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Is organizing

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AT THE TEMPLE
4920 KLATTE ROAD

SEPTEMBER 11, 2010 12:00 (NOON) TO 8:00 P.M.

EVENTS INCLUDE;

RIDES SHOPPING DANCES
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CULTURAL DANCE PROGRAM

Dance Program - First Session 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Dance Program - Second Session 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

!!!! FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY !!!!
!!!! AND A GOOD TIME FOR ALL !!!!

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RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE

Sundays 12:15 - 12:45 PM

First Sunday : Upanishads

Second Saturday : 1008 Gayatri Jaap
Second Sunday : Children Program

Third Sunday : Sunder Kand Path

Fourth Sunday : *Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path*
Fifth Sunday : Jagannath Puja

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 contact Amita Gupta.

Devotees are requested to sit-in Sunday Pooja 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 pooja, graduation and other memorable days. Events can be hosted by individuals, families, group of families or organizations. Please reserve your Sunday of choice ASAP by putting your name and phone-no in the calendar at the temple & calling pooja committee members Amita Gupta or Meena Sondhi.

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 Pooja of Temple Deities
11:00 - 11:30 A.M.
Sponsored Pooja
11:30 - 12:15 A.M.
Bhajan
12:15 -12:45 P.M.
Religious discourse
12:45-1:00 P.M.
Birthday and Anniversary pooja and announcements

Please Donate Generously

Your Temple needs
1. Sponsors for flower $50/week
2. Sponsors for Sunday pooja
3. Your support

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Pooja Information

RATES FOR POOJA & PRIEST SERVICES|

SERVICES	IN TEMPLE	OUTSIDE TEMPLE
Abhishekam (All Deities)	$101.00	—
Aksharabhyas	$101.00	$151.00
Anna-Prashanam	$101.00	$151.00
Ashta Prakari Pooja*	$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/Brahmopadesham/ 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. 50 Cents/Miles for Travel expense 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.*

C H E C K O U T
http://newbhagavadgita.blogspot.com/2010/04/shock-treatment-in-bhagavad-gita.html

Temple Rental: Lower Floor Only

	Full day	Half day
Monday -Thursday	$301	$151
(except holidays) Friday, Saturday & Holidays	$501	$351
Sunday after 3PM only —	**$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 Amita Gupta at 336-8782
If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities contact Amita Gupta at 336-8782, 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.

POOJA SAMAGRI

For convenience of Devotees, Temple can now provide Pooja Samagri for all inside and outside Poojas.
Donation for Puja Samagri is as follows
$ 21 for any Pooja
$ 31 for any Pooja including Havan/Hom
For more details please contact
Amita Gupta 513-336-8782
Kiran Dayal 513-474-4051

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

SUNDERKAND CD (sung by **Acharya Kailash Sharma**)
AVAILABLE in Temple Gift Shop for **$ 10.**
The money raised will go to temple.

Regular Weekly & Monthly Events at the Temple

Monthly Navgrah Pooja Every first Saturday of the Month Sept 4
Sponsors needed for Pooja $51.00
For Details call
Amita Gupta:336-8782;Temple priests:528-3714

Monthly Murugan Abhishekham /Pooja
Every second Saturday of the Month
Sept 11, Saturday 4.00pm **Sponsor Murugan Group.**
Amita Gupta: 336-8782; Temple priests: 528-3714

Monthly Satya Narayan Pooja
On Every Purnima of the Month
6:30 pm
Sponsorship $ 51.00
To sponsor pooja call Amita Gupta: 336-8782
Temple priests: 528-3714

Monthly Shri Ganesh Pooja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Every 4th Sunday of the month 10:30AM
This pooja is dedicated to each month's

Sankashti Chaturthi to Lord Ganesh.**For more information & Sponsor the pooja please call**

Jyoti Divekar : 204-8037 Mangal Nemade : 234-8373
Amita Gupta: 336-8782 **Temple Priests:528-3714**

Monthly ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA On Dec 26
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:481-8591; Surendra Hanumanthanna:661-8733
Pandit Sri Srinadh Bhattar:528-3714

1008 Gayatri Jap
Second Saturday of each month at 9.30AM

For details please contact temple priest 528-3714 or Amita Gupta 336-8782.

Weekly Shiv Mahiman Stotram

Every Monday at 6:30pm

Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path

Every Tuesday at 6:30pm

Weekly Vishnu Sahasranaam Parayana
Vishnu Sahasranaama Parayana (chanting) will now take place Every Thursday at 7:00 pm . 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 Amita Gupta: 336-8782 Temple priests: 528-3714

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati Membership Information

If you are not already a member of HSGC, please join today and participate in all temple activities and enjoy all the festivities. This year HSGC has inaugurated a new ELITE Membership* at midlevel as listed below.

