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# ARADHANA

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# Happy Krishna Janamashtami



Lord Krishna

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

Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path is held on every 4th Sunday of the month. Please see details on Page 5.

Balaii Abhishekam is held on every 4th Saturday of the month from 10:30AM. Detail on page 5

Murugan Abhisekam Please see details on Page 4 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.

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

Navgrah Puja every first Saturday of a month at 4:30 P.M.

## Lord Krishna

Lord Krishna appeared over five thousand years ago in Mathura, India, to Devaki and Vasudeva in the Jail cell of Kansa. Krishna, according to various Hindu tradtitions, is one of the Avatars of Lord Vishnu. The literal Sanskrit meaning of the word Krishna is 'black or dark'. The name is often taken to mean Krishna's dark bluish complexion.

The Bhagavad Gita is the famous philosophical discussion that took place between Lord Krishna and the warrior Arjuna just before the onset of the Mahabharata War in 3138 BC. It is considered as the revelation given by Lord Krishna to Arjuna to resolve his mental conflict. In this Treatise of seven hundred verses, Lord Krishna systematically surveys the maior Vedic Dharmas and shows how each directs a person towards the ultimate conclusion and the most confident of all knowledge.

Here is a verse from Bhagavad Gita:

Uddharedaatmanaatmaanam naatmaanamavasaadayet.h Aatmaiva hyaatmano bandhuraatmaiva ripuraatmanh Let a man raise himself with his own efforts. Let him not degrade himself. Because a person's best friend or worst enemy is none other than his own self.

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Deadline for submission of articles and advertisements for the next issue is July 10th, 2006

## SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS AT THE TEMPLE

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renukotwal@hotmail.com

## 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.

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#### **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 Swarna Choudhary at (513) 232-2343.

#### 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 calling Swarna Choudhary at (513) 232-2343

#### **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 Sponsored Puia 11:00 - 11:30 A.M 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 and 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 2nd Saturday

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

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#### 2006 POOJA COMMITTEE **MEMBERS**

To participate in/ sponsor please contact a Pooja

Committee member Swarna Choudhary

(Chairperson): 232-2343 B.C. Sharma (Priest) 751-2974 K.C. Sharma (Priest) 528-4921 Sri. Debnath Sivachar(Priest) 528-4831 Sunita Garq 232-5333 Kiran Dayal 474-4051 528-6189

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Archana performed during temple hours by sponsorship. No Archana on Sundays between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Outside pujas and other religious services will be conducted appointment only. To schedule please contact Puja Committee chairperson at least one week in advance.

If you would like to bring food and prasad in the temple, Please contact Puja Committee chairperson or Meena Sondhi at 232-6454

Important Notice:

Your Temple needs

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

#### Temple Manager's Committees

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IMPORTANT EVENTS July, 2006				
07/02/06	Sun.	Jagannath Rath Yatra Celebration		
07/03/06	Mon.	Ashtami		
07/04/06	Tue.	Jagannath Bahuda Yatra		
07/07/06	Fri	Dev Shayani, Ekadashi		
07/08/06	Sat.	Shri Murugan Pooja		
07/08/00	Sat.	Pradosh		
07/11/06	Tue.	Guru Purnima Vyas Jayanti		
0,,, = =, 00		(Full Moon)		
07/12/06	Wed.	Ashadh/Shravan, Krishna		
07/14/06	Fri.	Sankashti Chaturthi Vrat		
07/15/06	Sat.	Aadi Pandigai		
		Shri Satya Narayan Katha		
07/16/06	Sun.	Sundarkand Path		
		Aadi Pandigal		
07/17/06	Mon.	Shravan Somvar,		
		Shiva Pooja		
07/18/06	Tue.	Ashtami		
07/21/06	Fri.	Kamika Ekadashi		
07/22/06	Sat.	Pradosh, Shri Balaji Pooja		
07/23/06	Sun.	Shri Ganesh Pooja		
07/24/06	Mon.	Shravan Somvar		
		Shiva Pooja		
07/25/06	Tue.	Hariyali Amavasya		
		Aadi Amavasya		
07/26/06	Wed.	Shravan Shukla		
07/27/06	Thurs.	Aadi Pooram		
		Ambika Pooja		
07/29/06	Sat.	Varad Chaturthi		
07/30/06	Sun.	Jagannath Pooja		
		Naag Panchami (North)		
		Shravan Shukla		
August, 2006				
08/01/06	Tue.	Shravan Shukla		
)8/02/06	Wed.	Ashtami		
08/04/06	Fri.	Sri Var Lakshmi		
		Vratha Pooja		

