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Happy Hanuman Jayanti
Happy Tamil New Year
Happy Vallabhacharya Jayanti



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SHRI HANUMAN JAYANTI CELEBRATION

April 6th Friday 2012

5:30pm Shri Hanuman Puja & Hanuman Chalisa path

6:30pm Sunderkand Path

8:00pm Aarti & Maha Prasad (dinner)

Event Sponsored by :- Amit & Juhi Shukla, Kirti & Manju Tewari,
Raj & Shakuntala Agarwal, Manish & Tapsya Chaturvedi, Vikram & Sangita Singh

Sponsorship: \$101.00 Puja & Path, \$21.00 Archana.



TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

April 15th Sunday 2012 10am to 1pm

10am Murgan Abhishekam

12pm Archana

1pm Mangala Aarti followed by Prasad & lunch

Sponsored By- Murgan Devotees

Sponsorship \$101.00 Abhishekam, Archana \$21.00.

No Murgan Abhishekam on 2nd Sat. April 14th.



SHRI VALLABHACHARYA JAYANTI CELEBRATION

April 22nd Sunday 10:30am to 1pm

10:30am Shri Nathji Pooja

11:30am Krishna Bhajan

12:30pm Discourse

1:00pm Aarti Followed by Mahaprasad / lunch

Event is sponsored by – Shrinathji devotees.



Temple's 15th Anniversary Celebration
May 18th, 19th & 20th 2012.
(Detailed Flyer inside)



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(513) 241-0400
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Raj Bodalia Chair, Special Activities

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 Kiran Dayal.

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 Kiran Dayal 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

1:00 P.M.— Aarti

Please Donate Generously

Your Temple needs

1. Sponsors for flower \$50/week

2. Sponsors for Sunday pooja

3. Your support

2012 POOJA COMMITTEE & RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES MEMBERS

Kiran Dayal (Chair	474-4051
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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.

CHECK-OUT

<http://newbhagavadgita.blogspot.com/2010/04/shock-treatment-in-bhagavad-gita.html>

Temple Rental: Lower Floor Only

	Full day	Half day
Monday -Thursday (except holidays)	\$301	\$151
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 please contact Pooja Committee :

Kiran Dayal 474-4051 or to rent a temple hall (lower level)

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 **or to rent a temple hall (lower level) Raneshwar Gupta 232-3331**

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/Homam

For more details please contact

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

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
Sat 4pm Sponsor Murugan Group. Kiran Dayal 474-4051; Temple priests: 528-3714

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: 488-2986

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 Mahlman 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

EDITOR'S NOTE

Namaskar to All our Readers,

The weather is certainly getting very WARM, if not hot. Cincinnati is known to skip seasons - mostly winter lingers on till March/April, sometimes even till May. But this year, the high 70s and low 80s in March means early winter dismissal and maybe we're skipping Spring. Well, whatever maybe the weather, we're glad that the Cincinnati Community keeps coming to the temple to enjoy the festivities. We saw a big successful Maha Shiva-Ratri celebration in February. More than a 1,000 devotees participated in the Shivabhishek and got blessings. The bhajans that night, touched the hearts of many. Thanks to some devotees for sharing their feelings! We are blessed to have a very melodious Bhajan Mandali (singing group) with our Chief Priest, Acharya Kailash Sharmaji.

I would like to bring your attention to our Temple's 15th Anniversary celebration to be held next month on May 18th, 19th and 20th. If you've been to the previous temple anniversary celebration, you love to come back. But if you've never been to the Anniversary Celebration before, I would highly encourage you to come on Sunday and be part of the Kalash Yatra and Dwaj Puja. These are unique festivities that happen only once a year. Last year, we started the kids' "Bal Jhanki" during the Kalash Yatra. Kids dress up as various Gods, then participate in the "Sarva Dev Gayatri Havan" and then sit in decorated "trucks" to be part of the procession with Kalash Yatra. The kids had a lot of fun last year! Bring your Kids on Sunday to participate in the event. Please see the flyer inside this Aradhana for details and some pictures.

