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ARADHANA

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Happy Deepawali, Saraswati Jooja, Maha Lakshmi Jooja, Gandhi Jayanti, Karwa Chauth, Vikram New Year, Bhai Dooj and Chitragupt Pooja



LORD RAMA, LAKSHMAN, MATA SITA & HANUMAN

Sunder Kand Path is held on 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 A.M. Please see details on page 4. Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path is held on every 4th Sunday of the month. Please see details on Page 5. Balaji 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

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.

STORY OF KARWA CHOUTH

A long long time ago, there lived a beautiful princess by the name of Veeravati. When she was of the marriageable age, Veeravati was married to a king. On the occasion of the first Karva Chauth after her marriage, she went to her parents' house.

After sunrise, she observed a strict fast. However, the queen was too delicate and couldn't stand the rigours of fasting. By evening, Veeravati was too weak, and fainted. Now, the queen had seven brothers who loved her dearly. They couldn't stand the plight of their sister and decided to end her fast by deceiving her. They made a fire at the nearby hill and asked their sister to see the glow. They assured her that it was the moonlight and since the moon had risen, she could break her fast.

However, the moment the gullible queen ate her dinner, she received the news that her husband, the king, was dead. The queen was heartbroken and rushed to her husband's palace. On the way, she met Lord Shiva and his consort, Goddess Parvati. Parvati informed her that the king had died because the queen had broken her fast by watching a false moon. However, when the gueen asked her for forgiveness, the goddess granted her the boon that the king would be revived but would be ill.

When the queen reached the palace, she found the king lying unconscious with hundreds of needles inserted in his body.

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SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS AT THE TEMPLE

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Laxmi Srivastava 474-0533

Accountant: Open

Editor: Renu Kotwal 583-9589

Editor's email:

renukotwal@hotmail.com

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 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 and announcement 1:00 P.M. Aarti

2006 POOJA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

To participate in/ sponsor please contact a Pooja

Committee member Swarna Choudhary

Bhaskara Rao

Karthik

Murlee

Purabi Dey

Madhu Sharma

Meena Sondhi

(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 Sunila Kumar Meena Karamchandani 683-9454 Suchitra Mishra 573-9775 Kalpana Srivastava 233-9184 Jyoti Desai 745-0876 Rani Dhamija 984-5777 Anuradha Kulkarni 271-2749 Sangita Patel 791-0855 Anju Saha 474-3922 Uma Sanguai 793-9384

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867-8591

290-1814

573-0550

688-1721

232-9991

232-6454

- Outside pujas and other religious services will be conducted by 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 Puja Committee contact chairperson or Meena Sondhi at 232-6454
- Cancellations of puja should be done 3 days in advance or else the full fee for the puja will be charged

Temple Manager's Committees

Laxmi S. Srivastava- Temple Manager 474-0533

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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IMPORTANT EVENTS October, 2006 Saraswati Puja, Ashvin 10/01/06 Sun. Shukla Gandhi Jayanti, Vijay 10/02/06 Mon. Dashami, Shri Ram-Sita Puja 10/03/06 Tue. Pap-Ankush, Ekadashi 10/06/06 Fri. Purnima Vrat 10/07/06 Full Moon, Sharad Sat. Purnima, Radha-Krishna Puja 10/08/06 Sun. Bejoy Celebration, Ashvin Krishna 10/10/06 Karwa Chauth Vrat Tue. Sankashti Chaturthi 10/14/06 Sat. Shri Murugan Pooja Ashtami 10/15/06 Sun. Sundarkand Path 10/17/06 Tue. Rama Ekadashi 10/19/06 Pradosh,, Dhan Teras Thurs. Narak, Chaturdashi 10/20/06 Fri. (Kali Chaudas) Deepawali 10/21/06 Sat. Maha Lakshmi Pooja Amavasva Vikram New Year 10/22/06 Sun. 2063 (Gujarat) Govardhan Pooja Kartik Shukla 10/23/06 Mon. Yama Dwitiya, Bhai Dooj Chitragupta Pooja Deepawali Celebration 10/28/06 Sat. Shri Balaji Pooja Skanda Sasthi Chitragupta Pooia & 10/29/06 Sun. Celebration Gopa Ashtami 10/30/06 Mon. Akshaya Navami 10/31/06 Tue.

