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To all Berkeley Higashi Honganji Temple members.

It is my sincerest hope that you are managing to be safe and in good health, and your spirits are not dampened by social distancing. As you are painfully aware, the COVID19 pandemic has drastically impacted the normal functioning of the world.

Every temple family, big and small, has been forced to reinvent "family life". Reverend Osa's son, Takumu, was used to spending practically every free moment in the confines of the badminton complex in Emeryville playing the sport he loves so dearly. Reverend Osa's daughter Rinako, must also have a large void left by her not being able to be up at the crack of dawn to row with the Berkeley High Crew Team, although it sounds like she filled that void with her second favorite pastime of sleeping!

In our home, the "kids" have forbidden my wife and I from being exposed to others so they have taken on all interactions with the outside world - shopping and errands. We all exercise together and my wife and I go on daily walks. When not working or studying, the kids play video games remotely with friends.

Thinking of our families has made me think how we collectively, have infinitely varied

karmic conditions as individuals, families, communities, countries and continents. As varied as each is, everyone and everything has been profoundly impacted by the COVID19 pandemic.

These changes have not only affected home life. As a result of recent government regulations, our temple has also experienced great change. All events in the immediate future have been cancelled, including weekly services and educational activities.

Despite these changes, even though we are prohibited from holding services at the temple, Reverend Osa continues to spread the nembutsu by live streaming her weekly service. You can participate in Reverend Osa's live streaming services by visiting our Bombu.org website. You can also view past services she has put online since April 5th.

Also, as mentioned at the onset of shelter-in-place, our young adult temple members organized a volunteer assistance program. If you need someone to go grocery shopping or run errands (eg- picking up a prescription) for you, they will arrange for one of our volunteers to assist you!

Although we are making

every effort to continue our much-needed support of the community, by cancelling our services and other temple activities, we have lost a major form of financial support to sustain our temple's continued operations. With this in mind, we ask for your continued support by either visiting our Bombu.org website where making donations is as easy as pushing a button, or sending in donations by mail. What the future has in store for us is uncertain. Although the "normal" that we are used to may never return, the temple will continue its efforts to serve you, its supporters, in new ways to adapt to these new times.

I have no words that will sooth or make one forget about the world's dire state. I can only say positively that I look forward to a day when we can meet at the temple again!

Hope in future
Be strong in present
Accept the past with appreciation
-Rev. Akinori Imai

Thank you again for all your support.

In gassho,

Artie Yamashita
Temple President



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2020



Date	Day	Time	Event
Tentative Schedule Please check the most updated temple calendar in our temple home page 'bombu.org'.			
3	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Live-streaming Family Service
10	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Live-streaming Shotsuki service/Dharma school
12	Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Temple Board meeting
17	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Live-streaming Shinran Shonin Birthday
24	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Live streaming Family Service
31	Sunday		No Service (Memorial Day Weekend)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY TOBAN
(group #1) *Janice Adachi, Wendy Adachi, Nina Costales, Satoko Davidson, Grace Goto, Alice Horio, Doreen Imada, Elsie Lum, Denice Nakano, Diane Nishioka, Michi Takata, Miyoko Truong*

SUNDAY SERVICES
Bay Area counties extend coronavirus stay-at-home orders to end of May, so while our temple will remain closed, we will be live-streaming our Sunday services via Facebook.

You DO NOT NEED a facebook account in order to view the live stream. Just go to the link on Sunday at 10:00 am. You will also be able to watch the service later if you miss the initial 10:00 am broadcast. Here is the link: www.facebook.com/berkeleyhigashi/live

EMAIL ADDRESS PLEASE? In order to quickly notify temple members and friends of important

information, we would like to obtain everyone's email address - if we don't already have it. You will still receive the newsletter by US mail if you choose. Please send your email address to tmorioka@aol.com. Thank you.

SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE
Our Shotsuki service will be held on May 10 via live-streaming. The following families observe memorials for loved ones this month: *Bob Sasaki, Donald Madden, George Araki, Kuniaki Umemoto, Kuranoshin Yatabe, Masako Takahashi, Masami Jitoshu, Richard M. Fujii, Shizue Inoue, Tokito & Konobu Komori, Wilma Tolle, Yoshii, Kondo, Makishima, Otani, Yokota*. We hope you'll attend the Shotsuki service this month. Also, help us by calling or emailing the temple if names are inadvertently omitted from this Shotsuki name list.

SHINRAN SHONIN'S BIRTHDAY
We will observe Shinran's birthday on May 17th during our regular family service and dharma school via live-streaming. Jodo Shinshu Buddhism is based on the teachings of Shinran (Shonin is an honorific title). In his lifetime, Shinran wrote many things, including "Shoshinge," which we chant, and poems, called wasan, some of which we also chant. His words and writings over time have brought Buddhism to life for many people. Learn more about Shinran at this special service.

Hatsumairi Also, Shinran's Birthday service is often held along with a hatsumairi "first service for infants" service. If anyone would like to participate in a hatsumairi for their baby, please contact Rev. Ryoko Osa.

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
Reminder there will be no

Credits:

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service on May 31.

SUPPORT FOR SENIORS & PEOPLE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

During this unprecedented time of corona virus, younger temple members are offering to help seniors (age 65+) and people with compromised (heart and lung

conditions, diabetes) who should stay at home under the current "shelter in place" order. If you do not already have support from family and friends, our young temple members are volunteering to pick up and deliver essentials such as groceries, medicine, cleaning supplies, etc. in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. For assistance, English speakers

should contact Nina Rizzo at 510-517-6855 or narizzo@gmail.com. Japanese speakers should contact Sydney Paderna at 510-406-0648 or spaderna@gmail.com. Nina will coordinate volunteers (such as Miya Sommers, Kellie and Kenny Ouye, Katy Yamada, Sarah Ryan, Scott Yamashita, Brandon Chew and more as necessary).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BIG THANK YOUS TO THE FOLLOWING

Thank you everyone for your donations, time, energy and support. Because of you, our temple exists for us and for future generations. Help us by calling or emailing the temple if names are inadvertently omitted from acknowledgements or donations. Domo arigato gozaimashita!

