

# Gassho

To promote a greater understanding and appreciation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism  
and to continue to live the nembutsu as a warm and friendly temple



## Sensei's message

Happy New Year! Many Warm Wishes to EVERYONE! May the Roots of Nembutsu bring you Peace and True Happiness!

**My deluded thoughts,  
My blind passions  
Are flaring up again  
There they go again:  
Namu Amida Butsu  
Namu Amida Butsu  
Namu Amida Butsu**

- [http://international.hongwanji.or.jp/html/mdt\\_1206.html](http://international.hongwanji.or.jp/html/mdt_1206.html)

Have you ever...? As I get older, I find the knowledge that guides me sometimes has very little bearing on the inner person I have grown to be. I use the knowledge, and do the "right thing." I have the long term hopes that this person that strives so hard to be at peace truly will be that ideal of tranquility that we strive to be as Buddhas. Are you a parent? For me parenting isn't always kindness, compassion, and love first. Sometimes when parenting, I find that my initial response is anger and frustration then as I look within there are two individuals fighting. Within there is one older me holding the other child like me in a headlock with arms and legs

flailing madly to get unleashed. Both are not the ideal. Once realizing this, then the parent emerges and tries to logically navigate life's moments. Do you have those moments? I hope that you can hear and learn from this honest account of introspection. As a human being, I have always wrestled with impulse. Have you done the same? The impulsive person within wants what he wants.

The above passage is by Saichi Asahara a Myokonin or truly devout Jodo Shinshu Buddhist. Here Saichi expresses his true inner self. He also offers the perfect solution to our human desires and blind passions. Realizing the problems within and all he can do is say the name Namu Amida Butsu. What do you see when you say it? You would think that the calming nature changes us within and you might visualize yourself calm and serene. My greatest wish would be that I could be naturally peaceful within and of course the first instinctive response would be Buddha like. Calm, Kind, Full of Love. This can be true and I do not doubt that for some people it might. For me I have been saying Nembutsu all my life, but from my story it tells you something different. Shinran wrote:

**Although I too am within Amida's grasp, blind passions obstruct my eyes and I cannot see [the light];  
nevertheless, great compassion untiringly and constantly illumines me.**

-<http://shinranworks.com/commentaries/notes-on-once-calling-and-many-calling/>

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This means that it is not just saying Namu Amida Butsu that allows us to see, but Amida's great compassion that shows us our true self as an ignorant being. In my personal example above, there are two people that are both ignorant and immature fighting. Shinran and Saichi's passages explain together that the passion driven person even when truly devout is unable to squelch their inner desires alone. When we put our hands together, let us look within relax our self-efforts and be engulfed in Amida's light. As this feeling grows continue to walk hand in hand with Amida as your guiding role model in your everyday life. When you see the inner self see two working together. These two are you and Amida and every time you need Namu Amida Butsu allow it to bring deep meaning to your life. As I said before, the goal is to always and effortlessly respond to every situation with virtues of a Buddha, but it is rare. We must constantly do our best to be mindful of why the Buddha's influence extends to each of us, and as we do this let the Buddha's heart change your own. I want to end this with more of Shinran's writings.

**Like the rivers entering the vast ocean, the foolish minds of good and evil  
Return to Amida's Vow of Wisdom, as they become one with the heart of Great Compassion.**

- Shozomatsu Wasan 40, [http://www.nembutsu.info/ueda\\_shinjin.htm](http://www.nembutsu.info/ueda_shinjin.htm)

And Saichi's words:

**"O Saichi, who is Nyorai-san?"**

**"He is no other than myself."**

**"Who is the founder [of the Shin teaching]?"**

**"He is no other than myself."**

**"What is the canonical text?"**

**"It is no other than myself."**

**The ordinary man's heart has no fixed root,**

**Yet this rootless one takes delight in the Hō [i.e., Dharma];**

**This is because he is given Oya's heart--**

**The heart of "Namu-amida- butsu."**

Let Amida illuminate your heart. Be Happy. Be Grateful.