- Sandeep Gupta



APRIL 2012 EVENTS

April	1 st	Sunday	Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsh path 11am . Sponsored by -CCI
April	4 th	Wed	Mahavir Jayanti (Jain) Actual day
April	6 th	Fri	Hanuman Jayanti Celebration 5:30pm Sponsored By – Amit & Juhi Shukla, Kirti & Manju Tewari, Raj & Shakuntala Agrawal, Manish & Tapasya Chaturvedi,Vikram & Sangita Singh
April	6 th	Fri	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja . 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51.00 Puja Samgri will be provided, Please bring Fruits,Prasad, and 1 coconut.
April	7 th	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm sponsorship \$51.00
April	13 th	Fri	Vaishakhi/ Tamil /Malyalam new year
April	14 th	Sat	1008 gayatri jaap 9:30 am
April	15 th	Sun	Tamil/Malyalam New Year Celebration , Muragan Abhishek 10am Sponsorshi \$101,\$21 Sponsored By – Muragan Devotees (No Murgan Abhishek on 2 nd Sat. April 14 th)
April	17 th	Tue	Vallabhacharya Jayanti (Actual Day)
April	21 st	Sat	Thyagaraja-Purandaradasa Festival 8:45am to 3:30pm
April	22 nd	Sun	Vallabhacharya Jayanti Celebration 11am Sponsored by – Shrinath Ji Devotees
April	24 th	Tue	Parshu Ram Jayanti
April	25 th	Wed	Ramanujacharya Jayanti
April	26 th	Thur	Shankaracharya Jayanti / Matsya Jayanti
April	28 th	Sat.	Venkateshwar Abhishek 10am Sponsoreship \$51.00, \$11
April	29 th	Sun	Jagannath Puja 11am

MAY 2012 EVENTS

May	4 th	Fri	Nrisingha Jayanti
May	5 th	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sposorship \$51.00
May	5 th	Sat.	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja . 5:30pm Sponsorship \$51.00 Puja Samgri will be provided, Please bring Fruits,Prasad, and 1 coconut.
May	5 th	Sat.	Buddha Jayanti
May	6 th	Sun	Mahavir Jayanti Celebration 10:30am Sponsored By – Jain Center
May	12 th	Sat.	1008 gayatri jaap 9:30 am
May	12 th	Sat.	Muragan Abhishek 4pm Sponsorship \$101,\$21
May	13 th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
May	19 th	Sat.	Temple's 15 th Anniversary - Please see detailed Flyer inside
May	19 th	Sat.	Mata Ki Chouki 4-8pm Sponsored By – Rajesh Rawal & Family
May	20 th	Sun	Temple's 15 th Anniversary Celebration 9am to 1pm Please see detailed Flyer inside
May	26 th	Sat.	Venkateshwara Abhishekam 10am Sponsorship \$51.00
May	27 th	Sun	Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsha path 11am

