Shaka Triad, Kami no Mido (Inner Sanctuary)

This seated Shakyamuni, the historical Buddha, dates from the Heian period (794–1185). It is flanked by two bodhisattvas. The triad is unusual as having been carved from cherry tree wood. They are protected by a set of Four Heavenly Kings (Shitenno) from the Muromachi period (1136–1573). The statues are shown to the public from November 1 to November 3 every year.