



SOTO MISSION OF HAWAII

BETSUIN NEWSLETTER

June 2021

Bon O-Toba Service and Chochin Order for 2021

As we begin the Bon Season in Hawaii, it is time for all of us to reconfirm our connection with our departed loved ones and share our appreciation in gratitude for the love and support we receive from them everyday.

In Buddhism, we strongly emphasize the teaching of "Inter-dependency." We all strive to become independent but as we build relationship with our family, friends, and the community, we understand that we are here because of the support and encouragement we receive. Although your loved ones may have departed this world, the influence they had over us and the encouragement they can still bring to us is immense.

Once a year, we should take a moment of our time to reflect upon this teaching of "Inter-dependency" and make our prayers to our departed loved ones. This year, we will be having four services all done online or viral to avoid crowds at the temple under the State and City Mandates. Like last year, you can pick a date and you will be able to watch your O-Toba being dedicated and blessed by Bishop Shugen Komagata and all attending ministers. Please fill out the registration form attached or register online to reserve your spot in one of the four days (see below for date and time) we will be having our service. They can be viewed on our YouTube page at <https://bit.ly/348wTIH>.

A special dedication service done at the first part of the Bon O-Toba Service is called "Hatsubon." If you have lost a loved one between July of 2020 to now, that individual will be dedicated as "Hatsubon." If you request to do a Hatsubon Service, the temple will like to invite your family (up to 6 individuals) to attend the service, **in person**. You should be receiving a separate mail from the temple.

BON O-TOBA SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 1 at 6:00 pm

Saturday, July 3 at 9:30 am

Sunday, July 4 at 9:30 am

Tuesday, July 6 at 6:00 pm

Lastly, although we will not be able to enjoy a Bon Dance this year, we would like to decorate the temple with our colorful pink and white chochin. On the Bon O-Toba registration form, you will see a new section for Chochin order. We will be hanging the chochin during the Bon Service all the way up to Mid-August when we usually have our Bon Dance. Just a reminder that in 2019, we refreshed the Chochins, therefore, chochins need to be ordered each year. If you would like to make a dedication of your loved ones, please order them along with your O-Toba.



Upcoming Events

July 1, 3, 4, 6 Bon O-Toba Service (Online Viral Service)

Temple Hour Changes

July 4 Temple closes at noon in observance of Independence Day

Acknowledgment of Donations

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

Membership and Nokotsudo Dues and Donations

We thank everyone who made your Membership and Nokotsudo Dues and your generous donations to support the temple.

Kannon Ko Donations

Michiko Sakai, Jean Maekawa, Warren & Karen Motosue, Arden & Mary Loomis, Mona Sawai, Ellen Nishimura, Sally Nozaki, Linda Unten, Wayne & Ann Uradomo, Thomas & Chiye Itagaki, Bernice Koike, Katherine Higuchi, Jamie Peterson, Keiko Kawagishi, Ethel Watanabe, Toshio Ozeki

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2021 Bon O-Toba Online Viral Service Request Form

1708 Nuuanu Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96817

Please enter your information in Section 1-5

SECTION 1

O-Toba Sponsor Information:

Sponsor Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person if different from Sponsor: _____

Email: _____

SECTION 2

My family and I would like to join Bon O-Toba Service viral on: (Please check one)

- Thursday, July 1 (6:00 pm) Saturday, July 3 (9:30 am)
- Sunday, July 4 (9:30 am) Tuesday, July 6 (6:00 pm)

Note: Even if you cannot join us that day, please select a date and you will be able to watch it later

SECTION 3

O-Toba Request Section: (please check all that apply) \$60 per O-Toba

- My O-Toba request is the same as last year
Note: We will follow the information provided in last year's O-Toba Request Form.
- Change sponsor name for the O-Toba
Example: Use this if last year's sponsor changed.
- Previous Sponsor Name: _____ (Write Full Name)
- New Sponsor Name: _____ (Write Full Name)
- NEW and/or ADDITIONAL requests for O-Toba
Important Note: Up to two names (individual and/or family) may be written per O-Toba.
- For: _____
(Write Full Name or Family Name. Attach a separate sheet if requesting more toba)
- Hatsu-Bon O-Toba requests (those who passed away from last year's Bon to the present)
Hatsu-Bon is a very special dedication made to those who passed away within the last 12 months. These O-Toba are prepared specifically for one individual.
- For the late: _____ who passed away on ____/____/____.

SECTION 4

Chochin Order: \$10 per Chochin (one name per chochin)

Decorate the temple by dedicating your loved one's name on a chochin.
Chochin will be hanging from Beginning of July to Mid August.

Name on Chochin FOR: _____ (Attach a separate sheet if requesting more chochin)

SECTION 5

O-Toba Donation

O-Toba Donation (# of O-Toba x \$60 each)	\$ _____
Chochin Donation (# of Chochin x \$10 each)	\$ _____
Bon Service Donation in lieu of traditional rice donation	\$ _____
Total Donation Amount	\$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Soto Mission of Hawaii

Please return this O-Toba Request Form together with a check to Soto Mission of Hawaii by June 21, 2021.

Please call the temple at **537-9409** or email info@sotomission.org if you have any questions.



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