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Happy Maha Shivratri & Happy Holi



Community Dinner

Community Dinner will be on Friday, April 1st, 2005. Community dinners are usually held on first Friday of every month after 7:30 P.M. For more information contact:

Priests 528-3714 Devnath ji 528-3714 Bharat Vala 891-2240 Laxmi Srivastava 474-0533

Sunder Kand Path is held on every 3rd Sunday of the month from 10:30 A. M. This month Sunder Kand Path is on Sunday, March 20th

Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path is held on every 4th Sunday of the month. Please see details on Page 4.

Balaji Abhishekam is held on every 4th Saturday of the month from 10:30AM. Detail on page 4

Murugan Abhisekam Please see details on Page 5. **Shiv Mahima Stotra** is held on every Monday evening at 7:00 pm.

Shri Hanuman Chalisa is held on every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm

Vishnu Sahasranama Prayana is held on every Thursday at 7:00 pm. Please see details on Page 4.

Satya Narayan Puja will be held every month on Purnima (Full Moon) Day.

HOLIBy Pundit B.C. Sharma

Fairs and festivals are the life and blood of a nation. India is a land of fairs and festivals. Some festivals are related to the birth of great men and Avtars. They are called Jayantis. Some festivals are connected with the historical events like Dushehra. Some are national festivals like Republic Day and Independence day. There are seasonal festivals too, like Lohri and Baisakhi. There are religious festivals too like Shiv Ratri and Guru Purnima. Holi is a very special festival. It is the festival of colors. It is the festival of love and friendship. It is the festival of people of all ages. The young and old, men and women, boys and girls, rich and poor, celebrate this festival throughout India. This is an eight-days celebration which starts with Phalgun Shukla Ashtami and concludes with Phalgun Purnima. It falls in the months of February or March according to the English Calendar. People sing and dance with joy. They throw color at each other and embrae each other. People move ingroups and celebrate this colorful festival. People forget their long-time differences, conflicts, and enemities and become life-long friends and companions.

Holi is celebrated in all parts of India but Holi celebration in Barsana Dham, which is the birth place of divine Mother Shri Radha Rani Ji, is very famous and unique. It is also called 'Lath Maar Holi'. The milkmaids of Barsana beat the milkman of Nandgram, (continued on page 6)

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Deadline for submission of articles and advertisements for the next issue is March 15, 2005

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS AT THE TEMPLE

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Attny:

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Temple Mgr.:

Laxmi Srivastava 474-0533

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Important Notice:

Your Temple needs

- 1. Sponsors for flower \$50/week
- 2. Sponsors for Sunday puja
- 3. Your temple needs your support

Lost and Found

If you have lost a valuable item such as a piece of jewelry or an article of clothing in the Temple at Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati, please contact Kiran Dayal at 474 - 4051.

RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE Sundays 12:15 - 12:45 PM

First Sunday: **Upanishads** Second Sunday: ChildrenProgram Third Sunday: Sunder Kand Path Fourth Sunday: Shri Ganesh

Atharvshirsha Path

Fifth Sunday: Open (please suggest)

Members of the community are invited to speak on topics related to Hindu religion, Philosophy, culture, reformation, Gurus, self-preservation, etc. If you would like to talk or like to suggest someone who may be interested, , please call Kiran Dayal at 474-4051.

SPONSORS FOR SUNDAY PUJA

Devotees are requested to sit-in Sunday Pujas as well as bring Prasad and Lunch. You may wish to use this occasion to celebrate important events such as wedding anniversaries, birthdays, ishta devata puja, graduation, and other memorable days. Events can be hosted by individuals, families, groups of families or organizations. Please reserve your Sunday of choice ASAP by putting your name and phoneno in the calendar at the temple and call Kiran Dayal 474 - 4051

TEMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday : 9:00AM-12:00 Noon

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday, Sunday

& US Holidays 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

SPECIAL PROGRAM ON WEEKENDS

9:15 - 9:30 A.M.	Suprabhatam
9:30 - 11:00 A.M.	Daily puja of
	Temple Deity
11:00 - 11:30 A.M	Sponsored Puja
11:30 - 12:15 A.M	Bhajan
12 : 15 -12:45 P.M.	Religious
	discourse
12:45-1:00 P.M.	Birthday and
Anniversary puja a	nd announcement
1:00 P.M.	Aarti

