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Prayer to Goddess MahaLaxmi

" Adhilakshmi Namasthesthu Parabrahma Swaroopine Yeshodhehi Dhanamdehi
Sarvakamamcha Dehimey Mangaley Mangaladhare Mangalya
Manggalapradhey Mangalartham Mangalesi Mangalyam Dehime Sadaaaa "

Meaning: Salutations to Goddess Adi Lakshmi, who is essentially the supreme Brahman. Please grant us wealth and prosperity and fulfill our wishes. O! Auspicious Goddess, you are the seat of auspiciousness, you grant auspiciousness, you are auspiciousness personified. Grant us eternal happiness and prosperity.

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You may wish to use this occasion to celebrate important events such as wedding anniversaries, birthdays, ishta devata pooja, 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 phone-no in the calendar at the temple and calling Bobba Chaudhary at (513) 984-6074</div> <div>TEMPLE SCHEDULE</div> <div>Monday - Friday :9:00AM-12:00 Noon</div> <div>5:00 PM - 8:00 PM</div> <div>Saturday, Sunday</div> <div>& US Holidays9:00 AM - 8:00 PM</div> <div>SPECIAL PROGRAM ON WEEKENDS</div> <div>9:15 - 9:30 A.M.</div> <div>Suprabhatam</div> <div>9:30 - 11:00 A.M.</div> <div>Daily pooja of</div> <div>Temple Deities</div> <div>Sponsored Pooja</div> <div>Bhajan</div> <div>Religious discourse</div> <div>Birthday and</div> <div>Anniversary pooja</div> <div>and announcement</div> <div>1 : 00 P.M.</div> <div>Aarti</div> <div>Please Donate Generously</div> <div>for your Temple</div> <div>Your Temple needs</div> <div>1. Sponsors for flower \$50/week</div> <div>2. 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Pooja Information

RATES FOR POOJA & PRIEST SERVICES |

SERVICE	IN TEMPLE	OUTSIDE TEMPLE
Abhishekam (All Deities)	\$101.00	—
Aksharabhyas	\$101.00	\$151.00
Anna-Prashanam	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ashtottharam (108) Archana	\$21.00	—
AyushyaHomam/B'day Celebra.	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ground Breaking Ceremony	—	\$151.00
Griha Pravesh	—	\$151.00
Kalayana Uthsava (Lord Ram/ Sita)	\$121.00	—
Kesh Khandan (Churakaran)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Naam-Karan	\$101.00	\$151.00
Navagraha Pooja	\$101.00	\$151.00
Nischitartham (Engagement)	\$151.00	\$251.00
Baby Shower Pooja		\$151.00
Nitya (1 Day) Kainkaryam (Seva)	\$101.00	---
Poolangi Seva (With Flowers)- (Only During Off Winter Season)	\$101.00	---
Regular Archana	\$11.00	—
Sahasranama (1008) Archana	\$51.00	---
Sathyanarayana Pooja	\$101.00	\$151.00
Seemantham	\$101.00	\$151.00
Devi Jagaran	\$75.00	\$101.00
Akhand Ramayan Paath	—	\$151.00
Shashti Poorthi (60th B'day Celeb.)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Anniversary celebration	\$101.00	\$151.00
Suprabhat Seva	\$21.00	---
Unjal (Swing) Seva	\$31.00	---
Upakarma (Thread changing)	\$51.00	---
Upanayam/Brahmopadeshnam/ Thread Ceremony	\$151.00	\$251.00
Vahan Pooja	\$51.00	---
Yearly Shradham (Barkhi)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Wedding	\$301.00	\$501.00

SPECIAL POOJA RATE

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.

1. Poojas performed by priests outside the temple will be rated according to the number of poojas performed.
2. 40 Cents/Miles for Travel expanse to the Priest to perform pooja at your home.

Rates are subject to change without notice. Rates of Poojas out of Greater Cincinnati will be \$100.00 more than the rates of outside pooja within greater Cincinnati area.

Temple Rental: Lower Floor Only

	Fullday	Halfday
Monday -Thursday (except holidays)	\$301	\$151
Friday, Saturday & Holidays	\$501	\$351
<u>Sunday after 3PM only</u>	—	\$351

Note: For half day select one of the two:

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

Temple rental applies to all private reservations for those events/poojas 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 Pooja or to rent a temple hall (lower level) please contact pooja Committee chairperson only.

