

"BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG PITY" 2009

-the bright lights of Tokyo light the city 24hrs a day, but the radiance of Amida's pity and compassion encompasses the whole world for eternity-

Fri., May 8 at 6PM – Sat., May 9 at 6PM

Site: Koushou-den, Zojo-ji

Fee: depending on the condition



Dear Friends,

The Canchi-in Temple and its affiliated faithful group, Shinsei-kai are observing a 24hours ceaseless Nembutsu chanting Service at Keiko-den of Zojo-ji Temple from Friday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m. to Saturday, May 9, at 6:00 p.m.. We are extending our invitation to you to take part in this rare opportunity of service together with us.

Nembutsu, means to concentrate one's mind Amida Buddha and chanting it's name. We simply recite it as "Namu Amida-butsu". This is one of the most well known mantras in Japanese Buddhism.

"NAMU-AMIDA-BUTSU" can be divided into three words; the first NAMU is a Sanskrit word (an ancient Indian language), meaning "To think highly of ". The second part AMIDA is a combined words of Amitabha (infinite light) and Amitayus (infinite life) which are also originated in Sanskrit.

"Amita" which are common to these two words, means "un-limited". Amitabha, meaning unlimited light, also indicates beam or a gleam of hope. On the other hand, Amitayus, meaning unlimited life implies to reverence for life. The last part, Butsu is a phonetic equivalent of Buddha, meaning "the Awakened One".

Thus, our mantra is to recite the name of Amida Buddha, "NAMU-AMIDA-BUTSU" means "I think highly of unlimited light, gleam of hope and life, think of reverence for life". This is our Credo.

Once again, on the first weekend of May, we are going to hold a special service chanting this mantra, Namu Amida Butsu, devotedly for a whole day and a night.

Let us seek the pure light of Amida together.
Let us concentrate our minds upon the unlimited lives in Cosmos, under the sacred name of Amitabha and Amitayus.

We would very much appreciate it if you could come to Zojo-ji Temple to take part in this service. Please inform us of your available time of participation the time to check in and check out in advance, via e-mail to nenbutsu24@hotmail.co.jp



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We will also appreciate your participation to chant Namu Amida Butsu anytime during our service wherever you will be, through the internet. We will be broadcasting this service on the Canchi-in/Shinsei-kai Homepage <http://www.ne.jp/asahi/sakura/fuji/sinsei/event/24fudan/Untitled6.html>

If you have any questions about this service, please feel free to contact us. We are looking forward to chanting Nembutsu together with you, yes, YOU! eiLet us unite with Nembutsu!

Fee:

- Attendance for up to two hours : ONE coin
- Attendance for more than two hours less than six hours: JPY3,000. (Including one meal and a rental blanket)
- Attendance for more than six hours : JPY5,000. (Including two meals and a rental blanket)
- Attendance for any hours via internet: Free. However, we would appreciate it if you let us know your time of participation in the service before or after the event to nenbutsu24@hotmail.co.jp

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