SHIVA MAHIMA STOTRA

Monday Evenings, 7 PM

HANUMAN CHALISA

Tuesday Evenings, 7 PM

VISHNU SAHASRANAM PARAAYAN

Thurseday: 7:00 PM

SRI VENKATESHWARA PUJA

Friday Evenings, 7 PM

MURAGAN ABHISHEKAM

Every 3rd Saturday

SUNDARKAND PATH

Every 3rd Sunday of the February 10:30 -1:00 PM

Please Donate Generously for your Temple

2005 POOJA COMMITTEE **MEMBERS**

To participate in/ sponsor please contact a Pooja Committee member

Kiran Dayal (Chairperson):	474-4051
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- Archana performed during temple hours by sponsorship. No Archana on Sundays between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
 - Outside puias and other religious services will be conducted appointment only. To schedule please contact puja committee chairperson
- 3. If you would like to bring food and prasad in the temple, please puja committee contact chairperson or Meena Sondhi at 232-645

Sanskrit & Hindi Classes In The Temple

Every Friday - 7 p.m. To 8 p.m. If you need help to read GEETA or any of your favorite stotra.

Please Call.

Aachary Kailash Sharma

Home 528-4921 528-3714 Temple Email- kailashsharma@netzero.com

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IMPORTANT EVENTS March, 2005			
03/01/05	Tue.	Magh Krishna	
03/03/05	Thurs.	Ashtami	
03/04/05	Fri.	Community Dinner	
03/06/05	Sun.	Vijaya Ekadashi	
03/08/05	Tue.	Pradosh Maha Shivratri	
03/10/05	Thurs.	Amavasya (New Moon)	
03/11/05	Fri.	Phalgun Shukla	
03/12/05	Sat.	Sri Murugan Abhishek	
03/18/05	Fri.	Holastak begins	
03/20/05	Sun.	Sundarkand Path	
03/21/05	Mon.	Aamalki Ekadashi	
03/23/05	Wed.	Pradosh	
03/25/05	Fri.	Purnima (Full moon) Holika Dahan	
03/26/05	Sat.	Rang Holi	
		Sri Balaji Abhishek	
02/27/05	C	Chaitra Phalgun	
03/27/05	Sun.	Shri Ganesh Pooja Sankasti Chaturthi Vrat	
03/29/05	Tue.	Sankasti Chaturthi Vrat	
April, 2005			
04/01/05	Fri.	Community Dinner	
04/02/05	Sat.	Holi Celebration	
04/05/05	Tue.	Pampochini, Ekadashi	
04/06/05	Wed.	Pradosh	
04/08/05	Fri.	Amavasya (New moon)	
04/09/05	Sat.	Yugadi Gudi Padwa Vikramsamv 2062	
04/10/05	Sun.	Vasant Navratri Begins Tamil New Year Celebration	
04/11/05	Mon.	Mastya Jayanti GanGauri Vrat	
04/13/05	Wed.	Baisakhi Tamil New Year Begins	
04/16/05	Sat.	Havan Durga Ashtami Akhand Ramayan Begins	

Puja Committee Announcement:

- •A group of dedicated devotees for each deity are nominated to help puja committee to coordinate and celebrate different puja activities. Their names and phone numbers are listed on page 2. Special thanks to all hard working devotees. If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities, please call Kiran Dayal at 474-4051 or any of the Puja committee members on page 2.
- •To schedule a Puja or to rent a temple hall (lower level) please contact puja Committee chairperson Kiran Dayal at 474-4051

RATES FOR PUJA & PRIEST SERVICES			
SERVICE	IN	OUTSIDE	
	TEMPLE	TEMPLE	
Abhishekam (All Deities)	\$101.00		
Aksharabhyas	\$51.00	\$101.00	
Anna-Prashanam	\$51.00	\$101.00	
Ashtottharam (108) Archana	\$11.00		
AyushyaHomam/B'day Celebrat	tion \$51.00	\$101.00	
Ground Breaking Ceremony		\$101.00	
Griha Pravesh		\$101.00	
Kalayana Uthsava (Lord Ram/ S	ita) \$101.00		
Kesh Khandan (Churakaran)	\$51.00	\$101.00	
Nam-Karan	\$51.00	\$101.00	
Navagraha Puja	\$51.00	\$101.00	
Nischitartham (Engagement)	\$101.00	\$151.00	
Nitya (1 Day) Kainkaryam (Seva	a) \$101.00		
Poolangi Seva (With Flowers)-	\$101.00		
(Only During Off Winter Se	eason)		
Sahasranama (1008) Archana	\$51.00		
Sathyanarayana Puja	\$51.00	\$101.00	
Seemantham	\$51.00	\$101.00	
Devi Jagaran	\$75.00	\$101.00	
Akhand Ramayan Paath		\$101.00	
Shashti Poorthi (60th B'day Cele	eb.)\$71.00	\$101.00	
Anniversary celebration	\$101.00	\$151.00	
Suprabhat Seva	\$21.00		
Unjal (Swing) Seva	\$31.00		
Upakarma (thread changing)	\$21.00		
Upanayam/Brahmopadesham/	\$151.00	\$251.00	
Thread Ceremony			
Vahan Pooja	\$31.00		
Yearly Shradham (Barkhi)	\$51.00	\$101.00	
Wedding	\$251.00	\$351.00	