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 (One year spread, two checks)

*Elite Membership: $5001.00 (Three year spread, three checks)

Patron: $10,000.00 (Three year spread, three checks)

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 member of Executive Council (See pg 2 for all names and phone numbers)

Membership and Fundraising Chair is Raneshwar Gupta 513-232-3331

September 2010 Events

Sep. 1st Shri Krishna Janmashtami Celebration 6:30pm to midnight

Sep . 4th Navgrah Puja 3:30pm Sponsorship $51.00

Sep. 4th Muragan Abhishekam 4pm . Sponsorship $101.00

Sep. 5th Sunderkand Path 10:30am

Sep. 10. Hartalika Teej/Kevda Teej Puja 6:30pm

Sep. 11th Ganesh Chaturthi Archanas open all day. **Mela 2010 & Prayers for 911 Victims**

Sep. 11th 1008 Gayatri Japa 9:30am to 1pm

Sep . 12th Nand Mahotsava Celebration 10am to 1pm

Sponsored by – Srinathji Devotees

Sep. 18th Mata Ki Chauki 4pm to 8pm .

Sponsored by – Sondhi , Verma, Khann & Soni Families.

Sep. 19th Shri Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration 10am to 1pm .Sponsored by- Triveni

Sep. 23 Shraddha Begins (Mahalayarambha)

Sep. 23rd Purnima Satya Narayan Puja Sponsorship $51.00

Sep. 26th Venkateshwar Abhishekam 10am Sponsorship $51.00

October 2010 Events

Oct. 2nd Navgrah Oct. 3rd Jagannath Puja 11am Puja 3pm Sponsorship $51.00

Oct. 2nd Muragan Abhishekam 4pm . Sponsorship $101.00

(There will be no abheshekam on 2nd Sat. Due to Mata Ki Chouki Schedule)

Oct. 7th Shraddha Ends (A Group Sharaddha Puja) 6pm Sponsorship $51.00

Oct. 8th Navratri Begins Kalash Sthapana 6:30pm

Oct. 10th to 16th During Navratri CHANDI PATH & Puja 9:30am - 11:30 .Sponsorship $51.00 / day

$251.00 For all nine days.

Oct. 9th Mata Ki Chouki 4pm To 8 pm Sponsored By – Jindal Family . Chunari Sponsorship available.

Oct. 15th Ashtami (CHANDI) HAVAN /Homa 6:30pm Sponsorship $51.00

Oct. 17th Sunderkand Path 10:30am

Oct. 17th Saraswati Puja (Akharabhayas /Vidyarambha) 3:30pm Sponsorship $51.00

Oct. 17th Vijaya Dhashmi Puja & Havan 5:30pm Sponsorship $51.00

Oct. 22nd Sharad Purnima Sri Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm Sponsorship $51.00

Oct. 23rd Venkateshwar Kalayanam 10am Sponsorship $51.00

Oct. 24th Ganesh Puja & Athrvasheersha Path 11am

Oct. 26th Karva Chouth Puja 4pm

Oct. 31st Bijoy Celebration 10am to 1pm Sponsored By -Agrani Bangali Community of Tristate.

HSGC to Partner with AIW / YWCA To Address DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Immigrant Women against Domestic Violence

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON 11th Sept AT MELA FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BOOTH

Geeta Mehan 513-754-0400 Homa Yavar 305-7756

There will be a Stall set up for this purpose at the Mela to be held at the Temple

September 11, 2010 from 12noon to 8 pm

We need volunteers to be attendants / hosts at the stall and pass out information.

We will have AIW (Alliance for Immigrant Women), YWCA and Asian Community Alliance representation on this day. All enquiries will be treated with utmost anonymity , respect and compassion...you can ask a friend or confidante to approach us if you wish

If your family is in trouble, please seek support and help….there is hope !!!

There is a presentation by HSGC to AIW and YWCA

The location is Health Foundation at Rook wood commons

On September 2, 2010 at 3:00 pm

This is open to the all members of the Community. HSGC will be talking about how it serves the Community and its other activities.

Do you have a car you want to donate?

If you have a car or truck could be donated to temple, **it will help our priest Acharya *Chakreshwar Sharma* providing volunteer services to area Hospitals and Hospices as Hindu Chaplain**. Many Hindu Chaplains serve today in many US cities in hospitals, hospices, prisons, police and fire departments. At moments of life-changing crisis, their responsibilities extend to family, friends, caregivers, rescue personnel and even bystanders. HSGC is in initial phase of establishing this free service for Hindu families in tri-sate. We are looking for a car donor who can donate a car to support this program.

Please contact Shiv Sharma for car donation, at (513) 459-9520. If you are working in area hospitals, please volunteer to establish procedures with your organization. Please contact Krutarth Jain at (513) 884-1259.

Bhutanese/ Nepalese Families Need Help

We continue to need volunteers willing to visit or sponsor a family. The new refugees arriving have disabilities and aren't as advanced as the first arrivals. In order to get them employed and able to support themselves they need a tremendous amount of time, one on one guidance and encouragement. If you would like to host a fam-ily or visit one on a regular basis, please contact Amsu (513-652-3946) or Sheryl Rajbhandari (513-225-0661) or Renu Gupta (513-860-1161) or Savitra Saptkta (513-922-4144 or cell 513-557-9275) .and we will provide you the information. Remember the key to success for them is the encouragement they get in the first six months after arrival. Our initial arrivals, who received this support, are buying houses, attending colleges and working and volunteering within their communities. We'd like to continue this success.

Many families are coming to Cincinnati next months. We need every ones help. Please stay in touch with your contact families, meet them and give them your support. Cincinnati will get total 2000 people in next 3-4 years.

