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**MAHA SHIVRATRI
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MAHA SHIVA-RATRI PUJA
March 2nd Wednesday 2011 (All Night Puja 6pm to 4am)

MAHA SHIVA-RATRI PUJA
MARCH 2, 2011
6pm - 4am



First Puja

6 pm to 7 pm Shivabhishek

6 :30 to 7:30 Puja Thali offering (Archana)** Path

7: 30 to 8:00 Shiv Mahimnah Path, Bhajans

8: 00 pm Aarti Followed by Prasad (Dinner)

Second Puja

9:30 pm to 10:30 pm Shivabhishek

10:30 pm to 1130 pm Shiva Shashranam

Shiva Mahima Path and Bhajans

11:30 pm Arti and Prasad

Event is sponsored by Mrs. Vanja Bhaskaran & Family

Third Puja

12:30am to 1:30 am Shivabhishek *

1:30am to 2:00 am Shiv Mahimnah PathArti & Prasad
Prasad

Fourth Puja

2:30 am to 3:30 am Shvabhishek

3:30 am to 4 am Shiva Mahimah Path, Arti and

We Need sponsors. Sponsorship:* Shivabhishek.: \$101.00. ,All Night 4 times Puja: \$251.00 Puja Thali: \$21.00 with Ganga jal & Milk**

Please sponsor one of the Abhishek for lord Shiva on this auspicious day

We also request devotees to bring only very small amount of milk for offering, due to large collection of milk,

which we cannot offer on same night. Please donate money or dry nuts instead of milk .

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Mohan Chopra at 859-331-2416 or Nandkumar Khemchandani : asiindian@aol.com/ 513-779-1043

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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/Brahmopadeshm/ 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

USE OF KITCHEN \$ 51

Use of Paper Supplies (PS) \$ 101

Use of Kitchen and PS \$125

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

Kiran Dayal 474-4051 or Raneshwar Gupta 232-3331

Pooja Committee Announcement:

To schedule a Pooja or to rent a temple hall (lower level) please contact Kiran Dayal 513-474-4051

If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities contact Kiran Dayal 513-474-4051, 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 March 5

Sponsors needed for Pooja \$51.00

For Details call

Kiran Dayal at 474-4051; Temple priests: 528-3714



Monthly Murugan Abhishekham / Pooja

Every second Sat of the Month

March 12 Sat 4pm Sponsor Murugan Group.

Monthly ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA

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 Kiran Dayal 474-4051



Monthly Satya Narayan Pooja

On Every Purnima of the Month

6:30 pm

Sponsorship \$ 51.00

To sponsor pooja call Kiran Dayal 474-4051

Temple priests: 528-3714



Weekly Shiv Mahiman Stotram

Every Monday at 6:30 pm



Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p m To sponsor call Kiran Dayal 474-4051 or Temple Priests 528-3714

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

Kiran Dayal : 474-4051

Temple Priests: 528-3714

Weekly Vishnu Sahasranaam Parayana

Vishnu Sahasranaama Parayana (chanting) will now take place

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm . Please join us for the chanting.

Please contact Ganesh Sundaresan 513-752-4025

Weekly Venkateswar Pooja

Every Friday at 6:30pm

To sponsor pooja please call Kiran Dayal 474-4051;

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 & enjoy all the festivities. 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.

You should 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

March 2011

March 2nd Wed. Maha Shiva Ratri Puja all night 6pm to 4am

Sponsorship \$251, \$101,\$21

March 5th Sat. Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship -\$51.00

March 5th Sat. Mata Ki Chouki 4pm to 8pm Sponsored By-Schachi and Anirudh Singh Sunita & Rakesh Singh, Usha & Om Pal Singh, Jaya& Sudhir Tewari, Kavita & Surendra Sharma, Preeti & Rajesh Kapoor, Vibha & Rajesh Kumar, Niharika & Manoj Singh

March 12th Sat. 1008 Gayatri Japa everyone welcome

March 12th Sat. Muragan Abhishekam 4pm Sponsorship \$101.00

March 13th Sun. Halashtak Begins

March 18th Fri Pangkuni Uththiram

March 19th Sat. Holika Dahan 7:30pm (Correction from Temple calendar 18th to 19th)

