

Myohoji Bulletin

March, April, May, June 2017

myohoji.nst.org

Guidance from Sixty-eighth High Priest Nichinyo Shonin (Excerpt)

January 1, 2017



As you know, the main door of the Five-Storeyed Pagoda faces west, in contrast to the Mieido, the Reception Hall, and other temple buildings, which face south. This demonstrates that the Buddhism of our Founder Nichiren Daishonin, the True Buddha in the Latter Day of the Law, will spread from the east to the west, unlike Shakyamuni's Buddhism, which originated in India and moved from the west to the east. It signifies that the Daishonin's Buddhism will spread, starting from Japan to China and India, and then, eventually to the entire world.

The Daishonin teaches:

The moon travels from west to east, which is a sign of the Buddhism that originated in India spreading to the East. The sun rises in the east, which is an auspicious sign of the Buddhism that emerged in Japan gradually returning to India. Moonlight, when compared to the sun, is not as brilliant. Shakyamuni Buddha expounded the true teaching for only eight years. Sunlight is brighter than the light of the moon, and this signifies that the Buddhist teaching [of Nichiren

Daishonin] in Japan shall illuminate the infinite darkness of the fifth Five-hundred-year Period.

(Gosho, p. 1543)

As these golden words teach, like the moon, the Buddhism of Shakyamuni in India was transmitted from the west to Japan, through China and the Korean Peninsula. Shakyamuni's Buddhism, which was preached during the periods of the Former and Middle Days of the Law, was transmitted from west to east. Unlike Shakyamuni's Buddhism, the Buddhism of Nichiren Daishonin, the True Buddha in the Latter Day of the Law, originates in Japan, the eastern land. Like the sun, the Daishonin's Buddhism will spread to the west, moving from Japan, through China and India, and then to the entire world.

The Gosho passage states, "Sunlight is brighter than the light of the moon, and this signifies that the Buddhist teaching [of Nichiren Daishonin] in Japan shall illuminate the infinite darkness of the fifth Five-hundred-year Period." This indicates that

Continued on other side

March

April

May

June

March 5 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Kosen-rufu Gongyo
Teen Group Meeting

March 12 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Oko Ceremony
Children's Oko in Kyakuden

March 19 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: *Higan-e*
Japanese Lecture

Young Adult Meeting

March 26 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Monthly Memorial
Chinese Lecture
Korean Lecture

April 1 (Saturday)

2:00 PM: Buddhist Seminar

April 2 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Kosen-rufu Gongyo
Teen Group Meeting

April 9 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Oko Ceremony
Children's Oko in Kyakuden

April 16 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Shodai Ceremony
Japanese Lecture

Young Adult Meeting

April 23 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Morning Gongyo
Temple Clean Up

April 30 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: *Risshu-e*
Monthly Memorial
Chinese Lecture
Korean Lecture

May 7 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Kosen-rufu Gongyo
Teen Group Meeting

May 14 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Oko Ceremony
Children's Oko in Kyakuden

May 21 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Shodai Ceremony
Japanese Lecture

Young Adult Meeting

May 28 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Monthly Memorial
Chinese Lecture
Korean Lecture

June 3 (Saturday)

2:00 PM: Buddhist Seminar

June 4 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Kosen-rufu Gongyo
Teen Group Meeting

June 11 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Oko Ceremony
Children's Oko in Kyakuden

June 18 (Sunday)

10:00 AM: Monthly Memorial
Japanese Lecture

Young Adult Meeting

June 25 (Sunday)

10:00 AM:
Myohoji Temple
50th Anniversary Ceremony

**Note: Introductory meetings will be held at 7:00 PM
on the third Thursday in the Kyakuden.**

Rev. Taishin Takano,
Chief Priest
Myohoji Temple

1401 N. Crescent Heights Blvd.
West Hollywood, California
90046-3812
Tel: 323-656-2888

Nichiren Shoshu True Buddhism
Orthodox Teaching of
Nichiren Daishonin

the Daishonin's Buddhism is the great pure Law that will save all living beings and eternally illuminate the infinite darkness of the Latter Day of the Law.

The Daishonin teaches the following in the Goshō, *Orally Transmitted Teachings* (Ongi kuden):

The Nam-Myōhō-Renge-Kyō that Nichiren now chants will enable all living beings of the ten thousand years of the Latter Day of the Law to attain Buddhahood.

(Goshō, p. 1732)

At this time, we always must devote ourselves to chant Daimoku, firmly believing in the boundless benefits of the Dai-Gohonzon. With this conviction we must do shakubuku.

Others will determine whether or not to take faith Nichiren Shōshu when they hear the confident words and see the behavior

Group Tozan 2017 Schedule

*Schedule is subject to change.
Confirm dates and itinerary prior to events.*

Airing of the Scrolls	April 3-8
Summer Study Tozan	August 17-22
Chapter Tozan	October 20-26
Gotai-e	November 17-22

of those who conduct shakubuku. Thus, shakubuku should never be done with an insincere attitude. It is essential that we consistently strive to chant Daimoku. With the benefits and joy from chanting Daimoku, we should step forward to do shakubuku. •

Higan-e Memorial—March 19

A memorial service performed twice a year on or around the equinox. Toba applications will be mailed to believers in advance. Please submit toba requests by March 12.

The Risshu-e Ceremony: Celebrating the Declaration of True Buddhism—April 30

The *Risshu-e* Ceremony, celebrating the establishment of true Buddhism will be conducted on April 30 at 10:00 AM.

In the early morning of April 28, 1253, Nichiren Daishonin, at age 32, stood alone in Kasagamori forest at the top of Seicho-zan Mountain waiting for dawn. As the sun rose above the Pacific Ocean, Nichiren Daishonin joined his hands in prayer and began to chant the Daimoku: "Nam-Myōhō-Renge-Kyō, Nam-Myōhō-Renge-Kyō..." The significance of the annual *Risshu-e* Ceremony is to express our gratitude to Nichiren Daishonin. Through his profound mercy, he overcame tremendous obstacles to establish true Buddhism for all eternity. So we commemorate this day by making the determination to follow the Daishonin's example of teaching everyone about Nam-Myōhō-Renge-Kyō.



Read this Myōhoji Bulletin
on the web:

<http://myohoji.nst.org/category/myohoji-bulletin/>

Myōhoji Temple 50th Anniversary Ceremony—June 25

Sunday, June 25th at 10:00 AM will be the 50th Anniversary celebration of the establishment of Enichizan Myōhoji Temple. On May 16, 1967, Sixty-sixth High Priest Nittatsu Shōnin conducted the Grand Opening Ceremony for the first Nichiren Shōshu temple on the North American continent. Myōhoji Temple originally served all the believers in the continental U.S., Mexico, and Central America. We will be welcoming visiting priests and members from around the world to join us in our celebration. Mark your calendars for this very special event!

Subscribe to the Nichiren Shōshu Monthly



To learn more about our dynamic practice, we encourage you to subscribe to the Nichiren Shōshu Monthly, published 12 times a year. Since the purpose of the monthly is specifically for study, each edition is packed with in-depth material dealing with complex aspects of true Buddhism, as well as the more basic concepts. Subscribe today!

NST Myōhoji Temple Hours

Open:	Mon. - Sat.:	6:15 AM
	Sun.:	8:00 AM
Closed:	Mon. - Fri.:	8:00 PM
	Thurs.:	8:30 PM
	Sat. & Sun.:	5:30 PM

Gongyo

Morning:	Mon. - Sat.:	6:30 AM
	Sun.:	10:00 AM
Evening:	Mon. - Fri.:	6:30 PM
	Sat. & Sun.:	4:00 PM