We need help with teaching English, driving, mentoring, taking to Temple, helping with Homework etc.

Donations are also needed.....

Food supplies such as dals, rice, sugar, oil, masalas, tea bags etc. , Winter clothing, Household stuff and furniture.

Thanks, lets meet at Hindu Awareness Day on Sept 25 at Hindu Mandir and Dashara festival with our Nepali brothers & sisters. Thanks again!

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the Month of September

Happy Anniversary *

Rajeev & Shelley Chopra , Dipankar & Madhumita Das , Ram & Murti Jindal
Pisharath & Veena Krishnan, Naresh & Latha Subramanian, Subodh & Meena Wadhwa

Happy Birthday**

Vidhya Balasubramaniam, Neil Batra, V. Rao Bhamidipati ,Milan Bhandari, Mohini Bhardwaj ,Poonam Bhardwaj,Som Bhatara,Jagdish Bhati, Simran Bhola,Sharad Buddhdev, Ramesh Candadai, Ashish Chaterjee, Ragini Chaterjee,Sneha Chavda, Helma Cholera, Sarita Dasari, Archish Desai, Mona Desai, Rashmi Gupta, Vaishali Gupta, Lalitha Hariharan,Param Hariharan, Krutarth Jain, Disha Kalyan, Ansh Khare, Keshav Kode, Rohit Kohli,Tushar Manek, Vishakha Manek, Bahar Mittal, Alok Narayana,Rajan Odayar, Sahir Patel,Nivedita Ramji, Srinivas Reddy , Archit Sahay, Srinivas Sahu, Nitin Sekar, Aditi Sharma, Anurag Sharma, Kailash Sharma,Bipin Sheth, Indu Shrivastava,Rakhi Shrivastava,Vikas Shrivastava,Bipin Shroff, Supriya Srinivas,Narayan Srivastava, Anjali Sudhi,Srinivasan Venkataramani,Sadhana Verma,Shubhana Verma, Gayathtri Vijayasarathy,Halekoti Viswamitra, Kusumlata Wadekar,Gauri Wadhwa, Seema Navalkar,Preeti Parikh, Mahesh Patel, Shibal Mukerjee

*(Celebrated on the first Sunday of each month in the temple.)

**(Celebrated on the second Sunday of each month in the temple.)

If you would like to include your name in the above lists, please call Raj or Shakuntala at 513-733-1537.

APPEAL REGARDING ROAD REPAIR

Dear Devotees,

As you are already aware, due to the severe weather we had this past winter, both sides of the Temple road conditions have deteriorated & need immediate repair and attention. This project requires patching up the holes and thick blacktop from the main gate all the way to the back of the Temple where the dumpster is on both sides of the road. We want to start this repair project as soon as possible. As you know it will require around $50,000. We want all members and devotees to share the cost. Please donate generously for this project as it is for the safety of all of us. The sooner we start the process, the cheaper the overall repair cost will be. Any checks from $100.00 to $500.00 for this project will be greatly appreciated. Please be sure to mention on the check that it is for the road project. Also, we welcome any help or advice on this issue. For any further details or questions, please contact the undersigned.

Raneshwar K. Gupta

Ganesh Chaturthi

Ganesh Chaturthi is one of the most popular of Hindu festivals. This is the birthday of Lord Ganesha, the Elephant Headed God . It falls on the 4th day of the bright fortnight of Bhadrapada (August-September). It is observed throughout India, as well as by devoted Hindus in all parts of the world. Clay figures of the Deity are made and after being worshipped are

He is the Lord of power and wisdom. He is the eldest son of Lord Shiva and the elder brother of Skanda or Kartikeya. He is the energy of Lord Shiva and so He is called the son of Shankar and Umadevi. By worshipping Lord Ganesha mothers hope to earn for their sons the sterling virtues of Ganesha. The story of his birth and how He came to have the head of an elephant:

Once upon a time, the Goddess Gauri (consort of Lord Shiva), while bathing, created Ganesha as a pure white being out of the mud of Her Body and placed Him at the entrance of the house. She told Him not to allow anyone to enter while she went inside for a bath. Lord Shiva Himself was returning home quite thirsty and was stopped by Ganesha at the gate. Shiva became angry and cut off Ganesha's head as He thought Ganesha was an outsider. When Gauri came to know of this she was sorely grieved. To console her grief, Shiva ordered His servants to cut off and bring to Him the head of any creature that might be sleeping with its head facing north. The servants went on their mission and found only an elephant in that position. The sacrifice was thus made and the elephant's head was brought before Shiva. The Lord then joined the elephant's head onto the body of Ganesha.

Lord Shiva made His son worthy of worship at the beginning of all undertakings, marriages, expeditions, studies, etc. He ordained that the annual worship of Ganesha should take place on the 4th day of the bright half of Bhadrapada.

The following are some of the common Names of Lord Ganesha: Dhoomraketu, Sumukha, Ekadantha, Gajakarnaka, Lambodara, Vignaraja, Ganadhyaksha, Phalachandra, Gajanana, Vinayaka, Vakratunda, Siddhivinayaka, Surpakarna, Heramba, Skandapurvaja, Kapila and Vigneshwara. He is also known by many as Maha-Ganapathi.

