

History

In 1869, Takayuki Todo, the Lord of Tsu domain, founded a small shrine at Tsu-Hachimangu, as a place of worship for spirits, who fell in "Boshin-war" (1868-1869).

It's the origin of our Mie-ken Gokoku Jinja.

Through some national disasters, our shrine was renamed "Kansai Shoukon-sya".

In 1939, again, the shrine was renamed to "Mie-ken Gokoku Jinja", as current name.

"Gokoku-no-Ohkami", that we have been honoring their virtues forever in this shrine, are the spirits of our ancestors, who sacrificed into National Disasters, including past wars. Their precious spirits, over 60,300 are enshrined as Guardian deities for all of us, living today.

Through days and nights, we have been executing rites for eternal National prosperity, people's safeties, and peace of the world, with sincerities, as Ohkami's aspiration.



The State before Air raid on Tsu

Deities

Over 60,300 spirits related to Mie Prefecture, sacrificed as the cornerstone of peace.



Japanese people mourn over those who lost their lives. Furthermore, they have given comfort to their souls through rituals and ceremonies. This is called 'irei' in Japanese.

It is similar to Requiem Mass celebrated for the dead in Catholicism, but irei is not a prayer to Gods for the repose of the souls. It is thoroughly a performance to comfort each one of the spirits of victims. Since the Meiji Restoration in 19th century, Japanese fallen soldiers who dedicated their lives for the country have been enshrined at Yasukuni Jinja or Gokoku Jinja as kami based on Japanese culture, and the Japanese have observed rituals for them. This is an aspect of 'irei' in Japan.

Rites and Ceremonies

- Jan.1 Saitan-sai
- Jan.3 Genshi-sai
- Jan.15 Dondo-yaki
- Feb.11 Kigen-sai
- Feb.17 Kinen-sai
- Feb.23 Tencho-sai
- Vernal Equinox Day Shunbun-sai
- Apr.22 Annual Spring Rites
- Apr.29 Showa-sai
- Jun.30 Nagosi-no-Oharaeshiki
- Aug.13-15 Banto Mitama Matsuri
- Aug.15 Thanksgiving to the spirits
- Autumnal Equinox Day Shubun-sai
- Oct.22 Annual Autumn Rites
- Nov.3 Meiji-sai
- Nov.15 Shichi-go-san
- Nov.23 Niname-sai
- Dec.31 Toshikoshi-no-Oharaeshiki & Joya-sai



- 1st of every month Tsukinami-sai (Monthly rites)
- Early every day Onikku-sai (Daily rites in the morning)