# **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 Swarna Choudhury at 232-2343 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 Swarna Choudhury at 232-2343

RATES FOR PUJA &	PRIEST SER	<b>VICES</b>
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 Celebra	tion \$51.00	\$101.00
Ground Breaking Ceremony		\$101.00
Griha Pravesh		\$101.00
Kalayana Uthsava (Lord Ram/ S	Sita) \$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 (Sev	ra) \$101.00	
Poolangi Seva (With Flowers)-	\$101.00	
(Only During Off Winter S	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 Cel	leb.)\$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

**PUJA RATE CHANGE BEGINNING Oct. 1, 2005:** 

- 1. Rates for Mata Ki Chauki performed at another temple will be 15% of the money collected at the temple or a minimum of \$ 501.00.
- 2. Pujas performed by priests outside the temple will be rated according to the number of pujas performed.

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). Rates of Pujas out of Greater Cincinnati will be \$100.00 more than the rates of outside puja within greater Cincinnati area.

#### **Temple Rental: Lower Floor Only**

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

<u>Security/ Cleaning deposit</u>: \$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.

# Shri 108 Satya Narayan Puja

(TO CELEBRATE GURU PURNIMA) On July 15th Saturday, 2006



TIME: - 3 PM PLACE: - HINDU TEMPLE OF GREATER CINCINNATI Sponsorship:-

Pramukh Yajaman \$501.00\* Yaiaman \$101.00\*

We need 108 sponsors / Yajmans to sit in puja. For details & to reserve your place, please call temple at 513-528-3714, or Swarna Choudhury at 232-2343, or Acharya Kailash Sharma at 652-5382.

## \* Temple will provide all the puja samagri for puja.

We also need **grand sponsor** for food & Prasad for this event. Please call the above listed phone numbers for details.

# **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.)

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 2006. 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 PROGRAM UPSTAIRS FROM 12:30 TO 1:00 PM

## Murugan Pooja

Monthly Abhishekham 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. 4.30 P.M. to 7.30

Sponsors are needed for poojas (\$21) & abhishekams (\$101).

#### 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

## Garbhagrih Fund

(Individual Temple of each Diety)

We are going to start construction for Garbagrih. The suggested dontation for each Garbhagrih is \$11,000. Any dollar amount will help. Any individual or group can sponsor the deity of their choice.

For more information please contact: Mr. Jitendra Patel: 513-459-8900 Dr, Ganesh Yadlapalli: 857-719-1500

Kiran Daval: 513-474-4051 Vijay K. Sharma: 513-232-9991

Rameshwar Dayal: 513-474-4051

# **Upcoming Events**

# Shri Jagannath Rath Yatra Celebration for Jagannath ji

on July  $2^{nd}$ , Sunday, from 11:00 Å.M.– 1:00 P.M.

We need sponsors for puja. For details call Swarna Choudhury at 232-2343, or the temple priests at 528-3714

# Shri 108 Satya Narayan Puja

To celebrate Guru Purnima On July 15th, Saturday, at 3:00 P.M.

Sponsorship:

Pramukh Yajaman \$51:00 Yajaman \$101:00

We need 108 sponsors/Yajamans to sit in puja. For details and to resetve your space, please call the temple priests at 51-582-3714, or Mrs. Swarna Choudhury at 232-2343, or Acharya Kailash Sharma at 652-5382.

Temple will provide all the puja samigri for puja. We also need a grand sponsor for food and Prasad for this event. Please call the above numbers for details.