Namu Amida Butsu

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*-Rev. Kory Quam*



# President's Message

Happy New Year, everyone! I usually don't watch a lot of television (mostly just UCLA football and basketball), but I heard about a new show on PBS that caught my interest. The show is called, "We'll Meet Again," and it's hosted by Ann Curry. For those of you who don't know Ms. Curry, she was a former co-anchor on the Today show. And besides having a delicious sounding last name, she is also half Japanese. Anyway, this new show is about reuniting individuals who met under extraordinary circumstances. The motivation behind these meetings seems to be a strong desire to thank someone for helping them through an event. For example, the first episode featured a Japanese American woman who was searching for a first-grade classmate who stood up for her during the racially charged beginnings of World War II. In each show, the searchers all express a deep feeling of gratitude to someone who's had made a significant impact on their life.

The reason why the show resonates with me is that one of the topics that I've learned through my limited time with Jodo Shinshu is the concept of gratitude. I remember many Dharma messages from different ministers on the subject. Our past resident minister, Rev. John Iwohara, liked to talk about our busy LA traffic (which is timely since Los Angeles has been ranked as having the highest traffic congestion for the sixth straight year). He would say that instead of being angry at all of the traffic, try being grateful that someone helped pour the concrete to create the freeway, and someone else painted the lines, and another person had to come up with traffic rules, and isn't it wonderful that to go somewhere, all we need to do is get into a climate controlled box, sit in a comfortable seat, with some nice music playing, and we can go just about anywhere we want. Or Rev. Kenji Akahoshi, from the Buddhist Temple of San Diego, talking about how gratitude is the difference between "please" (asking for something) and "thank you" (being grateful for what you have).

One of the more memorable Dharma messages, though, was one from Rinban Bill Briones of the Los Angeles Betsuin, who quoted this poem by Melody Beattie:

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life.  
 It turns what we have into enough, and more.  
 It turns denial into acceptance,  
 chaos to order, confusion to clarity.  
 It can turn a meal into a feast,  
 a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.  
 Gratitude makes sense of your past, brings peace for today,  
 and creates a vision for tomorrow.

I'm going to end this rather long article with a "thank you" (although there's an implicit "please" in here as well). By the time you read this newsletter, you will have received, or you will soon receive, your temple membership letter and form in the mail. To those who have supported the temple in the past, going back almost sixty years, we thank you for your dedication, and for making it possible for future generations to have a place where we can come together. To those of you who renew your membership for the coming year, I thank you for your on-going financial contribution to the temple. Membership donations help "keep the lights on" so we may continue to maintain the many organizations, groups, activities, and individuals who utilize our temple.

In gassho,

**-Ron Gee**

**Spring 2018**

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Our BEC continues to meet monthly to plan for our 2018 Southern District Conference, to be held at the Nishi Betsuin on October 6, 2018. At our last meeting on December 18 th , we took care of a few logistical things for the conference. We hope to be able to bring in assistants/volunteers from the supporting organizations to our planning meetings soon. The conference is less than a year away!



December Mochitsuki – One of the more successful yields in recent years (1.6 raw to finished product). That means that ABA, Temple members and Friends should be especially proud for the exceptional quality of the product this year. We were also very happy to see people interested in learning new skills such as the Jr YBA members who ventured into the Okasane Room. This is great that skills can be both taught and learned for every part of a process that is probably the most communal of all traditions that ABA leads on behalf of the Temple. Thanks to ABA planning members, ABA membership and all of the Sangha for your participation in the 2017 Mochitsuki.

January – Shinnen enkai – ABA provided coordination for this year's New Year's Shinnen enkai celebration. We had a great service and message by Rev Kory, terrific food and great magic by Mr. Bill Yamane, but the best part was the fellowship amongst those that attended. ABA was proud to present the Temple a generous orei out of the success of Mochitsuki.

2018 looks to be again, a very busy year for ABA. I will remind all that ABA doesn't stand for "Old Farts", it stands for great fellowship, worship and working for the Temple to get great things done. Please plan to come to our meetings and events this year.....you might be surprised at how much FUN you actually have!

## Come Celebrate the Birth of the Buddha!

Hanamatsuri Service  
April 8, 2018 @ 10 AM

&

Hatsumairi (First Service)  
Infant Presentation



Have a baby?

See attached application or contact  
Rev. Kory at [sensei@vhbt.org](mailto:sensei@vhbt.org) for  
more information about Hatsumairi.



