride out this pandemic. They were asked to create a Wish List that would help them with their day to day needs. Here are items the school will need over the course of the year.

ITEMS REQUESTED

- Lysol or Target brand aerosol sanitizing spray
- Disinfectant wipes
- New hard plastic toys-figures-building type of toys- age appropriate for pre-school. (They have enough legos and food toys.)
- Blunt tip scissors
- Crayola brand: crayons--large and small size, colored pencils, markers--thick and thin
- Sharpies--All colors--thick and thin
- Individual bottles of school glue
- Large erasers
- Large individual pencil/utility boxes to large enough to store school supplies--each student has to have their own set of supplies
- Painters Tape--thick and thin to label everything
- Ziploc or Slider gallon storage bags
- Color Copy paper--any color welcome
- White copy paper
- Printer Ink--Brother LC 101 and LC 103
- Canon--GPR 103
- Gift Cards to AMAZON, OFFICE DEPOT, OR TARGET

DONATIONS in any amount would be greatly appreciated.

Visit https://www.lumbinicdc.org/love-for-lumbini to make a donation via PayPal.

Checks can be made out to Lumbini CDC and mailed to:

Lumbini Child Development Center
505 East 3rd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Thank you so much. Your support in any form will be greatly appreciated by the students and staff of Lumbini CDC and will help to be able to continue serving the Little Tokyo and surrounding community.

For more information regarding the "Love for Lumbini" Wish List and fundraising campaign, please contact:

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Thank you for your support!

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In the event of an inadvertent omission of a donor's name, please contact the temple.
Includes contributions received from August 12, 2020 through October 10, 2020

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- $500 Hoshino, Seiko (for Tomejiro Hoshino)
- 500 Hoshino, Seiko (for Kino Hoshino)
- 500 Hoshino, Seiko (for Mary Hoshino)

FUNERAL SERVICE DONATIONS
- $500 Nakamura, Steve (In Memory of Katsuhisa Nakamura)
- 300 Tsubokawa, Amy (In Memory of Jane Sakamoto)
- 300 Yasuda, Margaret (In Memory of James Seishiro Yasuda)
- 200 Imagiire, Takenori (In Memory of Sachiko Imagiire)
- 200 Kontos, Joanne (In Memory of Peter J. Kontos)

AUTUMN OHIGAN SERVICE DONATIONS
- $500 Fukumoto, Jeri
- 200 Nicholson, Trish & Chuck
- 100 Nagata, Hideo
- 100 Sakioka, Grace
- 50 Barbod, Elaine
- 50 Ibaraki, Alice
- 50 Ikeda, Brian
- 50 Itoga, Wayne
- 50 Kanemoto, Gary
- 50 Kurihara-Johnson, Nancy S.
- 50 Ota, John/Irene
- 50 Sato, Ronald
- 50 Takemoto, Hiromu
- 50 Uyeno, Tomomi
- 50 Wong, Jason
- 50 Yamada, Yoko
- 50 Yamashiro, Keith
- 40 Ikeda, David
- 30 Fukudome, Hatsue
- 30 Ichinose, Sadami
- 30 Ito, Noriaki
- 30 Kashiwabara, George
- 30 Kawamoto, Setsuko
- 30 Komatsu, Janett
- 30 Matsumura, Emily
- 30 Miyamoto, Mutsuko
- 30 Sundarakumara, Preeda
- 25 Niizawa, Chikashi
- 25 Oyama, Ted
- 20 Goto, Toshiko
- 20 Sakata, Barbara

HOONKO SERVICE DONATIONS
- $30 Kashiwabara, George

MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS
- $350 Gomez, Rudolph
- 350 Hiroshima, Richard & Merry
- 350 Imoto, Ken
- 350 Inada, Kenzo
- 350 Kuno, John & Yuki
- 350 Miura, Marin
- 350 Okamoto, Mickey
- 250 Barbod, Elaine
- 250 Barbod, Heather
- 250 Barbod, Tiffany
- 175 Lane, Doris J.
- 175 Mayeda, Mary S.
- 175 Yasuda, Kazuko
- 20 Katano, Tohru

MEMORIAL SERVICE DONATIONS
- $400 Toba, Claude (49-day Memorial for Sumi Toba)
- 200 Sumida, Joy (In Memory of Sadako Cheri Sumida)
- 200 Takata, Jim (7-yr Memorial for Nami Takata)
- 50 Maehara, Hirokichi (7-yr Memorial for Nami Takata)

