

# Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

October 2016

## Autumn Thanksgiving Festival

Thanksgiving is meant to remember the things we have to be grateful for. It's our special time to give thanks... not just for the food we partake, but for the thousands of fortunate moments, the multitude of blessings that we receive every day of our lives.

The Autumn Thanksgiving Festival is a special day to express gratitude that will enhance every aspect of our lives.

The festival commenced at 3:00 pm on Sunday, September 25, officiated by Rev. Masa Takizawa and assisted by Bishop Daiya Amano of Izumo Taishakyo Mission of Hawaii and Rev. Akihiro Okada of Daijingu Temple of Hawaii. A Miko mai was performed by Shauna Arakaki and Shaniah Reveiro.

President Shinken Naitoh welcomed guests to the special day and thanked all who attended and those who helped in the preparation and clean-up to make this event a success.



# MAHALO

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# Social Chatter

Mahalo Nui to this Instagramer for his affirmation of gratitude for having his vehicle blessed at the shrine.

Counting your blessings and being aware of all the gifts one receives transforms your focus from what lacks in your life to the abundance that is already present.

Scientific studies have proven that grateful people are happier people.



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**BREAKING NEWS:** Just on my way to an evening meeting, and I almost get killed by a maniac driving a white Ford F-250. Just another day in paradise folks. I heard they caught the guy. He had outstanding warrants and was arrested previously for another high-speed chase a couple of years ago. Tune into your favorite #hawaii #oahu news such as @khonnews. Perhaps it was a good thing that I had my van blessed at the @kotohiradazaifu.

# CALENDAR

Shrine friend **Akiko Sanai** presented the International Piano Performance Series of her Piano Studio on August 29 at Hawaii Public Radio.

Three world renown musicians Jacopo Giacopuzzi, Tommaso Maganzani and Sergio Baietta from Verona, Italy performed their 2nd Hawaii guest performance along with aspiring and talented Students of the Akiko Sanai Piano Studio.



Choyo no Sekku or Chrysanthemum Festival was celebrated on Sunday September 4.

Sake laced with chrysanthemum petals were served in hopes of living a healthy and long life.

Chrysanthemum was used as medicine in Japan since ancient times and it is believed that it has the power of longevity.

The aristocrats of ancient Japan enjoyed gazing at rare kiku chrysanthemums from China and wishing upon them for their longevity.



## OCTOBER

23 3 pm  
**Tsukinamisai Service**

23/29/30 9 am - 1 pm  
**Shichigosan & Jusan Mairi**

## NOVEMBER

6 3 pm  
**Tsukinamisai Service**

5/6/12/13/19/20 3 pm  
**Shichigosan & Jusan Mairi**

## DECEMBER

3 8:30 am  
**Mochi Making**

4 3 pm  
**Tsukinamisai Service**

View event photos at: [www.flickr.com/kotohira-dazaifu](http://www.flickr.com/kotohira-dazaifu)

# MAHALO

## Festival Prep Volunteers

Bob Harada  
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## Festival Volunteers

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# Maintenance

The shrine was desecrated by a vandal on September 14 at about 2:00 am.

Early Wednesday morning, a vandal tore off the sliding door moldings on the Olomea Street side of the shrine and snuck in.

The hour-long security footage shows a lone male attempting to break the doorknob to gain entry into the office. He is also seen rummaging through the desk outside of the office and other areas of the shrine,

The wooden *misu* curtains

were torn - a crime that will cost the shrine about \$5000 to replace.

It's disheartening and a painful reminder that even a church is not off limits to crooks.

A police report has been filed and if caught, the vandal will be prosecuted for property damages.

Mahalo to Bob Harada and Sherrie Kalua for helping to clean up and Mike Lee for restoring the door frames, moldings and replacing the doorknob.



Door knob repeatedly hit with a brick.

Molding torn off resulting in damages to the door and frame