HSGC – Executive Committee

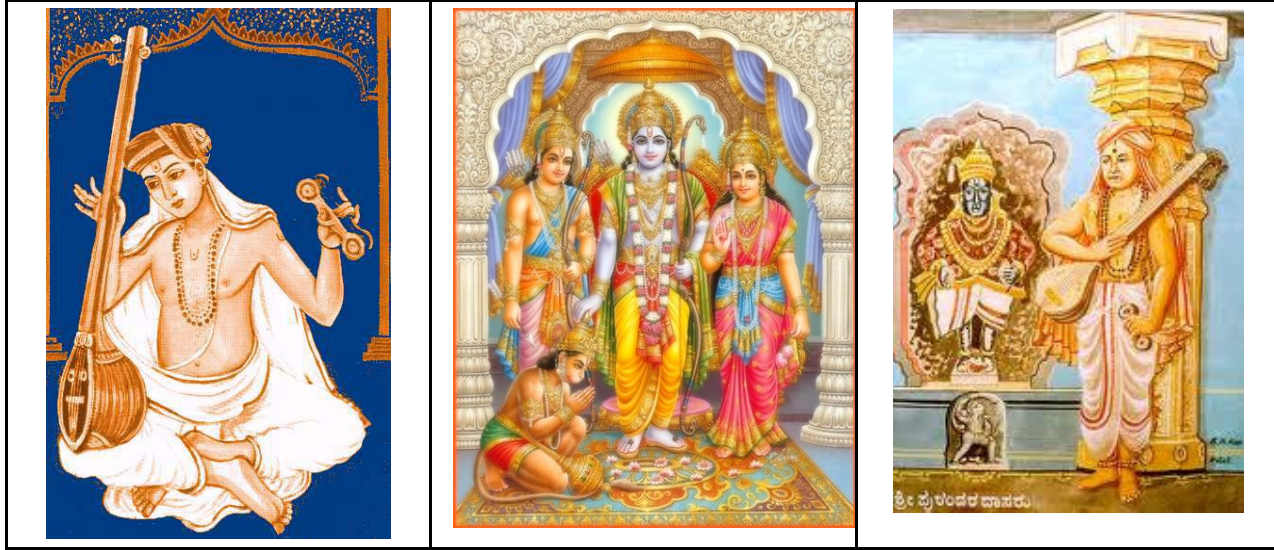
Meeting Minutes– February 5, 2012

Executive Committee: Deepak Dixit (President), Ambi Balasubramaniam (Vice President), Prasad Megada (Treasurer), Pradeep Gupta (Secretary), Asit Saha (Cultural Committee), Jeetu Patel (Long Range Planning), *Kiran Dayal* (Pooja Committee)*, Manish Srivastava (Fundraising Committee), Rakesh Patel (Maintenance Committee), *Sandeep Gupta* (Editor-Aradhana)*, and Vinit Rastogi (Religious Education Committee) * Not present

Meeting Minutes:

1. The February meeting was held on February 5, 2012. Everyone was present except Kiran Dayal and Sandeep Gupta who were out of town for personal reasons.
 - a. After completing the construction, the Temple has received occupancy permit for the Library.
 - b. County work is complete but the contractor has lot of work remaining. Temple civil engineer will walk through with contractor to see if the restorative work has been completed.
2. January meeting minutes were approved by all attendees.
3. Deepak Dixit stated that the general fund balance is at a critically low level. This balance must be raised. We need to raise at least 40K urgently to bring the balance at a comfort level.
4. On the same topic, Jeetu Patel was accompanied by Mr. Vinod, the fund raising organizer for Balaji Marg Project. Mr. Vinod was requested to help raise funds for HSGC. The purpose of the event was to raise funds for Balaji Marg portion of the Marg Project and if any fund left, to donate to the temple general account. He needed all the support he can get from the temple but he did not request any financial support from the temple.
5. Holi is on March 8 but the Holi celebration at Temple is on March 10, 2012.
6. Kiran Dayal and Rakesh Patel will start their respective inventory which will complete by 6/30/2012.
7. Yoga classes have been started, need more participation. The committee is working hard on helping Yoga program and has revised pricing structure to increase/attract greater participation.
8. For the upcoming Holi program, the last date to submit names for program participation is Feb 20, 2012. There are total of 25 items planned (5 single and 20 group)
9. For a brain storming on fund raising, a separate EC meeting has been scheduled for February 19th.
10. There is an issue with Emergency Evacuation and Contingency Plan (EEACP) or emergency access and evacuation at the temple. Pradeep Gupta will lead this project with help from Asit Saha and Prem Garg.
11. Need to schedule safety walkthrough with special emphasis on Fire Extinguishers, sprinkler system, emergency exits, and training on using emergency equipment.
12. There are currently three email database with separate individuals, Deepak Dixit will lead the effort in combining all three email databases into one.
13. According to Vinit Rastogi, Anisha Singh is doing marvelous job in the area of youth activities and he does not want to disturb the operation. However, he proposed following three projects:
 - a. Hinduism and Gita Discussion – Koti Srikrishna (12 and up)
 - b. Art and Craft Lessons – Neha Shettigar
 - c. Chinmaya Mission – Get them involved
14. All roof leaks have been stopped. Need to establish preventive maintenance schedule for the temple.
15. Pt. Kailash Ji Sharma has been appointed Chief Priest of the Temple and EC members have unanimously agreed to send him to the 1st Hindu Mandir Priests' Conference 2012 to be held on April 27-28, 2012 in Pittsburgh, PA.
16. Deepak Dixit, once again, emphasized the use of Document Management System (DMS) for all Temple documents and new email system for sending and receiving temple emails.
17. Next meeting will be on March 4, 2012 at 10:30am.

**TWENTY SEVENTH ANNUAL
THYAGARAJA-PURANDARADASA FESTIVAL
April 21 (Saturday), 2012**



At the Cincinnati Hindu Temple

8:45 AM - 9:00 AM Sri Rama Pooja

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM – Group Pancharatna Singing

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM – Individual Singing

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM – Lunch

1:00 PM– 3:30 PM– Individual Singing Continued

**If you wish to participate in Pancharathna Group-Singing or individual singing,
please call Usha Raghavan 513-489-9655, Koti Sreekrishna 513-290-3064**

Jhankar

Jhankar is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and appreciation of
Indian Classical Music – Vocal, Instrumental, Dance & Fine Arts

