

Dharma Service with Rev. Aoki on Zoom

Please contact Rev. Aoki at:
rev.aoki@gmail.com
to receive the Zoom link
or check the temple website

(Service takes approximately 30
minutes - Meditation, Sutra
Chanting, and Dharma Talk)



Saturday, July 2nd at 10AM
Saturday, July 30th at 10AM

Sunday, July 10th
@ 2:00 p.m.

**Obon/Hatsubon
and Shotsuki/
Memorial**



Please RSVP.

(Scan the code, phone, or email the temple.)

**Masks are still required when in
the temple**

The Zoom link is:

Meeting ID: 692 059 0986
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Vancouver Buddhist Temple



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Obon



The origin of Obon can be traced to the Ulambana Sutra which relates the story of Mogallana, the most gifted of Shakyamuni Buddha's disciples in the area of extraordinary sensory perception. A very filial son, Mogallana, one day, used his extraordinary powers to visualize the whereabouts of his mother who had died. Searching all the realms, from the highest of the heavens to the lowest of the hells, he was surprised and horrified to find his mother suffering the torments of the realm of Hungry Ghosts. With his powers again, he filled a bowl with food and sent it to his mother. The food burst into flames each time she put it to her mouth. Finding himself helpless in aiding his mother, he ran to the Buddha seeking help.

The Buddha told Mogallana that he needs the combined help of all the monks to help his mother. He was told to bring offerings of food from land and sea, and sweets piled on a platter to the Sangha at the end of the Pravara. The Pravara was a period of retreat for the Buddha and his disciples during the rainy season in India. This was from the 15th of April to the 15th of July based on the western calendar. Monks were forbidden to travel in order to avoid the killing of insects which multiplied greatly during the rainy season. They were to stay in one place to listen to the Buddha's talks, study, and meditate. Mogallana made the prescribed offerings and his mother and seven generations of his ancestors were relieved of their sufferings. Mogallana was so overjoyed that he clapped his hands and danced for joy. This is said to have been the beginning of the Bon Odori.

Jodo Shinshu (True Pure Land School) does not look upon Obon as the time when the "souls" of one's ancestors return, and that the services, offerings, dancing, lights, and etc. are for the benefit of one's dead relatives. It is rather a time to remember and honor all those who have passed on before us. It is to appreciate all that they have done for us and to recognize the continuation of the influence of their deeds upon our lives. Obon is a time for self-reflection (an important Buddhist practice) for it is only when man becomes aware of his imperfections and insufficiencies that, in contrast to his ideals, religion becomes a matter of personal concern.

Obon is also called the Gathering of Joy by Jodo Shin Buddhists. It is not the happiness of getting what you desire, but the joy of being shown the Truth of what one is, no matter how damning that truth is to the image of our 'ego-self'. It is the joy of the awareness of being embraced in the Truth, in Amida Buddha. Furthermore, Bon Odori is not a dance of happiness but rather a dance of Joy.

Namo Amida Butsu
Tatsuya Aoki



Message from the VBT Board

For the first time in three years, we are able to hold the Obon event (July 10th) at our temple, with one exception. We would ask that everyone planning to attend in person to please register so that we know exactly who will be in attendance. We will **not** be limiting attendance, but need to know how many bentos to prepare. As part of the Obon service, we will have Hatsubon and the July Shotsuki. As always we need helpers for setting up and bento prep, so if anyone is able and willing, we welcome any help we can get. Once again, we have Memory lanterns for sale - \$10.00 per lantern. Call or email the temple if you are interested in purchasing a lantern.

The Powell Street Festival will take place, as usual, on the BC Day long weekend of July 30th and 31st. Our temple will participate in food sales - which is a good fund-raiser for our temple. We ask for volunteers, members, or not are welcome to come help.

A Japanese Canadian Health and Wellness grant given to our Vancouver Buddhist Temple, by the provincial government has made it possible to hold a memorial service and luncheon at the temple, on Sunday, August 7th at 10:00 am. The occasion will include Keirokai for our senior members. Anyone interested in attending should register. Gifts will be given to all our senior members over the age of 75 and special ages (77, 88, and 99) will be recognized. The lunch will be a delicious obento special. Again, there is **no limit** to attendance, but we need to know how many bentos to order and gifts to purchase.

Namo Amida Butsu,

The Board

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar...