March 19th Sat. Purnima Satya narayan puja 5:30pm Sponsorship \$51.00

March 26th Sat. Holi Celebration Cultural Program 3pm

March 26th Sat. Venkateshwar Abhishekam 10am Sponsorship \$51.00

March 27th Sun. Ganesh Puja & Athrvashirsha Path 11am

April 2011

April 2nd Sat. 1008 Gayatri Japa 9:30am

April 2nd Sat. Navgarah puja 3pm

April 3rd Sun. Ganesh Puja 7 Athrvasheersha path 11am

April 3rd Sun General Body Meeting 2:00 pm

April 4th Mon. Chaitra Navratri Kalash Sthapana 6pm

April 9th Sat. Akhand Ramayan Path Starts 11am

April 10th Sun. Akhand Ramayan Path ;Sponsored By Rameshwar & Kiran Dayal & Family April 12th Tues Shri Ram Navami 11:30am & 6pm

April 14th Thurs . Vashakhi/ Tamil New year (Actual Day)

April 16th Sat. Mahaveer Jayanti (Actual day)

April 17th Sun. Tamil New Year Celebration (Murgan Abhishekam) 10am - 1pm Sponsored By Muragan Devotees , Abhishekam Sponshorship \$101.00, Archana \$21.00

April 17th Sun. Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 5:30pm Sponsorship \$51.00

April 17th Sun. Hanuman Jayanti Celebration 3pm Sponsors Needed

April 23rd Sat. Venkateshwar Kalyanam 10am Sponsorship \$51.00

April 24th Sun. Sitaram Kalyanam 10am

April 24th Thus. Vallabhacharya Jayanti (Actul Day)

LOHRI CELEBRATION AND BHAJAN SANDHYA

Khush Karamchandani

In the month of January, the Hindu temple had two events that were organized for the first time:

(1) Lohri Celebration on January 14 and

(2) Bhajan Sandhya (An evening of Bhajan and Devotion) on January 22.

On a very cold evening, a bonfire was lit behind the temple, and devotees gathered around the fire. **Lohri** is celebrated throughout the country in different forms, as a harvest festival. It is called Pongal in the South, Bhugali Bihu in Assam, Bhogi in Andhra Pradesh and Sankranti in the central part of the country. With traditional music in the background, devotees prayed to Agni and Prasad was distributed. Thanks to Mrs. Rani Dhamija for taking the lead role in organizing this celebration. As requested by the devotees, this will now become an annual event.

Bhajan Sandhya program was organized on January 22. We had a very good response from the community and more than 30 local tri-state singers sang melodious Bhajans to offer devotion on the auspicious occasion of Makara Sankranti. On behalf of the HSGC, thanks to Tandoor India Restaurant for being the sponsor. We had good support and participation from the Jain Center of Cincinnati, as well. This program was a huge success and we will now have a "Bhajan Sandhya" program a couple of times a year.

Both of these programs were possible and successful because of the initiative taken by Acharya Kailashji and the support of the Puja committee, Temple Executive Council and the volunteers.

Thanks to all of the devotees for your participation, financial support and seva.

Bhajan Sandhya



Bhajan Sandhya



LISTEN to INDIAN MUSIC PROGRAM on WAIF 88.3 FM



Every Saturday from 12 noon to 2pm & Every Sunday from 11 am to 2 pm

JOIN KROGER AND MEIJER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

The Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati is now, a partner with Kroger and Meijer in their Community Rewards Program to get the advantage of their good will of community support. They will donate from about 2% to 4% of the total amount we spend as a community to the HSGC.

HERE IS HOW YOU JOIN KROGER

We have prepaid Kroger cards. You simply, buy the card from us and use it every time, to shop in Kroger for your groceries and you automatically, donate some percent of your grocery bill to your Temple without any additional cost to you. The card you get can be directly, recharged in the store thus it will be a permanent card for you. Help your Temple to help yourself.

Join Meijer Two Ways

(1) If you do not have any type of Meijer card follow this:

With Meijer one has to fill out the Application Form on their Website.

Go to the website: www.Meijer.Com/Rewards

Join for Meijer community Rewards or Meijer Credit Card

Fill out the Application Form

Enter the **HSGC Code No. 964616** ; Complete the form

Meijer will send you a Special Card of Community Rewards Program.

(2) If you have any type of Meijer Card or Account follow this:

Go to the website and update your Membership

Follow further Instructions

Enter HSGC Code No. 964616 on Item 2, Option A; Submit.

Both these ways Meijer will directly reward the HSGC.

Please go ahead and enroll in this program and donate to your Temple without any cost to you at all.

Raneshwar Gupta at 513:232:3331 and Meena Mehta at 513:574:6763.

