LET'S WALK WITH GODS!

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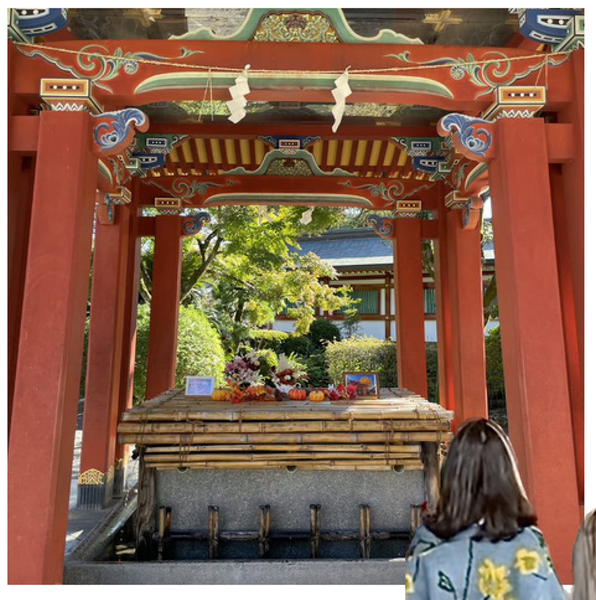
Kitsune - God's messenger

In Yutoku Inari Shrine, the white fox acts as God's messenger. Based on Japanese folklore and legends, Gods tend to pick an animal to represent and spread their messages. Furthermore, foxes serve as protectors and guardians of the shrine. Hence, visitors can see many different fox statues.

神使である狐は、宮中に上がることのできる女官「命婦」の官位を与えられ命婦社に祀られています

The Cleansing Ritual



Before entering the Shrine, visitors should cleanse themselves. The cleansing can be done at the entrance, in front of the last Torii gate. There, clear and running water can be found. It is an act of ritual purification before praying or entering the Shrine grounds

参拝の前に行う手水舎での手口のお清めは、禊(みそぎ)が簡略化されたものです

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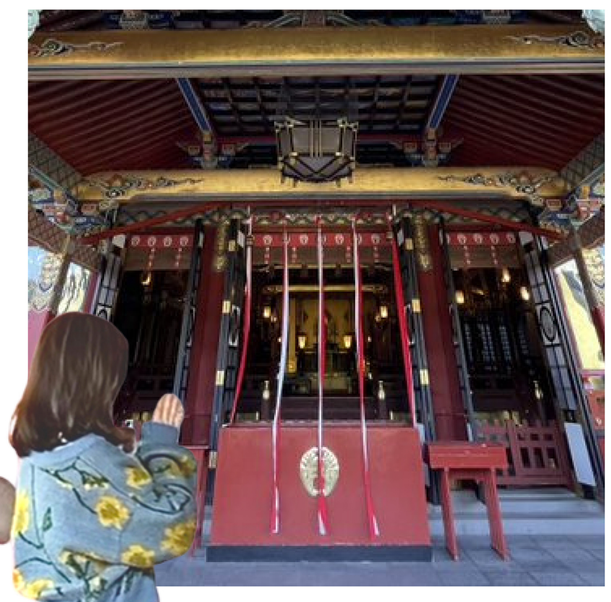


Praying in the Shrine

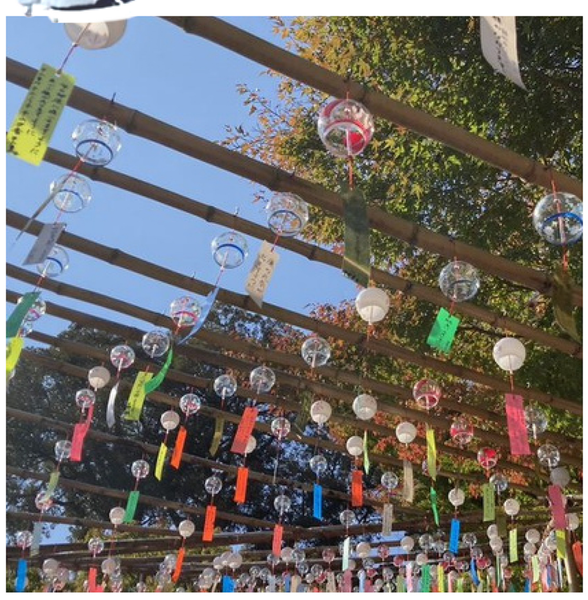
There are specific rules for praying in the Shrine. Firstly, a visitor should place an offering of 5 yen or more in the big red box. After that, they should ring a hanging bell, bow and clap their hands - twice. Then, a prayer or a wish should be made. Lastly, a visitor should bow one last time to end the ritual.

参拝の作法は2礼２拍手１礼です。商売繁盛、芸能上達、交通安全等の御利益があります

Red Torii

Giant red gates are called Torii. They stand on the approach to the Shrine. The Shrine gates symbolize protection against evil and distinguish sacred ground from the human world.Visitors can take pictures in front of these memorable treasures

奥の院まで続く朱色の鳥居は稲荷神社の象徴であり見所です



Wind Chime - Summer Sound

The twinkling of wind chimes is associated with Summer in Japan. The chimes are delicate glass bells painted in various colors. The sound wind chime makes people feel energized and refreshed. Visitors can enjoy the dreamy atmosphere created by the wind chimes at Yutoku Inari Shrine.

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