NOTE: Rates are subject to change without notice. Rates for pujas not on the list and requiring less than 4 hours of priest's time will normally be \$51 if performed inside the temple and \$101 if performed outside of temple (e.g. at home). <u>Rates of Pujas out of Greater Cincinnati will be \$100.00 more than the rates of outside puja within greater Cincinnati area.</u>

Temple Rental: Lower Floor Only

Full day	1/2 day
M-Th. (except holidays) \$301	\$151
Fri., Sat & Holidays \$501	\$351
Sunday after 3PM only NA	\$351

Note: For half day select one of the two.

8:00 AM - 2 PM **OR** 4PM - 11 PM

Temple rental applies to all private reservations for those events/ pujas that are performed by private parties and not announced in the temple.

Security/ Cleaning deposit: \$151 required. This deposit will be forfeited if the basement hall bathrooms and kitchen area are not cleaned by the party renting the place.

NOTE: To schedule a Puja or to rent a temple hall (lower level) please contact puja Committee chairperson only.

Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana

Visnu Sahasranama Parayana (chanting) now takes place every Thursday at 7 pm in the temple. Please join us for the chanting.

For more information, please contact one of the following:

Srinivas Mirle 894-8954 Shailaja Setty 761-7619 Jaya Reddy 231-3120 Suri Hanumanthanna 661-8733

Koti Sreekrishna 954-4179.

ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA

On 4th Saturday of each month at 10:30 A.M . To sponsor please call:

Mala Rajasekhar 451-8081 Malleswari Reddy 779-4224 Kamala Mannava 777-7007 Vasundhara Dasari 777-3353 Srinivas Bhattar 947-1841 or 528-3714

Shri Ganesh Puja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Every 4th Sunday of the month This puja is dedicated to each month's Sankashti Chaturthi to Lord Ganesh.

PRAVACHAN BY Acharya Kailash Sharma

Every First and Second Sunday of the Month 12:15 pm to 12:45 pm

First Sunday UPANISHAD Second Sunday BHAGWAD GITA

Mata Ki Chauki
March 19th, Saturday
4pm to 8pm
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Shri Satya Narayan Puja

On Purnima (Full moon) March 25th, 2005, Friday, at 6:30pm Sponsors needed for puja, \$51.00 Please call Kiran Dayal at 474-4051

CHESS-Children's Hindu Education And SatSang

Classes are held every Sunday from 11:00 AM at the Temple on Lower Level. Everyone should come by 10:50 A.M. The class starts at 11:00 A.M. Schedule:

11:00 - 11:05 : Starting Prarthana (5min.) 11:05 - 11:15 : Surya Namaskar (10 min.) 11:15 - 11:30 : 2 shlokas with meaning (15 min.)

Before starting shlokas 1 min. meditation.

11:30 - 11:45 : Games (15 min.)

11:45 - 12:15: Story and Snack time (30 min.)

12:15 - 12:35 : Kotiji's class (20 min.)

12:45 -- Everyone should go for Aarti.

The class is divided into two groups for shlokas. One Group is 4 years to 8 years.

One groups is 8 years to 12 years.

Please enroll your child now for the year 2005. To get application form and general instruction call Manju Gupta, Chairperson at 232-3331

FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND INFORMATION CONTACT Manju Gupta Chairperson 232 - 3331 Email guptama2003@yahoo.com

ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH THERE IS A SPECIAL

Holika Dahan (Burning of Holi Fire) On March 25th, Friday at 6:30 pm

Vasant Navratri Puja

April 9th to April 17th

Sat. April 9th at 10 am Kalash Sthapana Puja & Chandi Path (Durga Saptashati)

During Navratri every day Durga Puja & Chandi Path will be **From 9:30am to 12:00 pm**

Each Day Puja & Path Sponsorship \$51.00

For details please call Temple at 513-528-3714 or Kiran Dayal at 474-4051.