Don't forget to re-charge your

Kroger Cards that have been used up.

Continue to benefit your Temple at NO COST TO YOU

REGISTRATION FORM FOR COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

NAME : _____

SPOUSE NAME: _____

CHILDREN'S Names 1) _____
 2) _____
 3) _____
 4) _____

Address : _____

Phone No. : () - -

E-Mail (optional) _____

Signature: _____

Send this form only if you wish your name and above information to be published in Member Directory.

If you do not send the form duly signed, you will not be included in the Directory.
The Directory will be available to all.

Email form to cinti.communitydirectory@gmail.com

OR Mail form to

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6663 Heritage Club Dr.
Mason, OH 45040
513-754-0400

OR

Raneshwar Gupta
6338 Turpin Hill Dr
Cincinnati, OH 45244
513-232-3331

DEATH AND AFTERLIFE

Prof. S. S. Rama Rao Pappu (Professor of Philosophy and Comparative Religion, Miami University)

"Jatasya hi dhruvo mrityur, dhruvam janma mritasya cha" ("Death is certain for one who is born, and birth is also certain for one who is dead.) Bhagavad Gita.II.27

-- In Hinduism, death is not the end of life. It is an event in one's life. Just as marriage, parenthood, retirement etc. are events in one's life, death is also another, but more radically transformative, event in one's life. In the Bhagavad Gita, it is more aptly described as a "stage" of life. Sri Krishna says: "*dehinosmin yaha dehe, kaumaram yauvanam jara, tatha dehantarapraptir dhiras tatra na muhyati*" "Just as childhood, adulthood and old age happen to this body, so also the embodied person acquires another body, and the sage is not deluded by these events". And Sri Krishna continues: "*vasamsi jirnani yatha vihaya, navani grhnati naroparani, tatha sarirani vihaya jirnany, anyani samyati navani dehi*" "Just as we cast away worn out garments and wear new ones, so also after casting away worn out bodies, we encounter other new ones." Note here Sri Krishna does not say the new ones we encounter are the same or better clothes, He only says: "new". Sometimes they may be worse than the ones we are wearing!!!

What is the cause of rebirth? Why are we reborn? Though several anthropological religions and popular sentiment believe in some form of rebirth, what makes rebirth uniquely Hindu is that it is due to karma. It is impossible to exist in this world without performing karmas (actions). Actions are either good or bad. Good actions bring forth good consequences and bad actions bring bad results. A person who does evil, must suffer the evil consequences just as a person who does good actions must enjoy its results, either now or in a future life. We must be reborn to enjoy the results of good karmas, just as the person who does evil must also be reborn to suffer for his actions. In other words, we are condemned to rebirth whether we do good or bad actions. Only those who rise above good and evil will not be reborn. In the doctrine of nishkama karma (desireless action), the Gita suggests a way to go beyond good and evil.

How are we reborn? What is the process of rebirth? The two important constituents of a human person are (a) Atman (Transcendental Self) and (b) Jiva (empirical self, ego). Atman is One, Undifferentiated, Imperishable, neither born nor dies. Atman (Transcendental Self) is Brahman (Absolute). As Atman is imperishable, it is the Jiva who is born, lives, dies and re-born. The Jiva again is constituted of a *sthulasarira* (gross body) and *sukshmasarira* (subtle body). *Sthulasarira* is what we ordinarily call physical body. It consists of material substances like earth, water, air, fire and *akasa* etc. The subtle body or *sukshmasarira* consists of the subtle elements (*tanmatras*) of the gross elements - air, fire, earth water and *akasa*, mind (*manas*), intellect (*buddhi*), motor organs and vital energy. It should be understood that the sense organs like eye and ear are only instruments which will enable us to see hear things But they are not by themselves real senses. The visual organ is not the same thing as an eye ball. In addition to *manas* and *buddhi*, one's subtle body also consists of *samskaras* (traces) and *vasanas* (impressions) which are accumulated by our karmic actions. When one dies, it is one's gross body which is cremated. The subtle body, not being 'material' cannot be destroyed. Just as in a dream, though our sense organs are not functioning, we are conscious and subject to dream-experiences, so also in a post-death state, the subtle body is conscious and continues to have experiences. Because sometimes our dream experiences are a carry-over of our waking experiences before we fall asleep, Hinduism recognizes that near-death experiences must be peaceful and tranquil so that the departed person retains his tranquil state of mind., Subtle body is what is called in modern psychology "psychic dispositions" and popularly known as the "soul".

