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Happy Karwa Chauth, Diwali,  
Bhai Dooj, Gujarati New Year,  
Thanks Giving



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## Deewali Maha-Laxmi Puja

Tuesday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 2012



6:30 pm Shri Ganesh &  
Maha Laxmi Puja\*\*

7:00 pm Archana Thali\*

7:30 pm Aarti , Prasad

Fire Crackers after Aarti



Sponsorship \*\*MAHA LAXMI PUJA \$101 \* Archana \$21

For more details please call:- Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382.

Kiran Dayal 474-4051, Sangita Patel 791-0855, Temple 513-528-3714

### ANURADHA PAUDWAL CONCERT POSTPONED

Due to Anuradha Paudwal's sickness, her concert scheduled for Nov 3rd has been postponed to December. We will post the new date on the Temple's website as soon as it is finalized. We apologize for the inconvenience!

If you or someone you know, is not receiving ARADHANA, or if you need a change of address, please contact

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# TEMPLE INFORMATION

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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 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**

**Attorney:** Aronoff, Rosen & Hunt  
(513) 241-0400

**Accountant:** Open

## 2012 POOJA COMMITTEE & RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES MEMBERS

Kiran Dayal (Chair	474-4051
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Swarna Choudhury (Co-Chair)	232-2343
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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
Nischithartham (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
<b>Sunday after 3PM only</b>	—	<b>\$351</b>

**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 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 Murugan Abhishekham / Pooja

Every second Sat of the Month  
Sat 4pm Sponsor Murugan Group. Kiran  
Dayal 474-4051; Temple priests: 528-3714



### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

Namashkar to All Devotees,

First of all, I want to wish all our readers a **VERY HAPPY & PROSPEROUS DIWALI!**

May this festival of lights bring glow and brightness into everyone's life!



This is a very exciting time of the year with all the Hindu festivals in full swing... Navratri & Dusshera just got over and now there's Karwa Chauth & 4 days of Diwali coming up. We also have Thanks Giving coming up in November. Here in America, we should remember to always Be Thankful to our Indian Community for their support, and our Hindu Temple that binds us together. Remember to **"Do Your Part"**!

Please don't forget to read an article on Acharya Kailashji "Bhajanamrit CD" inside.

Lastly, if you are a US citizen, please don't forget to VOTE on November 6<sup>th</sup>. It is the right (and duty) you have earned, after all that hard work of going through the Green Card and Naturalization process.

- Sandeep Gupta

## COLORED ARADHANA

Did you know that the Aradhana Magazine is also available online? You can read the  
COLORED copy with pictures on the temple's website <http://www.cincinnatiatemple.com> .



## NOVEMBER 2012 EVENTS

Nov	2	Fri	<b>Karwa Chauth Puja</b> 4pm
Nov	3	sat	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00
Nov	4	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am <i>Please note Change from temple calendar no Sunderkand path on Nov 11<sup>th</sup></i>
Nov	10	Sat	1008 Gayatri Japa & Homa 9:30am
Nov	11	Sun	<b>Dhan Teras, Maha Laxmi Puja</b> 11am Sponsored by -42 Gham Kadwa Patidar Samaj
Nov.	13	Tues	<b>Deepawali Maha Laxmi Puja</b> 6:30pm Event Sponsors needed
Nov	14	Wed	<b>Gujarati New Year</b>
Nov	15	Thurs	Bhai Dooj /Yama Dwitiya (actual day)
Nov.	17	Sat	Murgan Abhishekam 4pm Sponsorship \$101 <i>Please see details inside for Kantha shasti poosai celebration Nov 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>.</i>
Nov	17	Sat	Chitragupt Puja 11am Sponsored by- Chitragupt Pariwaar
Nov.	18	Sun	<b>Annakoot/ Govardhan Puja</b> 10am to 1pm <i>Sponsored by- Shrinathiji group</i>
Nov	24	Sat	Venkateshwar Abhishekam 10am Sponsorship\$51
Nov	25	Sun	Ganesh Puja/Atharvashirsh Path 11am
Nov	28	Wed	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51 Puja Samagri will be provided, Please bring Fruits,Prasad, and 1 coconut.
Nov	19 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	<b>Kartik Somvar Shivabhishek</b> every Monday during kartik month Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup> ,26 <sup>th</sup> , Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,& 10 <sup>th</sup> . Sponsorship \$101