Pooja Committee Announcement:

To schedule a Pooja or to rent a temple hall (lower level)
please contact Babba Chaudhury at 984-6074

If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities contact Babba Chaudhury at 984-6074, any EC Members or Temple at 528-3714.

1. **Archana** performed during temple hours by sponsorship. No Archana on Sundays between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
2. **Outside poojas** and other religious services will be conducted by appointment only.
3. To **schedule any poojas** please contact Pooja Committee chairperson at least one week in advance.
4. If you would like to bring **food and prasad** in the temple, Please contact Pooja Committee chairperson .
5. **Cancellations** of pooja should be done 3 days in advance or else the full fee for the pooja will be charged.



Mata Ki Chouki

IN LOVING MEMORY OF Pundit Shri B.C.Sharma Ji

October 25th Saturday 4:00 to 8:00 pm

Followed by Prasad/Dinner 8:30pm

Sponsored by Mrs. Sudesh Sharma

For details call her @ 513-754-0353

Temple Priests: 528-3714

Regular Weekly & Monthly Events at the Temple

Monthly Navgrah Pooja

Every first Saturday of the Month
October 4th, Saturday 3 pm to 5:30 pm
Sponsors needed for Pooja \$51.00

For Details please call
Bobba Choudhary: 984-6074; Temple priests: 528-3714

Monthly Murugan Abhishekham /Pooja

Every second Saturday of the Month
October 11th, Saturday 4.00pm

Sponsored by Murugan Group.
Bobba Choudhary: 984-6074; Temple priests: 528-3714

Monthly Satya Narayan Pooja

On Every Purnima of the Month
October 14th, Monday 6:30 pm

Sponsorship \$ 51.00
To sponsor pooja please call Bobba Choudhary: 984-6074
Temple priests: 528-3714

Monthly SundarKand Path

October 12st., Sunday 10:30 am
Bobba Choudhary: 984-6074 Acharya Kailash: 770-0705
Temple Priests: 528-3714

Monthly Shri Ganesh Pooja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Every 4th Sunday of the month: October 26th, Sunday
This pooja is dedicated to each month's
Sankashti Chaturthi to Lord Ganesh.

For more information & Sponsor the pooja please call

Anuradha Kulkarni: 271-2749 Uma Sangvai: 793-9384
Kiran Dayal: 474-4051 Temple Priests: 528-3714

Monthly ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA

On 4th Saturday of each month from 10:30 AM-12:30PM.
To sponsor and details please call any of the following:
Anand Konda: 481-4119 Vasundhara Dasari: 777-3353
Suseela Paturi: 867-8591 Vicheta Pemmaraju: 398-9833
Sailaja Gannamraj: 697-1412 Usha Indrakanti: 583-5995

Weekly Shiv Mahiman Stotram

Every Monday at 6:30pm

Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path

Every Tuesday at 6:30pm
To sponsor pooja please call Bobba Choudhary: 984-6074
Temple priests: 528-3714

Weekly Vishnu Sahasranaam Parayana

Vishnu Sahasranaama Parayana (chanting) will now take
place Every Thursday at 7:00 pm in the temple.
Please join us for the chanting.
For more information, please contact Temple priest s: 528-3714

Weekly Venkateswar Pooja

Every Friday at 6:30pm
To sponsor pooja please call Bobba Choudhary: 984-6074
Temple priests: 528-3714

Bhagavad - Geeta Class

For children and parents
(Presented by CHESS Balvihar)

- ⇒ Bhagavad-Gita is the manifest quintessence of all the teachings of the Vedic scriptures. - Adi Sankara
- ⇒ The Bhagavad-Gita is the most systematic statement of spiritual evolution of endowing value to mankind. *It is one of the most clear and comprehensive summaries of perennial philosophy ever revealed; Its enduring value is subject not only to India but to all of humanity.*
-Aldous Huxley
Join us in understanding and appreciating the timeless wisdom of the Bhagavad-Geeta.

When: Fourth Sunday of the month, 11am to 12:45pm

Where: The Hindu Temple

Taught by: Sri Koti Sreekrishna,

Notes with transliteration guide (Sanskrit to English) provided.