Bon Odori Practices:

Tuesday, June 28

Thursday, June 30

Tuesday, July 5

Thursday, July 7



Obon Service - July 10th @ 2:00 pm

(scan the code to register)

Bon Odori - July 10th @ 3:30 pm



SCAN ME

Seniors' Luncheon and Bingo -

Sunday, July 24th @ 11:30 am



Powell Street Festival - July 30th & 31st

Japanese Canadian Memorial Service & Luncheon -

Sunday, August 7th @ 10:00 am (Scan the code to register)

SCAN ME



BC Jodo Shinshu Federation Vancouver Island

Obon Tour - August 11th - 14th

2022 OBON Cemetery & Temple Services

Wednesday, June 29

10:00 AM Maple Ridge

10:30 AM Whonnock

11:00 AM Hatzic (Mission)



Wednesday, July 6

10:00 AM Valley View (Surrey)

10:30 AM New Westminster

11:00 AM Coquitlam

Saturday, July 9

1:00 PM Aldergrove Cemetery

2:00 PM FVBT Obon Service & Bon Dance

Sunday, July 10

2:00 PM Vancouver Obon & Shotsuki Service

3:30 PM Vancouver Bon Dance

Greetings from the Valley...



Greetings from the valley.... as things slowly creep back to normal. We held our first in-person shotsuki service for June and our presiding sensei, Reverend Grant, proclaimed it was the first time he had been back for two years!!! In some ways, it seems so long since we have had a regular shotsuki service, but at the same time, the time has slipped by so quickly?

There are so many events to look forward to, especially with the various Obon activities. There is temple cleanup on July 2nd, mochi making on July 7th, and of course the various ohaka mairis at the different cemeteries. Please try to attend one of these activities and the Fraser Valley Obon service will be on July 9th.

Then there is the Vancouver Island Obon tour on August 11 – 14th. This is a BCJSBTF event, and there are a limited number of seats, so sign up quickly. The food and company will be well worth it and the history lessons from visiting the sites give a true depth of meaning to Obon service.

Finally, keep September 3rd open on your calendars as we have planned a special dinner out with our senseis and their wives. More about this later... or come to the temple and find out in person!!

Hope to see you all at Obon Service on July 9th at 2:00 pm. Ohaka service at Aldergrove will be at 1:00 pm. The guest minister will be Reverend Grant Ikuta.

In gassho

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received in Gratitude

Roy & Itoko Akune - In Memory of Late Masato Merv Araki
John Shoichiro & Masuko Kamimura - March service,
Hanamatsuri, & May service
Amy Nagamatsu - Memory - Merv Araki
May Mukaida - Hanamatsuri
Sam & Pat Yoshioka - In Memory of Jack & Kenny Yoshioka
& Hanamatsuri



June 11, 2022 Monthly Memorial Service
Masami Miyagi, Denise Cork, Amy Nagamatsu, Stan & Lucy
Yoshioka, donation box
Ryoko Tateyama - Joe's Memorial
Naomi Shikaze - in memory of grandmother Yeda Shikaze
Ron & Marilyn Fujita - in memory of mom
Jenny Fujita & Mike McSkimming - in memory of mother &
grandmother
Marion Fujita - in memory of mom Chizuko Fujita

Mochi In July Sale!

When:

Saturday, July 9th after the
FVBT Obon Service

Cost: \$10/dozen

Where: Fraser Valley
Buddhist Temple

Please order in advance by
emailing:

fvtbtemple@gmail.com

or
phoning Lucy at:
604 856-6492



Japanese Canadian Memorial Service

Luncheon and Entertainment (Free)
Sunday, August 7, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Vancouver Buddhist Temple
220 Jackson Avenue
Vancouver, BC, V6A 3B3

RSVP by July 25, 2022

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仏教会へご連絡ください。



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, June 29th -
Cemetery Service
@ 10 am (Maple Ridge)
@ 10:30 am (Whonock)
@ 11 am (Hatzie)

Saturday, July 2nd -
Dharma Service @ 10:00

Sunday, July 3rd -
Cemetery Service
@ 9:30 am (Forest Lawn)
@ 10:10 am (Ocean View)
@ 11 am (Mount. View)

Wednesday, July 6th -
Cemetery Service
@ 10 am (Valley View-Surrey)
@ 10:40 am (New West.)
@ 11 am (Coquitlam)

Saturday, July 9th -
Cemetery Service
@ 1 pm (Aldergrove)

Saturday, July 9th -
FVBT Obon Service &
Bon dance @ 2:00 pm

Sunday, July 10th -
Obon, Hatsubon &
Shotsuki/Memorial
Service @ 2:00 pm VBT
(masks required) &
on-line. Please pre-
register if attending in
person.

