

## TEMPLE INFORMATION

### Religious Information

Sunday services	10:00 am - 10:45 am
Dharma School (N - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	10:45 am - 11:30 am
Study Class	
English	1st and 3rd Thurs of the month at 6:00 pm
Japanese	Mondays at 6:30 pm

### Cultural Activities

Shigin Japanese folk singing	Tu 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
LA Matsuri Taiko	MW 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Bunka Shishu Pictures made by needle point	W 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Chigiri-e Pictures made with Japanese paper	M 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Japanese Doll Making	M 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Kendo	WF 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Aikido	W 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Tai Chi Class	Th 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Affiliate Organizations

Buddhist Woman Association (BWA)	
Sangha Teens	Ages 13 - 15
Junior Young Buddhist Association (Jr. Y)	Ages 16 - 19
Senior Young Buddhist Association (Sr. Y)	College age
Young Adult Buddhist Association (YABA)	Post College
Adult Buddhist Association (ABA)	
Dharma Schools Parents	
Nishi Hui Aikane	
Nishi Hongwanji Child Development Center	Weekdays 7:00 am - 6:00 pm
Wanjettes	TT 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Boy Scouts	Fri 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Cub Scouts	Fri 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Girl Scouts	Fri 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Judo Club	MW 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm



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Buddhist Temple

Obon Festival

July 10 & 11, 2010



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## OBON

**Obon** [ お盆 ] is an opportunity for us to reflect upon the innumerable causes and conditions that continue to influence our lives and those benefits we have received from the countless lives of others. It is a time to express our gratitude and appreciation for being given those conditions to live this life. So, it is with this understanding that we visit the graves of our loved ones and attend memorial services. Our visitation to the cemetery and conducting memorial services is no more than an expression of the gratitude that arises when we embrace the Truth of those causes and conditions of our life.

*Obon* has given our members yet another opportunity to reflect upon the countless causes and conditions that enabled us to be who we are. The realization of this truth moves us forward to the future knowing that the thoughts, words, deeds of our past members and loved ones continue to embrace us.

This is *Obon* ... this feeling that resonates through our hearts and minds. Therefore, in our Jodo Shinshu tradition, we call *Obon*, *Kangi-e* or "Gathering of Joy". For it is an act of Joy to awaken to the truth of our life. It is this overwhelming sense of joy and gratitude that is the source for dancing during *Obon*. This is *Obon* and this is why we dance.

**Legend of Moggallana:** Moggallana, was a disciple of the Buddha, who during a meditative trance saw his deceased mother suffering in the World of Hungry Devils, Preta (the Buddhist equivalent of purgatory). Greatly disturbed, he went to the Buddha and asked how he could release his mother from this suffering. Buddha instructed him to make offerings to the many Buddhist monks who had just completed their summer retreat, on the fifteenth day of the seventh month. The disciple did this and, thus, saw his mother's release. He also began to see the true nature of her past unselfishness and the many sacrifices that she had made for him. The disciple, happy because of his mother's release and grateful for his mother's kindness, danced with joy.

## OBON SCHEDULE

### Saturday, July 10, 2010

Hatsubon Service	2:00 pm
Bell tolling	3:00 pm
Carnival *	3:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Bon Odori	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Bingo	5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Demonstrations	
Tea (Temple Front)	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Kendo (in Kaikan)	3:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Judo (in Kaikan)	4:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Cultural Display (Downstairs)	3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### Outdoor Stage performances

Welcome	3:00 pm
Special Guest MC: <b>Rodney Kageyama</b>	
Nishi Center	3:00 pm
WCBT Bodhi Tree Band	3:45 pm
Ho'Aloha Polynesian Dancers	4:25 pm
LA Matsuri Taiko	5:20 pm
Nippon Minyo Imoto Hoshuju Kai	6:00 pm
Break	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Music by DJ Mochiman	9:00 pm



### Sunday, July 11, 2010

Hatsubon Service	2:00 pm
Bell tolling	3:00 pm
Carnival *	3:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Bon Odori	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Bingo	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Demonstrations	
Tea (Temple Front)	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Cultural Display (Downstairs)	3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

### Outdoor Stage performances

Welcome	3:00 pm
Special Guest MC: <b>Rodney Kageyama</b>	
Matsutoyo Kai	3:00 pm
June Kuramoto	3:35 pm
LA Matsuri Taiko	4:20 pm
Music by Sunset Silhouette	5:00 pm
Okinawa Association	5:40 pm
Break	6:30 - 8:30 pm
Raffle Drawing	8:30 pm

\* The carnival will have a farmer's market. sushi, manju, chili rice, hot dogs, somen, boba, udon, beef and chicken teriyaki plates, dango, chashu bao, Chinese chicken salad, snow cone, drinks, games, plant sale, and many more.