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SACRED WORDS

*Anyone who keeps this sutra
Will be able to expound
The meanings of the teachings,
And the names and words [of this sutra].
Their eloquence will be as boundless,
And as unhindered as the wind in the sky.*

Lotus Sutra Ch. 21 - *The Supernatural Powers of the Tathagatas*

Weekly Services

We will continue to hold services with limited in-person attendance and broadcast online via **Zoom**. For those interested in participating online, please contact the temple to obtain meeting ID and password. Donations can be made either by check payable to **Kannon Temple of Nevada** or **Zellepay.com** to kannontemplenv@gmail.com.

Komatsubara Persecution Service **Nov. 9, 10:30 a.m. (Sun)**

The Third of Four Major Persecutions in Nichiren Shonin's life. Before sunset on November 11, 1264, Nichiren was ambushed in the forests of *Komatsubara*, in current Chiba Prefecture. He was on his way to a devout follower's residence after secretly visiting his sick mother. He was wounded in the ensuing attack, while two followers were killed.

Please join us online to commemorate this important event.

Bodhi Day Service & Buddhist Statues Appreciation **Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m. (Sun)**

Let us celebrate Sakyamuni Buddha's Enlightenment Day. Traditionally a *bodhi-tree* is placed near the altar, representing the time Buddha became enlightened under that tree.

We will also show our appreciation to your Buddhist statues (*Daikoku*, *Kishibojin*, *Kannon*, *Nichiren Shonin*, *Buddhas*) or any statue(s) that you place in your altar. Detailed instructions will be given later.

We usually hold our **Year End Potluck Luncheon** after service. Unfortunately we will discontinue this tradition until further notice.

New Year's Eve Ceremony **Dec. 31, 10:30 a.m. (Sun)**

Come join us for the last service for 2025! This service is to show our gratitude to the Buddha, Dharma, Sangha, *Gohonzon*, deities, ancestors, and all those around us throughout this interesting year.

We will hit the *hansho* bell a total of 108 times, symbolizing our 108 attachments and illusions. All negativity will hopefully be gone with the sound of the bell to welcome in 2026 with A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Electronic Newsletter

If you wish to receive this bi-monthly newsletter electronically, please email temple with your request at kannontemplenv@gmail.com. We are in the process of moving many processes online, which will help reduce temple expense.

Monthly Amulets

Continuing from last year, Kannon Temple will be creating its own special monthly amulet with donation remaining the same at \$5 per month per amulet or \$60 per year per amulet. Please contact the temple either by mail or email with your name and number of requested amulet(s). Donations can be made via check or Zellepay.

New amulets will be mailed out starting January 2026.

Temple Cleaning **Dec. 27 10:00 a.m. (Sat)**

In late December, it is tradition to help thoroughly clean the temple. This deep clean is to help rid the temple and you of any grime and negative energy accumulated over the year. This is in preparation for the coming new year so we can start fresh.

We ask for volunteers to come help with this year's temple cleaning on Saturday December 27. Bring your own cleaning supplies if you wish.

Deity Daikoku Special Blessing Service **Dec. 21 10:30 a.m. (Sun)**

Deity *Daikoku* is one of the seven lucky gods of Japan. Every 60 days, we honor Deity *Daikoku* which happens to fall on Sunday December 21.

Those of you who have a *Daikoku* statue or are interested in attending this service. Please reach out to the temple at kannontemplenv@gmail.com for further information.

Special Dharma Talk Shoda Kanai

For this year's Overseas Minister's Seminar, we learned a new style of giving sermons. This is a more formalized way of giving sermons. In Nichiren Shu, there are many certifications one can choose from such as *Shoho-shi* (kito blessing specialist), ⇒

⇄*Shomyo-shi* (ritual master), *Reidan-shi* (divination specialist), and *Fukyo-in* (master of preaching). It is this last certification that grants one to be able to conduct “raised platform preaching.” This style is like *rakugo* (Japanese verbal comedy) where the storyteller sits on a raised platform with only a paper fan and towel to use as props. With *Fukyo-in*, they also use sutra book, incense container, flower petals, and *juzu* as props.

I have heard several priests give “raised platform preaching” and it is very captivating! The storytelling is done in away where difficult Buddhist concepts are broken down and easier to understand. Sometimes the speaker acts out a conversation using props.

The version we were taught was made for the English speaking audience. It is still a work in progress, but each one of us priests were able to give our Dharma Talk at various temples to the pilgrims from Southeast Asia. I gave mine on September 12 at Ryukoji Temple in Kamakura City. This just happened to be the day when Nichiren Shonin’s fourth of four major persecutions was being commemorated. I had my talk prepared but made last minute adjustments to commemorate this special day.

During Kannon Temple’s *Oeshiki* Service, I gave the same Dharma Talk that I did in Japan so that followers here can experience this new style of sermon. Unfortunately, I forgot to record the Zoom meeting, so I do not have a copy of my talk, but I do have the original version from Japan. I am in the process of trying to transcribe it, so that those who have missed it can enjoy it as well.

In the future, I am planning to conduct more Dharma Talks in this special style, most likely during big services. I will keep everyone posted on when I will present my next Dharma Talk.



New Building Fund commemorating the 800th Anniversary of Nichiren Shonin’s Birth
766 shakyo tracing Chapter 25 of the Lotus Sutra offered, **25,170,000** times of Chanting *Odaimoku* offered, As of October 22, 2025
Thank you very much! Please continue your support.

From the High Desert, I Bring you Good News!
Daibo Hongyoji Temple

Shoda Kanai

This year’s Overseas Minister’s Seminar was held at Ikegami Honmonji’s Daibo Hongyoji Temple. This temple is located on the lower level from the main temple which sits on top of a hill. Daibo was the place where Nichiren Shonin passed away.

By early September 1282, Nichiren Shonin was not feeling well and was on his way to a hot spring when he visited one of his follower’s house, the Ikegami brothers. Once there, he was too weak to continue and stayed there until his passing. The residence later was converted to a temple.

There are two parts of the temple complex, the main hall and Daibo. Daibo is towards the back and is the actual building where Nichiren passed away. Inside the small hall contains the remnants of the post which Nichiren used to prop himself up to give his final Dharma Talk and later passed into Parinirvana.



There is a small portion of the post set aside where the public can go and touch. Every time I visit Ikegami Honmonji, I pay my respects and go touch this post, hoping that I can absorb some of Nichiren’s wisdom.

This time as it was a special occasion with overseas ministers and pilgrims from SE Asia, a special service was held where after incense offering, we could go and touch the actual post in the middle of the hall and not just the cut-out version.

I felt moved that I could touch part of our founder’s history.



EVENTS

<u>November</u>		<u>December</u>	
2 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	Monthly Kito Blessing	7 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	Bodhi Day/Statue Appreciation
9 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	<i>Komatsubara</i> Persecution Service	14 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	Monthly Kito Blessing
16 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	English Service	21 & 28 (Sun)	No Service
23 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	<i>Shodai-gyo</i> (Chanting Meditation)	27 (Sat) 10:00 a.m.	Temple Cleaning
30 (Sun) No Service	Fifth Sunday	31 (Wed) 10:30 a.m.	New Years Eve Service & Tolling Of Bells
*** Join in every Wednesday night at 6 p.m. for Tea Time with a Priest to have your questions answered. Email temple for zoom ID and password ***			
*** Those interested in Study Class and/or Counseling, please contact the temple to make arrangements ***			