Let's Learn Day:	Mondays 10:30 am to 11:30 am
Exercise Day:	Tuesdays– Chair Exercise (video) 10:30am to 11:15am
Game Day:	Fridays 10:30am to 11:30 am

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# Fujinkai



The end of 2017 found the Fujinkai ladies busy with our traditional year-end activities. On the morning of December 30th, a group of ladies gathered at the temple to prepare the noodles and dashi for toshi koshi soba, to be served that evening after our Joya-e service. There was enough dashi prepared for both the soba and for ozoni, which was served on New Year's Day. We appreciate all the ladies who came to help; Phyllis sums it up here:

Thank you to the Fujinkai ladies who did the chopping, cooking and tasting on December 30th from 9-11 am: Debbie Ching, Joyce Enomoto, Tomoko Fukuda, Barbara Fukuji, Phyllis Hayashibara, Linda Oshinomi, Cyndy Uehara and Sharyn Yoshimi. Thank you also for coming December 30th at 6:30 pm to start the water boiling and dashi simmering: Tomoko Fukuda, Phyllis Hayashibara and Sharyn Yoshimi. Thank you to ABA for donating chashu, and Phyllis for donating kamaboko. And thank you to the ladies for helping prepare the ozoni bowls on January 1st: Vishnu Gurun, Phyllis Hayashibara, Shinobu Koda, Gail Sharp, Phyllis Tanisaki and Julia Ueda.

After the two events, Phyllis typed up meticulous notes on the making of the soba and ozoni; it contained a lot of useful information and will be very helpful for future cooking sessions! Speaking of Phyllis Hayashibara – she has done a fantastic job of being our Fujinkai president during her 2016-2017 term. But she is still continuing to do presidential and other duties because no one has stepped up to be our next Fujinkai president! At our January meeting, it was suggested that we at least have a rotation of ladies to prepare agendas and conduct our monthly meetings. But we still need a president! Please volunteer!



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Dharma School thanks the many families that helped out at Mochi Tsuki on December 2nd. The following week Jayme and Karyn Heyl organized the second Kids' Club activity. Olaf's Holiday Workshop was enjoyed by all the kids in attendance. They had a blast decorating cookies and making slime; they capped off the night by watching the movie, "Frozen."

On Dec. 17th, Dharma School coordinated Otoki for Oseibo Taikai. Thank you to everyone who brought salads, side dishes and desserts to go with the Rutt's meal that Tom Yamaguchi ordered. We also appreciate the temple's generosity in providing Oseibo gifts for our Dharma School students. The last event for December for Dharma School was caroling at the Kei-Ai Center. About 20 kids and adults attended, including cub and girl scouts and Sangha Teens. Rev. Kory presented Okasane to each floor they visited and the kids chatted with some of the residents. Everyone returned to the temple afterwards for a pizza lunch. Thanks to Julia Ueda who played keyboard for the group.

Every year, the Kei-Ai residents look forward to receiving the calendars. A big thank you to Karyn Heyl for drawing the picture for the calendar and coordinating the copying, stapling and assembling. Thanks also to the temple members, Dharma School students, parents and others that helped to complete the calendars.

Dharma School sponsored Scout Sunday on February 2nd. Girl scouts, cub scouts and boy scouts were invited to join us for service and refreshments afterward. Thanks to Judy Hopfield for coordinating this annual event. Judy is also preparing for Pet Memorial Service on Feb. 18th.

Dharma School thanks the following for their kind donations:

Halloween Party: Sachi Ito

Oseibo Taikai: Julia Ueda, Judy Hopfield and the VHBT BWA

Care Package thank-you donation from Toni Tokirio

Omimai thank-you donation from Judy Hopfield



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## VHBT Senior Outreach Program Receives Grant From Keiro

VHBT received a generous \$7,000 grant from Keiro's Grants Program to support the tuition of a Patient Advocacy position which will enhance the quality of services provided to older adults from the community both within and around the temple.

The Grant was initiated through the Senior Outreach Program with the assistance of H. Agustin Arsendiga and awarded on December 7th, 2017. The grant check was presented by Makoto Kotani, Program Associate with Keiro, to a group including several of the Senior Outreach members as well as Agustin, his infant daughter Isidora, and Temple President Ron Gee.