Devotees do Japa of Ganesha Gayatri Mantra : *Tat purushaaya vidmahe ; Vakratundaaya dheemahi ; Tanno dhanti prachodayaat.*

Lord Ganesha is an embodiment of wisdom and bliss. He is the Lord of Brahmacharins. He is foremost amongst the celibates.

He has as his vehicle a small mouse. He is the presiding Deity of the Muladhara Chakra, the psychic centre in the body in which the Kundalini Shakti resides.

He is the Lord who removes all obstacles on the path of the spiritual aspirant, and bestows upon him worldly as well as spiritual success. Hence He is called Vigna Vinayaka. His Bija Akshara (root syllable) is *Gung,* pronounced to rhyme with the English word "sung". He is the Lord of harmony and peace.

Lord Ganesha represents Om or the Pranava, which is the chief Mantra among the Hindus. Nothing can be done without uttering it. This explains the practice of invoking Ganesha before beginning any rite or undertaking any project. His two feet represent the power of knowledge and the power of action. The elephant head is significant in that it is the only figure in nature that has the form of the symbol for Om.

The significance of riding on a mouse is the complete conquest over egoism. The holding of the *ankusha* represents His rulership of the world. It is the emblem of divine Royalty.

Ganesha is the first God. Riding on a mouse, one of nature's smallest creatures and having the head of an elephant, the biggest of all animals, denotes that Ganesha is the creator of all creatures. Elephants are very wise animals; this indicates that Lord Ganesha is an embodiment of wisdom. It also denotes the process of evolution--the mouse gradually evolves into an elephant and finally becomes a man. This is why Ganesha has a human body, an elephant's head and a mouse as His vehicle. This is the symbolic philosophy of His form.

He is the Lord of Ganas or groups, for instance groups of elements, groups of senses, etc. He is the head of the followers of Shiva or the celestial servants of Lord Shiva. Lord Ganesha's two powers are the Kundalini and the Vallabha or power of love.

He is very fond of modak or balls of rice flour with a sweet core. On one of His birthdays , having eaten a good number of modaks, He set out moving on His mouse at night. Suddenly the mouse stumbled--it had seen a snake and became frightened--with the result that Ganesha fell down. His stomach burst open and all the sweet puddings came out. But Ganesha stuffed them back into His stomach and, catching hold of the snake, tied it around His belly.

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GANESHA CHATURTHI

Seeing all this, the moon in the sky had a hearty laugh. This unseemly behaviour of the moon annoyed Him immensely and so he pulled out one of His tusks and hurled it against the moon, and cursed that no one should look at the moon on the Ganesh Chaturthi day. If anyone does, he will surely earn a bad name, censure or ill-repute. However, if by mistake someone does happen to look at the moon on this day, then the only way he can be freed from the curse is by repeating or listening to the story of how Lord Krishna cleared His character regarding the Syamantaka jewel. This story is quoted in the *Srimad Bhagavatam.* This really means avoid the company of all those who have no faith in God,.

Ganesha and His brother Lord Subramanya once had a dispute as to who was the elder of the two. The matter was referred to Lord Shiva for final decision. Shiva decided that whoever would make a tour of the whole world and come back first to the starting point had the right to be the elder. Subramanya flew off at once on his vehicle, the peacock, to make a circuit of the world. But the wise Ganesha went, in loving worshipfulness, around His divine parents and asked for the prize of His victory. Saying " My parents represent the entire manifested universe!" Thus the dispute was settled in favour of Lord Ganesha, who was thereafter acknowledged as the elder of the two brothers.

Ganesh Chaturthi day, meditate on Lord Ganesha early in the morning, during the Brahmamuhurta period. Then, after taking a bath, go to the temple and do the prayers of Lord Ganesha. Offer Him some coconut and sweet pudding. Pray with faith and devotion that He may remove all the obstacles that you experience on the spiritual path. Take fresh spiritual resolves and pray to Lord Ganesha for inner spiritual strength to attain success in all your undertakings.

Shree Ganesh Chaturthi

Celebration September 19th Sunday 2010

10:00 am to 1pm

10:00 am Procession 11:00 am Ganesh Puja /Atharvashirsh Path

12:00 Bhajans 1:00 Aarti /Prasad /Lunch; Sponsorship Puja $101, $31, Archana $21

Event sponsored by – TRIVENI MITRA MANDAL Cincinnati)

For details Please call Temple 528-3714, Kiran Dayal 474- 4051 . Jyoti Divekar 204-8037. Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-538

HELP WANTED

Shree and Kirsten Kulkarni in S.Lebanon, Ohio, are seeking the help of a part-time babysitter (averaging 30 hours a week) to help care for their 12 month old daughter and ne born son. Position to start in early Sept 2010.Flexible hours (some days, evenings and weekends). Preferably the sitter speaks English and Hindi, enjoy cooking Indian dishes, able to care for 2 children independently, & help with light housework (i.e. dishes and laundry for kids. Infant CPR skills preferred and references will be requested. Sitter will be expected to have reliable transportation. If interested please call Kirsten at 513-807-2095 or email at kmpatton1979@yahoo.com.

