

**Dharma Service with
Rev. Aoki on Zoom**

Please contact Rev. Aoki at:
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to receive the Zoom link
or check the temple website

(Service takes approximately 40
minutes - Meditation, Sutra Chanting,
and Dharma Talk



In-person service only @ 10:00 am:
Sunday, March 24th
Sunday, March 31st

Zoom Service @ 10:00 am:
Saturday, March 2nd
Saturday, March 23rd
Saturday, March 30th

Sunday, March 3rd

@ 11:00 a.m.
**Spring Ohigan &
Shotsuki/Memorial
Service
(& lunch)**

Masks are now optional

The Zoom link is:
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Bodhi Mind



Vancouver Buddhist Temple

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The View From the Back



*If one walks looking far ahead and pays no attention to the ground beneath his eyes, he will stumble.
If one gazes critically upon others and forgets to look into himself, he will bring tragedy upon himself.*

(Renny Shonin)

It is hard to believe that February is ending, and we are entering the third month of 2024. How time flies! This quotation by Renny Shinin (1415–1499 - who was the 8th head priest of the Hongwan-ji Temple) has practical applications as well as spiritual ones. We are always planning for the future; working hard, setting up trusts, buying insurance policies against any future contingency, making sure that we leave an inheritance for future generations. It is an admirable quality, but it is not an attitude that is effective in all cases, especially when it comes to religion in general, and Jodo Shinshu in particular.

Buddhism, as the Nembutsu, is not for us, or for my family, or for my children... it is for me alone. It is for me alone now... not tomorrow... or the day after. Buddhism is always taught and really understood by *ushiro sugata* (ie. the view from the back). That is to say, by living by example rather than intellectual theories. Children do what we do rather than what we say. They watch us from the back and imitate our actions.

As we observe our temple's 120th anniversary, we are reminded of this important message. One day, we will be seen by *ushiro sugata* (viewed from the back). Let us continue to rejoice and share the Buddha-Dharma.

In gassho,
Tatsuya Aoki

Hatsumairi - Infant Presentation Ceremony

We cordially invite all families with infants up to one year of age to participate in our annual Hatsumairi Ceremony, which will take place during our Hanamatsuri (Sakyamuni Buddha's Birthday) service on **Sunday, April 14th 2024**. Hatsumairi literally means "first Buddhist service". Often translated as "Infant Presentation Service", Hatsumairi represents the first opportunity for families to bring infants who were born during the previous year to Temple. At the same time, it gives our Temple the opportunity to give expression to the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha, which embraces people of all ages, genders, races, and social strata.

If your family wishes to participate, please contact the temple office by **Thursday, April 4th**.



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Message from the VBT Board

The Vancouver Buddhist Temple held their annual general meeting on Sunday, February 4th @ 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held in-person and via Zoom. Thank you to all who attended.

We will be very busy during the months of March and April. Along with manju making, our Seniors' Luncheon and bento making, we will be preparing for Hanamatsuri/Keirokai/Hatsumairi. We hope many of you can attend - Please complete the form in this issue if you do plan on attending. Prior to this special service, we have scheduled a temple clean-up day on Saturday, March 23rd. It has been awhile since we have done a thorough cleaning of the temple, and we would appreciate as much help as possible.

As a heads up, we have a 'scaled-down' bazaar at the end of May. We are going to do things a little differently. We will have people pre-order (like we do for bentos), plus we will serve our delicious udon, and a few other items, in the Social Hall. Stay tuned for more details on what we will be offering.

As always, thank you to the many volunteers who come out to help with temple events. We couldn't operate the temple without you!

In gassho,
The Board

Ochigo - Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. *(10:00 am in the 3rd floor class room for participants)*

"Chigo" refers to children ages three to twelve. ("o" is an honorific prefix.) According to tradition, noble households in Japan sent their children to temples for their education. While attending, children participated in the temple festivals and ceremonies, often dressing up to represent celestial beings.

Both boys and girls wear a robe with long, wide sleeves over a hakama or loose trousers, and the ancient make-up of the nobility which consists of two black dots just above the space between the eyebrows. The costume is differentiated between boys and girls by a stiff hat for boys and a crown of the phoenix bird for girls.

The VBT will provide an opportunity for children to participate in this ceremonial procession at its anniversary ceremony to be held on April 14th, 2024 at the VBT. *** Please bring a Yukata or white shirt to be worn under the costume.

Priority registration for member's child by March 15th. After, March 15th, registration will open to temple non-members. Please signup at the VBT Office.