We look forward to your participation as we present the following concerts in Y2012

****May 4th, 2012****

Shri. Rupak Kulkarni (Flute) & Shri. Snehashish Mozumder (Mandolin) – Instrumental

****June 8th, 2012****

Pt. Atulkumar Upadhye (Violin) & Pt. Anindo Chatterjee (Tabla) – Instrumental

****August 18th, 2012****

Smt. Jhelum Paranjape (Odissi) – Dance (Odissi)

****September 15th, 2012****

Smt. Kalapini Komkali (Vocal) – Vocal (Hindustani Classical)

Please visit www.jhankar.org for further details

MAHA SHIVA-RATRI CELEBRATION

(Written by: Khush Karamchandani)

The Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati celebrated Maha-Shivratri on Monday, February 20th from 6 pm to 4 am (all night) with pujas and bhajans. On this auspicious occasion, approximately 1000 devotees offered their devotion and prayer with Shivabhishek, puja, Shiva Mahima path and bhajans. Temple devotees chanted Panchakshara Mantra "Om Namah Shivaya" eleven thousand (11000) times. It is said in our scriptures that chanting this mantra will lead the devotees towards moksha or eternal bliss.

On behalf of the HSGC, we would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Raghavan & Bhargavi Pandalai's family, for being the sponsor.

This celebration was well organized and successful due to the dedication and hard work of our temple volunteers. Thanks and gratitude goes to: our temple priests, members of the puja committee, members of the executive council, and all of the sponsors and devotees for their support and seva. May God bless us all!



Maha Shiva Ratri Celebration



THE LEGEND RETURNS

FRIDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2012

The Elements
Presents

Moments

with

Pankaj Udhhas

a Live Ghazal Concert

Show Starts At 7:30PM

Friday, April 20th, 2012

Kresge Auditorium

231 Albert Sabin Way, Cincinnati, Ohio 45221

**Chithi Ayee Hai to Chandi Jaisa Rang Hai Tera,
Aap Jinke Kareeb Hote Hain to Aur Abista Kijiye Baatein**
Join us in celebrating 30 years of his musical journey

Kresge Auditorium

231 Albert Sabin Way, Cincinnati, OH 45221

(Off Eden Ave. Parking Available at Eden Ave Garage)

Tickets : \$50, \$75, VIP \$100

(VIP Ticket Includes Complimentary Hors D'oeuvres,
and Pictures with Artist)

Baby-Sitting Available @ \$10/each Child, PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

6:30p - 7:30p: Cash Bar & Snacks Available for Purchase

Tickets Available AT:

Bombay Grocer Sharonville (513) 733-5050

SRI-G Grocers Dayton : (937) 439-4090

NIVA Grocers Mason : 513-513-234-0888

Elements Event Centre : 513 - 733-3536

FOR MORE INFO CALL: ELEMENTS (513) 733-3536 JAY BEDI (513) 325-1112

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Beckett Ridge Golf Course Community Home
4800 sq ft (With Walkout Full Finished Basement)
4 Bedroom, 3 1/2 baths

Ready to Move In Before School Starts

\$329,900

(Approx 30 year Mortgage with 10% down: \$1400 per month, low real-estate taxes)

(Approx 30 year Mortgage with 20% down: \$ 1299 per month, low real-estate taxes)

Large Open Foyer with Wood Floors

Large Study with Built-in Desk

Large Remodeled Kitchen with Granite (Vegetarian only since built)

1500+ sq ft Full Basement with Media Area with Large Screen TV, Exercise or Study Area, Game Area, Large Full Bath, Gathering or Dance Area with Dance Floors, Wet Bar and Kitchenette, and Full Dry Wall. Ceiling with Recessed Lights

380 Sq Ft Family Room with Entertainment Center

600+ sq ft Master Suite with vaulted ceiling with Library, Sitting Room and Luxury Bath

3 Additional Good Size Bedrooms

0.35Acre with Large Yard, Patio, and Rainbow Playset suitable for kids of all ages

Immaculate Professional Landscape and Maintained with Mature Trees

Walking Distance to Great Local Schools for Kids!

Less than 5 minutes to Union Center Drive Entertainment and I-75 Exit



One Family Owned since built 15 years ago!!