(Front Row: Makoto Kotani, H. Agustin Arsendiga and daughter Isidora, Mrs. Harue Ueki, Fusae Nishina  
Back Row: Ron Gee, Arlene Hamashita, Tatsumi Omote, Irene Matsumura, Nori Kurashige, Alice Ogawa, Jinko Takeda)

Agustin has enrolled in the UCLA Extension Patient Advocacy Certificate Program and will complete 8 courses to complete this certification. The curriculum of the Patient Advocacy Program offers training in cultural competencies, interpersonal communication skills and strategies, health care law and patient rights, insurance and healthcare finance, mediation and conflict, crisis management, and clinical bioethics. Agustin will be a great resource for our Temple members and families in support of our Senior Outreach Program.



Keiro is expanding its reach to broadly engage and support Japanese American and Japanese older adults wherever they call home. Serving primarily Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura counties, Keiro provides services to older adults and caregivers, along with programs for residents of Keiro's former facilities. For more information, visit [www.keiro.org](http://www.keiro.org).



### Brownie Sleepover

We had our Brownie Sleepover on 11/24 to 11/25 at the Temple. There were 10 Brownies and it was hosted by 8 Seniors. This was a test to see if we could sleep away from our parents. Here was our favorite parts:

"Having a pillow fight!" - Rachel and Ellie

"Talking with Inori and Hannah [Seniors] until everyone else was asleep." - Cherie

"Playing with balloons!" - Alia

"Watching the movie [Wendy Wu Homecoming Warrior] and eating candy and popcorn!" - Simone, Sarah, Sora, Leah and Quinn

"Making marshmallow towers and eating them!" - Audrey

### Pet Space– October 21

By Kimiko Yamaguchi & Lora Chang

The Cadettes of Troop 5325 went to the Wallis Annenbert Pet space on October 21, 2017. First, they watched a demo of a grooming. Then, they got to do a pet bingo where we met most of the animals. We then got to make a "snuggie rug" for the animals. We also had to find out how much it would cost to feed a small, medium or large dog, a rabbit and a cat for a month including snacks. Last, we got to go meet the cats and rabbits. The Annenberg Pet Space is open Wednesday– Sunday from 11am– 5pm.

### Print Museum

By Melia Fernandez

On November 4th, 2017, Girl Scout Troop 5325 Cadettes 1 and 2 visited the Print Museum. At the museum, we were divided into groups and rotated between several stations with activities including papermaking, bookbinding, stamping, screen-printing and letterpress printing. We printed designs on our own t-shirts as a memento from the museum. We received a "Book Arts Patch Day" Patch. We had an amazing time!



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## TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP

The Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple thanks the following members for their 2017 dues received from January 2017 through December 2017. The asterisks (\*) identify our Honorary (Keiro) members who made membership donations. As we begin our membership drive for 2018, we want to thank all of you for continuing to support the Temple through your membership dues.

