

ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE NYOIRIN-JI

The Nyoirin-ji at Mt. Yoshino in Yamato was established during the Enki(901~923) by Saint Nichizo Douken who is the brother of Dr.Miyoshi Yoshiyuki. Saint Nichizo Douken advised the Emperor Daigo to become a believer in Buddhism.

When the Emperor Go-Daigo transferred the capital to Yoshino, he worshipped at the Nyoirin-ji. The Emperor Go-Daigo visited the Nyoirin-ji with Kusunoki Masatsura and his 143 retainers in the second year of Syohei.

The Nyoirin-ji was on the decline after the Seiyu. Saint Bunyo Tetsugyu rebuilt the temple in the third year of Keian. He converted the Nyoirin-ji from Singon-Syu to Jodo-Syu and spreaded Buddhism. He protected the Emperor's Mausoleum.

THE EMPEROR GO-DAIGO AND KUSUNOKI MASATSURA

The Emperor Go-Daigo defeated the arbitrary Hojo shogunate and carried out the Kenmu Restoration in the third year of Genko. But Ashikaga Takauji resisted the Emperor. The Emperor escaped from Kyoto and went to Mt Yoshino in Nara in the first year of Engen. He transferred the capital to Yoshino and worshipped at the Nyoirin-ji.

Though the Emperor had been eager for defeating Ashikaga Takauji and coming back to Kyoto, he was taken ill and passed away in Yoshino after all. His last word was as follows " I am very sorry I can not come to Kyoto any more. Bury me toward Kyoto at least, when I am dead. He was buried in the mountain behind. And, it was called Tounouryo.

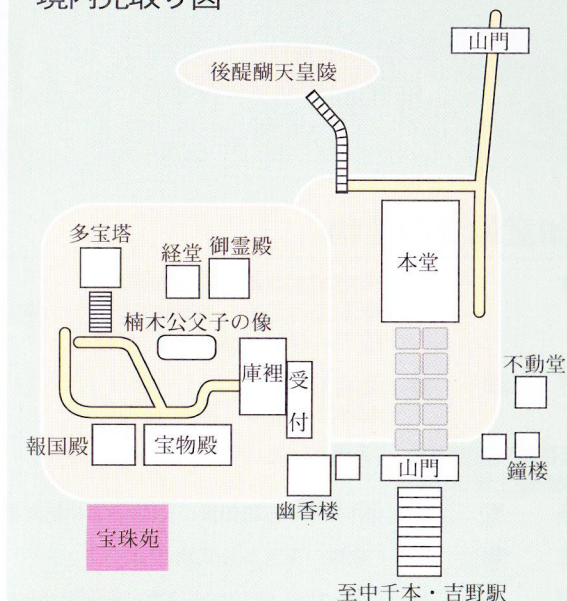
The Emperor Go-Murakami succeeded to the in Yoshino.

In 1346, the second year of Shouhei the large army of Ashikaga began to charge at Yoshino. Kusunoki Masatsura and his 143 retainers bided farewell to the Emperor hurriedly. After that, they visited the Mausoleum and worshipped the Nyoirin-do. There they cut their hair a little and offered them to the Buddha, and wrote down their names on the necrology.

Lastly, on the door of the Nyoirin-do, Masatura wrote down a farewell poem with the arrowhead to express his desperate feeling "Kaeraji to kanete omoeba azusayumi nakikazumiiru nawozo todomuru" (I think I can not return alive this time. So I wrote down my name on the necrology and I am going.)

Thus he went to Shijounawate in Osaka, and fought heroically and died with his brother Masatoki. The existing Nyoirin-do is rebuilt in the third year of Keian (the Edo Era). But the door still remains in the treasury.

境内見取り図



●桜葬(宝珠苑)について
桜葬とは、桜の木を墓標として遺骨を直接土に埋め、石碑を建てない自然葬です。

- ・満開の桜の下で眠りたいと希望される方
- ・お墓を継承される人がおられない方
- ・子孫に墓地の管理、供養等の負担をかけたくないとお考えの方
- ・ご夫婦一緒、又は、最後を自分らしく締めくくりたいとお考えの方等々、そんな方にお勧めします。



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