South Facing with East Facing Entry Door from Garage

Immaculately Maintained

Professional Interior Design, Window Coverings and Painted

New Roof & New AC/New Furnace

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On

May 18th , 19th , 20th 2012

Fri.18th 5:30 to 8:00pm

5:30 pm Anugya, Swastivachan, Shri Ganesh puja,
Punayah-Vachan, Ritvik Varan, Raksha-Bandhan,
6:30pm Kalash Sthapana, Mandal, Aaradhana,
7:30pm Aarti & Prasad (Dinner).

Sat. 19th 8:30am to 1:00pm

8:30 am Nitya Puja
9:00am All Utsava Murti Abhisheka
10:30am **Shri VishnuSahasranaama Yagna**
12:30am Purnahuti Homa
1:00 pm Aarti & Prasad (Lunch).

Saturday 19th 4:00 - 8:00pm MATA KI CHOWKI

4:00pm Devi Durga Puja
5:00pm First Devi Durga aarti
5:15pm Mata Bhajans
7:30pm Kanya Puja
8:00pm Bhog, Aarti & Prasad (Dinner).

Sunday 20th 9:00am to 1:00pm

09:00am Nitya (Daily)Puja
10:00am **Sarvadev Gayatri Homa /Havan**
11:00am Kalash Yatra (Procession)
11:30am Dhawaja Puja & Arohan
12:15pm Special Archana for all the Deities
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1:00pm Maha Mangal Aarti & Maha Prasad
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Bal - Jhanki

15th Anniversary Celebration

On May 20th, 2012

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati invites all our kids to participate in temple's 15th Anniversary celebration BAL JHANKI on Sunday, May 20th. We request all parents to encourage their kids to dress up for the Bal Jhanki and get the blessings.



Havan 10:00 am:

Kids can dress as any GOD from the following:
Ganeshji, Shivji, Hanumanji, Durgaji, Laxmiji, Saraswatiji, Lord Krishna, Radha – Krishan, Ram – Sita, Venkateshwarji , Jaganathji, Murugan.

Procession & Kalash Yatra 11:00am :

Kids can also present themselves in a group and dress up to represent the heritage of different states of India or may represent a particular festival or a legend from Hinduism.

All the kids who will dress up will participate in the procession (singing and chanting the bhajans in the yatra).

All participants will receive a certificate of participation from HSGC.

To Submit your Entries and for more details please contact Kiran Dayal 513-474-4051, Amita Gupta 513-336-8782

Lesson Plan 5: Religious Books in Hindu Dharma (हिन्दू धर्म शास्त्र)

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Every religion has holy book, they set the basic foundation and teachings of that religion. Usually each religion has one book as authority, like Bible to Christians or Quran to Muslims etc.

As you all know Hindu Dharma is one of the oldest living religions (Dharma) and has been blessed with many saints or Rishis who have contributed in the growth of the Hindu Dharma in thousands of year. Thus we don't have any one book, which can be addressed as only one holy book of Hindus.

We divide our holy books in several categories.

1) Scriptures (Shruti) (श्रुति)

- a. Scriptures are called as direct voice of GOD.
- b. Saints and Rishis have realized the great knowledge of GOD thru the Dhyan (meditation) or Tap (Penance)
- c. The shlokas (मंत्र) are the voice of GOD, they were not written by saints, but saints saw the Mantra in mediation.
- d. Scriptures are the supreme body of Hindu Dharma

There four Vedas चार वेद

- 1) Rig Veda ऋग वेद
- 2) Athrav Veda अथर्व वेद
- 3) Yajur Veda यजुर वेद
- 4) Sam Veda साम वेद

(All Vedas contain 20000 sholkas all together and have some section of Karmkand कर्म कांड (Yagna and other rituals) and Gyan Kand ज्ञान कांड (Knowledge of GOD and Universe which also contains knowledge of science etc.), the word Ved means "To Know", Vedas are also called "Shruti" means "Heard by GOD"

Other scriptures:

Upanishad, Aranyak, Brahman, Sutra and Mantra Sanhita are the further extension or description of Knowledge of the Vedas.

(उपनिषद्, आरण्यक, सूत्र एवं मंत्र संहिता)

Upanishad: उपनिषद्

The word Upanishad means sitting close to Guru and attaining the knowledge and wisdom. Upanishads are one of the most important scriptures of Hindu Philosophy, they are also called Vedanta. Upanishads explain very well the concept of Brahman (निराकार भगवान्), the formless, universal all-pervading Bhagwan and how to know HIM.