Contact

Manju Gupta: 232 - 3331 Vasanta Vemuri: 232- 5767

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ELECTION 2009

General election for Executive Council 2009 will be held on second Sunday December 14, 2008.
Following are the Election Committee Commissioners.
Mohan Chopra: 859-331-2416
Raneshwar Gupta: 513-232-3331
Ambikaipakan Balasubramaniam: 513-204-0213

COME AND ENJOY AN EVENING OF HINDI CHANTS AND BHAJANS by MIKE COHEN AND GROUP

AT THE HINDU TEMPLE OF GREATER CINCINNATI ON
OCTOBER 12, SUNDAY 5 TO 7:30PM FOLLOWED BY DINNER
SPONSORED BY JAGMOHAN AND SASHI KHANNA: 513-942-0546

POOLANGI SEVA

FOR

**BHOO NEELA SAMETA SRI LAKSHMI VENKATESWARA
(DECORATION OF SRI VENKATESWARA WITH FLOWERS ONLY)**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008

10:30 A.M SUPRABHATAM

11:A.M KALYANOTSAVAM

12:30 P.M MAHA NAIVEDYAM, ARATI.

1:00 P.M MAHAPRASAADA VINIYOGAM, LUNCH

PLEASE CALL ANAND KONDA 481-4119

VASUNDHARA DASARI 777-3353

PRIEST SRI SRINADH BHATTAR 528-3714

TO SPONSER KALYANOTSAVAM,

FLOWERS

OR

TO VOLUNTEER FOR DECORATION WITH FLOWERS

Upcoming Events at the Temple

October 2008 Events

4th, Saturday: Shri Mataki Chowki 4 to 8.00pm
Sponsored by Anil Jindal & Family

5th, Sunday **Shree Lalita Shahshra Nama Parayan**
 Devi Archana 11am to 12.30 pm

7th, Tuesday **Shri Durga Ashtmi Havan: Navaratri**

8th, Wed. Shri Maha Navami/Sarsvati Pooja

9th, Thursday Vijaya Dashami Havan

14th, Tuesday Sharad Purnima, Shri Radha
 Krishna Pooja 6:30pm

17th Friday **Karwa Chouth Vrat Pooja 4:00pm**
 Moonrise 8:03 pm (EST)

19th Sunday **Bijoya Celebration**

25th, Saturday Mataki Chowki 4to8:00pm See P-3

26th, Sunday Dhan Teras: Account Book Pooja

27th, Monday Narak/Kali Chaturthi

28th, Tuesday **DEEPAWALI, MahaLaxami Pooja**

29th, Wed **NEW YEAR, Vikram Samvat 2065**
 (Gujarat) Pooja 6:30pm.
 Govardhan Pooja and Annakut

30th, Thursday **Bhaiddooj**

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati

Membership Information

If you are not already a member of HSGC please join in today and participate in all temple activities and enjoy all the festivities.

The membership donations are as follows:

Receive 'Aradhana' Annually: \$21.00

(Suggested donation)

Annual Individual Membership: \$51.00

Annual Family Membership: \$101.00

Life Membership: \$1001.00

Patron: \$10,000.00

Membership Forms are available at the Gift Shop in the Temple.

Please also use the form to update your address.

If you know someone who has moved out of town let us know. We would appreciate it.

For more information please call temple at (513) 528-3714 or Any Executive Council.

November 2008 Events

1st, Saturday **HSGC/ANKUR Deepawali Celebration.**

2nd, Sunday Chitragupta Pooja Celebration See P-5

9th, Sunday Tulsi Vivah: Prabodhini Ekadashi.

SunderKand Path 10:30 to 1:00pm

Sponsored by Pradeep & Poonam Dhamija

11th, Tuesday Vaikunth Chaturdashi

15th, Saturday Mataki Chowki 4 to 8:00pm

Sponsored by Srivatava Family

16th, Sunday ShriNathaji Govardhan Pooja &

Annakut Mahotsav Celebration

(Please see page -15)

23rd, Sunday Uttapatti Ekadashi

Deepawali Mahalaxmi Puja



October 28th Tuesday Evening

6:30 to 7:30pm Shri Ganesh Puja, Laxmi Puja

Shri Suktam & Laxmi Stotra path

7:30 pm Aarti & Prasad

8:00 pm Fire Crackers after the Aarti

Puja is **sponsored by:**

Dr. Bharat & Sudha Agrawal and

Mr. Bobba & Rani Choudary.

