



**Buddhist Church of Santa Barbara**  
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## April 2025 Geppo

**Announcements:** *Christophe Sautot will stream our Hanamatsuri service on April 12! Live stream on <https://www.youtube.com/@SBBuddhist> or <https://www.facebook.com/SBBuddhist>*

### CALENDAR



#### **April Service Sat. 10:00 am April 12**

*Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service 祥月法要  
Hanamatsuri 花祭、灌仏会, Celebration of  
Buddha's Birth*

Greetings BCSB dharma friends!

In April we celebrate **Hanamatsuri**, which means flower festival in Japanese. It commemorates the birth of the historical Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama, who became Sakyamuni Buddha when he

attained nirvana as an adult. Legend tells us that abundant flowers bloomed and sweet tea rained down from the sky when he was born. Truly, an auspicious occasion! *Rev JP DeGuzman*

#### **MAY Service: May 10, 2025, 10:00 AM,**

Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service, 祥月法要 and

Gotan-e Shinran Shonin Birthday Service、宗祖親鸞聖人降誕会

**Many Thanks to BCA and our Sangha members!** A year ago, Sets Furuike posed the question of whether we should close the temple. And, **many** stepped up with suggestions and pitching in – truly we are a sangha. This Hanamatsuri feels like a rebirth and renewal!

**Much appreciation to Christophe Sautot** continues to reformat our webpage with new posts and color scheme: <https://www.buddhistchurchofsantabarbara.org/>

**Kudos!** To **JP DeGuzman** for April flyer and **Jodi Miles** for posting it in our kiosk. And, new outreach effort to send the flyers and letters to other Buddhist temples, inviting their members to our April Hanamatsuri service.



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### Memorial Service will be held for:

MR. AKIHIKO TAKANO	MR. TORATARO KUDO
MR. YOHEI KAWAMURA	MR. MASATO YAMADA
MR. SANNOSUKE NOYE	MR. HISAYOSHI KUSAYANAGI
MRS. KEI MURAKAMI	MR. MASAKI KOGA
MR. KANEKO	MR. YONEKICHI INOUYE
MISS MISA IWASAKI	MRS. FUSAYE KOZAKI
MRS. TSUYO MATSUMOTO	MR. TOYOKICHI OMURA
THE OTSUKA FAMILY	MR. SATORU NAKAMURA
MR. SENTARO ASAKURA	MRS. MARY KUWAMOTO BARETT
MR. HISAKICHI HIKIDA	MRS. HISAO YAMADA
MR. TOMISUKE KAWANO	MRS. MARY KOGA
MR. YOICHI NISHIHARA	MR. HENRY HIRAKU TANAKA
MRS. MITSUYE MATSUBARA	MR. ICHIRO TORIGOE
MR. ISHIYEI KUROZUMI	MRS. CHII SATO
MISS YEIKO KOMATSU	MR. HIROSHI TAKEDA
MR. GENKICHI HIRASHIMA	MRS. AYAKO OKADA
MR. TOMEKICHI KOGA	MRS. FLORENCE TSUNODA
MRS. MIYOKO TABATA	MRS. DOROTHY FUJII

### Treasurer's Report: Sets Furuike March Donations: \$2225

#### **Memorial Service**

M/M Dennis Furuike (M. Okino, Y&M Morihisa)

Lonny Ishihara (M. Okino, S. Yamada)

#### **Ohigan**

M/M Dennis Furuike

JJ Uyehara, Doug Wilson

Junko Torigoe

Tamako Nishimura

Mary Saito

#### **Special**

Joyce Shelley

Dave Tabata

#### **Ho-Onko**

Monday Qigong

Dennis Ito

Patricia Stensby



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### **Dharma Message Title: "Rebirth Everyday"**

The story of Hanamatsuri makes me think a lot about birth and rebirth. Indian philosophy noted that, depending upon your karmic circumstances and actions, you might be reborn in a realm of intense hell, or sublime euphoria, or unquenchable craving. However, as Bishop Harada wrote "...Shakyamuni Buddha did not see these realms as geographical places of existence. Instead, he saw them as psychological states of being..." (BCA Dec 2021)

We can think of being "reborn" with every breath we take. Every one of our thoughts and actions might be the first steps in a new chapter of our lives. Even though I've only been a part of the BCSB community for a few months, I'm so inspired by the dedication of a core group of folks who are working hard to not only keep the lights on, but foster BCSB's "rebirth."

You, too, can be a part of that rebirth! How?

- Attending our monthly services and discussion group, which I call a "Lunch and Learn."
- Maybe you tell a friend about the temple or invite them to join you
- If you miss the sights and sounds of Obon, maybe you'll pitch in for our July 19, 2025 obon.



The Buddha appeared in this world to spread a universal teaching that includes limitless wisdom and compassion.

How grateful I am to be a part of a community to keep that spirit alive!  
*Namo Amida Butsu!*



**Church News BCSB Cabinet Members**

We have a BCSB Cabinet of 7 Members! Acting Board Members of Ted Muneno, Sets Furuike, Jodi Miles, and JJ Uyehara, are now joined by Dennis Furuike, Bobbi Okamoto-Subject, and Doug Wilson.

	<p><b>What is your first memory of BCSB?</b>          Sets: Been with BCSB since moving to the SB area as a child with my sister &amp; parents - at the Canon Perdido address.          Dennis: The first time he came to BCSB was for our wedding - when the Montecito St. location was fairly new.</p>
<p><b>What is your first memory of BCSB?</b></p>  <p>Jodi:...with my very small children, attended a few times but could not come often due to a very busy life. I began to attend when my kids were older. I remember Florence Tsunoda befriending me and being so generous and lovely.</p>	<p><b>What is your first memory of BCSB?</b></p>  <p>Ted: As a child attending Sunday school... Just remember sitting in church with my age group.</p>
	
<p>JJ and Doug: We attended after moving JJ's parents to Santa Barbara in 2012. JJ's dad was very impressed by the bilingual message by Rev Henry Adams—said it was the best service he'd attended!</p>	<p>Bobbi: My father passed in October of 2012 so I wanted to give the WWII vet a memorial but did not want to drive to Oxnard temple. He grew up a buddhist in Hilo, Hawaii-my friend Gloria Ino told me about S.B. temple!</p>