## **Gero Onsen Shrine**

Gero Onsen Shrine, built in 1989 as an offshoot of Yudonosan Shrine in Yamagata Prefecture, is dedicated to the hot springs (*onsen*) of Gero and located inside the Ryokan Union Building. The shrine is a small structure found close to Shirasagi Bridge. There is a small hand bath alongside the altar in the shrine. The Gero Onsen Shrine Festival is held every October 8 and includes a procession in which local people wearing traditional clothing make their way to the shrine to show their gratitude to the hot springs.