HINDUISM AND TOLERANCE

S. S. Rama Rao Pappu . Professor of Philosophy & Comparative Religion, Miami University, Oxford, OH.

"I am proud to belong to a religion which has taught the world both tolerance and universal acceptance. We believe not only in universal tolerance, but we accept all religions as true. As different streams having different sources all mingle their waters in the sea, so different paths which men take through different tendencies various though they appear; crooked or straight, all lead to God." -- Swami Vivekananda

"(The Hindus) by their extreme tolerance of other belies and other ways than their own…avoided the conflicts that have so often torn society asunder, and managed to maintain, as a rule, some kind of equilibrium" -- J. Nehru

Historians of Religions attest to the fact that Hinduism's "capacity for toleration contributed to the characteristic resiliency and helped to assure its survival" (A.L. Basham). Among the world's religions, it the only religion which does not make the claim that it alone is the true religion, and the Hindu attitude to other religions Is "one of positive fellowship, not negative tolerance." (S. Radhakrishnan). Hinduism's positive fellowship with other religions is attested by the fact that as early as the 1st century A.D. two races of Jews, White and Black, who fled the persecution of the Romans came to Southwest India where the Hindu princes gave them charters assuring them of freedom of worship. In 52 A.D. when the Apostle Thomas came to India, the King of Cranganore conferred on him and his convert Christians full freedom of worship and all the privileges of the Brahmins. It is also interesting to note that the first Christian Church in Trivancore was built by generous grants from the Hindu King. In the eighth century likewise, the Zoroastrians (popularly known as "Parsis") who fled to India to escape the Persian persecution took refuge in India, and through the generous gifts of a Hindu prince built their first Fire Temple . Hindu attitudes to Islam was equally one of tolerance, and the Hindus have permitted the Muslims to build mosques and to practice their faith. Abdul Razak, an Ambassador from Persia and a Historian, about the middle of the fifteenth century wrote: "the people of Calicut are infidels; consequently I consider myself in an enemy's country, as the Muhammadans consider every one who has not received the Quran. Yet I admit that I meet with perfect toleration, and even favour; we have two mosques and are allowed to pray in public."

Hinduism is not only tolerant towards other religions, but is also tolerant internally within Hinduism. Hindu history does not record any Inquisitions within, and no "heretics" were sent to the torturer's rack in India. In fact, Hinduism does not have a term for "infidel". As Dr. Radhakrishnan says, "Heresy hunting, the favourite game of many religions, is singularly absent in Hinduism" For example, the very existence of divergent Hindu philosophical systems (darsanas) ranging from the "heretical" school of Carvakas to the Absolutism of Advaita Vedantins including the "athetisic" schools of Mimamsa and Samkhya is evidence for maximal tolerance within Hinduism. After "defeating" several religious sects within Hinduism, Sankaracharya, the greatest Hindu philosopher of 8th century, has re-established six of them, hence he is known as "sanmathasthapanacarya Appayya Dikshita, a famous Vedantic philosopher in the 16th century says: "I do not find any difference in essence between Siva and Vishnu. Yet my devotion is given to Siva".

The reason tolerance is exhibited maximally in Hinduism because **Hinduism is an "experiential religion**", not a "belief religion." In belief religions what one believes is the most important. Atheists and agnostics are persecuted by the belief religions because they do not hold the correct beliefs as dictated by the religious authorities. In an experiential religion like Hinduism, it is more important is what one becomes and experiences….what one believes is less important.

Hinduism as an experiential religion recognizes that each individual's experience of Truth is different. Because individuals experience Truth differently does not mean, Truth itself is relative. Rg. Veda, therefore, says "**Truth is One,** the Wise call it by many Names" (*ekam sat viprah Bahudha vadanti).*

Second, the highest conception of God as conceived in Hinduism is "**BRAHMAN" or "The Absolute**." In several Upanishads, the **indescribability and incomprehensibility** of Brahman is narrated. Brahman, it is said, can only be described as "what it is not, "not this, "not this" (*neti-vada*). If such is the conception of Absolute God, disputes concerning who has the right conception of God are untenable. Tolerance of other points of view therefore becomes a necessary feature.

Third, Hinduism also breathes an air of tolerance in matters of worship in its encounters with other religions. In the Bhagavad Gita, Sri Krishna says: "Even those who are devoted to other deities and worship them, filled with faith, they too really worship Me….For I am both the recipient and the lord of all worship."

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HINDU SOCIETY OF GREATER CINCINNATI & WORLD HINDU COUNCIL OF USA, CINCINNATI CHAPTER

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JANAMASHTMI

A Celebration Of the Birth Of Lord Krishna, the 7th Avatar of Lord Vishnu

Janamashtmi, or the birth anniversary of Lord Krishna -- the seventh avatar of Lord Vishnu . It falls on the eighth day of the waning moon in the month of Shravan in August/ September. Lord Krishna is believed to have been born at midnight on this day. The day is marked by fasting, feasting, ras lila and singing hymns .

Lord Krishna is one of the most loved and adored Gods of Hindu religion. His Childhood / Bal Leela depicts various episodes between the period of his birth till the age of ten. Lord Krishna right from the time of his birth displayed the signs of his divine being.

