

NICHIREN NEWS

September, 2016

Sacramento Nichiren Buddhist Church - 5191 24th Street, Sacramento, CA 95822 (916) 456-8371

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September, 2016

4	11:30am	Kaji Kito
11	----	no service
18	----	no service
25	11:30am	Ohigan service
25	noon	Church meeting

October, 2016

2	----	no service
8	Saturday 11am-2pm	Food Bazaar
9	11:30am	Sunday service
16	11:30am	Kaji Kito
16	noon	Church meeting
23	----	no service
30	11:30am	Oeshiki service

OHIGAN SERVICE

Ohigan service will be held on Sunday, September 25, 2016. This service takes place twice a year (during the Spring and Fall equinoxes).

Please write the names of your deceased family members on the enclosed form, and return the form to Church before the 11:30am service.

CHURCH MEETING

HIGHLIGHTS--7/31/16

- ▶ John Hughes gave an update on the Church's federal id number. Paperwork is being submitted to decrease the taxes on the back lot and house.
- ▶ Suggested offering rides to church members who might need transportation to church services. Members are encouraged to contact the church if they need a ride to the services.

CHURCH MEETING

HIGHLIGHTS--8/28/16

- ▶ Discussed upcoming Fall bazaar preparations.

FALL FOOD BAZAAR

Saturday, 10/8/16

11:00am to 2:00pm

Members & friends are asked to help at the Fall Food Bazaar. Preparations will take place on **Thursday, October 6, 2016, Friday, October 7, 2016 and Saturday, October 8, 2016.**

Pre-sale forms may be picked up at Church or printed from the website. Completed forms must be returned to the Church with payment by Monday, September 28, 2016

Barasushi - \$4.50

Bento - \$10.00

Curry Rice - \$5.50

Spam Musubi - \$4.00

Teriyaki Beef Sandwich - \$5.00

Teriyaki Chicken - \$7.00

Udon - \$5.00

Please ask family & friends to help support our Church. Depending on the number of pre-sale items ordered, additional food may be purchased at this event.

Baked goods and crafts will also be sold. Please bring in your donations for sale.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We gratefully acknowledge the generous donations from the following:

Memorial: Gary Gotow (in memory of Katsuye Gotow)/\$700; Janet Kyotani (in memory of Glen Kyotani)/\$100; Dag Nakatogawa (in memory of Toyoko Nakatogawa/\$200); Ken Sakoda (in memory of Toyoko Nakatogawa)/\$100; Gail & Dave Tanaka and Brian Tsuda/(in memory of Motoo Tsuda/23rd year & Saeko Kimoto/37th year)/\$200.

Special donations: Gary Gotow/(2 - 6' tables); John Hughes/picture frame; Kazuyo Johnson/\$30;

Acknowledgements continued:

Thomas Murray/\$25; Betsi Ann Nagasawa/\$20; Fusako Okamoto/flowers for Sunday services; Mike Tamai/3 shelves (\$320)

Obon: Toyoko Nakatogawa/\$10; Yurimi Sawamura/\$20; Arthur Sugiyama/\$20, Chiharu Yamada/\$20; Takami Lau/\$20; Fusako Okamoto/\$20; Kathy Mine/\$20; Lily Hitomi/\$20; Joe Hitomi/\$20; Keri Hayakawa/\$25; Gail Tanaka/\$30; Hiroko Sugitani/\$30; Kanji Hitomi/\$30; Susumu Fujiwara/\$40; Liz Nettle/\$50; Keiko Lucas/\$50; Dag Nakatogawa/\$50; Kiyoko Kuwabara/\$50, Takashi Mizuno/\$50; Hideko Tsuetaki/\$50; Thomas Murray/\$100; Miyo Kitamura/\$100; Kazuyo Johnson, \$150; John Hughes/\$150

Fujinkai: Dag Nakatogawa/\$200

Membership: Thomas Murray /\$240

NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

We welcome the Murray family (Thomas and Deidre) as new church members.

CONDOLENCES

We offer sincere condolences to the families of:

Katsuye Gotow who passed away on August 2, 2016 at the age of 91.

Toyoko Nakatogawa who passed away on August 13, 2016 at the age of 91.