## DECEMBER 2012 EVENTS

Dec	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sat	108 Hanuman Chalisa Path 2pm to7:30pm Sponsored by Satish &Usha Agrawal family
Dec.	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sat	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00
Dec.	8 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	1008 Gayatri japa & Homa 9:30am
Dec.	8 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Murgan Abhishekam 4pm Sponsorship \$101
Dec.	9 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Ganesh Puja/Atharvashirsh Path 11am
Dec.	15 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Dhanur Maas Begins
Dec.	16 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
Dec.	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sat.	Venkateshwara Kalyanam 10am Sponsorship\$51.00
Dec.	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun	Geeta Jayanti celebration Geeta Path 10am
Dec.	28 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51 Puja Samagri will be provided, Please bring Fruits,Prasad, and 1 coconut.
Dec.	30 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Jagannath Puja 11am



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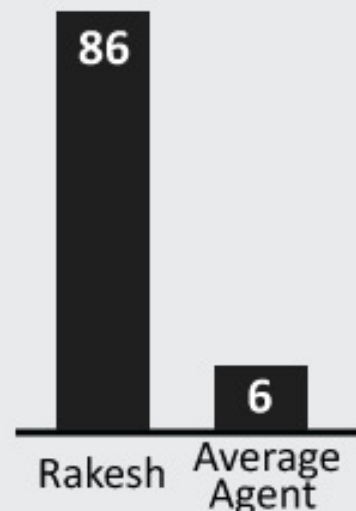
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# Govardhan Pooja & Annakut Mahotsav Celebration

**Sunday November 18, 2012  
10:30am to 1:00pm**



## **Program:**

**10:30 AM to 11:30 AM : Govardhan Pooja and Abhishek**

**11:00 AM : Annakut Darshan Opens**

**11:30 AM to 12:00 PM: Annakut Pooja and Darshan**

**12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM: Bhajans, Kirtans**

**1:00 PM to 1:30 PM: Yamunaji Aarti, Aarti, Parikrama.**

**FOLLOWED BY MAHA PRASHAD**

**For More details Contact: Temple 513-528-3714, Sangita Patel 791-0855, Kiran Dayal 474-4051 Jyoti Desai: 745-0876 Meena Shah: Pushpa Shah: 755-1789 Vasumati Shah: 942-8264 Nayana Parikh: 923-9173 Kokila Parikh: 942-8288 Minal Patel: 234-0569 Meena Mehta: 574-6763**

Event is sponsored by- Shrinathji devotees

## **Kantha Shasti Poosai Celebration**

Wed.	Nov.14th	First day	Utsava Moorthy Poosai	6.00pm-7.00pm
Thur.	Nov.15th	Second day	Utsava Moorthy Poosai	6.00pm-7.00pm
Fri.	Nov.16th	Third day	Utsava Moorthy Poosai	6.00pm-7.00pm
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Nov.17th</b>	<b>Fourth day</b>	<b>Murugan Abhishekam</b>	<b>4.30pm-6.30pm</b>
Sun.	Nov.18th	Fifth day	Utsava Moorthy Poosai	6.00pm-7.00pm
Mon.	Nov.19th	Sixth day	Utsava Moorthy Poosai	6.00pm-7.00pm
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Nov.20th</b>		<b>Murugan Kalyana Utsavam ( In YagnaShala or Basement)</b>	<b>6.00pm-8.30pm</b>

**For more details or to sponsor  
puja, please call  
Sangita Patel 791-0855,  
Kiran Dayal 474-4051,  
Murlee 573-0550,  
Temple/Srinath Bhattar 528-3714**



# Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration





# SHRI CHITRAGUPT JAYANTI CELEBRATION

Saturday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>

11am to 1pm



Event is sponsored by – Chitragupt Pariwaar.  
For details please call Temple 513-528-3714,

Kalpana Srivastava 233 9184, Kiran Dayal 474-4051, Sangita Patel 791-0855

## 108 HANUMAN CHALISA PATH

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Sat.