Sunday, July 10th -
Bon Odori @ 3:30 pm
VBT (masks required)

Saturday, July 30th -
Dharma Service @ 10:00

July 30th & 31st -
Powell Street Festival

*** All services start @ 10:00
am and will be via Zoom,
except where indicated.

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Return to the Toban System

Ever so gradually, the temple is opening up, and with that, more needs to be done to help with the upkeep. As a result, the board has decided to return to the Toban system.



The temple would not be the warm and welcoming place for gathering if it were not for the dedicated hard work of our members. When people come to the temple—whether it is for the first time or the 100th time—the care we put in our temple expresses how precious we hold the Teachings of the Buddha.

The Tobans will look after Memorial/Shotsuki services. Some of the duties include: cleaning the Hondo, inside and outside the temple; a parking attendant will be needed; as well as a couple people to act as service receptionist and usher. Help will also be needed for lunch prep for various monthly activities.



The following activities in June are the responsibility of **Toban #3**

Obon Prep - Saturday, July 9th @ 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, July 10th @ 9:00 a.m.

July Shotsuki/Memorial Service/Obon/Hatsubon - Sunday, July 10th @ 2:00 p.m.

Powell Street Festival Prep - Friday, July 29th @ 9:00 a.m., Saturday, July 30th @ 8:00 a.m., and Sunday, July 31st @ 8:00 a.m.

Please contact the VBT, or Toban 3's captains, Dave Ohori and/or Trish Keizer if you are able to help.

Thank You to...

A lot of work is required to keep the temple in working order. From time to time things break-down or we need assistance in the kitchen. As well as the board of directors, we are very fortunate to have volunteers answer the call for help.

A huge shout-out and thanks to:

♦ May 29th Bento - Molly Akune, Eddie Au, Joyce Chan, Masae Ishii, Satsu Kanegae, Takiko Kawasaki, Eileen & Paul Kitamura, Tatsuo & Karen Mizushima, Akemi Mizuta, Michiyo Teranishi, Kazue Tsurusaki, Christine, Kaz, & Margaret Yoshida.

♦ June 18th Manju making: Molly Akune, Joyce Chan, Haruyo Chiba, Tei Domitsu, Frank & Pat Hamanishi, Masae Ishii, Satsu Kanegae, Takiko Kawasaki, Kaoru & Masayo Kikuchi, Eileen & Paul Kitamura, Sam Kobayashi, Alamy Liu, Frances Minato, Akemi Mizuta, Kazumi Nakano, Keiko Oyama, Akemi & Sandy Tanaka, Michiyo Teranishi, Kazue Tsurusaki, Christine, Kaz, & Margaret Yoshida.

♦ Eileen and Paul Kitamura for undertaking the huge job of removing, washing, and sewing back on all of the social hall cushions. Many thanks to Mrs. Satsu Kanegae, Mrs. Takiko Kawasaki, and Mrs. Fujiko Kitano for helping with this task.

♦ Mayumi Dar for painting over the ever-present graffiti found on the temple's exterior.

Volunteers Needed

The next couple of months are going to be very busy at the temple. If you are available, please come and help at one or both of the following events:

- Saturday, July 9th and Sunday, July 10th - Obon bento prep @ 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, July 29th - Sunday, July 31st - Powell Street Festival set-up & food prep @ 8:00 a.m.

Memorial Years of 2022

1st Year - 2021

3rd Year - 2020

7th Year - 2016

13th Year - 2010

17th Year - 2006

25th Year - 1998

33rd Year - 1990

50th Year - 1973



RSVP - 2022 Obon Service at the Vancouver Buddhist Temple



SCAN ME

SERVICE: Sunday, July 10th @ 2:00 pm & Bon Dance @ 3:30 pm (approximately)

EVENT ADDRESS: Vancouver Buddhist Temple (220 Jackson Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V6A 3B3)

CONTACT: 604 253-7033 or temple.vbt@gmail.com

Name (first name last name): _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____ or Cell #: _____

Number of people attending (including yourself): _____

Purpose of visit: Hatsubon _____ Annual Obon Memorial _____ July Shotsuki Memorial _____



RSVP - Japanese Canadian Memorial Service and Luncheon



SCAN ME

SERVICE: Sunday, August 7th @ 10:00 am

EVENT ADDRESS: Vancouver Buddhist Temple (220 Jackson Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V6A 3B3)

CONTACT: 604 253-7033 or temple.vbt@gmail.com

Name (first name last name): _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____ or Cell #: _____

Names of people attending (including yourself): _____

Are any of the members of your party INTERNEES? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please provide their names: _____

July Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The July Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held in-person and virtually (via Zoom) on Sunday, July 10th at 2:00 pm.

