

Press-Herald Churches



FOR FESTIVAL . . . These four young ladies will present a dance at the Obon Festival at the Gardena Buddhist Church, 1517 W. 166th St. The festival is scheduled Saturday and Sunday. A carnival will be held on the church grounds Saturday evening and following services at the church Sunday. Pictured here are (top, from left) Karen Sakamoto, 11, and Cynthia Ko Jima, 9, and (bottom, from left) Patricia Kawata, 8, and Linda Tamaki, 7.

At Buddhist Church Services and Carnival To Mark Obon Festival

According to an ancient legend, one of Buddha's disciples — Mokuren Sonja (Moggallana) — saw with his superman sight the agony of his mother's suffering in the hell of starvation. When this fact was brought to the Buddha's attention, Buddha said that the woman, whose life on earth was characterized by greed and selfishness, was now reaping the fruits of her egocentric acts. The Buddha thus advised Mokuren to offer food to the disciples out of a pure, altruistic heart. When the offering was made, Mokuren's mother was saved; Mokuren and the disciples clapped their hands and danced in joy.

THUS THE legend of Obon originated. It is celebrated annually by Buddhists throughout the world. Members of the faith in this area will mark the occasion Saturday and Sunday with solemn religious services and festivity at the Gardena Buddhist Church, 1517 W. 166th St.

Special Obon services for the Sunday School and Junior Young Buddhist Association will begin at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. An adult service, in English, will be conducted at 11 a.m. by the Rev. Toru Kakimoto. The Rev. Seikan Fukuma of Fresno will be the featured speaker at 1:30 p.m. services, with the Rev. Zsei Kawasaki officiating.

THE OBON program will include a carnival, to be held on the church grounds. Highlight of the carnival will be presentation of the colorful Obon Odori dance in the street adjacent to the church.

The carnival will begin at 5 p.m. Saturday and the dance — featuring colorfully costumed dancers — is scheduled for 7 p.m. The dance will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Sunday with the carnival due to open at 4:30 p.m.

NORMAN SANWO is in charge of carnival arrangements this year. His staff in-

cludes Richard Matsumoto, treasurer; Julia Tkakyama, correspondence; Roy Matsuo, drawing; Cary and Gary Shimizu, prizes and games; Mitzie Shimizu and Sugako Tani, Ondo; Kats Nishi, construction; and Janet Nakahara, publicity. Food will be prepared by the members of the Fujinkai, Junior Matrons, GABAs, and the church board. Members of Sangha Teen, the Junior and Senior Young Buddhist Association, and Sanghas will operate the game booths.

Topic of Sermon 'Love'

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

These verses from I John are part of this week's Lesson-Sermon titled "Love" to be read in Christian Science churches all over the world. Services at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 218th Street and Manuel Avenue, begin at 11 a.m. The Lesson-Sermon also includes selected passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy. Among them is the following: "We realize that there is one Mind, the divine law of loving our neighbor as ourselves in unfolded; whereas a belief in many ruling minds hinders man's normal drift towards the one Mind, one God, and leads human thought into opposite channels where selfishness reigns."

Bible School Opens

"Tell the Good News," Ascension Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School for 1968, will be conducted from Aug. 5 to 9 at the Torrance church, 17910 S. Prairie Ave. Children ages three to 13 will be accommodated in five departments: nursery, kindergarten, primary, junior, and junior high. Each day's session will be from 9 a.m. to noon. Interested parents from Torrance and adjoining communities are urged to enroll their children in the applicable age group. Registration will be held Saturday, Aug. 3, at 10 a.m. Anyone that has questions in regard to the school may contact Ascension Lutheran.

Arlen G. Ahlers, Ascension's Day School principal, and Joseph Strubbe, third and fourth grade teacher at Ascension, are the superintendent and director of music, respectively. All other teaching, administration, transportation and refreshment assignments are performed by lay members of the congregation at Ascension.