As the legend goes, Lord Krishna was born on a stormy night in Mathura in a prison cell. In order to save infant Krishna from his cruel uncle, the parents exchange their kid with the daughter of Yashooda and Nanda, the cowherd lord.

In most homes and temples the idol of infant Krishna is bathed at midnight and is placed in a cradle. This spectacle is called Jhanki. The cradle is rocked in an attempt to relive the time Lord Krishna was born ammidst chanting of prayers, hymns and blowing of conch shells. Krishna's childhood are recreated especially the scenes of stealing butter and curds from earthenware pots by Krishna. Pots or matkas are suspended high above the ground and young men and children form human pyramids to try and reach these pots and eventually break them. Killing Kamsa, then Putna, taming the serpent Kalia, holding up Mountain Goverdhan to the battle of Mahabharata are all fascinating. But the greatest gift to humanity is the Bhagwat Gita or The Divine Song delivered by Lord Krishna to Arjuna before the start of the battle between the Pandavas and Kauravas .

GEETA SAAR

- .Why do you worry or fear without cause? Who can kill you? The soul is neither born, nor does it die.
- • Whatever happened, happened for the good; whatever is happening, is happening for the good; whatever will happen, will also happen for the good .
- • You need not have any regrets for the past. You need not worry for the future. The present is happening...
- • What did you lose that you cry about? What did you bring with you, which you think you have lost? Whatever you have, you received from here from God. You came empty handed, you will leave empty handed. What is yours today, belonged to someone else yesterday, and will belong to someone else tomorrrow. You are mistakenly enjoying the thought that this is yours. This false happiness is the cause of your sorrows.
- • Change is the law of the universe.
- • What you think of as death, is indeed life. In one moment you can be a millionaire, and in the other you can be steeped in poverty. Yours and mine, big and small - erase these ideas from your mind. Then everything is yours and you belong to everyone.
- • This body is not yours, neither are you of the body. The body is made of fire, water, air, earth and ether, and will disappear into these elements. But the soul is permanent - so who are you?
- • Dedicate your being to God. Trust God and you will be free from fear, worry and sorrow.
- • Dedicate all actions to God without attachment to the results. This will bring you the tremendous experience of bliss and life-freedom(Jeevan Mukti) forever.

Shri Krishna Janamashtami Celebration

(Birthday of lord Krishna)

September 1st Wednesday 2010
6.30PM to 12AM

6:30pm Shri Krishna Puja & Abhishek*

7:15 pm Archana **

7:30pm Procession

8:30 pm Aarti & Prasad /Dinner

9:30 pm Bhajans /Keertan / Pravachan (Shree Krishna Leela)

11:45 ***Shri Krishna Janmotasav Puja / Aarti & Prasad

Sponsorship For Puja * $101.00, Archana** $21.00 , ***Janmotsava Puja $251.00,

For Details please call Amita Gupta 513-336-8782,Kiran Dayal 474-4051, Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382.Temple 513-528-3714.

SHRADDHA

ANCESTOR WORSHIP through *Shraddh* is ancient. The belief in rebirth based on deeds and transmigration, though later, yet have recognized the importance of Shraddh, as existent in ancient times. Shraddh ceremony is highly auspicious. By this one remembers his ancestors, who were so dear to him.

It may be difficult to set individual dates for each person to be so honoured. Hence on Amavas, the last day of the Shraadhs, or on the Tith of the most revered member of the family, the ceremony can be done at one time for all departed souls. Even if one has forgotten to do it on the actual Tith, or one does not remember the Tith, then again on Amavas, the ceremony can be performed.

This year Shraddha begin on 23rd September and end on 7th October.

If , however, there is no way of conducting the ceremony, then one can send to the *mandir,* or to any pandit, what is called *seedha,* i.e., un-cooked food like potatoes, green vegetables, white radish, curd, lemon, ginger, wheat *atta* along with oil, *mithai* and money. This can be done for every one individually on their Tith. In case one desires to do it all at once, then, again, on Amavas the *seedha* can be given.

Finally, one should remember that in societies all over the world, there are always ways and means and occasions to honour the dead in some manner or the other. Do not make this a sad occasion, but a soul-cleansing one and a day of remembrance for the whole family. Sisters and brothers are invited along with their families on such a day. However, no money is given to sisters.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Hindu Council - Cincinnati Chapter & Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati Present

Annual Hindu Seva Day

September 12, 2010 9:30am – 2:00pm

You are invited to contribute your time and services to support the **Annual Hindu Seva Day**.
We have planned various Seva activities (playground painting, gardening, clean-up, etc.) during this day, for our "Devdham of America" Mandir.

Please join us in this wonderful community service to keep your Mandir beautiful.
Tea and light refreshments will be served in the morning. We will provide the necessary tools for all volunteers. Participating students will receive a community service certificate from the HSGC. Minors must be accompanied by parents at all times.
Please contact Pradeep Gupta (708-9449) or Shiv Sharma (459-9520) for additional information.

2010 Diwali and New Year program

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati and Ankur Gujarati Samaj

invite you for a fun filled evening of Dinner and Cultural programs to celebrate Diwali and New Year at Mason High School on Saturday November 6, 2010.

Mark your calendar, more details to follow in next Aradhana.