The Vedic texts distinguish between two paths in which the *jiva* who is dead travels, the driving force behind these paths being one's karmic forces. There are three important *lokas* where the soul dwells. The Gita says: (*tasya stanani drstani trivadhantha sastratah,karmabhumi iriyam bhumiratra tisthantijatava*). (According to Sastras, the soul dwells in three places, viz. *Brahmaloka*, *Pitrloka* and *Manusyaloka* But in this world is the one where all living beings dwell). One is the path of the gods *devayana*, it also called the Northern Path which leads to the sun and the other is the path of the forefathers *pitryana* also called the Southern Path, which leads us to the moon. Those who have experienced *Brahma-jnana* or Knowledge of Brahman travel the northern path and are never reborn. They have attained Cosmic *Brahmapuram*. Those who have acquired enough merit (*punya*) through the performance of rituals, etc. travel the southern path leading to the moon. They have attained Mortal *Brahmapuram*. Those who have neither *Brahman-Jnana* or acquired *punya* in their life follow a third path called *samnyamanam* which leads to Yama's world. They are immediately reborn as plants, insects, small animals, etc. and experience the pain caused to them by other animals, humans etc. This is however a quick process after which they are reborn as humans. In passing we should note that the Vedic texts conceive of unity and continuity of life between plants, animals and humans, and that is the reason why animals are born as humans, According to the *Brahadaranyaka Upanishad* the Soul Travels from body to body like a caterpillar travels from leaf to leaf. It should be noted that the "paths" referred to above are not physical roads, or highways, they are states of consciousness.

Except for the few who travel the Northern Path and are never reborn, most of us travel the Southern Path or the path of the forefathers, which is the path to the Moon. Since moon is nearer to than the sun, it is also easier to follow the path of the Moon than that of the Sun. In the Sastric texts, the subtle body I is conceived as an astral body (*lingasarira*) which is in a dream-like existence with feelings of thirst, hunger, etc. similar to the thirst and hunger we feel in our dreams. The *sraddha* and *tarpana* ceremonies we perform to the departed people, especially the first twelve days after death and the monthly ceremonies till the first anniversary is intended to satisfy the departed person's (dream-like) hunger and thirst. In the Hindu tradition, because the Northern path (*uttarayana*) is the path to Cosmic *Brahmaloka*, when wise people die during this time, they attain Brahman. Also, those who attain only the mortal *Brahmapuram* will be reborn after exhausting their *punya*, but those who have attained Cosmic *Brahmaloka* following the Northern Path attain Moksha without rebirth.

Thought For The Day

A Conversation With God

GOD: Hello..Did you call Me?

Me: Called you? No.. who is this?

God : This is GOD. I heard your prayers. So I thought I will chat.

Me: I do pray. Just makes me feel good. I am actually busy now. I am in the midst of something.

God : What are you busy at? Ants are busy too.

Me: Don't know. But I cant find free time. Life has become hectic. It's rush hour all the time.

God : Sure. Activity gets you busy. But productivity gets you results. Activity consumes time. Productivity frees it.

Me: I understand. But I still can't figure out. By the way, I was not expecting YOU to call me!!

God : Well I wanted to resolve your! fight for time, by giving you some clarity. In this net era, I wanted to reach you through the medium you are comfortable with.

Me: Tell me, why has life become complicated now?

God : Stop analyzing life. Just live it. Analysis is what makes it complicated.

Me: why are we then constantly unhappy?

God : Your today is the tomorrow that you worried about yesterday.You are worrying because you are analyzing. Worrying has become your habit. That's why you are not happy.

Me: But how can we not worry when there is so much uncertainty?

God : Uncertainty is inevitable, but worrying is optional.

Me: But then, there is so much pain due to uncertainty. .

God : Pain is inevitable able, but suffering is optional.

Me: If suffering is optional, why do good people always suffer?

God : Diamond cannot be polished without friction. Gold cannot be purified without fire. Good people go through trials, but don't suffer. With that experience their life become better not bitter.

Me: You mean to say such experience is useful?

God : Yes. In every terms, Experience is a hard teacher. She gives the test first and the lessons afterwards.

Me: But still, why should we go through such tests? Why cant we be free from problems?

God : Problems are Purposeful Roadblocks Offering Beneficial Lessons (to) Enhance Mental Strength. Inner strength comes from struggle and endurance, not when you! are free from problems.

