

Ōtoshi-sha

Ōtoshi-sha is the fourth and last stop in the Hattatsu Mairi ritual. This shrine is dedicated to Ōtoshi no Kami, a harvest god in Shinto mythology. He is the older brother of Inari, the deity enshrined at Tanekashi-sha and Nankun-sha.

Visiting Ōtoshi-sha completes the Hattatsu Mairi's symbolic progression from planting (represented by the "seed" shrine, Tanekashi-sha), through nurturing (Nankun-sha) to reaping (Ōtoshi-sha)—or, to extend the metaphor from farming to business, from initial investment to eventual success. One travel guidebook written during the Edo period (1603–1867) says Osaka merchants would pray at Ōtoshi-sha when they were having trouble collecting debts.