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 SERVICES					
SERVICE	IN	OUTSIDE			
	TEMPLE	TEMPLE			
Abhishekam (All Deities)	\$101.00				
Aksharabhyas	\$51.00	\$101.00			
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Ashtottharam (108) Archana	\$11.00				
AyushyaHomam/B'day Celebrat	ion \$51.00	\$101.00			
Ground Breaking Ceremony		\$101.00			
Griha Pravesh		\$101.00			
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Kesh Khandan (Churakaran)	\$51.00	\$101.00			
Nam-Karan	\$51.00	\$101.00			
Navagraha Puja	\$51.00	\$101.00			
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Nitya (1 Day) Kainkaryam (Seva	a) \$101.00				
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Devi Jagaran	\$75.00	\$101.00			
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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			

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.

\$251.00

\$351.00

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.

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	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.

Wedding

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.

Events at the Temple

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, Devnathanji 528-4831, or Temple priest at 528-3714

Murugan Puja

Monthly Abhishekham 2nd Sat. 4.30 P.M. to 7.30 P.M.

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

Please contact Sri Debnath Sivachar (528-4831)

Satya Narayan Puja

On Purnima (full moon day) at 6:30 P.M.

To sponsor puja, please call any of the following: Swarna Choudhury 232-2343 Temple priests 528-3714

Sponsorship \$ 51.00

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

Shri Ganesh Puja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

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

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ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA

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

Andn Kondu 481-4119 Bhavani Megeda 779-4582 Sudha Avasarala 573-6010 Padma Veluri 859-344-9211 Sri Debnath Siyachar 528-4831

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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.)

Gita class is on 4th Sunday of each month.

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

Calendar 2007

The New Calendar for the year 2007 is being put together by our team and it will be mailed out soon to HSGC patrons. Theme for this Calendar is "NavDurga Shakti and Her 9 Forms." Look forward to receive it in your mail around New Year's time.

Meena Mehta c.c.c.

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Each day, the queen managed to remove one needle from the king's body. Next year, on the day of Karva Chauth, only one needle remained embedded in the body of the unconscious king."

The queen observed a strict fast that day and when she went to the market to buy the karva for the puja, her maid removed the remaining needle from the king's body. The king regained consciousness, and mistook the maid for his queen. When the real queen returned to the palace, she was made to serve as a maid.

However, Veeravati was true to her faith and religiously observed the Karva Chauth vrat . Once when the king was going to some other kingdom, he asked the real queen (now turned maid) if she wanted anything. The queen asked for a pair of identical dolls. The king obliged and the queen kept singing a song " Roli ki Goli ho gayi... Goli ki Roli ho gayi " (the queen has turned into a maid and the maid has turned into a queen).

On being asked by the king as to why did she keep repeating that song, Veeravati narrated the entire story. The king repented and restored the queen to her royal status. It was only the queen's devotion and her faith that won her husband's affection and the blessings of Goddess Parvati.

Upcoming Events

NavaRatri Puja & Celebrations

Oct. 1st, Sunday

5 to 7pm Saraswati Puja

followed by Garba

Oct. 2^{nd} , Monday

6:00 P.M. Vijaya Dashmi Shri Ram

Puja

DURING NAVRATRI EVERYDAY CHANDI PATH (Durga Saptshati) 10 am to 12 pm

For further information please call any of the following: Jyoti Desai 745-0876, Sangita Patel 791-0855, Swarna Choudhury 232-2343, or Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-

Shri Satya Narayan Puja

On Purnima (full moon) Saturday, October 7th at 5:30 P.M.

Sponsorship \$51.00

For details, please call either of the following: Ms. Swarna Choudhury at 232-2343 or the temple priests at 528-3714

Bijoy Celebration

On Sunday, October 8th, from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Puja is sponsored by Agrani (Bengali Group) For details, please call either of the following: Anju Saha 474-3922 or Purbi Dey at 688-1721

Karwa Chouth Vrat Puja

On Tuesday, October 10th from 4-6 P.M.

For details, please call the temple priests at 528-3714

Deepawali Sri Maha Laxmi Puja

On October 21st, Saturday, from 6 to 7:30 P.M.