For more information on event and cultural program participation,
Please call Kamini Jain at 513-769-7964.

2010 Navratri Program

Navaratri program on weekends will be held at Cincinnati Mills Mall (Off 275) on **Oct. 8 & Oct. 9** and also on **Oct 15 & 16** from 8pm until midnight.

All other days during Navaratri (Oct 10,11,12,13,14,17)

Mark your calendar, more details to follow in next Aradhana.

For more Information on event and sponsorships contact

Jitu Bhai Patel: 513-836-0606

Jyoti Desai: 513-885-1318

Nand Mahotsav

On
Sep. 12th , Sunday

10am to 1:30pm

Program

Palna Darshan
Badhai to Nand– Yashoda by Vraj Vasi
Shivaji comes for Bal Krishna Darsan
Children Program
Dahi-Handi by Children
Bhajan and Kirtans
Thal, Arati and Mahaprasad

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Shivabhishek

Last Monday of Shravan Month

Sep 6th 5 pm to 7:30pm

5:00 -5:45 Shivbhishek /Rudrabhishek *

5;45- 6:00 Sringar

6:00 - 7:00 108 Maha Mritunjaya jap & **Bilva Patra Archana . Bhajans

7:00- 7:30 Shiv Mahimnah path Followed by Aarti & Prasad

Sponsorship –*Abhishek $101.00, **Bilva Patra Archana -$11.00

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday November 13, 2010

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati will be celebrating

2nd Patron's and Life Members Day

On patron and Life Members Day HSGC recognizes and honors Patrons and Life Members for their services and contribution. We request them all to save this day and mark their calendar. Details will follow soon.

23rd GANDHI FOOD DRIVE, 2010

September 1—October 31

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Satyanarayana Puja on Gurupurnima

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HINDUISM AND TOLERANCE

Fourth, the so-called polytheistic gods in Hinduism have helped Hinduism to breathe an air tolerance. These days when religious conversion is taking place in India on a large scale, I asked several villagers why they are going to the village church and they told me that going to the church and praying to Jesus or Mary is like going to their village goddess and praying there and they do not see much difference.

(If the village pastor comes to know this, he will be dismayed and puzzles, for the pastors told by their higher-ups to preach the illiterate villagers that the Church they go to is the truth church and everything else they must discard) . The villagers did not feel the conflict in worshipping both in their village goddess temple and in the church.Dr. Radhakrishnan said somewhere: "If the fair name of Greece is not stained by any religious wars, it was due to its polytheism. The Greeks do not insist that if we call Zeus by some other name, we will suffer eternal perdition."

Fifth, problems of intolerance arise with organized religions. Hinduism being a non-organized religion, there being no Hindu Popes or Hindu Ayatollahas dictating how believers ought to conduct themselves, the attitude of the Hindus among themselves and towards others is one of "live and let live."

Last but not least, in discussions on tolerance the question is raised whether the attitude of tolerance should extend even to those who are intolerant? Space limitations prevent me from discussing this problem in detail. The answer to this problem is briefly this: LOGICALLY, an attitude of tolerance implies tolerance even of those who are intolerant, but practically speaking tolerating the intolerant is foolish martyrdom which is not a virtue. It is like Communists contesting elections in a democracy with the platform that if the communists are ELECTED, there will be no more elections, and no more democracy!

HSGC – Executive Council
Meeting Minutes– July 11, 2010

Present: Ambikaipakan Balasubramaniam (Vice President), Deepak Dixit (Secretary), Kiran Dayal (Pooja Committee Co-chair), Laxmi Srivastava (Temple Manager), Geeta Mehan (Editor – Aradhana), Raneshwar Gupta (Fundraising Committee Chair), Sulbha Midha (Cultural Committee Chair)

Additional Attendees: Jitubhai Patel (Fundraising Committee Member), Tushar Manek (Swami Chidananda Visit Coordinator)

Absent: Krutarth Jain (President), Prasad Megada (Treasurer), Amita Gupta (Pooja Committee Chair), Anisha Singh (Religious Education Committee Chair), Shiv Sharma (Maintenance Committee Chair)

Minutes:

Update on temple kitchen project

a.Jitubhai reported that the preparations for the fundraising concert are going on. There will be a concerted effort to contact the community for this purpose. All EC members have been requested to attend the session to run the phone bank at the Atrium Hotel to drive fundraising on July 14th and 15th.

b.Jitubhai reported that the kitchen is ready and all necessary permits have been obtained. Jitubhai will bring the rules for use of the facility in next EC meeting.

Patron's Day Celebration

Laxmi Ji will coordinate with Meena Mehta to determine the date for this event, preferably in November.

Saree Sale Policy

a.The executive committee has decided that the sarees that are donated to the temple by the devotees will be made available for sale only after the Pooja committee has determined which sarees should be made available for sale and priced appropriately.

b.The temple will issue a receipt for the amount of the assessed value of the sarees to the buyers.

c.If the devotees with to gift additional funds to the temple, the receipt for such funds will be issues separately for tax deduction purposes.

d.A form will be prepared to track the saree and jewelry inventory and track the taxable versus non-taxable receipts.

Swami Chidananda Saraswati Visit

a.Swami Ji will visit the temple on July 25th.

b.The EC will invite Dr. Pappu to introduce Swami Ji.