Originally there were 108 Upanishads, but only 12 are available. Some important Upanishads are

- 1) Ishovasy Upanishad ईशावास्य उपनिषद्

- 2) Isha Upanishad **इषो उपनिषद**
- 3) Katho Upanishad **कठो उपनिषद**
- 4) Keno Upanishad **केनो उपनिषद** and more

Shrimad Bhagwad Geeta (**श्रीमद् भगवद् गीता**) is one of the most recent scripture has preaching of Bhagwan Krishna during the war at Kurushetra. "Bhagwad Geeta" means "the Song of GOD". This scripture contains 700 Sholkas and only 18 Chapters. It talks about KarmaYog, GyaanYog and BhaktiYog. Geeta is the most popular scripture and has been translated almost in all the languages of the world. This the shortest Book in among Hindu Holy Books.

There are four Up Vedas

- 1) Ayur Veda **आयुर्वेद** (Knowledge of Medicine)
- 2) Dhanur Veda **धनुर्वेद** (Knowledge of War)
- 3) Gandharv Veda **गंधर्ववेद** (Knowledge of Music)
- 4) Shilp Shastra **शिल्प शास्त्र** (Knowledge of science, machines and architect)

There are many other scriptures

- 1) Manu Smriti (**मनु स्मृति**) is another important scripture which is called Law of Karma for Hindus. This is more like explain everybody's duties in the society.
- 2) Natya shastra **नाट्य शास्त्र** (Knowledge of dance) by Bharat muni
- 3) Panini Vyakaran **पाणिनि व्याकरण** (knowledge of Grammar and linguistics) by Rishi Panini
- 4) Patnjali Yoga Sutra **पतंजलि योग सूत्र** (Knowledge of eight Yoga) by rishi Patanjali
- 5) Neeti Shastra **नीति शास्त्र** (Knowledge of code and conducts) Many known neeti shastras are Vidur Neeti, Shukra Neeti and Chankya Neeti. (**विदुर नीति , शुक्र नीति एवं चाणक्य नीति**)

Smruti (स्मृति) (Stories of God, Ishwar and Devtas) (PURANAS) (पुराण)

The word "Smruti" means "remembered or in the memory". In this category we have several puranas, where ancient knowledge is explained in the story form. These books also have deep Gyan (Knowledge). There are hundreds in the number though only few are available.

- 1) The most important Puran is Bhagwat Mahapuran (**भागवद् महापुराण**) which has 18000 shlokas and it has detailed story of Bhagwan Shri Krishna.
- 2) Other Puranas are stories of Bhagwan Shiva, Vishnu, Narad Muni ji, other Avataar, Garud and many other Dewtas.

History (Itihaas) (इतिहास)

We have two very important books of Hindu Dharma which is called history, because they have dated material, facts and stories.

- 1) Ramayana (**रामायण**) written by Maharishi Valmiki (Story of Bhagwan Ram Chandra Ji)
- 2) Mahabharata (**महाभारत**) written by Mahrishi Ved Vyas (Story of pandavas, Kouravas and Bhagwan Shri Krishna) Mahabharat is one of the largest books with 100000 Sholkas (verses) all together.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the Month of April

Happy Anniversary *

Govind Gupta, Haresh Hemani, Sanjay Jain, Amarendra Karra, Vimal Patel and Narayan Srivastava

Happy Birthday**

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

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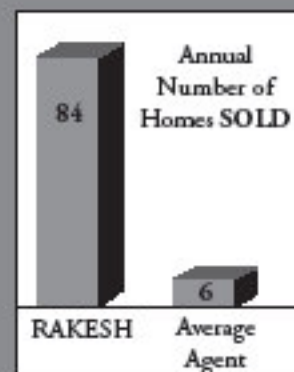
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Vaidya Mrs. Shantala Gangatirkar, BAMS



Dr. Shantala Gangatirkar is a graduate in Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery (BAMS) from Pune, Maharashtra.

She was introduced to Yoga in her childhood by her mother who happens to be a yoga teacher In India.

During her second year of college as a part of the subject 'Preventive and Social medicine', she did the systematic study of yogic sciences in depth. After graduation she completed the certification as a yoga teacher from SVYASA (Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana), Bangalore. Since then she has used yoga therapy in her clinical practice successfully at Madiwala, Bangalore for 4 years.

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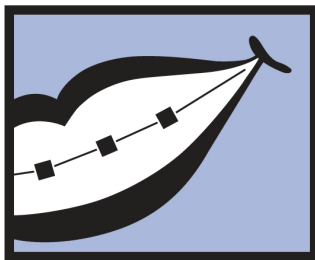


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