Youth Tour to Japan

There will be a 2024 Youth Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange (YBICSE) tour to Japan this summer, and participation will be limited to five (5) Canadians between the ages of 15 - 25 years old. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested, please contact Rev. Tatsuya Aoki for further information by February 29th, 2024.

The Japan 2024 YBICSE will be hosted by the Hongwanji in Kyoto, Japan from July 4th to July 9th, 2024. It is anticipated that the Canadian group will likely arrive in Japan around July 1 - 2 and return to Canada on July 10th.



Greetings from the Valley...



Happy spring everyone from the valley... despite our few very cold spells this winter has been quite unusual and now the crocus and even daffodils are starting to poke their heads up. Hopefully we won't have a sudden cold spell again despite what the B.C. groundhog said.

Because the weather was not cooperative our January shotsuki and oshogatsu service could not be held. The Keirokai we had planned for January 17th was also cancelled, but we were able to reschedule and hold it on January 25th. The Keirokai was possible because of the grant from the JC Legacies Wellness fund with bento lunch, bingo games and the unusual grocery shopping as our seniors enjoyed food, fun and gifts to take home.

So our first service of 2024 was held on February 3rd with Reverend Grant Ikuta officiating for shotsuki for January and February and Hoonko and Nirvana day Services for Shakamuni Buddha. Reverend Ikuta gently reminded us of the impermanence of life even to the extent of Shakamuni Buddha's death on February 15th... but the Teachings live on. After service, ozoni and a delicious potluck lunch was enjoyed as sangha members and friends were able to socialize for the first time since December.

Our next shotsuki service for March will be held on March 2nd. This is also the date of our FVBT annual general meeting which will be held immediately after the service and tea. Then at 4:00 we will be holding the Application Support Session for the Japanese Canadian Survivors Health and Wellness Fund. There will be Outreach workers available to help you with your application and validate your documents.

This year seems to be speeding by as April and Hanamatsuri is just around the corner. Please keep well and join us on March 2nd at 2:00 p.m.

in gassho,

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



Hanamatsuri and Keirokai Luncheon

RSVP - 2024 Hanamatsuri/Keirokai/Shotsuki/Memorial Service

SERVICE: Sunday, April 14th @ **11:00 am** & luncheon

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

CONTACT: 604 253-7033 or temple.vbt@gmail.com **DEADLINE:** April 4th @ 12:00 p.m.

Name (first name last name): _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____ **or Cell #:** _____

Number of people attending (including yourself): _____

Please indicate if you born in: 1947 (77 years old) _____ 1936 (88 years old) _____ 1925 _____ (99 years old)

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 2nd -
Zoom Service @ 10 a.m.

Saturday, March 2nd -
Fraser Valley Service &
AGM with Rev. Aoki @ 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 3rd -
Spring Ohigan/March
Shotsuki Service & Lunch
@ 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 17th -
Seniors' Luncheon @ 11:00

Saturday, March 23rd -
Temple Clean-up @ 9 am

Saturday, March 23rd -
Zoom Service @ 10 a.m.

Sunday, March 24th -
In-person Service @ 10:00


Saturday, March 30th -
Zoom Service @ 10 a.m.

Sunday, March 31st -
In-person Service @ 10:00


***All services, except
where indicated, will be via
Zoom.

The Zoom link is:
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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, the Social Hall, inside and outside the temple; a parking attendant is needed; as well as a couple people may be needed to act as service receptionist and usher. Help will also be needed for lunch prep for various monthly activities.

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

- **Spring Ohigan & March Shotsuki/Memorial Service** - Sunday, March 3rd @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Manju making (mushi)** - Saturday, March 16th @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Seniors' Luncheon** - Sunday, March 17th @ 11:00 a.m.
- **Temple Clean-up** - Saturday, March 23rd @ 9:00 a.m.
- **Manju making (yaki)** - Saturday, March 30th @ 9:00 a.m.



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:

- ♦ **Greg Chor, Tim Hirata, & Dave Otori** - for replacing all of the temple's fire extinguishers
- ♦ **January 28th Manju making** - Molly Akune, Eddie Au, JoAnna Bazeley, Haruyo Chiba, Masae Ishii, Satsu Kanegae, Takiko Kawasaki, Masayo Kikuchi, Paul & Eileen Kitamura, Alamy Liu, Karen & Tatsu Mizushima, Akemi Mizuta, Michiyo Teranishi, Kazue Tsurusaki, Ed & Emi Yamazaki, Nancy Yamazaki, Christine, Kaz, & Margaret Yoshida
- ♦ **February 17th Manju making** - JoAnna Bazeley, Joyce Chan, Frank & Pat Hamanishi, Kathy Homma, Satsu Kanegae, Takiko Kawasaki, Mas Kitagawa, Paul & Eileen Kitamura, Alamy Liu, Akemi Mizuta, Keiko Oyama, Bob Soga, Yohei Tarutani, Kazue Tsurusaki, Sayuri Uchida, Ed & Emi Yamazaki, Nancy Yamazaki, Christine, Kaz, & Margaret Yoshida

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar...