Update on the dance competition

a.There are around 100-125 participants expected to take part in the event.

b.Around 700-800 people are expected to attend the event.

c.About $1,500 have already been raised from sponsors.

d.Teams from Dayton and Columbus are also expected to participate.

Update on Yagya Shala

a.The Yagya Shala design and specifications may need some modifications based on community and religious requirements/needs.

b.A report has been given to the sponsors of the revised plan and costs to the sponsors of the Yagya Shala to determine the funding that can be obtained from them.

c.The temple will supplement the shortfall between the actual cost and sponsor funds.

Update on the Barg Salt Road entrance

An engineering company, Roberts Engineering, has conducted the study and is representing the temple with the zoning authorities.

Kroger cards

It has been reported that some of the cards sold by the temple cannot be recharged. Raneshwar Gupta will investigate the issue with Kroger.

Approval of EC meeting minutes

It has been decided that the meeting minutes will be distributed to the EC members in advance by the secretary so that the minutes can be discussed and approved in the following EC meeting. Upon approval by the EC, the minutes can be published in Aradhana.

Other

A new musical keyboard at the temple is needed. The EC will determine the costs and take a decision correspondingly.

Notice of the General Body Meeting (GBM)

The executive committee of the Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati will hold a general body meeting on Sunday, October 3rd, 2010 at 2:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the temple right after Sunday lunch. The agenda for this meeting will be as follows:

1. Opening remarks by the President
2. Report by the Secretary
3. Report by the Treasurer (General Account and Special Project Accounts)
4. Report by Chairs of all subcommittees (Pooja, Cultural, Religious Education, Fundraising, Maintenance, Special Projects, Long-range Planning, Aradhana Editor and Report by the Temple Manager)
5. Question/Answer Session

All HSGC members are encouraged to attend the GBM to review the work of the executive committee and provide constructive comments and support. The last meeting was very poorly attended. The executive committee believes that the temple belongs to the larger Hindu community in Cincinnati. The temple will prosper and thrive only with active participation by the community. Please join us for this meeting. Your participation is vital!

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Each potato will be given a name of a person that the child hates, So the number of potatoes that a child will put in his/her plastic bag will depend on the number of people he/she hates.

So when the day came, every child brought some potatoes with the name of the people he/she hated. Some had 2 potatoes; some 3 while some up to 5 potatoes. The teacher then told the children to carry with them the potatoes in the plastic bag wherever they go (even to the toilet) for 1 week.

Days after days passed by, and the children started to complain due to the unpleasant smell let out by the rotten potatoes. Besides, those having 5 potatoes also had to carry heavier bags. After 1 week, the children were relieved because the game had finally ended....

The teacher asked: "How did you feel while carrying the potatoes with you for 1 week?". The children let out their frustrations and started complaining of the trouble that they had to go through having to carry the heavy and smelly potatoes wherever they go.

Then the teacher told them the hidden meaning behind the game. The teacher said: "This is exactly the situation when you carry your hatred for somebody inside your heart. The stench of hatred will contaminate your heart and you will carry it with you wherever you go. If you cannot tolerate the smell of rotten potatoes for just 1 week, can you imagine what is it like to have the stench of hatred in your heart for your lifetime???"

Moral of the story: Throw away any hatred for anyone from your heart so that you will not carry sins for a lifetime. Forgiving others is the best attitude to take!

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Hope you enjoyed the story.....Geeta Mehan

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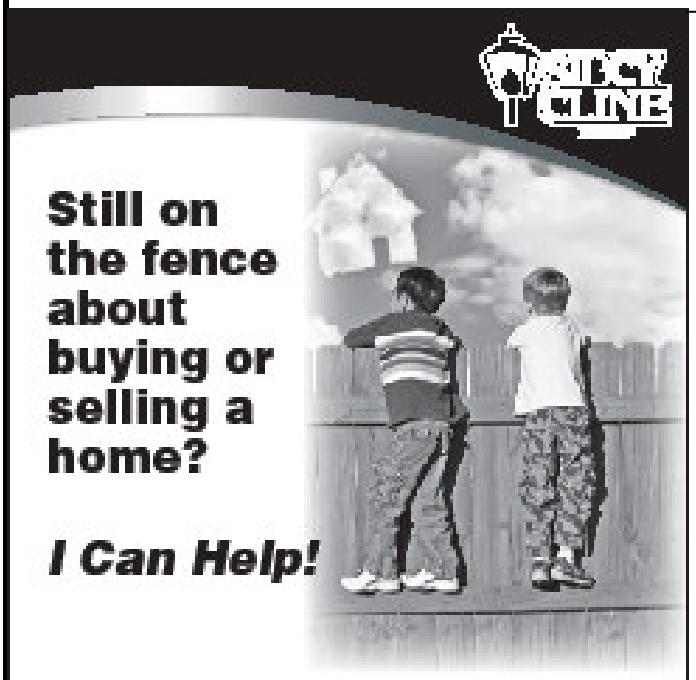

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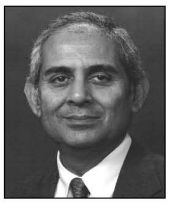

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