# Shrawan Somwaar Shiv Puja & Rudrabhishek

on **Every Monday**July 17<sup>th</sup>
July 24<sup>th</sup>
6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.
July 31<sup>st</sup>
August 7<sup>th</sup>
August 14<sup>th</sup>
August 21<sup>st</sup>
6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.
6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.
6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

We need sponsors for Rudrabhishek.

Sponsorship \$101.00. For details please call: Acharay Kailash Sharma at 652-5382, or Mr. Janak Dave at 859-371-9645, or Mrs. Swarna Chaoudhury at 232-2343

# Shri Krishna Janama Ashtami

on August 16th, Wednesday

Details to follow in the next issue

# Hartalika Teej ( Shiva Parvati Puja)

on Aug, 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday From 4 pm to 5 Pm For details call Temple 513-528-3714 Kailash Sharma 652-5382.

#### Shri Ganesh Chaturthi Puja & Celebration

On Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006 From 10:30am to 1pm

# This event is sponsored by Triveni Mitra Mandal.

For details please call: Anuradha Kulkarni 271-2749, Uma Sanguai 793-9384, Swarna Choudhury 232-234, or the Temple priests at 528-3714.

# Shri Ganesh Puja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month
This puja is dedicated to each month's Sankashti
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#### **Sundar Kand Path**

On every 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 A.M.

For details, please call Swarna Choudhury at 232 2343 or the Priests at 528-3714

# Navgrah Puja

Every first Saturday of the Month 4 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Sponsors needed for Puja \$51.00 For Details please call Swarna Choudhury 232-2343, Devna-

thanji 528-4831,or Temple 528-3714

# ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA

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

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### Marriage Anniversaries (July)\*

Mr. & Mrs. Rajkumar & Shakuntla Aggarwal

Mr. & Mrs. Pradeep & Aparna Ambe

Mr. & Mrs. Rajappa & Chandra Asthagiri

Mr. & Mrs. Sharad & Arti Buddhdev

Mr. & Mrs. Ramesh & Niranjana Candadai

Mr. & Mrs. Param & Lalitha Hariharan

Mr. & Mrs. Sitaraman & Jaya Jagannath

Mr. & Mrs. Jagmohan & Shashi Khanna

Mr. & Mrs. Mohan & Geetha Rao



#### Birthday Anniversaries (July)\*\*

Rajkumar Aggarwal Deepak Bhandari Bakula Bhatt Child 2 Biswaa Kishore Bobba Sheela Bodalia Ranga Brahmamdam Pratima Dayal

Mitul Desai Ashok Dhingra Geetika Gupta Viswamitra Halekote Rohan Hemani

Rohan Hemani Neerja Jindal Usha Joshi Santosh K. Arvind Karnik Simhya Karthikeyan Amit Khemchandani

Ami Kothari Deepaa Kulkarni Nishir Kumar Gauri Midha Vikranth Mirle S. Dipali Mukund

Ravinder Rao Nandikanti Jagdish Nawani

Vithal Nemade

Ami Patel

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# Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati General Body Meeting April 2, 2006

Executive Council members present: Raj Bodalia, Asit Saha, Jitu Patel, Arvind Patel, Swarna Choudhury, Surbhi Sharma, Anil Jindal, Ramesh Sondhi, Rameshwar Dayal, Prem Garg.

Community members Present: 10

1--President opened the meeting by welcoming every one to the General Body meeting. He described the accomplishments so far this year: Hindu Society news letter is being delivered earlier in the month and on time, Holi function was a great success. Record number of people attended Shivratri Celebration at the temple. He further stated that our finances are in good shape and we expect good things to happen during this year.

2---Treasurer's Report: From January 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006.

Income------\$ 80,287------25 % of estimated revenue

Expenses-----\$74,539-----27% of estimated expenses.

Temple financial condition is good at this time and the revenue is on target. More donations are received in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter thus generating a larger percentage of revenue in that quarter, which will further strengthen our financial condition.