*** the March Bento is cancelled due to Easter falling on the same week-end

- ◇ **Hanamatsuri, Keirokai, and Hatsumairi** - Sunday, April 14th @ 11:00 a.m.
- ◇ **VBT 120th & 45th Anniversary Luncheon** - Saturday, June 8th @ 11:00 a.m. at Nikkei Place
- ◇ **Obon Service** - July 14th @ 2:00 p.m.
Bon Odori - July 14th @ 4:00 p.m.
- ◇ **Powell Street Festival** - August 3rd & 4th
- ◇ **VBT Barbecue/Picnic** - Sunday, September 8th @ 11:00 a.m.
- ◇ **Mochitsuki** - Sunday, December 8th @ 9:00 a.m.



Memorial Years of 2024

1st Year - 2023
3rd Year - 2022

7th Year - 2018
13th Year - 2012

17th Year - 2008
25th Year - 2000

33rd Year - 1992
50th Year - 1975

March Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The March Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held in-person and virtually (via Zoom) on Sunday, March 3rd at 11:00 a.m.

- 1953**
UYEYAMA, Toyokichi
- 1957**
NATSUHARA, Kamenosuke
- 1958**
*NAKATANI, Tatsumatsu
- 1959**
*KONDO, Iwa
*KAZAO, Heikuro
- 1960**
*KOTANI, Kumataro
*SUGIE, Shosaku
*YOSHIDA, Sei
- 1961**
*MAEDE, Yuji
SAIMOTO, Kiku
- 1962**
OKANO, Kiyoko
*SHINDE, Matsunosuke
*YAMADA, Kiju
- 1963**
NUKINA, Shorin
- 1964**
*FUJIOKA, Yashiro
*NISHI, (baby)
*OMORI, Hideko
- 1965**
*TANAKA, Hisao
*YADA, Sutejiro
- 1966**
*SAKIYAMA, Genshiro
- 1968**
*ISHIDA, Matsugoro
- 1969**
*KAMEI, Tsurumatsu
*KITAGAWA, Tsuneki
*NISHI, Shigetaro
*OKANO, Yoshihiro
- 1970**
*TERASHITA, Tsutomu
- 1971**
*ARAKAWA, Sukeyemon
*HAMA, Yoshizo
*MATSUMOTO, Saki
*TAKAHARA, Kiyotada
*URABE, Toyemon
- 1972**
*TATSUMOTO, Akino
UYEYAMA, Shina
*YAMAMOTO, Haru
- 1974**
*HAGIHARA, Katao
*IMAMURA, Mary
*MIZUNO, Natsu
*YAMAZAKI, Kunizo
- 1975 - 50th Year**
*OGAWA, Yoshihisa
*JOWETT, Roy
- 1976**
*CHIBA, Koichi
*MISHIMA, Mima
*MOCHIZUKI, Tajiro
*SUYEYOSHI, Yuzo
- 1977**
UYEYAMA, Inosuke
- 1979**
*HAYASHI, Tamejiro
- 1980**
*NISHI, Chiyoye
- 1982**
*OMOTO, Minoru
*SARUYAMA, Danjo
- 1983**
*KOBAYASHI, Masako
- 1984**
KAWABATA, Yoshi
*MATSUBARA, Tatsushiro
*YOSHIDA, Kanichiro
- 1985**
TANAKA, Kimi
- 1986**
*HANAZAWA, Haru
*OTSUJI, Kihei
- 1987**
*HARADA, Masuhiro
*NISHI, Nikichi
*SOKUGAWA, Toji
*TAKESHITA, Kazuo
*TAKEUCHI, Naoki
*YAMAKE, Hatsuye
*YAMASHITA, Kozue
- 1988**
*MORISHITA, Masaru
*YAMASHITA, Fumiye
- 1989**
*FURUGORI, Sumeko
KITANO, Kono
*TERANISHI, Yoshiye
- 1991**
*MIZUYABU, Toshio
*TAKAHASHI, Tamiyo
- 1993**
*HAGANE, Toshio
*HAYASHI, Shomi
*KONDO, Hideo
*NODA, Jiroemon
*OYA, Hitoshi
- 1994**
*KUROZUMI, Takuyo
- OKADA, Shigetoe
- 1995**
MORRIS, Jeff
TAKEDA, Masaichi
TAKII, Ryuzo
TAKIMOTO, Shichiro
YABUNO, Taiichi
- 1996**
HORII, Ryotaro
*SHIMIZU, Tami (Jpn)
- 1997**
HAYASHI, Yosaburo
MUKUDA, Yone
*RICHARDSON, Sachiko
*UI, Shigeyo
- 1998**
ITO, Aki
*KAITA, Sue
TOMIYE, Takashi
*EJIMA, Frank
KATSUMOTO, Sato
- 1999**
YAMAKAMI, Onobu
- 2000 - 25th Year**
SOGA, Yoshiharu
CHIBANA, Hiroko
TANAKA, Matsu
OKANO, Chie
MIYASHITA, Archie
- 2002**
KOBAYAKAWA, Toshikazu
- 2004**
OKUBO, Haruye
TATSUMI, Miyako
- 2005**
HIRAI, Fujiye
SHIMIZU, Toshio
MATSUBARA, Toshio
*ASAOKA, Ryoko
- 2006**
MAEKAWA, Yoshiko
- 2007 - 17th Year**
KAKINO, George
SHOJI, Misao
- 2008**
HIKIDA, Sadako
- 2009**
SAKAI, Iwao
NISHIMOTO, Kiyoshi
- 2010**
OKAHASHI, Shizuko
UYESUGI, Emiko
YOSHIHARA, Lillian Reiko
HAMADE, Roy Ryuzo
SHINKODA, Fusako
- 2011**
MIZUYABU, Kayoko
- 2012 - 13th Year**
IWANAKA, Suyeko
- 2013**
ISHIGURO, Florence
WATANABE, Hisako
- 2014**
YAMAOKA, Robert
CHIJIWA, Shigenobu
MORITA, Tokiye
CHAKI, Kiyoshi
YUNOUE, Hiroki
KATO, Waka
- 2015**
PEACOCK, Nobue
YAMADA, Yukio
- 2016**
OKAMURA, Yoshiyuki
SAKAI, Kiyoe
- 2017**
LEONG, Nancy
DAHL, Stan
OKANO, Yukiko
- 2018 - 7th Year**
HARADA, Toshiyo
NAKAMURA, Ryoichi
- 2019**
IWANAKA, Robert
- 2020**
HAYASHI, Noburo
SAKATA, Akiko
- 2021**
TANAKA, Minoru
- 2022 - 3rd Year**
OKAMOTO, Naoko
- 2023- 1st Year**
YOSHIOKA, Osami (Sam)
TANAKA, Yoshiko