Devotees may join with family for the puja.

Sponsorship for Puja: \$101.00.

For more details call Bobba Choudary 984-6074.

Acharya Kailash 652-5382, Temple 513- 528-3714,



DURGA ASHTAMI HAVAN

On Tuesday October 7th

In the evening

To Sponsor the Havan

Please call: Temple 513- 528-3714

Bobba Choudary 984-6074

Shri Chitragupta Pooja

On Sunday Nov. 2nd 11am to 1 pm

Sponsored by- Tri State Chitragupta Pariwaar.

Please call Kiran Dayal 474.4051.

Temple 513- 528-3714

Bobba Choudary 984-6074.

LEGENDS OF DIWALI

Diwali is celebrated mainly for Shri Ram's homecoming to Ayodhya after defeating Ravan and his coronation as king. The festival marks his victorious return to his kingdom along with Sita, brother Laxman and great devotee Hanuman. The legend claimed that it took 20 days for Shri Ram to return to his kingdom after defeating Ravan. The people of Ayodhya lit up their homes with oil lamps and turned the night with a light festival. From that time onwards Diwali is being celebrated to mark the Victory of Lord Ram over the evil Ravan.



Another legend said that once upon a time King Bali of the nether world mighty power had become a threat to the gods. In order to give him a lesson Lord Vishnu in the guise of a Batuk Vaman- a small boy- visited his kingdom. In that time King Bali was much more famous for his philanthropist cause. Keeping this in mind Lord Vishnu begged King Bali to give him only that much land which he could cover with his three steps. King Bali proudly granted Lord Vishnu's wish. With his first step Lord Vishnu covered the entire heaven and with the second step the earth and asked Bali where to keep his third step. Bali offered his head. Putting his foot on his head Lord Vishnu pushed him down to the underworld. In that time Lord Vishnu gave him the lamp of knowledge and allowed him to return to earth once a year to light millions of lamps to dispel the darkness and ignorance of humanity and spread the radiance of eternity and love. On this day people also worshipped Goddess Lakshmi as she was freed by Lord Vishnu from the clutches of King Bali. Therefore, it is believed that the festival is celebrated in honour of Mother Laxmi.



Another legend said that, in this day of Diwali, a small boy called Nachiketa who always believed that Yam, the god of Death was as black as the dark night of amavasya. But when he met Yamraj, he was quite astonished with Yamraj's calm and stature. Yam explained to Nachiketa on this Diwali day of amavasya that by only passing through the darkness of death, man sees the light of highest wisdom and then only his soul can escape from the bondage of his mortal frame to mingle with the Supreme Power. And then Nachiketa realized the importance of worldly life and significance of death. Then he wholeheartedly participated in Diwali celebrations.

Another story is with Narakasura (a trouble-maker to the gods) who ruled the kingdom of Pradyo-shapuram. He always disturbed the sages' community in their Ashram & created havoc during the rituals. He even grabbed some territory of Aditi, (the king of Suraloka and a relative of Satyabhama, Lord Krishna's wife). Continuously harassed with this precarious approach of Narakasura along with Indra other gods pleaded Lord Krishna to protect them from the mighty Narakasura. In that time queen Satyabhama appealed to Lord Krishna to give her chance to destroy Narakasura. Lord Krishna granted her a boon to fight with Narakasura. With Krishna as the charioteer, Satyabhama entered the battlefield and killed the Narakasura. After the death of the demon his mother Bhudevi declared to celebrate this occasion with joy and rejoice. Since then Diwali was celebrated by people every year with ardent zeal, fun and fire.

Another legend said that, on this day Mother Lakshmi (Goddess of Wealth) emerged from the ocean of milk (Ksheer Sagar). She brought with her wealth and prosperity for mankind. On that day, Lakshmi Pooja was performed to honour Goddess Lakshmi. So from that day in every year on Diwali, Hindus perform prayer and worship to Goddess Lakshmi. Many people believe that Goddess Lakshmi visit the homes of devotees on this day. Bhajans"-devotional songs in praise of Goddess Laxmi are sung and "Naivedya" of traditional sweets is offered to the Goddess.

