

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 40
minutes - Meditation, Sutra
Chanting, and Dharma Talk)



In-person service only @ 10:00 am:
Sunday, December 10th

Zoom Service @ 10:00 am:
Saturday, December 16th
Saturday, December 23rd
Saturday, December 30th

Sunday, December 3rd
@ 11:00 a.m.

**Bodhi Day &
Shotsuki / Memorial
Service (& lunch)**
Masks are now optional

The Zoom link is:
Meeting ID: 692 059 0986
Passcode: shinran

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2024 VBT 120th Anniversary 'Okagesama' / Building 45th Anniversary



We are celebrating our the 120th anniversary of our temple and the 45th anniversary of our building. I am thankful for being able to share with all of you the special services coming in 2024. The board and I are planning a series of services and special gatherings in 2024 so that as many of you, as possible, can join us and be a part of our celebrations.

While I was thinking about the theme for our anniversary, I came up with a Japanese phrase 'Okagesama'. The phrase, is often used conversationally to express 'thank you', but I think the meaning is deeper and more difficult to translate into English. The root of this word, 'kage', means 'shadow'. It acknowledges that there are many unseen causes and conditions in this world which make our life possible. There are a variety of ways to translate the phrase. Okagesama can mean, 'make your life possible'. There are a variety of ways to translate the phrase. Okagesama can mean:

"I am, because you are,"

"To gratefully live in the shadow of others."

It is an expression of great humility and gratitude. For the purpose of our anniversary, we would translate and interpret 'Okagesama' as 'Thanks to the many causes and conditions known and unknown, I am given the privilege of coming to this moment'.

With Okagesama Awareness, 'let us try to see with more than just our eyes and appreciate our rich history of 120 years.

In gassho,

Tatsuya Aoki



Message from the VBT Board

This is already the final monthly publication of this year of our temple newsletter. Truly, the world seems to be spinning on its axis faster than ever. Your elected board recently held its November monthly meeting and some decisions have been made. After much deliberation because of increased expenses, we made the decision to increase the annual per member fee. As of January 1, 2024 the annual fee for an adult member will increase to \$125.00 from \$100.00. The annual fee for students will increase to \$35.00 from \$25.00. The annual membership fee will be waived for those members who are 85 years or older (the membership renewal form must be submitted to keep your membership active).

Plans are underway for special observances, services, and a banquet to celebrate our 120th founding anniversary and the 45th year since the temple construction. Dates and details fill follow.

The construction of the high-rise building next door is well underway. While it is still a long ways to completion, so far, no major obstacles have been thrown our way – other than the damage to the east wall. Please be mindful while entering and exiting our building.

In December we will have our popular annual Mochitsuki. It will be a members' event. Details can be found in this newsletter. Next year, we plan to organize one bazaar, but on a smaller scale than in past years.

And finally, the board thanks all our dedicated members and friends for their support throughout this past year. Please have a safe and joyful holiday season and be well!

Yoroshiku Onegai Shimasu!

The board of the Vancouver Buddhist Temple



2023 Mochitsuki

To all VBT members:

Please join us on Sunday, December 17th @ 9:00 a.m. for Mochitsuki. Each member's family will receive one (1) kagami mochi set and one (1) komochi package (9 mochi/package). Also, additional mochi packages can be purchased for \$10.00 (9 mochi).

So we know how much mochi to make, please return the order form ASAP, or contact the VBT either by phone 604 253-7033 or email us at: temple.vbt@gmail.com

2023 VBT Mochitsuki Order Form

I would like to receive a Kagami Mochi set and Komochi package: YES / NO (VBT members only)

I would like to order additional mochi: _____ x \$10.00 Total: \$_____

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

***** Deadline to order is Monday, December 11th*****

Greetings from the Valley...



Welcome to the valley...another year almost over...our days are shorter and cooler, but we can enjoy the passing of time and perhaps even a slightly quieter time before Christmas and New Year's Day.