1959 YADA, Shige *TAKEBAYASHI, Tei	1978 HORII, Kiyoaki *KURASHIGE, Naoko	OYE, Yasukichi MORI, Nobu	2013 OKADA, Kazuko TANIZAWA, Fusako
1960 *WATANABE, Hiroshi *NAGATA, Sano	1979 *BANDO, Hidejiro *MURATA, Uno	1996 TANAKA, Junichi NISHIMURA, Taro INOUE, Teiji	2014 SATO, Kimihiko TAJIRI, Helen
1963 *TANAKA, Masuya *TSUMURA, Tonoyo	1981 *TAMAKI, Hiroko OTSUJI, Ito *NAKAGAWA, Hatsu	1997 UYEDA, Toshiko UYEDA, Hisakichi TANAKA, Shigeo YASUDA, Minoru	2017 TAMAI, Miyoko SAKATA, Mieke
1964 *YOSHIDA, Iwataro *KOHARA, Tsuneo	1982 *IDA, Kikui	1998 - (25th year) *MARUYAMA, Sharon YAMAOKA, Nobue	2018 UYEYAMA, Yoshiko
1965 MIZUTA, Jisaburo *OTANI, Shige	1983 *NAKASHIMA, Yoshito YOSHIKAWA, Susumu	2000 HIKIDA, Masaharu MARUNO, Satoshi	2019 KOJIMA, Raymond KOMATSU, Kazuko ANDO, Mark
1966 TSUJI, Tatsuya	1984 *NAKAMURA, Takeo *TANAKA, Harry *NITTA, Kitaro *SATO, Shino *KONDO, Hiroshi	2001 YAMAUCHI, Takashi	2019 TANAKA, Alice HATTORI, Sayo IMAIZUMI, Seiichi YOSHIKAWA, Hikaru
1967 *FUKUI, Chika *OMORI, Takanosuke *HINATSU, Shigeru *SAKAI, Fujie *TANAKA, Koharu	1986 *TAKEUCHI, Masu *NISHIMURA, Shigeyuki TATEYAMA, Shinpachi	2002 *TAKAMA, Akira	2020 - (3rd year) TAKATA, Yukiko
1969 *NAKAMURA, Yoichi	1988 KODA, Haru	2005 TANAKA, Douglas Takeo	2021 - (1st year) SHOJI, Yoshiro
1970 *NAKAO, Hatsue	1990 - (33rd year) NISHIMURA, Naka *MURAO, Tokiko	2006 - (17th year) HATTORI, Motoharu KOJIMA, Joe Ju KARIYA, Fumiko	
1972 *UYENO, Toyokichi *SAKAGUCHI, Shigeo *MUTO, Saburo *HISANAGA, Aizo	1991 *MIYUKI, Yoko TATSUMI, Tatsu *UYENO, Zenzo	2007 KIMOTO, Haruye KIKUCHI, Tomi KITANO, Yoko	
1973 - (50th year) OMAYE, Kiyokazu *KAGAWA, Kuni *KITASAKA, Tosaburo	1993 *KUMAMOTO, Takayuki *KOYANAGI, Keiichi	2008 NAKAGAWA, Toshio	
1974 *YOSHIDA, Takeshi	1994 *SEIBOLD, Terry *TANIGAKI, Toshiko *MAYE, Shigeo	2009 TAKENO, Masuko KAWAMOTO, Makoto ISHIKAWA, Sadako	
1975 MIYASAKI, Saijiro *YOSHIDA, Kinu	1995 OKAZOE, Susumu KARIYA, Isamu MORI, Akiyo	2011 TANAKA, Kaoru	
1976 RYUJIN, Takeji		2012 TAMAKI, Shigeharu SUZUKI, Tamako	
1977 HAMATAKE, Yasu			



**The Shotsuki Service will be held on Sunday, July 10th at the temple & via Zoom @ 2:00 pm.

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Also, you can dial-in to the service.

Dial: 778-907-2071

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