NOKOTSU-DO DONATIONS
- $1,000 Ashikaga, Janet

VIRTUAL OBON & OBON SERVICE DONATIONS
- $2,386 Azay Restaurant (Community Collaboration Fundraiser)
- 1,000 Gomez, Rudolph (In Memory of Masaharu Kozai & Hooshang Barbod)
- 1,000 Guido, Robert
- 1,000 Kawana, Frank (In Memory of Kensaku Ochi)
- 1,000 Onodera, Keith
- 1,000 Sakioka, Grace
- 200 Hongo, Raymond
- 200 Yamada, Byron (In Memory of Lawson Sakai & Mineko Sakai from Mie Yamada)
- 150 Yoshizaki, Patrick
- 100 Imoto, Charlie (In Memory of Masako Jane Imoto)
- 100 Inada, Kenzo
- 100 Kasai, Mark
- 100 Keimi, Albert T.
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- 50 Ikemiyashiro, Jorge
- 50 Shimoda, Toshio
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- 50 Yamadera, Barbara
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- 50 Yoshida, Richard
- 25 Ige, David
- 20 Lim, William

SHOTSUKI SERVICE DONATIONS
- $1,500 Nicholson, Trish & Chuck, Onodera, Shirley, Onodera, Keith & Jill, Onodera, George & Elizabeth (for Joan Fusako Onodera)
- 500 Kadonaga, Dale (1-yr for Shoichi Kadonaga)
- 300 Matsumura, Emily & Ota, Irene (7-yr Memorial for Kinuko Matsumura)
- 250 Barbod, Elaine (for Hooshang Barbod)
- 250 Sakioka, Arthur (for Tomio Sakioka)
- 200 Hara, Shinichi (for Jenny Hara)
- 200 Makiyama, Pamela (for Ben Makiyama)
- 200 Sakioka, Hiromichi (for Isei Sakioka & Tadayoshi Sakioka)
- 200 Shimono, Tokuko (for George Y. Shimono & Yaemi Kunisawa)
- 200 Tani, Steven (for Lily Shimada) from Tani Family
- 200 Tsuruda, Masako (7-yr for Toshiaki Tsuruda)
- 200 Unoura, Jan (1-yr for Sally Kuriyama)
- 150 Kawashima, Frank Takeshi (for Jiro Kawashima)
- 150 Okazaki, Masahiko (for Setsuko Okazaki)
- 150 Saita, Tomiko (25-yr for Kameno Saita)
- 100 Barbod, Elaine (1-yr for Sally Kuriyama)
- 100 Doi, Janice (for Okazu Doi)
- 100 Endow, Kay Kayoko (for Tomatsu Yanaga)
- 100 Fukumoto, Jeri (for Shoichi Fukumoto)
- 100 Hirosawa, Ron (for Katsumi Kumamoto)
- 100 Hirosawa, Ron (for Tokutaro Shimbo)
- 100 Hirosawa, Ron (for Sachiko Hirosawa)
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- 100 Hongo, Miyoko (for Ihei Hongo, Isao Eas Hongo, Ginjiro Yokota)
- 100 Jackson, Elaine (for Hideo & Yuki Kabashima, Kosei Tanaka & Shizue Hasegawa)
- 100 Kanemoto, Gary
- 100 Kawahira, Tadahide (for Shinei Gushiken)
- 100 Komatsu, Janett (for Tokuji Hiroshima)
- 100 Matsumae, Yosh (for Magoichi

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100 Ogata, Miki (for Teruki Ogata)
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50 Yamada, Yoko (for Tamiko Yamada)
50 Yamamoto, Kathleen (for Tamotsu Yamamoto)
50 Yamashita, Michiko (for Kuga Kimura)
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30 Ishigame, Sachiko (for Kiyome Yamaguchi)
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30 Iwashita, Hisamori
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500 Barbod, Elaine (Support during COVID19 closure)
300 Sato, Masako (In Memory of Hatsuko Kusaka)
300 Takehara, Sumi & Nathan (Support during COVID19 closure)
200 Gomez, Rudolph
200 Kadonaga, Dale (receiving of Homyo)
200 Kawahira-Musashi, Teruye
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100 Yamada, Bob
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