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2022 Bon Service (July 2, 3, 5, 7, 9 ,10 In-Person Service)

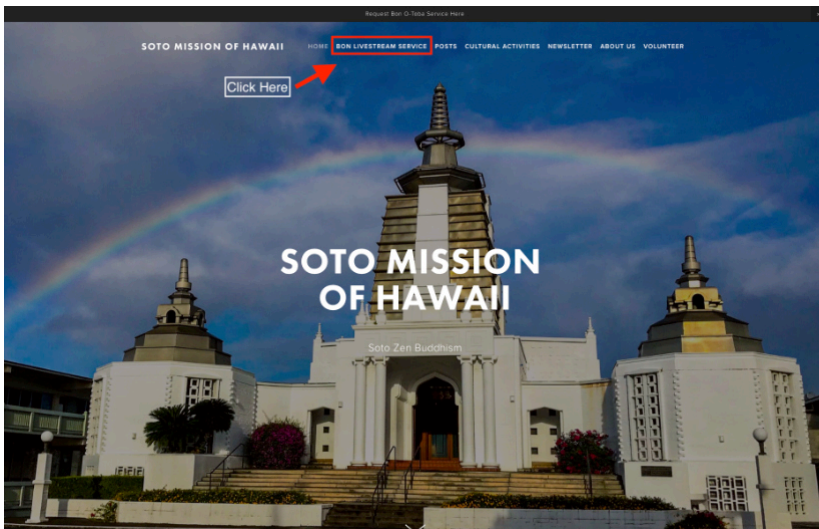
Thank you to all our members who signed up for the Bon Service. We look forward to inviting everyone again to our Bon Service in person. As we prepare for the Bon Service, we would like to ask everyone to take precaution both for yourself and others attending the service. With many elder members in our congregation, we would like to **request that you wear your mask** when attending the service in person to keep our members who may be high-at-risk safe as we can allow.

Bon Service Schedule

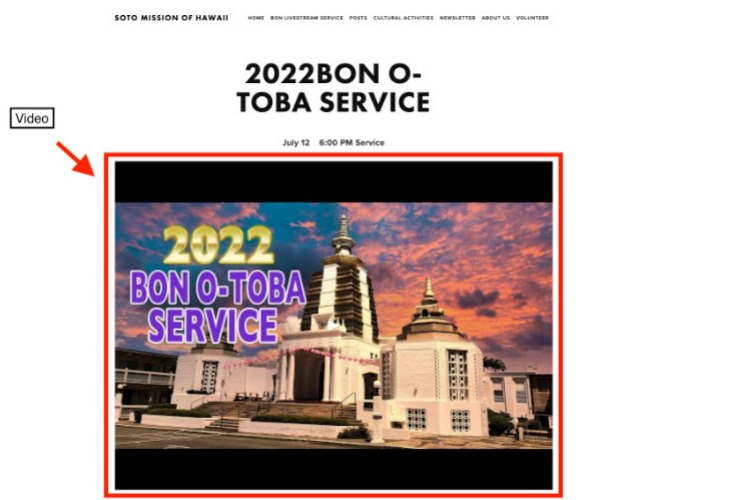
July 2, 3, 9, 10 (Weekends) Service Starts at 9:30 AM
July 5, 7, 12* (Weekdays) Service Starts at 6:00 PM

How to Watch Virtual Bon Service (July 12* Livestream Service)

If you signed up for the virtual Bon Service on July 12, you can watch the livestream by visiting our website at www.sotomission.org/bon. Or alternatively, you can go to our homepage directly and click on the top navigation that says “Bon Service Livestream.” This should take you to the page where you can watch the Bon Service. Please share this with your family member if you are watching the service live.



Go to www.sotomission.org and click where it says “Bon Service Livestream”



Click on the video and the livestream will start playing at 6PM

Zen Short Story: WERE YOU STILL HOLDING HER?

Tanzan Hara was a famous Zen monk of the Meiji Period. He was also a Buddhist scholar and became the first lecturer in Indian philosophy at Tokyo University and was elected a member of the Japan Academy. He died in 1892 at the age of seventy-four, and he knew the day before that he was going to die. Twenty minutes before his eyes closed for the last time he wrote postcards to his close friends which said, "I will soon die. At this time I would like to inform you to that effect." And even though he is famous for having died while sitting in the meditation posture, he had shown unusual qualities from his youth.



As a young pilgrim monk he traveled country roads with a close friend, and one day the two of them came to a shallow and narrow river. But there was no bridge, and they were going to have to wade across. By chance they saw a beautiful young lady who was hesitating to wade through the stream, and Tanzan offered, "Here, I'll carry you across. Hold on to my shoulders tightly. All right?" and lightly holding the girl he carried her across.



