

NICHIREN NEWS

MAY, 2023

Sacramento Nichiren Buddhist Church - 5191 24th Street, Sacramento, CA 95823 (916) 456-8371

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May, 2023

7	11:30am	Izu persecution service
7	noon	Bazaar meeting
14	---	no service
20	9:00am to 3:00pm	Rummage Sale
21	11:30am	Kaji Kito
21	noon	Bazaar meeting
28	---	no service

June, 2023

4	---	no service
8	8:00am	Bazaar cooking; & clean chicken shed (Thursday)
9	8:00am	Bazaar cooking (Friday)
9	10:00am	Prep chicken (Friday)
10	5:00am	Bazaar cooking
10	12:00pm -2:00pm	Pick up food
11	11:30am	Sunday service
11	noon	Church meeting
18	---	no service
25	11:30am	Kaji Kito
25	noon	Church meeting

RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

Please bring your donations for the rummage sale by Saturday, May 13, 2023. Japanese items, houseware, clothes, & tools typically sell well. Items should be clean and in good working order.

SUMMER FOOD SALE

Saturday, JUNE 10, 2023

All Church members, family & friends are asked to help at the upcoming food sale (pre-order/pick up). Please see the calendar of events for details.

Orders forms will be mailed and also available on the church website. If mailing in your order, please mail in by 5/24/23. Quantities are limited.

Age Sushi: \$10.00
Teriyaki Beef Bento: \$22.00
Teriyaki Beef Sandwich: \$10.00
Teriyaki Chicken: \$10.00 (½ chicken)
Udon: \$10.00

CHURCH MEETING

HIGHLIGHTS 4/23/23

- ▶ Church rummage sale date set for May 20.
- ▶ Discussed preparations for food sale. Chicken must be ordered earlier to make sure that we are able to purchase enough chicken for the sale. The order deadline for mail in orders will be two and a half weeks before the sale. The online order deadline is more flexible.

JAPAN TRIP

OCTOBER, 2023

A trip to Japan is planned for October 2023. This is in conjunction with the Chicago church. The dates are tentatively set for October 22-30, 2023.

The cost of the trip will be determined by the number of people participating. Please contact the church or check out the church website as more details become available.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not already done so, please send your church membership dues to the Church. The dues are still \$240 per year.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We gratefully acknowledge the generous donations from the following:

Memorial:

In memory of Hanako Nagasawa/\$200 (Nagasawa family)

Membership (\$240):

Yurimi Sawamura; Brian Tsuda

Hanamatsuri:

Keiko Lucas/\$100; Kathy Mine/\$40; Dave & Gail Tanaka/\$50; Hideko Tsuetaki/\$50

Ohigan:

Susumu Fujiwara/\$50; Lily Hitomi/\$50; Joe Hitomi/\$40; Yoshiko Hitomi/\$50; John Hughes/\$150; Mary Hughes/\$150; Peter Kato/\$50; Elizabeth Kono/\$100; Kiyoko Kuwabara/\$40; Keiko Lucas/\$150; Kathy Mine/\$20; Takashi Mizuno/\$75; Deardra Murray/\$40; Elizabeth Nettle/\$100; Fusako Okamoto/\$50; Yurimi Sawamura/\$50; Dave and Gail Tanaka/\$40; Linda Tomita/\$200; Brian Tsuda/\$40; Hideko Tsuetaki/\$50

Special Donations:

John Hughes/\$200 (pest control); Deardra Murray/7 dozen candles; Fusako Okamoto/flowers

Meaning of the memorial service

Each time that you have a memorial service for the deceased, you must be wondering why these services have to be performed and also how these services affect them.

Some people wonder if the minister can rescue those who have been sent to purgatory. This is not such a far-fetched idea because one of Buddhist teachings stresses the following point: "Whatever one does; one reaps." In other words, "whatever sin one commits, one must face the consequences." These memorial services are practiced periodically to do something good for the deceased. It is an aged-old custom that all Buddhist families have observed and practiced for many centuries.

The following story illustrates the significance of memorial services:

Lord Buddha spoke to the village people and asked, "If a rock is thrown to the bottom of the lake, can it be raised by prayer?"

The village people said, "That is impossible."

Whereupon, Buddha said, "If oil is dumped into a lake, would it sink to the bottom with your prayer?"

To which the village people responded, "Why speak of such nonsense!"

The Lord Buddha said, "If a person has committed one sin after another throughout his life, would he be able to gain rebirth in Heaven or Nirvana?"

On the other hand if a person has been good all his life, would that person be sent to purgatory by prayers?" questioned Buddha.

The villagers replied, "That's impossible!"

Lord Buddha advised, "Listen carefully. If we really prayed earnestly and performed a memorial service for the deceased, we can take all deceased persons to the other shore of enlightenment in a huge boat. This goal is achieved by means of memorial service. Conducting memorial service is a way to show your expression of sympathy toward the deceased."

◆ Japanese Food Sale (pre-sale) ◆

Saturday, June 10, 2023
pick up – noon to 2:00 p.m.

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Keep this top portion for your records.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Agesushi	\$ 10.00		_____		_____
Teriyaki Beef Bento	\$ 22.00		_____		_____
Teriyaki Beef Sandwich	\$ 10.00		_____		_____
Teriyaki Chicken	\$ 10.00		_____		_____
Udon	\$ 10.00		_____		_____
TOTAL					_____



To place an order, please visit our website at www.sacramentonichirenchurch.org or complete the form below & mail it along with your check made payable to "**Sacramento Nichiren Buddhist Church**" to the church by **Wednesday, May 24, 2023**.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

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