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Spring Higan Service

On **March 22 @ 9:30 AM**, we will be observing Spring Higan Service. Higan refers to the World of Enlightenment. Literally, Higan means the “Other Shore (of the Buddha)” as opposed to Shigan which means “This Shore (of Suffering and Pain).” Higan service is a time for us to offer prayer of gratitude to all the loved ones of the family and ancestors. Without spiritual life of connectedness to our ancestors we would not be what we are today.

Please bring your children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren to the service to teach them the importance of learning about one’s identity from this perspective. The Fujinkai members will be making botamochi, a Japanese Sweet made of mochi rice wrapped in sweetened azuki beans. It’s very delicious so please come and enjoy this treat with us. If you can come as early as 8:00am, please help the ladies make the botamochi.



Buddhism 101 Classes Coming Soon

Have you ever wanted to learn more about Buddhism? Many of us come to the temple because it’s tradition or because your parents are members. But have you ever had the time to study and learn the teachings so that you can take full awareness of why your parents or grandparents thought this was an important tradition to follow and protect? By understanding the basic teachings of Buddhism, one can appreciate more of your own surrounding environment and be at least 2x more productive and aware of this precious life we have to live.

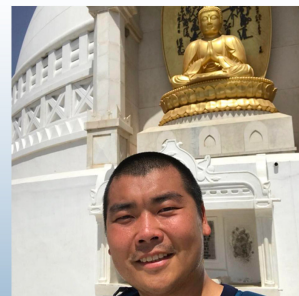
BUDDHISM 101

**Do you just follow tradition because your parents did?
But wished you knew just a bit to learn about your
own family tradition?**

**Are you new to Buddhism but don’t know where to
start learning?**

**Did you know that Buddhism may be considered a
Religion but we don’t have any Supreme GODS that
we worship?**

**Learn the Fundamental Buddhist Teachings like
the Eight-Fold Path, Four Noble Truth, Buddhist
Practices, Philosophy, and History will help
you better understand the true nature of this
world and help you develop as a person.**




Rev. Yoshida will be conducting classes in basic Buddhism beginning in April. The classes will be on Saturdays starting 9 AM at the temple. We will have more information about the classes in the next Newsletter but if you are interested in learning more about Buddhist practices, philosophy, history and application to daily life, please keep the dates and times open.

Membership Dues and Nokotsudo Maintenance Fee

We would like to express our gratitude to many who sent us your membership dues and Nokotsudo maintenance fee. This helps the temple manage and keep the temple maintained throughout the year to serve you better. If you did not send in your dues, we would appreciate if you could do so at your earliest convenience.

Membership Fee: \$150
Nokotsudo Maintenance Fee per Niche: \$24

2020 SOTO MISSION OF HAWAII MEMBERSHIP DUES _____ Membership Dues (\$150.00) _____ Membership Dues (\$150.00) & Nokotsudo Maintenance Fee (\$24.00 per niche) _____ Donation Name _____ Last First Middle Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____ Email _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you prefer to receive the newsletter by email. <small>(Please return the entire card with your remittance)</small>	 NOKOTSUDO <small>(COLUMBARIUM)</small> Name: _____ Nokotsudo Niche No. _____ No. _____ <small>Maintenance Fee \$24.00 per niche yearly. Nokotsudo is maintained exclusively for Members.</small>
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Amazon Smile (Donation through Amazon)

Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price of many of the items for sale on its website to a long list of charities to Non-Profit organizations. There is absolutely no additional cost to you, and it is an easy way to donate to the Temple. The Temple has created an Amazon.Smile account. If you shop on Amazon, please consider us as your charitable organization. You can register by searching Soto Mission of Hawaii or use the link below. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/99-0075255>. Be sure that your shopping is through Amazon.Smile and not just Amazon.



55th United Hawaii Soto-Shu Women's Association Conference

On **April 18-19**, United Hawaii Soto-Shu Women's Association will be gathering for their 55th Annual Conference at Maui Mantokuji. This is a conference for women who take essential roles at the temples to learn more about Buddhist practice and share fellowship with one another. If you are a member of Betsuin Fujinkai and interested in attending please contact the temple as soon as possible. The deadline for registration is just around the corner.

