One hundred years pass
On the way to delivering Buddha’s Dharma.
A chrysanthemum blooms
In everyone’s heart.

With Gassho, Bishop Emeritus Taisen Miyata
The podium is adorned with a drawing of a tatsu (dragon). 2012 is the Year of the Dragon, a year predicted to be filled with good fortune.

Thanks to Temple-goers who purchase omamori, omikuji (fortune) and ema for good luck in 2012, Koyasan makes record-breaking sales.

Newer members of the congregation help out with the New Year’s service: Brandon Paris, William Tamae, Masumi Asahi and Kiyotaka Asahi.

A long line of people wait to enter the temple for prayer and blessing.
From left, Bill Watanabe (Little Tokyo Historical Society), Jan Perry (Councilwoman), Frances Nakamura (Koyasan Buddhist Temple President) and Reverend Keishin Kako stand beside the plaque commemorating the Aoyama Tree.

Plaque proclaiming the Aoyama Tree as a historic-cultural monument of Los Angeles.

Reverend Kako performs a dedication ritual.

Bishop Emeritus Taisen Miyata’s birthday is celebrated at the luncheon following the annual General Membership Meeting.

Members of the Temple enjoy lunch at Sansuitei.

From left, Brandon Paris, Sonya Kuki, Joe Zallen, Michiyo Masubuchi.
Members of the Eiyu-kai perform with the Zenshuji Goeika group at the LABCF Hanamatsuri Service held at the Japanese Community Cultural Center.


The ministers and the future generation of Koyasan offer sweet tea to the Baby Buddha. Center right photo shows the Baby Buddha altar at the Japanese Community Cultural Center garden, where the LABCF holds their Hanamatsuri Service in 2012.

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From left, Reverend Keishin Kako, Bishop Emeritus Taisen Miyata and Reverend Ryuzen Hayashi.

Announcement of the 100th Anniversary Celebration

A sign post in the front courtyard heralds the important facts about the 100th Anniversary.

Newspaper article in the daily Japanese-American newspaper, Rafu Shimpo, describes the celebration of the Temple’s 100th Anniversary.
The officiant (doshi) for the 100th Anniversary who introduced the Goma Fire Ritual to Koyasan Buddhist Temple.