Our November service was happy and peaceful with some new faces but again with a great deal of food, both yoshoku and nihonshoku (sandwiches and rice dishes). Trying to go with tea and light refreshments is a difficult challenge in the Valley. Fortunately with our December service, on December 2nd at 11:00 in the morning, we will be back to our pot luck after the service and with bingo to look forward to - we should be able to enjoy our famous after service meal. We will also have our mini market place open to sell a few items for the end of the year.

We are planning to have mochitsuki at the end of December so if you wish to join us or place an order for mochi for New Year's please contact one of the board members.

Hoping we will see you at service on December 2nd to say farewell to 2023.

in gassho,

FVBT

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple Donations Received in Gratitude

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations received in November.

R. Tateyama
Ron Nishimura
Miriah Conway
Carol Hamanishi
Kim Conway
R. & M. Fujita
Lori North
Denise Cork
Jenny Fujita

With gratitude for the online course series "Fireside Chat Sessions on Shin Buddhism in the West and Beyond"

Thomas Shikaze
Ben Shikaze

R. Tateyama – In memory of Mr. Ka Kamimura
Stan & Lucy Yoshioka—In memory of Emiko Muraki
R. Nishimura—In memory of Fusaye Nishimura
June Nishi—In memory of John Kamimura

2024 VBT Calendar of Events

Monday, JANUARY 1st @ 11 am - New Year's Service
Sunday, JANUARY 14th @ 11 am - (1/4) VBT Anniversary;
Hoonko and Shotsuki
Sunday, FEBRUARY 11th @ 11 am - Nirvana Day & Shotsuki
Sunday, FEBRUARY 4th @ 1 pm - VBT AGM
Sunday, MARCH 3rd @ 11 am - Spring Ohigan & Shotsuki
Saturday, MARCH 23rd @ 9 am - TEMPLE CLEANUP
Sunday, APRIL 14th @ 11 am - (2/4) VBT Anniversary/
Hanamatsuri/Keiro-Kai/Hatsumairi/Shotsuki
Sunday, MAY 5th @ 11 am - Gotan-E/Shotsuki/BC Buddhist Day
(1st Sunday in May)
Sunday, May 26th @ Noon - Bazaar
Sunday, JUNE 2nd @ 11 am - Shotsuki
***Saturday, JUNE 8th (11:30-14:00) VBT Anniversary Lunch at
Nikkei Place***

Sunday, JULY 7th - Obon Cemetery Sites Services (Burnaby/
Vancouver)

Sunday, JULY 14th @ 2 pm - Obon/Hatsubon/Shotsuki
@ 4 pm Bon Odori

AUGUST 3rd - 4th - Powell Street Festival

Sunday, AUGUST 11th @ 11 am - Shotsuki

Saturday, AUGUST 24th @ 9 am - TEMPLE CLEANUP

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 8th - VBT Picnic (Central Park)

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 15th @ 11 am - Fall Ohigan/Shotsuki

Sunday, OCTOBER 6th @ 11 am - (3/4) Anniversary; JSBTC Day
& Shotsuki

Sunday, NOVEMBER 10th @ 11 am - Eitaikyo/Shotsuki

Sunday, DECEMBER 1st @ 11 am - (4/4) Anniversary; Bodhi day/
Shotsuki

Sunday, DECEMBER 8th - Mochi Tsuki

Tuesday, DECEMBER 31st @ 11:30 pm - Bell Ringing @ UBC



Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 2nd -
Fraser Valley Temple
Service with Rev. Aoki @
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 3rd -
Bodhi Day & Shotsuki/
Memorial Service & lunch
@ 11:00 a.m. at VBT and
on-line

Sunday, December 10th
- In person Service @ 10:00
a.m. at VBT

Saturday, December 16th
- Dharma Service via
Zoom @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 17th -
@ 9:00 a.m. Mochitsuki at
VBT

Saturday, December 23rd
- Dharma Service via
Zoom @ 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 30th
- Dharma Service via
Zoom @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 31st -
Bell Ringing @ 11:30 p.m.
at UBC Asian Centre (not
at VBT)

Monday, January 1st - New
Year's Service @ 11:00 a.m.
at VBT

Sunday, January 14th -
Hoonko/January Shotsuki
& 120th Anniversary Service
& Lunch @ 11:00 a.m.