**The Shotsuki Service will be held on Sunday, March 3rd at the temple & via Zoom @ 11:00 a.m.

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Also, you can dial-in to the service.
Dial: 778-907-2071

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2024 Vancouver Buddhist Temple


慶讃法要

浄土真宗本願寺派
バンクーバー仏教会
創立120周年
建立45周年


120th / 45th Anniversary

Special Services 法要


Sunday, **January 14th** at 11:00 a.m.

Anniversary Service 
Hoonko / Shotsuki Memorial Service
Lunch and Bingo


Sunday, **April 14th** at 11:00 a.m.

 Anniversary Service
Hanamatsuri / Keiro-Kai / Hatsumairi /
Shotsuki Memorial Service
Ochigo Procession (Registration starts in March)
Lunch and Bingo


Sunday, **July 14th** at 2:00 p.m.

Anniversary Commemorative 
Hatsubon / Obon / Shotsuki
Nikkei Memorial Service
Bon Dance

Sunday, **October 6th** at 11:00 a.m.

 Anniversary Service
JSBTC Day and Shotsuki Memorial Service
Lunch and Bingo

Sunday, **December 1st** at 11:00 a.m.

Anniversary Service 
Bodhi Day and Shotsuki Memorial Service
Lunch and Bingo

Theme

OKAGESAMA

“Thanks to the many causes
and conditions
known and unknown,
I have the privilege of
coming to this moment”



おかげさま



Special Gatherings 行事

Saturday, June 8th at 11:30 a.m.

Anniversary **Lunch** at Nikkei Place
(6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby)

 \$5 Registration Fee & RSVP by May 27th
Please contact us if you need a ride! 

Sunday, **September 8th** at 11:00 a.m.

Picnic at Central Park (Burnaby) 



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