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SACRED WORDS

*Even the clouds of ignorance
That spread over us
Would be dispersed
By the winds of Mt. Sacred Eagle
Filled with the sound of the Sacred Dharma*

Nichiren Shonin—*Tachiwataru*

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.

***Tastsunokuchi* Persecution Service** **September 13, 10:30 a.m. (Sun)**

The fourth of Four Major Persecutions in Nichiren Shonin's life. On the night of September 12, 1271, Nichiren was arrested and sentenced to be executed. Miraculously he escaped death when a "bright light" shot across the sky, frightening everyone. Later he was exiled to Sado Island instead, where he began composing some of his greatest treatises.

***Autumn O-higan* Service** **Sept. 20, 10:30 a.m. (Sun)**

The autumn equinox is the time to commemorate our ancestors. This is the time of equal parts day and night, thus the veil for this world and the "other shore" is close. Our chanting of the Lotus Sutra and *Odaimoku* can readily reach our ancestors to help them reach enlightenment. Please join us for this special service by writing down your ancestor's names on the included form and send back to Kannon Temple with your donation.

***Oeshiki* Memorial Service** **Oct. 11, 10:30 a.m. (Sun)**

On the morning of October 13, 1282, our founder Nichiren Shonin entered *Parinirvana* after spreading the teaching of the Lotus Sutra for many difficult years. We are holding the 745th Memorial Service for him. Let us join our hands together in *gassho* to show our appreciation towards him for the lessons that he has taught and the gift he has left, which is the *Odaimoku*.



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 expenses.

Serenity at Home Shoda Kanai

As the brisk breeze of autumn blows through and leaves begin to change colors and fall, the sound of "Friday Night Lights" and football returning to the gridiron, this is a good opportunity to reflect on oneself. As the overbearing heat of summer fades, we can finally go outside and enjoy nature. In the desert the pine forests in the mountains are not as thick as Mt. Minobu but still brings forth tranquility.

Since May 1274, Nichiren Shonin was invited and stayed in Mt. Minobu after his pardon from exile to Sado Island. For nine years he stayed in the mountains, even during the hot summers and blistering cold snowy winters. He never once stepped outside until finally his health prevented him from staying any longer.

Life at Mt. Minobu was extremely difficult due to lack of food and a hermitage not able to shield against the harsh elements. Even so, over the years, 40, 60, and up to 100 followers showed up and stayed with Nichiren to chant and listen to his teachings on the Lotus Sutra. The sound of chanting reverberated throughout the mountains day and night. Finally, in 1281 a proper temple was built to accommodate everyone.

Even with all the difficulties and failing health, Nichiren's heart belonged at Mt. Minobu. The seclusion and the ever-present sound from the Minobu River comforted him very much. Later he considered Mt. Minobu "as though Mt. Sacred Eagle where I heard the World Honored One Sakyamuni lived had been brought right here."

His final request was for his tombstone to be erected at Mt. Minobu so he could reside here forever.

Some of you have made the pilgrimage to Mt. Minobu and to Minobusan Kuonji Temple and ⇨

⇐prayed in front of his mausoleum. Others have participated in the *Rinban* ceremony where the archbishop temporarily grants a priest of a temple his duty as a steward over Nichiren’s tomb. After this special ceremony we have a chance to walk around Nichiren Shonin’s actual ashes.

For many, it may be difficult to make the pilgrimage, but we can live vicariously through pictures and videos on YouTube. Though it is not the same, we can feel the precious nature of Mt. Minobu.

Since traveling to Japan may be challenging, instead find your own “Mt. Minobu.” Find a quiet mountain top where you can be able to view east. There you can chant the *Odaimoku* as the sun rises and find the peace and serenity of Mt. Minobu in your own backyard. If you live in the flatlands, plan a trip to the nearest mountain range to do the same.

During this time of *Oeshiki*, let us recall the special Japanese classical *waka* poem (5-7-5-7-7 syllabic structure) written by Nichiren detailed in this month’s SACRED WORDS. Music has been added to this poem, which I used to sing in Sunday School every week. Maybe someday, I’ll teach this song to everyone, so we can all sing together.



New Building Fund commemorating the 800th Anniversary of Nichiren Shonin’s Birth.
802 shakyo tracing Chapter 25 of the Lotus Sutra offered, **25,320,000** times of Chanting *Odaimoku* offered, As of August 25, 2026
Thank you very much! Please continue your support.

Las Vegas Tidings!

My Garden

Kumiko Kanai

Since the heat continues to exceed 100°F every day, I try to shop in the morning.

I began making compost this spring; I finely chop vegetable scraps, fruit peels, and coffee grounds, drain off the excess moisture, mix them with soil and fallen leaves, and let the mixture ferment while maintaining the right balance of air and water.

Then in May and June, we harvested zucchini, cherry tomatoes, eggplants, and small pumpkins. This August, we have an abundance of long green onions, so I enjoy preparing them “*nuta-ae*” style every day. (*Nuta-ae* is mixing miso paste with vinegar and *mirin* and combining the mixture with cut green onions. It is one of the many Japanese side dishes)

What is harvested at your home?



EVENTS

<u>September</u>		<u>October</u>	
6 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	Monthly <i>Kito</i> Blessing	4 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	Monthly <i>Kito</i> Blessing
13 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	<i>Tatsunokuchi</i> Persecution	11 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	<i>Oeshiki</i> Memorial Service
20 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	Autumn <i>Ohigan</i> Memorial Service	18 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	English Service
27 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	<i>Shodai-gyo</i> (Chanting Meditation)	25 (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	<i>Shodai-gyo</i> (Chanting Meditation)
*** 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 ***			