HAPPY DIWALI AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Minutes of EC Meeting on Sept. 7, 2008

Members Present:

Raj Bodalia, Bobba Choudary, Rameshwar Dayal, Jittu Patel, Jyoti Desai, Hari Maddali, Amar Sharma, Shiv Sharma, and Siva Sivaganesan

Mela & Navaratri: Plans for Mela and Navaratri were discussed. EC decided to sponsor pooja on one weekday during the Navaratri, Sept 22-Oct. 9.

Funds for Zoning Permit: A proposal for raising seed money of up to \$50,000 for use by project managers of Community Center and Retirement Homes projects for securing zoning permits, and to use money from the EC's general funds up to the same amount, as necessary, was discussed at length. Everyone present expressed their views. All except Hari Maddali spoke in favor of the proposal. Hari objected to the use of the general funds for this purpose, and recommended instead to first establish a trustee and then raise the funds as part of a plan developed by the trustee.

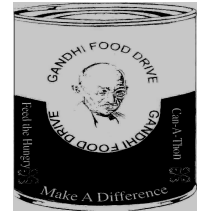
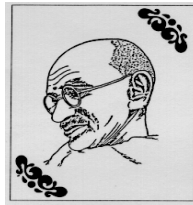
Promotion of Priest Kailash Sharma: Bobba Choudary proposed that Priest Kailash Sharma be promoted with 10% salary increase. This proposal also was discussed at length, all speaking in favor. Siva suggested promotion with the new title of Senior Priest would be appropriate. Raj Bodalia clarified that this would not mean Kailash Sharma would be supervising the other priests, and suggested listing the responsibilities associated with the new position. Hari Maddali suggested formulating a policy document which includes periodic appraisal of the priests. Jitu Patel suggested a need to evaluate salaries and benefits of the priests. The EC unanimously approved that Priest Kailash Sharma be promoted to the position of Senior Priest with 10% salary increase effective October 1, 2008, and that an official letter to this effect including a list of responsibilities associated with the new position be given to Priest Kailash Sharma.

Shraddha Puja: Bobba Choudry announced that Shraddha Puja will be held in the temple on September 28, from 11-12 in the morning. This is a new pooja, to be held for the first time in the temple.

Maintenance: Shiv Sharma indicated the need to replace the sign board at the front of the temple, and agreed to take care of it. Renovation of the kitchen was discussed. Jitu Patel informed the committee that the blueprint for the renovation is almost ready, and that the funds for the renovation will be raised before the project begins. Jitu Patel and Shiv Sharma also agreed to take care of the damaged pipe in the kitchen plumbing.

Kantha Sashti poosai Schedule, 2008

Date	Time	
Tuesday, Oct.28th, 2008	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Kalasa sthapanam
Wednesday, Oct.29th, 2008	6.00pm - 7.00pm	First day, Sashti poosai
Thursday, Oct.30th, 2008	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Second day, Sashti poosai
Friday, Oct.31st, 2008	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Third day, Sashti poosai
Saturday, Nov.1st, 2008	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Fourth day, Sashti poosai
Sunday, Nov.2nd, 2008	4.30pm - 6.30pm	Sashti grand abhishegam
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September 1—October 31

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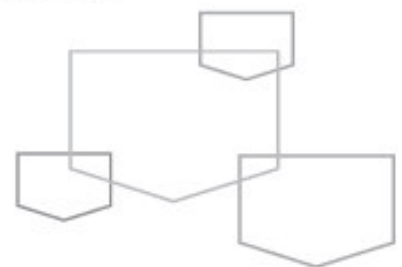
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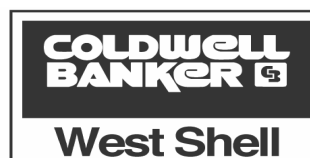
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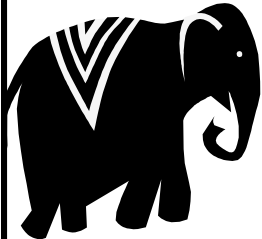
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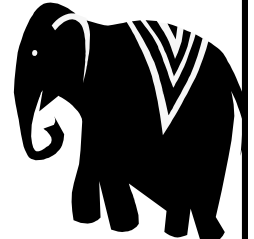
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