\*Yuri Amamoto, Auggie & Billie Arsendiga, \*Toshi Ashikaga, Joe & Dianne Belli, Roger Brown, Ken & Sheri Nagata Chen, Marty & Robyn Cohen, Bryan & Aileen Cooke, Mark & Lisa Cummings, Tom & Janet Davall, Donald & Lynn Shinmoto Devirian, Wayne & Karen Eguchi, \*June Fujioka, Kei & Tomoko Fukuda, Kristina Fukuda, Ron & Barbara Fukuji, Ron & Iris Gee, \*Arlene Hamashita, Garry & Janice Hankawa, Eugene & Phyllis Hayashibara, John & Patti Heyl, Jill Hopfield, Joe & Judy Hopfield, Mildred Ichinotsubo, Leonard & Gwen Imada, Shirley Inada, Gerald Iseda, \*Minako Iseda, Osami Ishida, Calvin & Sharyn Yoshimi Ito, \*Dale Ito, Jimmy Ito, Joan Ito, Sachiko Ito, \*Hiroshi & Kazuko Kadomatsu, Emily Kariya, Yoshiko Kariya, Scot Kawano, \*Sammy & \*Chieko Kishimoto, Jim & Gail Higa Kita, \*Sanaye Kita, Sam & May Kiyohara, \*Kenji & Shinobu Koda, Frank & Elaine Koyama, \*Setsuko Kuda, \*Mae Kumagai, \*Milnes & \*Nori Kurashige, Michael & Carol Kusama, \*Lillian Kuwata, Tom & Delcene Kuwata, Ayako Masada, Erik & Cindy Matsubayashi, Irene Matsumura, Alan & Jane Matsuzaki, Charles & Sue Mayeda, Mark & Debbie Ching Mayeda, Mark & Diane Morimoto, Ryan Morimoto, \*Victoria Morimoto, Hiroko Morita, Daniel Motobo, Jackie Motobo, Dan Nakagiri, \*Mary Nakagiri, Tom Nakagiri, \*Tyler & \*Jean Nakamoto, \*Setsue Nakamura, \*Richard Nakashima, John & Judy Nawa, Ted & Eva Nishimura, David Nishina, \*Fusae Nishina, \*Yayeko Nishina, Jeff & Sachie Nitta, Anthony & Kori Nobuyuki, Dale & Gail Noriyuki, Darin Noriyuki, Dustin Noriyuki, \*Kay & \*Kimi Obana, Fusako Ogasawara, Quinn Okamoto, \*Ruby Okamoto Malkin, George & Margarita Oku, \*Tatsumi Omote, \*Fujiko Oriba, Craig & Linda Oshinomi, Robert & Leah Oye, Kazuko Ozaki, Ron & Janis Ozaki, Valda & John Palacios, Ken & Joyce Enomoto Rosengrant, Billy & Sandy Saeki, Ichiko Sakamoto, \*Hank Sakauye, Merle & Gail Sharp, Edward & Mabel Shimasaki, \*Hitoshi Shimizu, \*Sam & \*Kuni Shimoguchi, \*Manabu & \*Emma Shimoyama, \*Betty Shinmoto, \*Minoru & \*Dorothy Shinmoto, \*Harry Shinozaki, Tisako Shoji, Hirohisa & Kiyoe Suzuki, Norm & Yoshie Tachiki, Dave & Arlene Tadamaru, Kagemi Takata, Randy & Mari Tamura, Michael & Jill Ishida Tanaka, \*Sue Tanaka, Etsuko Nancy Taylor, Carey & Vicki Tokiro, Karen Tokubo, Dean & Julia Ueda, Don & Cyndy Uehara, \*Harue Ueki, Casey Uematsu, Scott Uematsu, Yoshida Uyeno, Ron & Jane Wong Wakabayashi, Lauren Wolpert, George & Sheryl Yamada, Tom & Judy Yamaguchi, Robert & Peggy Yamamoto, \*Michiko Yamashita, Gail Yoneda, Kenzo & Annette Yonemitsu, Art & Roseann Yoshida

### Membership Categories

Family Members	Individual Members	Senior Members
<b>Family Membership</b> (Includes children under age 22 years) <b>\$500</b>	<b>Individual Membership</b> (Single Adult age 30 and older) <b>\$250</b>	<b>Senior Membership*</b> (Keiro— age 80 years & older) <b>Complimentary</b>
<b>Young Family Membership</b> (Family under age 35 years)	<b>Young Adult Individual Membership</b> (Single adult under age 30 years)	

### 2018 Obon Makeover

*Obon makeover!?? What does that mean?*

VHBT's 2018 Obon will look a bit different from previous years. With the approval and support of the Board of Directors, the Obon Committee, chaired by Tom Yamaguchi, is working to redesign our Obon Festival with new food items, and expanded raffle and other fun activities. *WHY??*

Well, like so many other temples, VHBT continues to experience an aging and shrinking membership. We are stretching out people power to the *maximum* in order to pull off our Obon Festival as it traditionally has been done. Many members work the entire weekend (and more!) preparing food and moving from shift to shift. Some have not danced or enjoyed the Obon Festival for years!

The makeover of VHBT's Obon Festival will consider sustainability given our current work force, as well as the state of our cooking facilities in light of more stringent health and safety codes

The redesign intends to offer a festival that has something for everyone, and not exhaust anyone. It's a work in progress, so look for more news in the coming months.