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

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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 December and January are the responsibility of **Toban #2**

- **Bodhi Day & December Shotsuki/Memorial Service** - Sunday, December 3rd @ 9:00 am
- **Mochitsuki** - Sunday, December 17th @ 9:00 am
- **New Year's Eve Service** - Sunday, December 31st @ 10:00 pm (@ UBC)
- **New Year's Day Service** - Monday, January 1st @ 10:00 am
- **Hoonko & January Shotsuki/Memorial Service** - Sunday, January 14th @ 9:00 am

Please contact Toban 2's captains, Bob and/or Molly Akune 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:

- ♦ Steven Nishi for the donation of extension cords.
- ♦ **October Bento** - Molly Akune, JoAnna Bazeley, Joyce Chan, Maureen Ing, Masae Ishii, Satsu Kanegae, Takiko Kawasaki, Paul & Eileen Kitamura, Tatsu & Karen Mizushima, Akemi Mizuta, Michiyo Teranishi, Christine, Kaz, and Margaret Yoshida
- ♦ **November 12th Manju-making** - Molly Akune, JoAnna Bazeley, Joyce Chan, Haruyo Chiba, Masae Ishii, Satsu Kanegae, Takiko Kawasaki, Paul & Eileen Kitamura, Alamy Liu, Karen & Tatsu Mizushima, Kazumi Nakano, Keiko Oyama, Yohei Tarutani, Michiyo Teranishi, Christine, Kaz, and Margaret Yoshida

Volunteers Needed

If you are available, please come and help at any of the following events:

- ♦ **November Bento prep** - Saturday, November 26th @ 9:00 am & Sunday, November 27th @ 8:00 am
- ♦ **Bodhi Day & December Shotsuki/Memorial Service** - Sunday, December 3rd @ 9:00 am
- ♦ **Mochitsuki** - December 17th @ 9:00 am
- ♦ **Hoonko & January Shotsuki/Memorial Service** - Sunday, January 14th @ 9:00 am

Memorial Years of 2023

1st Year - 2022
3rd Year - 2021

7th Year - 2017
13th Year - 2011

17th Year - 2007
25th Year - 1999

33rd Year - 1991
50th Year - 1974

December Shotsuki (Memorial) List

1959

HIROSE, Tanejiro
MATSUYAMA, Iyo

1960

HARA, Matsuji
NAKAZEKI, Ihachi
NOGAMI, Sankichi
UYEYAMA, Yoshiye

1961

IWABUCHI, Ichio
SHOJI, Kojiro

1962

NAITO, Ise

1963

MIZUNO, Tsuru
SAKATA, Yone

1964

NAKAMURA, Hikoza
OHASHI, Gengo
OYE, Tomi

1966

ARAKAWA, Sute
KOHARA, Shirayu

1968

FUJIOKA, Kenji
TAKIMOTO, Yojiro

1970

MAEDA, Ko
OOKA, Fusaye
TATSUMI, Shigeru
YANO, Kenichi

1972

KARIYA, Gorokichi
MATSUI, Sadajiro
NEHA, Tomonori

1973

MORI, Bun
NAGASAWA, Kinsaku

1974 - 50th Year

INOUE, Teru
NAKAMURA, Keizo

1975

MIYATA, Ninosuke
UYEDE, Shige

1976

KOYANAGI, Kyuichi

1977

HIGO, Hajime
MATSUNO, Takao

1978

NAKATSU, Gen
ROBINSON, Robert

1979

AJIMOTO, Haruye
HAMANISHI, Kentaro
KOYANAGI, Jun
MASUHARA, Yohei
NAKASONE, Yoriko
YAMANOUCI, Keiji