The girl blushing thanked Tanzan, but he, in his haste to catch up with his friend, did not hear her. The two monks walked about a mile in silence, and Tanzan's friend appeared to be displeased. Suddenly the friend could contain himself no longer and bluntly said, "You're a disgrace. Do you think monks should embrace girls?" He looked angry.

Tanzan, pretending not to understand, looked round about him and said, "What? Where is a girl?"

"Don't go on pretending. You held a beautiful girl just a short while ago."

"Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha — you mean that girl. I carried her across the river and put her down. Have you been carrying her in your mind all this way?"



Hearing this, the friend was at a loss for words.

In photography, if you snap the shutter, the next step is to wind the film. Otherwise, you will get a double exposure. Neither should we forget to wind the film of our minds as our surroundings change moment by moment.

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Announcements

Upcoming Events

July 2, 3, 9, 10	9:30 AM	In-Person Bon Otoba Service
July 5, 7	6:00 PM	In-Person Bon Otoba Service
July 12	6:00 PM	Online Bon Otoba Service

Temple Hour Changes

July 4	Temple close at 12noon in observance of Independence Day
July 31	Temple close at 12noon for 5 th Sunday
Aug19, 20	Bon Dance Cancelled

Acknowledgement of Donations

Thank you very much for your generous donations during the month of May.

Dara Luangphinit	Donation
Ellen Lee	Donation – Butsudan Disposal
Dawn Saito	Service – Funeral & Inurnment for Sueko Saito
Walter Morishige	Donation – In memory of Takeko Morishige
Hiromi Shimada	Donation
June Aono	Donation
Gertrude Kihara	Service – Hanamatsuri
Gayle Fukunaga	Donation – In memory of Nakano Family
Brian Suda	Service – 7th Memorial for Tokiko Suda
Denise Oguma	Service – 7th Memorial & Inurnment for Mark Oguma
Denise Oguma	Donation – In memory of Mark Oguma
Matsuzaki Family	Donation
Nakai Family	Donation
Dara Luangphinit	Donation
Linda Thom	Donation
Lloyd Higa	Service – Funeral for Mildred Mitsuko Higa
Helen Tricas	Service – 1st Memorial for Esther Sumako Kondo
Marilyn Tagawa	Service – Visit to Yoshie Uchida @ Foster Care
Ross Tanoue	Service – 3rd Memorial for Joyce Nakamura–Tanoue
Helen Tsuchiya	Service – Hanamatsuri
Miles Kasahara	Donation
Wayne Yagi	Service – 13th Memorial for Humio Yagi
Hiromi Shimada	Donation
Verna Hirota	Donation – Hospital Visit to Alan Odo
Mitsue Nakagawa	Service – 3rd Memorial for Beatrice Yoshimoto
Patricia Katayama	Service – 3rd Memorial for Beatrice Yoshimoto
Karen H. Yamaoka	Service – 3rd Memorial for Beatrice Yoshimoto
Harry Sato	Service – Blessing Service for Ichiro Sato Family Butsudan
Fujiko Akiyoshi	Donation
Charities Aid Foundation America	Donation
JoAnn Ishida	Nokotsudo & Donation
Dara Luangphinit	Donation
Linda Unten	Donation – In memory of Tatsujiro & Shima Harada
Joni Kaneshiro	Service – Memorial for Richard & Debra Sakashita
Keiko Kawagishi	Service – Kannonko May
Tom Itagaki	Service – Kannonko May
Mona Sawai	Service – Kannonko May
Bernice Koike	Service – Kannonko May
Ellen Nishimura	Service – Kannonko May
Sally Nozaki	Service – Kannonko May
Arden & Mary Loomis	Service – Kannonko May
Linda Unten	Service – Kannonko May
Jean Maekawa	Service – Kannonko May
Rae Shiraki	Donation – In memory of Tsutomu & Jane Shiraki
Charities Aid Foundation America	Donation
Walter Morishige	Service – In memory of Shunsuke Morishige
Lawrence Kiyabu	Service – for Lawrence Kiyabu
Family of Late Sue Tengan	Service – Funeral for Sue Setsuyo Tengan
Jane Sato	Service – Inurnment for Stanley Sato
Lorna Nakasone	Service – Burial for Hiroko Kotake
Rae Shiraki	Service
Chrissy Okamoto	Donation
Lynnette Horio	Service – Funeral for Mildred Yaeko Kaneda
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Glenn Tango	Donation – Building Maintenance
Katherine Higuchi	Donation
Katherine Higuchi	Service – Kannonko
Alvin Honbo	Donation