Chairman Named for Assembly

Pruno J. Fredianelli, circuit supervisor for 18 local congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses in the Southwest area, has been assigned to supervise the four-day district assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses. The assembly, "Good News for All Nations," will be held at the Forum in Inglewood Aug. 8 through 11. Fredianelli, assigned to his post by the Watchtower Society of Brooklyn, N. Y., will chair the convention, which is expected to attract some 15,000 delegates.

Clerk to Close Present Office

Offices of the Los Angeles County Clerk in Inglewood will be closed, effective Aug. 1, William G. Sharp, county clerk, has announced. Sharp said full services for the Southwest District will be available at his regional office in the Torrance Superior Courts Building, 825 Maple Ave.

Attend Church This Sunday!

CHURCH CALENDAR

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NARBONNE AVENUE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
24730 Narbonne Ave., Lomita
Phone DA 4-6029
Worship Service 7 P.M.
Church 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Training Union 4 P.M.

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1422 Engracia — FA 8-3781
Rev. Hugh R. Percy, Rector
7:30 A.M. Holy Communion
9:15 A.M. Family Worship Service followed by Church School and Coffee Hour
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship (Choral Eucharist on 1st and 3rd Sundays)
(Child care and Nursery provided at 9:15 and 11 A.M. services)
Weekdays Holy Communion at 11 A.M. Thursdays and 6:30 A.M. on All Saint's Days.

CENTRAL CHURCH EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN
Marcellina & Arlington
Rev. Walter M. Stanton, FA 8-3014
9:30—Sunday School
11:00—Morning Worship
9:45—Youth Fellowship
Midweek Worship Service 7:00 Wednesday Evening.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Torrance
Carson and El Prado
Phone FA 8-2342
Rev. Arthur Nagel, pastor
Res. Phone FA 8-6231
SUNDAYS: Two Worship Services 9:30 and 11 A.M.
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Fellowship Meeting 6:30 P.M.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1725 Flower Street, Phone 320-4181
William J. Roleder, Pastor.
Phone FA 8-2345
Steven A. Myers, Assoc. Pastor
Worship Services
8:00 A.M.—9:15 A.M.; 10:45 A.M.—Sunday School
9:00 A.M.—9:15 A.M.—10:45 A.M. Nursery services for 9:15 A.M. and 10:45 A.M.
Holy Communion—First Sunday Luther League—2nd and 4th Sundays.
Christian Elementary School—Kindergarten through 8th Grade

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2118 Carson Street, Torrance, California.
Phone: 328-6030
Rev. Lloyd H. Newlin, Pastor
SUNDAY
Two Morning Services
8:15 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.
9:30 A.M. Sunday School for All Training Groups, 8:45 P.M. Evangelistic Message, 7 P.M.
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1492 W. 163rd St., Gardena, DA 3-1215
Summer Schedule
Worship Service 10:00 A.M. (Nursery Care Provided)
Sunday Church School, 10 A.M.
Senior Hi Fellowship and Junior High Fellowship
Sundays at 7:00 P.M.

NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH
1447 Engracia Ave., Torrance
Phone: FA 8-2776
Rev. John P. Cremlins, Pastor
MASS SCHEDULE
Sundays: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10:15, 11:15, 12:15 and 5 P.M.
St. Joseph's at 9:30 A.M.
SATURDAY CONFESSIONS
10:30 to 11:30 A.M.; 3:30 to 5:30 7:30 to 9 P.M.
St. Joseph's at 7:15 P.M.
BAPTISMS
Every Sunday at 1:45 P.M.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF TORRANCE
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Rev. H. Milton Sippel, Minister.
Res. Phone FA 8-4583.
Rev. Joseph Tong, Minister of Education.
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9:30 and 11:00 A.M.
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CHI RHO Fellowship,
8:30 P.M.
Christian Youth Fellowship—7:00 P.M.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
218th St. and Manuel Ave., Torrance, Calif.
Church Services—11 A.M.
Wednesday Eve Meetings—8 P.M.
Sunday School—
9:15 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by parent or guardian for enrollment.
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