2pm to 7pm



### Importance of Hanuman Chalisa

**Hanuman Chalisa** is a very powerful devotional work that has been left to posterity by Goswami Tulsidas. **Hanuman Chalisa** has been found to be highly effective in controlling the evil effects of Saturn transit or Saturn's major/ minor periods. Those who are under such influences will get benefitted by chanting the Chalisa for 108 times on Saturdays. **Hanuman Chalisa** praises Lord Hanuman the Foremost Devotee of Lord Shri Rama. Shri Hanuman is the epitome of Selfless Service, Courage, Humble disposition, and Bhakti all rolled into one. Venerating that noble Devotee of Rama is sure to benefit us.

We will recite 108 times HANUMAN CHALISA from 8am to 1pm followed by Aarti prasad & Lunch.

Event Sponsor Needed Satish & Usha Agrawal family.



## Kartik Somvar Shivbhishek

Every Monday in Kartik Month at 6:30pm

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

Sponsorship \$101

# Ankur Gujarati Samaj and Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati invite you to Celebrate DIWALI 2012.

Details to follow by EVITE

## November 17<sup>th</sup> at Mason Middle School

Dinner: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Cultural Program: 8:00 pm sharp. Door opens at 7:30 pm



### **Rules for Submitting Entries and Regulations for Participation in Cultural Program:**

1. For all entries contact Kamini Jain at [kaminijain@yahoo.com](mailto:kaminijain@yahoo.com)
2. Entries are taken on a first come basis.
3. No late entries will be accepted, no exceptions.
4. Only the first 25 entries will be accepted.
5. **By sending an entry, you accept all the rules and conditions set herewith.**
6. All entries must be registered by October 5<sup>th</sup> 2012, by e-mail. The entry must be submitted on the form provided.
7. If you have submitted your entry, you will receive e-mail for confirmation. If you do not have a confirmation from us, we have not received your entry and please contact us before October 10<sup>th</sup> 2012.
8. Entries are only accepted with details of participant names, ages, song details, song description, and length of the song (maximum: 5 minutes). **Entries will not be accepted without complete details.**
9. Participants have to be at least 5 years old.
10. Participants can only be in one item. If any participant is in more than one item the second entry will be cancelled.
11. Minimum of 6 participants per group.
12. Maximum of 5 minutes allowed per entry.
13. No solo or vocal singing items.
14. No special effects like confetti, fireworks, fog or like allowed (due to clean up issues).
15. No song will be repeated (even in medley).
16. Audition for all items will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> 2012 at Ankur from 5:00 pm onwards. Details to follow.
17. More information on tickets and rehearsal dates to follow.
18. Changes in the song selection and participants are not allowed once the entry is registered.
19. Each group should have a separate choreographer and manager.
20. Each performance should be assigned one person (manager) who deals with all the communication with the Ankur Cultural Director, Kamini Jain.
21. Performers wishing to use Ankur for practice times must sign up for a specific time and every person practicing at Ankur must be a member. We will be curtailing practice times to accommodate most number of participants.
22. Each group using Ankur must take the responsibility to leave the premises in the condition they found it in.
23. Once the program order had been decided, we will not be able to accommodate requests for changes. We will also not be able to change any of the particulars in an item after it has been submitted.
24. The item introduction should be able to be announced in less than a minute.
25. All entries and exits must be from the stage. The aisles in the auditorium may not be used.
26. All inquiries and communication should be via email.
27. The committee reserves the right to select items based on, but not limited to, time, logistics, and maximum community participation.



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## Update from President

Namaskar,

Right after the very successful Mela and Naach-Sitare, we started getting ready for the Ganesh Chaturthi festival. This celebration attracted nearly 1,000 devotees. These major events attracting four figure attendances are on the rise and it is truly a matter of great satisfaction for all of us.

Now we are getting ready for the festival season. October will have the Dusshera, Navaratri, and Vijaya Dashmi. These are very significant festivals. There will be lots of poojas, dancing, and fun activities.

The temple raised a significant amount of funds and collected a lot of food (cans) to donate to the Free Food Store Bank on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's anniversary. This initiative, called the Gandhi Food Drive, is being led by Dr. Vinay Kumar. So far, our temple has collected close to \$5,000 for this cause. The check and the food cans will be handed over to the food bank on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. So there is still time for you to contribute.

On Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, the Agrani Bengali Samaj organized a very entertaining evening featuring contemporary Bollywood pop singer Shantoneel. This concert was raising funds for the Tagore Marg project. This is a great example of the entire Hindu community coming together for a common cause, common goal. Thank you Agrani!

We are also getting ready for the **15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the temple**. We are organizing a grand gala on **Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>** and we have invited the renowned singer **Smt Anuradha Paudwal** for this event. She is coming to Cincinnati all the way from India solely for our function. This event is going to be a major fundraiser for the temple. As I have explained in my previous updates, the single lane access to the temple is proving to be a major obstacle in the growth of the temple. In the worst situations, this lack of proper access may prove to be disastrous for us. Therefore, I am appealing to all of you to come for this event and contribute to the Marg project. Even if you cannot make it to this event, please contribute to the Marg project. If we all come together, we can construct the new road in a very short order. So please support the Marg project with all your might and we will make history happen.

The joint Diwali celebration by the temple and the Ankur Gujrati Samaj will be held in November 17<sup>th</sup>. It will be a fun-filled cultural evening. Be sure to participate in it and enjoy the festivities. On the day of Maha Laxmi Pooja, the temple gets very large attendance. We will be issuing guidelines for this occasion. Please follow these guidelines to maintain order, allow all the devotees to get a proper Darshan, and avoid disappointment.

The lecture series by Dr. Anil Srivastava is going strong. The lectures have been very well received. However, we will need to recalibrate this lecture series. The new options will be provided in the next issue of Aradhana. Please be sure to read it and participate in the future lecture series.

Another successful program at the temple has been the Yoga classes. Dr. Shantala Gangatirkar has been conducting the Yoga classes every Saturday at the temple since January. However, she is moving back to India for some time. We will try to get another qualified Yoga instructor. But I do want to place my sincere appreciation of Dr. Shantala on record for her most dedicated and selfless service to the temple. We hope she comes back soon!

It is hard to believe that we are already into October. Within two months, there will be elections for the new executive committee (EC). Please come forward and serve on the EC. The temple needs an EC that represents the cross-section of our community. Also, we need new people to serve on the EC to bring new ideas and fresh perspectives. This will make the temple a very strong institution. Even if you do not wish be on the EC, please consider joining any of the subcommittees. I can assure you that it will be a very rewarding experience.

**Again, see you all at the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>. Let us have a grand event and literally pave the way for a new road and a new chapter in the temple's history. Please come and be a part of this history!**

Sincerely,

Deepak Dixit / President, HSGC

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Anuradha Paudwal Concert has been postponed to December. We will post the new date on the Temple's website as soon as it is finalized. Sorry for the inconvenience!



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(Sandeep Gupta)



Many of you must've had the privilege of listening to Acharya Kailashji's Bhajan CD Album. The bhajans have been recorded professionally by Kailashji. His voice is very clear with music in the right tone in the background. When I played the CD for the first time in my car, my 2 boys (11 & 7 year olds) loved the bhajans and sang a few words. Now, it is a family ritual to play the Bhajanamrit CDs when driving with my kids.

If you haven't picked up your album set, please ask any of the priests the next time you visit the temple. Please consider donating atleast \$21... it will just cover the cost of making it.

We are very fortunate and blessed to listen to his

God Gifted melodious voice in our temple. Please read below comments by other devotees about Kailashji's bhajans.

"Vachane kaa daridrata"?

But I feel like a daridr (gharib) as I run short words in expressing my appreciation of your Bhajanamrit CDs.

Simply atyuttam. I have been enjoying them over and over again in my car. Mohan Ji said the same thing. It is highly professional. You have packed in bhaav, bhakti, gambhir, ras, rhythm, articulation, pause, pace, power, melody, glory, grace, grandeur.....with Mukesh-like voice matched with wonderful background music and voices!

I was instantly reminded of this verse from Bhagavad-Gita

yadyadvibhūtimatsattvaṃ  
śrīmadūrjitamevavā |  
tattadevāvagacchatvaṃ  
mama tejo'ṃśasambhavam |10:41|

"All that is endowed with glory, grace, and grandeur,  
has sprung from a mere flare of MY radiance!"

