# Shinshū Honbyō (Higashi Honganji), Kyoto

# Abbot Succession Ceremony

Friday, November 20, 2020 (JST)

## Hōonkō Services

November 21-28, 2020 (JST)

#### Announcement of the Live Streaming of the Hoonko Services

We will live stream this year's Hōonkō services as well as the Abbot Succession Ceremony on November 20 (JST). Additionally, the Dharma lectures in honor of Shinran Shōnin will be presented from November 26 through 28 (JST). All of the live streaming can be accessed on our YouTube channel. Please join us for those events on the internet.

The live streaming is subject to change due to the situation of COVID-19. All changes will be announced on our official website (www.higashihonganji.or.jp/english\_top).

### The Schedule of the Services on Live Streaming

(Please note that the schedules are subject to change.)

#### Abbot Succession Ceremony (about 1 hour and a half)

Thursday, November 19, 3 pm (HST) Thursday, November 19, 5 pm (PST) Thursday, November 19, 7 pm (CST) Thursday, November 19, 8 pm (EST) Thursday, November 19, 10 pm (BRT) Friday, November 20, 10 am (JST)

With the understanding that the Abbot succession was conducted in July 2020, the commemoration of the installation of Abbot  $Ch\bar{o}y\bar{u}$   $\bar{O}tani$  will be held. The entire ceremony will be live streamed.

Abbot and Former Abbot pay their respects at the Amida-dō (Amida Hall) Message by Chief Administrator [at Goei-dō (Founder's Hall) from here on] Incense Offering and Message by Former Abbot Incense Offering, Three Treasures, and *Hyōbyaku* (Pledge) by Abbot *Shōshinge* by all attendees Commemorative Dharma Talk by Rev. Tatsuru Kigoshi (Kanazawa District) Message by Abbot *Ondokusan* 

#### Hoonko: Daytime (Nicchū) and Afternoon (Taiya) Services

November 20–27 (HST, PST, CST, EST) November 20–28 (BRT) November 21–28 (JST)

Daytime (*Nicchū*) Services 2:45 pm (HST) 4:45 pm (PST) 6:45 pm (CST) 7:45 pm (EST) 9:45 pm (BRT) 9:45 am (JST)

Afternoon (*Taiya*) Services 4:45 pm (HST) 8:45 pm (PST) 10:45 pm (CST) 11:45 pm (EST) 1:45 am (BRT) 1:45 pm (JST)

The Daytime (*Nicchū*) and Afternoon (*Taiya*) services to be held on the 21st through the 28th will be live streamed on our YouTube channel (14 services in total). Please note that there will be only an Afternoon service on 21st and a Daytime service on 28th. There will be no live streaming of Morning services (*Jinjõ*).

starting time will be different from day to day. Please check our official website (<u>www.higashihonganji.or.jp/english\_top</u>) for the detailed schedules in advance.

## Hoonko: Reading of the Biography of Shinran (Godensho)

On November 25 every year, the Biography of Shinran (*Godenshō*), which consists of two volumes, is read in the traditional and ceremonial way. This year, the first and second volumes are read on the 24th and 25th separately. Both readings will be live streamed.

1st Volume (about 1 hour): Monday, November 23, 9:30 pm (HST) Monday, November 23, 11:30 pm (PST) Tuesday, November 24, 1:30 am (CST) Tuesday, November 24, 2:30 am (EST) Tuesday, November 24, 4:30 am (BRT) Tuesday, November 24, 4:30 am (JST)

2nd Volume (about 1 hour): Tuesday, November 24, 9:30 pm (HST) Tuesday, November 24, 11:30 pm (PST) Wednesday, November 25, 1:30 am (CST) Wednesday, November 25, 2:30 am (EST) Wednesday, November 25, 4:30 am (BRT) Wednesday, November 25, 4:30 am (JST)

#### Dharma Lectures in Honor of Shinran Shōnin

November 25–27, 11 pm (HST) November 26–28, 1 am (PST) November 26–28, 3 am (CST) November 26–28, 4 am (EST) November 26–28, 6 am (BRT) November 26–28, 6 pm (JST)

This series of Dharma lectures is presented for us to learn the teaching of the *nenbutsu* together as clarified by our spiritual forebear Shinran Shōnin in his memory.

Thursday, November 26 (JST) Rev. Dr. Takashi Irisawa (President, Ryūkoku Univesity) Rev. Dr. Ichijō Ogawa (Professor Emeritus, Ōtani University)

Friday, November 27 (JST) Ms. Masako Shimizu (Translator, Children's Literature Reviewer) Rev. Dr. Hiroyuki Honda (Director, Center for Shin Buddhist Studies)

Saturday, November 28 (JST) Rev. Dr. Kenshi Kusano (Professor Emeritus, Ōtani University) Rev. Dr. Yūtai Ikeda (Professor Emeritus, Dōhō University)

#### How to Access the Live Streaming

Please access our official YouTube channel (see the URL below) at the time of the event. URL: youtube.com/channel/UCLPB2H1qV\_1BjH1KAVizZfA/live The quality of streaming depends on the quality of the internet connection at your location. The live streaming may be interrupted due to technical issues without notice. In that case, please wait for a while and reload the web page.