MAHA SHIVRATRI CELEBRATION

On March 8th, Tuesday, 2005 6:30 P.M. to 4:00 A.M. (overnight)

First Puja

5:30 to 6:30 Hanuman Chalisa (as Regular)

6:30 to 7:15 Rudrabhishek **

7:15 to 7:45 Puja Thali Offering with milk & Ganga-

jal*

7:45 to 8:00 Shri Shiv Mahimanh Path

8:00 Arti & Prasad followed by dinner 8:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Bhajans & Keertans will continue

Second Puja

10:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. Rudrabhishek ** Followed by Shivmahimanh Path & Arti

Third Puja

12:30 A.M. to 2:00 A.M. Rudrabhishek **
Followed by Shivmahimanh Path & Arti

Fourth Puja

2:30 A.M. to 4:00 A.M. Rudrabhishek Followed by Shivmahimanh Path & Arti Need Sponsors for Rudrabhishek, ** Sponsorship \$101.00 Ahishek \$21.00 Puja Thali *

For details please call Kiran Dayal at 474-4051, Uma Sanguai at 793-9384, Swarna Chaudhary at 232-2343,. Meena Sondhi at 232-6454, or temple priests at 528-3714.

Please note.

Due to large collection of MILK, which we cannot Offer, devotees are requested to bring very small amount of <u>Milk</u> for offering. <u>Please donate Money instead of milk</u>.

Akhand Ramayan Path

To Celebrate

Sri Ram Navami

On Saturday, April 16th 10:30 Shri Ram Puja 11:00 Path Starts

Ramayan Path Ends Sunday, April 18th at 1:00 pm Sponsored by Shri Rameshwar & Kiran Dayal & their family.

We need volunteers to read Ramayan. Please give your name and time to Kiran Dayal at 474-4051.

Tamil New Year Celebration

On

Sunday, April 10th 10 am to 1 pm Sri Murugan Abhishekam & Puja Sponsored by Murugan Devotees.

Shri Durga Ashtami Puja & Havan

On Saturday, April 16th at 6:00 pm

Sponsors needed

Please call Kiran Dayal or temple at 528-3714

Shri Hanuman Jayanti Celebration on Sunday, April 24th

10:00 am Shri Hanuman Ji Puja 11:00 am Sunder Kand Path 1:00 pm Arti & Prasad

Sponsors needed

Please call Kiran Dayal at 474-4051 to sponsor this event

Mata Ki Chauki On April 30th, Saturday 4pm to 8pm

Sponsored by Varma, Soni, Khanna, & Sondhi families

HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY

May 1st Shri Vallabhacharya Jayanti Celebra-

tion

May 8th Shri Mahavir Jayanti

May 20,21,22 Navgrah Pran Pratishtha & Temple's 8th Anniversary Celebration

Announcement from the Puja Committee.

For any Puja or Shraddha to be performed in the temple, the temple will provide Puja Samagri with the Donation of \$11.00. Devotees are requested to bring only flowers, fruits & prasad.

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who come to Barsana to play Holi with sticks. They try to protect themselves from the attack with shields in their hands. It is a fight full of love, affection, and at the same time provides a moment of amusement and entertainment. It reminds people of the sweet relation of people of Barsana (the birthplace of Shri Radha Ji) with Nandgram (the native place of Lord Krishna). The devotees consider that this eternal relation of Radha and Krishna still exists as an everlasting relationship between the inhabitants of both the places of divine pilgrimage. People from all parts of India, and even abroad, reach in Brij Mandal to take part in the celebrations and festivities of Holi festival. Different acts f Shri Krishan Leela and Raas are performed by the artists on the stage. The scholars and spiritual leaders arrange the discourses for the devotees. The musicians play on different instruments and vocal singers sing the glory of Lord Radha Krishna, the description of their eternal divine love and narration of the Holi celebration between Shri Radha and Krishna in Dwapar Yuga. These songs are known as 'Rasiyas' in the local language of 'Braj Mandal' popularly known as 'Braj Bhasha'. Holi is burnt on the last day of celebration which is called Holi Purnima. People make the effigies of Holika and put them in fire. This is related to the story of Bhagat Prahlad.

Prahlad was the son of King Harinya Kashyapu. He was a powerful but cruel king. He did not believe in God. He proclaimed that only he was the supreme power. He did not allow people to worship God. His son Prahlad was a true devotee of Lord Vishnu. Not only did he believe in Lord Vishnu, he persuaded others others to chant the name of Lord Hari. His father, teacher Shanda Mark, and others tried to persuade him to stop chanting the name of Lord. All of their efforts and temptations ended in smoke and the faith of Prahlad became deeper and deeper. His father wanted to teach him lesson. So he pushed him from the mountains, threw him in the swift current of water, put him before the snakes and wild animals but the Lord saved him. Prahlad's aunt had received a fireproof veil from the Fire God as a gift and boon. Her name was Holika. She put Prahlad in her lap and entered the fire. A strong wind blew and took off the magic cloth. Holika was turned into ashes but Prahlad was saved with the blessings of God. Ultimately his father Harinya Kashyapu was killed by Lord Nar Singh. Since the day of Holika's death, people burn the effigies of Holika on the day of Phalgun Purnima, the day of Holika's burning.

