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SPECIAL SERVICES 2015

\$ **New Year's Day (Shusho-e) – January 1**

This is a day of dedication. With renewed resolution, we dedicate ourselves to the way of the Nembutsu.

\$ **Ho-Onko (Shinran Shonin Memorial Day) – January 18**

Commemorating the memory of Shinran Shonin (May 21, 1173 – January 16, 1262), the Founder of Jodo Shinshu (True Pure Land sect). Shinran Shonin was the first to teach absolute faith in Amida Buddha.

\$ **Nirvana Day (Nehan-e) – February 8**

On this day we solemnly observe the passing of Sakyamuni Buddha into Pari-nirvana.

\$ **Spring Higan (Higan-e) – March 15**

Higan ("Other Shore") is observed on or around the Spring equinox. During this time, harmony rules throughout the universe. Therefore, we gather before the shrine of Amida Buddha to devote ourselves to the realization of this harmony in our inner lives.

\$ **Hanamatsuri (Buddha Day) – April 12**

Celebrating the birth of Gautama (the historical Buddha) in Lumbini Garden. A flower shrine ("Hanamido") is set up in front of the main altar representing Lumbini Garden. The sangha offers flowers and pours sweet tea over a statue of the infant Buddha.

\$ **Gotan-e / Fujimatsuri (Shinran Shonin Day) – May 17**

Shinran Shonin was born near Kyoto, Japan on May 21, 1173. On this day we observe his birth as the founder of the Jodo Shinshu sect.

\$ **O Bon (Bon) – July 26**

Bon is a Buddhist Memorial Day. It is an occasion for rejoicing in the enlightenment offered by the Buddha. It is often referred to as the "Gathering of Joy."

\$ **Fall Higan (Higan-e) – September 20**

The sangha gathers once again, on or around the Fall equinox to recall the practice of the Six Paramitas.

\$ **Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial) – November 8**

On this day, all dedicated members and Dharma friends who devoted themselves to the spiritual welfare of the temple, whether known or unknown, are honored so that we may continue to practice the Buddha's teachings.

\$ **Bodhi Day (Jodo-e) – December 6**

Gautama meditated under the Bodhi Tree (Tree of Enlightenment) and became a Buddha; perfect in Wisdom and Compassion.

\$ **Joya-e (Year-end Service) – December 31**

On New Year's Eve we meditate on the countless blessings we have received throughout the year and express our gratitude to our parents, our nation, all beings and Amida Buddha.

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