Upcoming Events

- March 1 Oahu Bon Dance Association Meeting @ Betsuin
- March 22 Spring Higan Service
- April 5 Hawaii Buddhist Council Buddha Day Service (place to be announced)
- April 18-19 55th UHSSWA Conference @ Maui Mantokuji

Office Hour Changes for March

On **March 29**, the temple will closed for 5th Sunday.

Donations

Thank you to the following individuals and organizations for their generous donations.

Joya-no-Kane Service, New Year's Day and Daihannya Service

The temple would like to acknowledge and extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who assisted the temple during the New Years activities to greet and welcome members to the temple at all of the New Year events. Also, we would like to say Thank You to everyone who made generous donations to the temple during the New Years. These donors will be acknowledged in the next newsletter.

Kannonko Donations (January)

Mona Sawai, Sally M. Nozaki, Ellen Nishimura, Jane Yamashiro, Thomas & Chiye Itagaki, Jamie Peterson, Michiko Sasaki, Katherine Higuchi, Bernice K. Koike, Ethel Watanabe, Jean Maekawa, Arden & Mary Loomis, Toshio Ozeki

New Year's Party Donations

Thomas & Chiye Itagaki, Bernice Koike, Jamie Peterson, Pualani Kondo, Milton & Kathy Kwock, Arden & Mary Loomis, Bishop Shugen Komagata, Miyeko Hashimoto, Helen Tsuchiya, Aika Yoshida

Nehan-e Service

Jamie Peterson, Wayne & Ann Uradomo, Helen Tsuchiya, Bernice Koike, James & Toshiko Sato

Memorial Service / Funeral / General Donations

Wendell Ogitani, Ruby Mizue, Waikiki Bazaar Inc., Keith Asakawa, Lynette M. Fukunaga, Ross Tanoue, Morihide Katagiri, Vaughn Kunishige, Harold Watanabe, Barry Suda, Noriko Rogers, George Tokita, Brian Suda, Anthony Fujii, Family of the Late Yukio Tamaru, Norma Muromoto-Maeda, Family of the Late Yoji Fujiwara, Tsuyoshi Onuma, Sue Nishiguchi, George Maeyama, and Lisa Matsunaga, Susan Oyama, Komagata Tutoring Services, Donna Omura, Family of the Late Patricia Yoshiko Okamoto, Living Ohana, Rainie Sato, Gary and Jean Miyata, Herbert and Carol Ann Takahashi, Dale Senaga, Richard Leong, The Aikido Ohana

March 2020

- US Holidays
- Soto Mission of Hawaii

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM Sunday Service	2 6:30 AM Zazen 2:30 PM Kumon 6:00 PM Hanayagi Dance Class 7:00 PM Exercise with Bon Dance	3 SuperTuesday(regional holiday) 4:00 PM Aikido Ohana 7:00 PM Sanshin Class	4 6:30 AM Zazen 9:00 AM Tomonokai 4:00 PM Tea Ceremony Class	5 7:00 PM Kyudo	6 6:30 AM Zazen 4:00 PM Aikido Ohana 4:00 PM Shodo/Sumie Class	7 1:00 PM Koto Class
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15 9:30 AM Kannoko Service 9:30 AM Sunday Service	16 6:30 AM Zazen 2:30 PM Kumon 6:00 PM Hanayagi Dance Class 7:00 PM Exercise with Bon Dance	17 St. Patrick's Day 4:00 PM Aikido Ohana 7:00 PM Sanshin Class	18 6:30 AM Zazen 4:00 PM Tea Ceremony Class	19 7:00 PM Kyudo	20 6:30 AM Zazen 4:00 PM Aikido Ohana 4:00 PM Shodo/Sumie Class	21 10:00 AM Hiyoko Time @ Soto Mission 1:00 PM Koto Class
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