Filial Respect for Parents

Kenjo Igarashi

There is no denying that we exist in this world as a result of having parents. We know that everyone experiences different degrees of parent involvement throughout his or her life. Some biological parents may be completely absent from their child's life, while some children have differing biological and custodial parents. No matter the situation, there is usually someone there to assist in raising the child. Thus, in certain circumstances, the term "parent" can more generally refer to individuals that were involved in nurturing the child to adulthood.

Nevertheless, many people continue to insist that they grew up without their parents' help and thus do not feel the need to take care of their now elderly parents. Nichiren Shonin once said, "One parent can raise ten children but one child cannot look after one parent". This should definitely not be the case. Some times we hear a person say to his or her parents, "Why was I born? I never asked to be born in the first place." The child may have uttered this out of pure frustration or in the midst of a heated argument, not giving much thought about the hurtful nature of those words. To many parents, this may be one of the most devastating statements made by their child.

People often do not think about the many problems the parents encounter in raising children. When the individual is first born, the parents worry the most about the child's health, always tending to the child's needs. When the child starts school, the parents worry about the social interaction with the other children. Even after the child is grown up, the parents continue to worry about their son or daughter's future, including work and marriage. It is not uncommon to hear about parents so focused and worried about their children that they forget about taking care of themselves.

We observe another evidence of a parent caring for a child in the development and growth of potato crops. Though I have never worked in a farm myself, I have heard that when harvesting potatoes, farmers first select the best potato from the previous crop, which is cut into quarters and planted. Once the farmers have the new crop, they can dig up the underground stems to find the original piece of potato that was planted at the beginning of the harvesting season. The piece is all wrinkled and dried up, having exhausted all of its energy in producing this new crop.

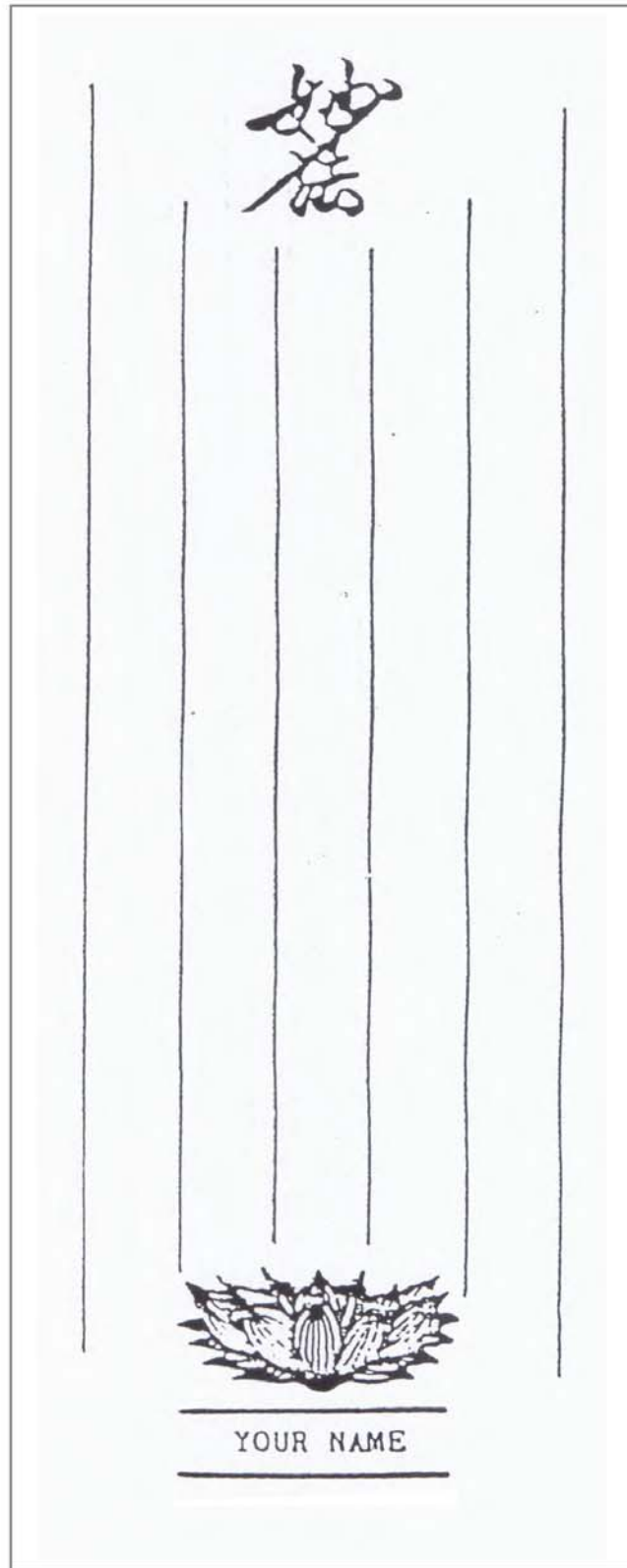
The least we can do, as children, is to acknowledge our parents' efforts through showing them respect. Thus, "filial piety" remains a core concept emphasized in many Buddhist and Asian societies to promote respect for one's elders, including one's parents and ancestors. Many misinterpret this idea, thinking that buying and gifting their parents with material things is enough.

