

2023 Lahaina Jodo Mission O-Bon Festival



*O-Bon is a joyous season, on these days,
My beloved ones who have departed,
Even they return to us on this earth.*

O-Bon is a time of remembrance and a time of prayer offering thru our prayers we are expressing our gratitude to our beloved ones.

This is a time to reconnect with our beloved ones and renew our commitment to live fulfilled lives.

Let's all gather and offer our prayers and realize the blessings we received everyday of our lives. Namu Amida Butsu.

O-BON SERVICE

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023

6:30 p.m. O-Bon Service

Officiant: Rev. Gensho Hara

Assistants: Rev. John Cho-on Hara

Rev. Shinri Hara

Rev. Yasuhito Morita

Dharma Message: Rev. Shinri Hara

**7:30 p.m. Toro Procession and Toro Nagashi
(Floating Lanterns Ceremony)**

* **Maui Taiko** offering at Temple yard

* **Bon Dance** will follow Toro Nagashi.

**9:00 p.m. Toba Eko Service (prayer offerings
to individual departed ones—see Toba
Order Form)**

* **Script and Food Booths open at 5:30 p.m.**

HATSUBON (FIRST O-BON) PRAYERS

Prayers will be offered to *Hatsubon* (first O-Bon after passing) persons during our O-Bon services. *Hatsubon* family members will be called to offer incense during the services on both evenings.

If you wish to offer prayers for any other *Hatsubon* family or friends, please let us know.

On Saturday night, a representative for the family is asked to carry the *hatsubon* lantern in the *Toro* (lantern) procession.

TOBA PRAYERS

Toba (miniature wooden prayer tablets) are offered to honor our loved ones and ancestors (*senzo daidai*) during O-Bon. Toba prayers will be offered on Saturday evening at 9 PM in the temple.

If you would like a special prayer offering, please complete the Toba order form.

TORO ORDERS

Toro order deadline is **Friday, June 21**. If you would like to order a toro please turn in request form. They are available in the temple office or by emailing lanternorder@gmail.com

O-BON PREPARATION SCHEDULE

Please come and kokua when you can!

June 29 (Thurs) 8:30 a.m. General preparation

**June 30 (Fri) 8:30 a.m. General preparation &
food preparation**

July 1 (Sat) 8:30 a.m. Food Preparation

July 2 (Sun) General Cleanup

O-BON PREP & GENERAL CLEANUP

O-Bon Clean-up on **Sunday, July 2nd** in the morning. We need lots of hands to cleanup and put away all the tools and equipment. Your kokua is greatly appreciated.

O-BON MAIRI VISITATION SERVICE

Those who wish to hold O-Bon Service at your household altar (*butsudan*), please contact Rev. Hara for arrangements. He will be available during July and August to offer prayers at your home for O-Bon Mairi.