

NICHIREN NEWS

November, 2023

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS November 2023

5	---	no service
12	11:30am	Eitaikyo
19	---	no service
26	11:30	Komatsuara persecution
26	noon	Church meeting

December 2023

3	---	no service
10	---	no service
16	7:00am	Mochi Tsuki
17	11:30am	Jodo-e
17	noon	Church meeting
24		End of year clean up
31	11:00pm	End of year service

January, 2024

1	12:00am	New Year service
7	---	no service
14	---	no service
21	11:30am	Kaji Kito
21	noon	Church meeting
30	11:00am	Tsuito-e
30	noon	New Year Party

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please use the enclosed envelope to send in your Church membership dues. The dues are still only **\$240** per year.

FUJINKAI MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues for the Fujinkai are **\$10** per year. Please send your dues to the Church.

FALL FOOD BAZAAR

Thanks to all members, family & friends who helped to make the Fall Food Bazaar a success.

RUMMAGE SALE

Rummage Sale a great success. The net profit was \$2,034.75.

CHURCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

- ▶ Noted that there are two plots at Sacramento Memorial Lawn which are available for sale.
- ▶ Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 18, 2024 (details to be provided at a later date).

CHURCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER 31, 2023

- ▶ Discussed mochi tsuki & new year party.

MOCHI TSUKI

The annual mochi tsuki will take place on **Saturday, December 16, 2023**. The cost is **\$9.00** for eight pieces of regular mochi, **\$9.00** for kasane and **\$11.00** per 6 pieces for an-mochi. Pick up is between **11:00am and 1:00pm**. Please mail in the mochi order form or order with a credit card through the church website by **December 6, 2023**. *All church members and friends are asked to help beginning at 7:00am on December 16, 2023.*

NEW YEAR PARTY

The New Year Party will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2024. The church service will be at 11:00am followed by the party. Please note that the cost of the luncheon will be \$25. Please contact the church if you would like to attend. The deadline is January 17, 2024.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We gratefully acknowledge the generous donations from the following:

Ohigan: Susumu Fujiwara/\$40; Ruby Gotow/\$40; Joe Hitomi/\$20; Lily Hitomi/\$50 Yoshiko Hitomi/\$50; John Hughes/\$150; Mary Hughes/\$100; Peter Kato/\$100; Liz Kono/\$100; Kiyoko Kuwabara/\$40; Keiko Lucas/\$150; Kathy Mine/\$30; Takashi Mizuno/\$75; Deardra Murray/\$40; Fusako Okamoto/\$50; Yurimi Sawamura/\$50; Steve Saxton/\$50; Dave & Gail Tanaka/\$50; Linda Tomita/\$100; Brian Tsuda/\$40; Hideko Tsuetaki/\$50; Chiharu Yamada/\$20

Membership Dues:

Memorial: Ruby & Gary Gotow/\$100 in memory of Masanao Okamoto

October Food Sale: Ruby Gotow/Tsukemono; Joe Hitomi/charcoal; Lily Hitomi/ supplies; Yoshiko Hitomi/Kabochi & Donuts; Kiyoko Kuwabara/supplies; Deardra Murray/\$10; Fusako Okamoto/ Tsukemono and Jams; Jane Nakagawa/Fig Jams

Oeshiki: Ruby & Gary Gotow/\$30; Lily Hitomi/\$50; Yoshiko Hitomi/\$50; Alexis Wilson & Richard Hughes/\$10; John Hughes/\$20; Mary Hughes/\$20; Kathy Mine/\$40; Brian Tsuda/\$40

Rummage Sale: Yoshiko Hitomi/plants; Fusako Okamoto/plants; Cindy Kadokawa/plants

Special Donations: John Hughes/\$100 for Pest control; Fusako Okamoto/flowers for the Temple; Marian Uchida/\$50

2024

MEMORIAL SERVICES

1 st year	2023
3 rd year	2022
7 th year	2018
13 th year	2012
17 th year	2008
23 rd year	2002
27 th year	1998
33 rd year	1992
37 th year	1988
43 rd year	1982
50 th year	1975

CONDOLENCES

We offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Yozo Yamada who passed away in October, 2023 at the age of 96.

What is “enlightenment”?

Enlightenment, or *satori*, is a translation of the Indian word *bodhi*, which is transliterated as *bodai* in Japanese, hence enlightenment and *bodai* are synonymous. This is the absolute understanding of the composition and the truths of the universe and human beings.

The Buddha thought that human beings are originally beings, which bear suffering. Every human eventually has to grow old, experience illness, and die. That is suffering. One has to part from whom one loves and may be unable to obtain what one wants. This, too, is suffering.

Why is it that we must suffer in this way? It is because human beings have desires and attachments. Humans suffer because they grow attached to life despite the fact that they have to die, and because their desires expand from one to another and they are unable to attain satisfaction.

How are we to be released from such suffering? The Buddha thought that since attachment and desire were the causes of suffering, if we could cast attachment and desire aside (or at least control them), suffering would also disappear. He also conceived a means of practice whereby one could control attachment and desire.

The Buddha seated himself beneath the bodhi tree and entered meditation. He comprehended the makeup of the human mind and the nature of the universe and awakened to the truth. This experience is called “enlightenment” (*satori*) and is referred to as *bodai*.

❖ Mochi Sale ❖

Saturday, December 16, 2023
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Keep this top portion for your records.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price X</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	=	<u>Total Cost</u>
Mochi (8 pieces)	\$ 9.00	_____		_____
An Mochi (6 pieces)	\$ 11.00	_____		_____
Kasane	\$ 9.00	_____		_____
TOTAL				_____



To place an order, EITHER complete the section below & mail it along with your check made payable to "Sacramento Nichiren Buddhist Church" to the church by Saturday, December 6, 2023, OR visit our website at www.sacramentonichirenchurch.org to order & pay online.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

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