Instead, there are three different ways that one can show respect to their parents. The first is simply to show and treat one's parents with respect and reverence. The second way is to show the willingness to listen to their parents and their wishes in certain circumstances. This includes being able to show that one has established their career in order to provide their parents with a piece of mind and to worry less about their child's future.

The third method is to hold a memorial service after one's parents pass away. Many believe that once their parents pass away, it is no longer possible to show their respect and devotion. Though we may no longer have their physical presence, they will enter the spiritual world, where they will continue to worry about and guide us throughout life's endeavors. Through these memorial services, we continue to remember them, while also thanking them for the sacrifices they made for us and their continued support.

No matter your situation or the current relationship that you may have with your parents, I hope you will spend some time reflecting on how to show respect and gratefulness towards them.

Write the names of your deceased family members on the form below, cut out the form and return it to the Church before the service.



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YOUR NAME

❖ Japanese Food Sale (pre-sale) ❖

Saturday, October 8, 2016

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Keep this top portion for your records.



<u>Item</u>	<u>Price X</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Barasushi	\$ 4.50	_____		_____
Bento	\$10.00	_____		_____
Curry Rice	\$ 5.50	_____		_____
Spam Musubi	\$ 4.00	_____		_____
Teriyaki Beef Sandwich	\$ 5.00	_____		_____
Teriyaki Chicken	\$ 7.00	_____		_____
Udon	\$ 5.00	_____		_____
TOTAL				_____

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To place an order, complete the section below & mail it along with your check made payable to **“Sacramento Nichiren Buddhist Church”** to the church by **Monday, September 26, 2016.**

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 E-Mail _____

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price X</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Barasushi	\$ 4.50	_____		_____
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Teriyaki Chicken	\$ 7.00	_____		_____
Udon	\$ 5.00	_____		_____
TOTAL				_____

 **Kitchen Schedule** 
2016 Fall Food Bazaar
Saturday, October 8, 2016

4:00am to morning

Reverend Igarashi
Mrs. Igarashi
Meriko Murata
Fusako Okamoto
Takeaki Igarashi
Keiko Lucas
Kevin Lucas

5:00am to 1:00pm

Ann Akiyama
Laurie Akiyama
Nancy Akiyama
Ruby Gotow
Yukiko Hachiya
Keri Hayakawa
Lily Hitomi
Yoshiko Hitomi
Kiyoko Kuwabara
Janet Kyotani
Susan Tamai
Gail Tanaka
Kathy Mine
Toshiko Yamada
Candace Saxton

10:00am to closing

Kiyoko Kuwabara
Kathy Mine
Rhonda Nasu

➡ **Chicken Teriyaki Schedule** ⬅

**2016 Fall Food Bazaar
Saturday, October 8, 2016**

6:00am to 1:00pm

Gary Gotow

Joe Hitomi

John Hughes

7:00am to 1:00pm

Gene Chung

Al Chin

Herbert Chin

Susumu Fujiwara

Takeshi Nasu

Dave Tanaka

Nob Tateishi

Brian Tsuda

When those cooking the chicken are done with their shifts, please help in the kitchen. Thanks!



All members, families and friends are asked to help during the Fall Food Bazaar. If you are unable to work at your scheduled time, please contact either Gary Gotow (392-4211) or Joe Hitomi (422-4344).