-Koti Sreekrishna, Religious Counselor HSGC

Just wanted to let you know that we are enjoying the bhajans on your new CD. Thank you so much. It is very well made and your voice sound very melodious. Once again thank you.

Best Wishes,  
Ashok and Anita Das

I was attending today's Saraswati puja at the temple. Your singing of the stotram entitled 'Naumi Saraswati Padajugam' was really outstanding and awe-inspiring.

Best Regards,  
Atin Adhikari

I want to congratulate you for last night shivratri festival. whole thing was very good but the bhajan you sang at the end ( before 8 o clock aarti) touched my heart so much so I want to thank you for that. You always have God's powers with you but last night was very special.

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**The next General Body Meeting will be held  
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### **NOMINATIONS SOUGHT For Executive Council 2013**

The term of the Current Executive Council expires on December 31, 2012, and the elections for the 2013 Executive Council will be conducted during the General Body Meeting on Sunday, December 2nd, 2012 at 12.00 Noon.

The Election Commission invites nominations for the following positions:

President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Nominations are also invited for the positions of Chairpersons for the following committees:

Religious Education and Youth Activities  
Pooja and Religious Activities  
Communications  
Membership and Fund Raising  
Property Management & Maintenance  
Cultural Activities  
Long-range Planning

The nominations must be filed by December 1st, 2012, 12.00 PM (mid-night).

All nominations must include the following information:

- Candidate's name and Phone number.
- Name and Phone number of the person proposing.
- Name and Phone number of the person seconding.

Nominations can be submitted on plain paper, or phoned in to any member of the Election Commission.

All candidates must be dues-paying members of the Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati in good standing for at least 12 months prior to Dec, 1, 2012.

For the position of the President, a candidate must have actively served the Hindu Society of the Greater Cincinnati in an executive capacity for at least one year.

In addition, the Youth Group is requested to nominate a Youth representative (22 year Max) to serve on the Executive Council. This nomination must be endorsed by at least ten youth members.

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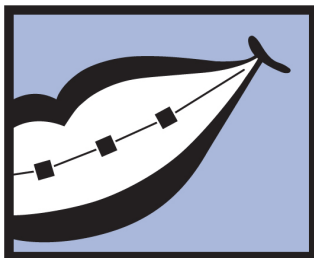


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## **PRACTICE OF UNITY AMONG DIVERSITY IN INDIA AND IN OUR HINDU TEMPLE**

**(J.K. Bhattacharjee , Oxford, Ohio)**

It is important for all Indians to remind themselves and specially to remind Indian children the practice of unity among diversity in India, the largest and most secular democratic country in the world. A case in point, since independence in 1947, India has elected a Woman Prime Minister, a Woman and several Muslim Presidents of the country. Currently, India has a Hindu President, a Sikh Prime Minister, an Italian-born Catholic Woman as the majority political party leader, a Sikh Chief of Indian Army and more diversity of leadership.

It is equally important to remind all Hindu families of greater Cincinnati that the Founders of our Hindu Temple have established our unique and beautiful Temple for all devotees from North, South, East, West and central India to celebrate our diverse religious traditions and cultural heritage. The uniqueness of the Temple is based on the inclusiveness and equality among all 16 deities of highest aesthetic quality on the same platform for *Mahadarshana*. Four more deities have been added later following the addition of two wings.

Our Temple is also unique, *only one in the world*, for having installed the most sacred sound and unifying symbol of Hindu religion "OM " at the center of the deity platform. Temple also recently installed the majestic Garbhagrihas on top of each deity. Hindu religion is also unique for worshiping female deities as we do in our Temple and not just male deities as the manifestation of the Divine Almighty.

Our Temple is a valuable resource for the community to introduce our children, new families and visitors to the significance of different deities and the performance as well as practice of Archana, Arti, sponsored Puja, Yagna, bhajan and other religious observances. Our Hindu Temple welcomes all devotees, young and old, male and female, to take active part in all weekly events and not just the special celebrations. Temple Executive Committee encourages all devotees to support the Temple generously and its several new projects.

Unity among diversity is at the core of Hindu Religion according to Scripture :

*Sarway Bhavantu Sukhinah, Sarway Santu Niramayah  
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