1980

SHOJI, Tamiko

1982

NAKATSU, Kanichi
YOSHIDA, Makio

1984

MORI, Kenji
SHIBATA, Yasuhiro

1987

TAKAHASHI, Tsusaburo

1988

KITADE, Yoshiharu
MORISUE, Kazuo

1989

MUKAI, Mine

1990

FUJITA, Kiyoshi
NAGASAWA, Tatsu
NATSUHARA, Sawaye
OHORI, Masa
SUGAWARA, Yoshiko
TAKASAKI, Takeo

1992

BABA, Masako
HAMANISHI, Toshio
TAKAGI, Nobue

1993

MINAMIDE, Toshiye
ONO, Suye
YAKURA, Ko

1994

TAKATA, Takeo
Tahara, Toshiyuki

1995

HAMAGUCHI, Kisako

1996

KITAGAWA, Sotojiro

1997

HONDA, Kazuo
KAWAMOTO, Masao
NISHI, Yoshiko
YOSHIDA, Yoshie

2000

ASAOKA, Takashi
IWASAKI, Mitsuji
KOYANAGI, Saburo

MASUHARA, Wakako
OKAMOTO, Yukio
TOMANEKI, Machiye

2001

AKASAKA, Minoru
MURAO, Yasukichi
TAKAI, Nobuo
TAKENO, Hisae
YAMAMOTO, Ei

2002

HARA, Miyoko
HARAGUCHI, Masanobu
NISHIKIHAMA, Sawae
SEKIYA, Mitsuo

2003

HATTORI, Allan
HONKAWA, Kenichi
KOYANAGI, Suyeko
TATARA, Eiko
NISHIMOTO, Kumeko

2004

TAKEMOTO, Yasuye

2005

KAGETSU, Hide
TAKEMORI, Ichiro
YONEDA, Minoru

2006

MIYAZAKI, Yoshie

2007 - 17th Year

KOMORI, Edward
NATSUHARA, Kaoru
KITANO, Ken

2008

SAKATA, Kazuma
HAYASHI, Shigeiko

2009

GOMYO, Yuichi
CHIBANA, Jinjo

2010

YONEDA, George
OKABE, Hitoshi

2011 - 13th Year

NUKINA, Roy Masami

2012

NOMURA, George
MARTIN, Hunter
SAKIYAMA, Mitsuyo
FUJITA, Eileen

2013

HAYASHI, Kotaro
UEGAKI, Takuo
SHIKAZE, Emiko

MATSUNAGA, Takao

2014

TAKATA, Etsuko

2015

IKEGAMI, Kinya
TAHARA, Yume

2016

TAKAKI, Jean
TANAKA, Mike
FUKUI, Makoto

2017 - 7th Year

TSURUMARU, Chizuko
TSUJI, Akiko
TANIZAWA, Masaaki

2018

NATSUKOSHI, Noriko
TATEYAMA, Henry
FUKUHARA, Toshiro

2019

HAYASHI, Teru (Terry)

2020

JOSHI, Kuniko
NAKASHIMA, Herbert

2022 - 1st Year

ARITA, Itsuko
KOYANAGI, Yoshiko
SHIMIZU, Gentaro
YADA, Kiyoko

Passings

Our deepest
condolences go to the
families and friends of:

Mr. Minoru Asaoka (92)
October 28th

Mrs. Polly Matsumoto (100)
November 7th



**The Shotsuki Service will be held on
Sunday, December 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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Special Services 法要

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

Anniversary Service 🌸 1月 🌸
Hoonko / Shotsuki Memorial Service
Lunch and Bingo

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

🌸 4月 🌸 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 🌸 7月 🌸
Hatsubon / Obon / Shotsuki
Nikkei Memorial Service
Bon Dance

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

🎃 10月 🎃 Anniversary Service
JSBTC Day and Shotsuki Memorial Service
Lunch and Bingo

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

Anniversary Service 🎄 12月 🎄
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

🌸 6月 🌸 **Saturday, June 8th** at 11:30 a.m.

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

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



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

🌸 9月 🌸 **Picnic** at Central Park (Burnaby)



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