3---Long Range committee Chair Person, Jitu Bhai Patel gave an update on the progress of the proposed cultural Center. He stated the need for the community center and mentioned that positive comments are being received from the community. He and Mr. William Fiedler (Temple Architect) described the process to obtain necessary permits from the county. They stated that zoning permit is needed before any other permit can be obtained. They are working with the county and our attorney to obtain zoning and other permits. Site selection has not been finalized and may be affected by Zoning rules and regulations.

Plans are being developed for a facility to accommodate 1200 to 1300 people for a dinner type seating and 2,000 for regular sitting programs. It is estimated to cost approximately \$ 2.0 Million. First Fund raising for the community center will start with Kumar Sonu's program on Friday April 14, 2006.

Approval from the General Body for the proposed community center site and a \$ 2.0 million loan from the bank have been postponed until the next general body meeting.

4---Jayant Patel described the proposed Board of Trustees (BOT) as published in Aradhana. For the proposed BOT a constitutional amendment will be required. He stated that after input from the members is received, changes to the proposal will be made in accordance with the comments received. Then approval of the Executive Council will be requested. After EC's approval a copy of the draft proposal will be send to all members.

Approval will be requested from the general body in accordance with the existing process and quorum requirements as outlined in the constitution. For clarification purposes at this time there is no other written quorum requirement process on file with the secretary of the Hindu Society.

5---Comments from the Hindu Society members Present in the meeting on the Board of Trustees:

Some members presented written statements. Their comments as well as other comments are summarized below:

A--Board of Trustees is needed. Time has come to make a change. BOT is needed to deal with some important issues including, legal, long range financial planning, strategic development, and assets of Hindu Society. BOT and EC shall will work together, however, will be independent of each other and

B--- There is no need to create BOT. When the existing Constitution was written and adopted the issue of BOT was discussed in detail. The existing constitution has been written very carefully and should only be amended if a fair percentage of the community wants it.

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#### **RULES:**

- 1. Within each age group, there will be 2 categories: Solo dance and Group dance.
- 2. Only 4 entries per category will be accepted within an age group.

Dancers cannot participate in more than two dances (only one performance per category).

Deadline for submitting entries is August 13<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.

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Proponents of BOT argue about continuity of temple affairs. Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) was created in the constitution exactly for this very reason. This committee can be called BOT. Chair person is elected for two years. Members of the Committee can be appointed by EC and the term of the members may be extended by EC. A new Chair person could be recommended by EC to be elected from the existing committee members every two years to provide continuity and additional members may be added as needed. One member of this committee can also help the fund raising chair person and be a part of the fund raising committee.

C--It is difficult to find volunteers even now to serve on executive council. If you create another body it will be even harder to find more volunteers.

D—If LRPC can not convince a majority of EC members of their good decision, how can they convince the community.

E---- EC can create standing committee's as has been done in the past such as; Temple Construction Committee. This committee's can oversee projects from start to finish including Community Center. Thus BOT is not needed.

F—The idea of BOT is about control. All those dedicated people who want to serve on BOT can also serve on EC.

G---With the proposed criteria for a BOT member only 20 or so people will be qualified to serve on the BOT. This shows it is about control.

H---Existing constitution was approved by a very large majority of the membership (70 %) who turned out to adopt this constitution. It does provide flexibility for a change, which must be done in accordance with the procedure outlined. 25 % of the membership has to want to change the constitution before an amendment can be presented to the membership in a special meeting where only 20% of the members may be present. If the requirement is not followed then who prevents EC from changing the constitution in the future with only 10 members present.

I---There is no difference between the LRPC and the new BOT. If name is an issue then change the name of LRPC to BOT. If term is an issue then increase the term of LRPC from 2 years to 3 or 4 years.

J----Creating another body will dilute the powers and authority given to EC and LRPC.

K----BOT implies control. LRPC implies a group of members working towards a common goal---which is what we have and which is what we should have.

L---Try to be inclusive and not exclusive. Requirements outlined for BOT create an exclusive group.

M----Creating another body in the constitution will only create strife and mistrust in the community.

Respectfully submitted

Prem Garg Secretary

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