Fire crackers after Aarti
Puja is sponsored by Dr. Bharat & Sudha Aggarwal
For details, please call either of the following:
Temple priests-528-3714; Swarna Choudhury-2322343

Deepawali Celebration

On October 28th, Saturday

Details to follow

Mata Ki Chowki

On Oct. 28th, Saturday
From 4:00 P.M.— 8:00 P.M.
Sponsored by Rina Goel and family.
For details call the temple at 528-3714

Shri Chitragupt Puja

On October 29th, Sunday, from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Puja is sponsored by Tri State Chitragupt pariwar For details please call: Kiran Dayal 474-4051; Kalpana Srivastava 233-9184

New Year Puja (Gujrat)

On October 22nd, Sunday, from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Shri Ganesh & Lakshmi Pooja
For details, please call:
Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-5382;
Swarna Choudhury 232-2343 or Sangita Patel at 791-0855

Annakoot / Govardhan Puja Celebrations

On Nov 5th Sunday 2006 From 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Puja is sponsored by SHRINATH JEE SEVA GROUP. For details please call Jany of the following: Jyoti Desai 745- 0876; Mina Mehta 574-6763; Swarna Choudhury 232-2343; Temple 528-3714.

Shri Satya Narayan Puja

Purnima (Full Moon) Sun., Nov. 5th at 5:00 P.M.

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Birthday Anniversaries (October)**

Madhavi Are Suresh Nayak Kameswara Rao Papu Viren Bakhshi Lakshmi Banglore Rasila Parikh Ambrish Bansal Tushar Parikh Debashis Basu Ajay Patel Nina Batra Jayprakash Patel Aniruddha Bettedpur Khushman Patel Rishabh Chatterjee Neil Patil

Tribhuwan Choubey Usha Patil Arsh Duggal Madhu Prasad Karan Goel Renu Rall

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Anupama Halekote Amitabh Raturi Prashant Jagtap Hardi Rindani Shyamala Jagtap Rashmi Sahav Shantha Jayram Padmini Sekar Bharat Kalyan Kavi Shanker Sudhir Kashyap Ajay Sharma Jagmohan Khanna Geetika Sharma Tushar Kothari Surender Sharma Avinash Kovilam **Uday Sheth** Aarti Kumar Seema Sondhi Shiva Kumar Srishli Srivastava Tilka Mahdevan Sushma Srivastava Vivek Malhotra Raghav Tadepalli Rajesh Manam Devanshu Trivedi

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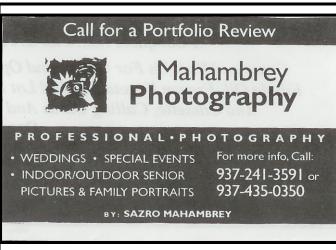
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Ohio Arts Council

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati Executive Council Meeting Minutes August 6, 2006

Members Present : Raj Bodalia, Anil Jindal, Ramesh Sondhi, Swarna Choudhury, Manju Gupta, Asit Saha, Surbhi Sharma, Rameshwar Dayal, Renu Kotwal and Prem Garg

- 1. Approved July 9, 2006 meeting minutes with changes.
- 2. June 4, meeting minutes were discussed and will be discussed again at the September meeting.
- 3. After discussion approved a form letter that can be given to donors indicating the items donated to the Hindu Society. It is up to the donor to place a value on these items. Hindu Society will not place a value unless it is a cash donation.
- 4. House keeping and maintenance contracts were discussed. Ms. Tina Cooper is currently independent maintenance contractor working for the temple. All work that needs to be done will be contracted. Temple currently has a temple manager and an office manager. Both Temple Manager and Office manager will report to the president. It was agreed and approved that Temple Manager is responsible for general management and service contracts. Office manager is responsible for only office related work and sound system.
- 5. Election Commission was approved and its members are: Mohan Chopra, Raneshwar Gupta and Bala Subramania
- 6. Permission has been granted to Hindu Society to build a road from Barge Salt Run. This road will be on temple property and is expected to service the proposed cultural center. EC approved Laxmi Srivastava and Vithaal Numadi to serve on the committee to build the road project. Several other names from the community were recommended and they will be contacted to serve on the committee. The plans, alignment, construction bids etc; shall be approved by EC.
- 7. Bengali Community is holding Durga Pooja on September 30 and October 1, at Sycamore High School. EC approved one half page advertisement in Aradhana in exchange for one page advertisement of Hindu Society in Bengali Association News letter.
- Navratari Will be celebrated at Mason High School (subject to availability of the school).
 Details will follow.
- 9. ADT security charges are still very high and will be reviewed.

Respectfully Submitted. Prem Garg

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