*Thanks for everyone's support!!*



# WISH LIST

## Special Items & Service Projects

- Tuff Storage Sheds in back parking lot
- Electrical installation of Candles for the Onaijin
- Paint Temple interior & exterior
- Uchishiki-4 triangular matching brocade cloths for Onaijin—1 Mizuhiki (table skirt), 1 Tocho (hanging brocade curtain surrounding Amida Buddha)- (approx. Cost for all pieces: \$45,000)
- Obuppan-ki (set of 2- approx. cost \$800)
- Kebyo set (2 matching altar water holders- repair leak or replace)
- New Steel Gate with lock by BBQ grilling area
- New Intercom (at side entrance); Install Smoke Detectors
- New Storage Shed at south side of garage
- Large sturdy Tables from Mity-Lite Tables, (12 needed—approx. \$275 ea)
- 2 Corn brooms, (FOR OUTDOOR USE)

## On- Going Needed Items:

- Water, 1 gallon size; Flats of 8 & 16oz. Water bottles
- Elmer's Brand Glue Sticks
- Mr. Clean Magic Erasers; Scotch- Brite Sponges; Dawn Dish Soap
- Herbal Tea Bags, Green Tea Bags; Nestea Iced Tea
- 7oz. Paper Cold Cups; 6-8 oz. Paper Hot Cups
- Disposable Chopsticks
- Forks, Heavy weight plastic
- Paper Dessert Plates & Bowls
- Paper Towels, Napkins, Toilet tissue
- Sm, Med, Lg size Food Handler Brand, Powder free Gloves
- 10 1/4" Lg. Paper 3- sectional Dinner Plates
- 33 Gallon Heavy Duty Trash Bags
- Forever Stamps
- Coffee, Regular & Decaf ground

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for your  
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## November 2017

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## December 2017

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## January 2018

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**Thank you for your generosity**

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# Our Dharma School Students Had a SLIMEY time at our December Kids' Club!

## Help Support the Fun!

The Kids' Corner is getting reorganized!

We could use 2 [KALLAX Shelves](#) from IKEA.

If you would like to sponsor this purchase speak to Jayme Heyl.

[jaymehey1@yahoo.com](mailto:jaymehey1@yahoo.com)

Ikea, Target & Michaels Gift Cards are always welcomed.



## 2018 Memorial Service Schedule by Years

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR THOSE WHO PASSED AWAY IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS:

2017: 1 YEAR	2012: 7 YEAR	2002: 17 YEAR	1986: 33 YEAR
2016: 3 YEAR	2006: 13 YEAR	1994: 25 YEAR	1969: 50 YEAR



**2018****2018 HATSUMAIRI CEREMONY APPLICATION FORM**

2018 年初参式の願書・2018 年 4 月 8 日

**April 8, 2018**

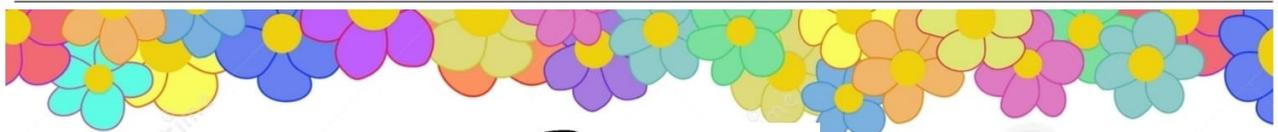
Hatsumairi is a ceremony in which a child is presented to the Amida Buddha and the Sangha for the first time. It is also called *Shosan-shiki* in Japanese. This ceremony is held in conjunction with our annual Hanamatsuri service, which celebrates the birth of the historical Buddha.

Parents of infants and young children are cordially invited to participate in this ceremony, surrounded by beautiful flowers and the scent of sweet tea.

Send applications to Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, Attn: Hatsumairi, 12371 Braddock Drive, Culver City, CA 90230. Application deadline is March 24, 2018.

For any questions, please call Rev. Kory Quon at (310) 391-4351.

Name of Child 名前	(in English 英語名)		
	(in Japanese Kanji 漢字)		
Birthdate 生年月日		Birthplace 誕生地	
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Mother's Name 母の名称			
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