

## Shin Buddhist Holidays and Observances

January 1	New Year's Day	修正会 <i>Shusho-e</i>
January 16	Shinran Shonin Memorial Day	報恩講 <i>Ho-on-ko</i>
February 15	Nirvana Day - Shakyamuni Buddha's Death	涅槃会 <i>Nehan-e</i>
March 21	Spring Equinox ( <i>Ohigan</i> )	春季彼岸会 <i>Shunki Higan-e</i>
April 8	Buddha Day - Shakyamuni Buddha's Birth	花祭 <i>Hanamatsuri</i> / 灌佛会 <i>Kanbutsu-e</i>
May 21	Shinran Shonin Day	降誕会 <i>Gotan-e</i>
July 15	Obon お盆 - Gathering of Joy	歡喜会 <i>Kangi-e</i>
September 23	Autumn Equinox ( <i>Ohigan</i> )	秋季彼岸会 <i>Shuki Higan-e</i>
October	Eshinni-ko and Kakushinni-ko Memorial	恵信尼公並びに覚信尼公法要
December 8	Bodhi Day - Shakyamuni Buddha's Enlightenment	成道会 <i>Jodo-e</i>
December 31	New Year's Eve	除夜会 <i>Joya-e</i>

\*Special Services typically held on the Sunday nearest the holiday. New Year's services held on Dec 31 and Jan 1.