So this festival also stands for the victory of devotion to Lord over human ego, the victory of nobility and divinity over sin and cruelty, and above all, the victory of truth over falsehood. Let us inculcate truth, goodness and beauty in our lives and make ourselves the messengers of love, peace, truth, devotion, and right action in life.

SRI BHU NEELA SAMETA SRI LAKSHMI VENKATESWARA DWITEEYA VARSHIKOTSAVAM

BRAHMOTSAVA UPACHARAM

DATE: SATURDAY APRIL 23, 2005 8:45 AM-1: 30 PM

SUPRABHATAM: 8:45 AM PRDHANA DEVATA UPACHARAM: 9:30 AM RAKSHABANDHANA UPACHARAM: 10:30 AM HAMSA VAHANA UPACHARAM: 10:45 AM CHANDRA MANDALA UPACHARAM: 11:00AM SURYA MANDALA UPACHARAM: 11:15 AM SESHA VAHANA UPACHARAM: 11:30 AM HANUMANTHA VAHANA UPACHARAM: 11:45 AM GARUDA VAHANA UPACHARAM: 12:00 NOON KALYANA UTSAVA UPACHARAM: 12:15 PM GAJENDRA VAHANA UPACHARAM: 12:30 PM RADHOTSAVA UPACHARAM: 12:45 PM ASHWA VAHANA UPACHARAM: 1:00 PM PUSHPA MANDALA UPACHARAM: 1:15 PM MANTRA PUSHPAM AND MAHA MANGALA AARATI: 1:30 PM

PRASADA VINIYOGAM (LUNCH) AFTER MANGALA AARATI

BRAHMOTSAVA UPACHARAM SPONSORSHIP: \$101.00 ARCHANA AFTER MAHA MANGALA AARATI: \$11.00

SPONSORS PLEASE CALL: VASUNDHARA DASARI: 777-3353 MALLESWARI REDDY: 779-4224 KAMALA MANNAVA: 777-7007

SRINIVAS BHATTAR: 947-1841, 528-3714

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL ON THIS HAPPY OCCASION & BRING HAPPINESS, LONG LIFE AND PROSPERITY IN YEAR 2005

Marriage Anniversaries (March)*

Mr. & Mrs. V. Rao & Vidya Bhamidipati

Mr. & Mrs. Rajesh & Ritu Bhola

Mr. & Mrs. Rajesh & Sheela Bodalia

Mr. & Mrs. Babu & Sadhna Gupta

Mr. & Mrs. Bharat & Manisha Kalyan

Mr. & Mrs. Kumar & Shanti Nagarajan

Mr. & Mrs. Tushar & Rasila Parikh

Mr. & Mrs. Bipin & Kailas B. Sheth

Mr. & Mrs. Prabhudeva & Shubha Sirurmath

Mr. & Mrs. Manish & Anisha Srivastava



Birthday Anniversaries (March)**

Nikita Tandon

Ranga Srinivas

Anjali Sinha

Vidya Sundaram

Pooja Vijayasarathy

Summi Ahuja Babu Ambaji Haridas Balakrishna Neel Bekel Pratima Bekel

Harish Bhardwaj Jyoti Bhatnagar Rajesh Bhola Ritu Bhola

Sitadevi Bobba Sree Pranavi Brahmamdam

Maya Candadai Amit Chandra Yogesh Chavda Shruti Chopra

Ranjan Choudhury Ravindra Dasari Sudhendra Galgali

Chandan Gupta

Kartikeyan Jeyaraman Shanthi

Manisha Kalyan

Dinesh Kamath

Nandkumar Khemchandani

Vandana Marda

Vijay Natarajan

Meena Padya

Pinal Ishwar Patel

Ragini Patel

Suchitra Raghavan

Rishi Ranjan

Pratima Ghanto Sahu

Uma Saligram

Uma Sangvai

Abhimanyu Saraff

Rahul Shankar

Bharat Sharma

Davinder Sharma

Gopika Sharma

Kunal Sharma

Mohit Sharma

Anuradha Shultes

- * (celebrated on the first Sunday of each month)
- ** (celebrated on second Sunday of each month in temple)



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