DONATION OF FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR *Nina Costales*

GARDEN CLEANUP *Jimmy Kihara, Jane Fujii, Michael McCarthy, Hisao Tsukamoto, & Nina Rizzo*

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

We are pleased to announce that a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is available to high school seniors graduating this coming school year, and to college and trade school students, provided by the Sajiro Morita Memorial Scholarship Fund. The fund was started several years ago by Sajiro Morita and has received subsequent donations from the Morita family. Only temple members and their children are eligible to apply. Applications may be requested by contacting the temple. The deadline to apply is September 30, 2020. The award will be presented at our Ho-onko service in November.

SUPPORT OUR TEMPLE BY SHOPPING

Our temple has "amazon smile" donation program. When you shop with Amazon, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers, at no cost to you. (If you shop \$100 there, 50¢ will be sent to temple, it is small but Many a little makes a mickle.) You just need to login to "smile.amazon.com" which will connect you to the same Amazon web-site you usually use. On your first visit, select "Berkeley Higashi Honganji Inc". If you miss, no worry, go to "Your Account" then select the option to "Change your Charity". Please support our temple while you enjoy shopping!



パークレー東本願寺会報

2020年5月号

不要不急の外出禁止令が5月末まで延長されました。すべての日曜礼拝はオンラインでの放送になります。

5月お寺の行事予定

3日(日)	午前 10時	日曜礼拝、ダルマスクール (ライブ配信)
10日(日)	午前 10時	祥月法要、ダルマスクール (ライブ配信)
17日(日)	午前 10時	親鸞聖人御誕生会慶讃法要 (ライブ配信)
19日(火)	午後 7時半	仏教会定例理事会
24日(日)	午前 10時	日曜礼拝、ダルマスクール (ライブ配信)
31日(日)		日曜礼拝休み(メモリアルウィーク)

「若いメンバーが買い物のお手伝いをいたします」

お寺では買い物に行くことが困難な方の買い出しを若いメンバーが代行して行ってくださいます。どうぞ遠慮なさらずお申し出ください。

対象：65歳以上の方または、免疫機能に問題を抱えておられる方でご家族や友人からのサポートが得られない方でアラメダとコントラコスタ群にお住まいの方

方法：日本語をお話しの方はシドニー(510)406-0648 or spaderna@gmail.com またはお寺(510) 843-6933にご連絡ください。

5月当番(当番1)：あだちジャニース、あだち ウェンディ、Costales ニーナ、Davidson さとこ、ごとう グレイス、堀尾アリス、今田ドーリン、Lum エルシー、中野デニース、西岡 ダイアン、高田みち、みよこTruong (敬称略)

ライブ配信祥月法要 5月10日：今月の施主は、佐々木、荒木、梅本、矢田部、高橋、地頭所、藤井、井上、小森、吉井、近藤、まきしま、大谷、横田の諸家です。祥月法要は亡き人を偲び、亡き人から教えをいただく貴重なご縁です。お名前に欠落がありましたらお寺までご連絡ください。



ライブ配信 親鸞聖人御慶讃誕生会法要：来る5月17日午前10時より宗祖親鸞聖人のお誕生をお祝いする法要があります。親鸞聖人のお誕生日は旧暦4月1日です。真宗大谷派(東本願寺)では旧暦4月1日をそのまま新暦4月1日に法要をお勤めし、アメリカの寺院では新暦換算した5月14日の近い日曜日にお勤めしています。

パークレー東本願寺理事長からご門徒の皆様へのメッセージを掲載します。なお紙面の都合上、和訳は要約となります。

理事長メッセージ

アーテイ山下

このたびの新型コロナウイルスの感染拡大により、私たちの社会と家庭生活は一変しました。皆様お一人お一人がご自身の健康と安全に気をつけて、健やかに過ごされていることを心から願っております。

健康と安全を考慮した結果私どものお寺も法要を始めとした諸会議、研修会等を開催することが出来なくなりました。オンラインにてお寺の日曜礼拝を送信しておりますので、是非お寺のホームページからご覧くださいませ。

また、若いメンバーが、必要なご門徒に対して買い物等の手伝いをしていくれています。

どうぞ遠慮なさらず、お寺にご連絡ください。

大変残念なことですが、基金集めの事業を含めた恒例の事業の中止が余儀なくされています。これからの寺院の財政を考えまして、私から皆様に寺院へのご寄付を呼びかけたく、ご理解とご協力をよろしくお願いいたします。

現在、お寺のホームページからご寄付を受け付けておりますので、ホームページ (Bombu.org) から或いは郵送にて、お寺の維持の為にご寄付をいただけましたら有り難く存じます。

先行きが見えない不安の中での生活ではありますが、お寺はこの状況に合わせながら、ご門徒の皆様と心を寄せ合い、これからも皆様の寺院として活動を継続して参りたいと思います。ここに、元駐在開教使の今井亮徳先生の言葉を紹介いたします。

「未来に希望を持つと、今を強く生きよう 過去を感謝の心とともに受け入

れよう」

一日も早く皆様と再会できることを念じまして、結びの言葉とさせていただきます。

どうぞ皆様お大事にされて下さい。

合掌



Words of the Month | 今月のことば

The Shinran Master said “In the nenbutsu no self-working is true working. The true nenbutsu is free of calculation and reasoning.” --Tannishō Section Ten

念仏には無義をもて義とす。不可称不可説不可思議のゆへに

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