Me: Frankly in the midst of so many problems, we don't know where we are heading..

God : If you look outside you will not know where you are heading.Look inside. Looking outside, you dream. Looking inside, you awaken. Eyes provide sight. Heart provides insight.

Me: Sometimes not succeeding fast seems to hurt more than moving in the right direction. What should I do?

God : Success is a measure as decided by others. Satisfaction is a measure as decided by you. Knowing the road ahead is more satisfying than knowing you rode ahead.

Me: In tough times, how do you stay motivated?

God : Always look at how far you have come rather than how far you have to go. Always count your blessing, not what you are missing.

Me: What surprises you about people?

God : when they suffer they ask, "why me?" When they prosper, they never ask "Why me" Everyone wishes to have truth on their side, but few want to be on the side of the truth.

Me: Sometimes I ask, who am I, why am I here. I cant get the answer.

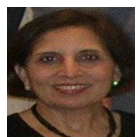
God : Seek not to find who you are, but to determine who you want to be. Stop looking for a purpose as to why you are here. Create it. Life is not a process of discovery but a process of creation.

Me: How can I get the best out of life?

God : Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear.

Me: One last question. Sometimes I feel my prayers are not answered.

God : There are no unanswered prayers. At times the answer is NO. Keep the faith and drop the fear. Don't believe your doubts and doubt your beliefs. Life is a mystery to solve not a problem to resolve. Trust me. Life is wonderful if you know how to live.



Geeta Mehan : Hope you enjoy reading it as much as I did !!!!!

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LOOK AT THE MAP ON PAGE 12 AND SEE WHICH PART OF THE ROAD YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT RIGHT NOW IS THE RIGHT TIME !!!!!

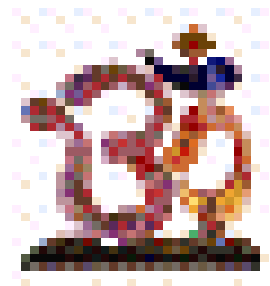
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Does this group represent any organization?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Name, address and contact information of the organization.	
Name of the program:	
Type of program: (Solo Dance, Group Dance, Drama, vocal, skit etc.)	
Duration of the program: Please keep it within 5 minutes due to time constraints.	
Technical requirements: Microphones, CD players, etc	
Names of participants: Please indicate choreographers, directors etc. Please include separate sheet if needed.	



Birthdays and Anniversaries for the Month of March

Happy Anniversary *

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

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

HSGC Holi Celebrations



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DATE: March 26, 2011

TIME: 3:00 PM

AGE REQUIREMENTS: 5 Years or older

OTHER REQUIREMENTS: Each program must be under 5 minutes.

Preference will be given to group performance. Upto 5 solo performance and 20 group performances will be allowed.

NOTE: Entries will be taken first come first serve basis.

The Cultural Committee has the right to select items and limit entries depending upon available time.

ENTRY SUBMISSION DEADLINE : First 25 entries recd before March 10,'11

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Please send all entries to hsgccultural@gmail.com



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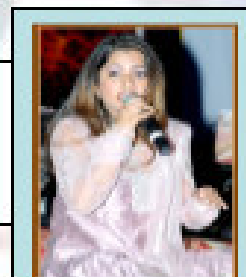


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General Body Meeting will be held on Sunday April 3rd, 2011 at 2:00 pm.

The meeting will be held at the temple right after Sunday lunch in the temple basement. The agenda for the meetings 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!

Deepak Dixit
HSGC Secretary

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June 2nd Thursday & June 3rd Friday:

Group A - Diabetes: 10.00 - 12.00 PM

Group B - Blood Pressure and Heart Condition: 12.00 - 2.00 PM

Group C - Pain related (Joint Pains, Arthritis, Body Pain, Migraine, Nervous Disorders, etc): 2.00-4.00 PM

Group D - Depression, Stress, General Relaxation: 4.00 - 6.00 PM

Group E - Weight Loss, Workplace Relationships, and Special Needs including Eye Vision: 6.00-8.00 PM

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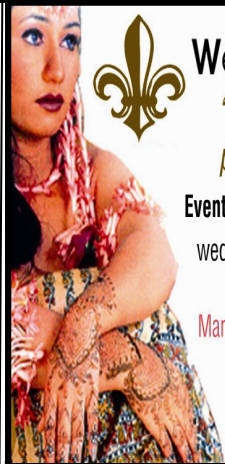
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