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Happy Fathers Day
Congratulations Graduates



<http://www.cincinnati temple.com>
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Happy Fathers Day



Fathers are wonderful people, too little understood And we do not sing their praises As often as we should...

For, somehow, Father seems to be The man who pays the bills, While Mother binds up little hurts And nurses all our ills...

And Father struggles daily To live up to "HIS IMAGE" As protector and provider And "hero or the scrimmage"...

And perhaps that is the reason We sometimes get the notion, that Fathers are not subject to the thing we call emotion,

But if you look inside Dad's heart, Where no one else can see , You'll find he's sentimental And as "soft" as he can be...

But he's so busy every day In the grueling race of life, He leaves the sentimental stuff To Mom

But Fathers are just WONDERFUL In a million different ways, And they merit loving compliments & praise, For the only reason Dad aspires To fortune and success, Is to make the family proud of him & to bring them happiness...

And like OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, He's a guardian and a guide, Someone that we can count on To be ALWAYS ON OUR SIDE.

Helen Steiner Rice

What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree,

The warmth of a summer sun, The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night,

The wisdom of the ages, The power of the eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning in spring, The faith of a mustard seed,

The patience of eternity, The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities, When there was nothing more to add,

He knew His masterpiece was complete,

And so, He called it ... Dad

Author Unknown

May God guide us all in being good parents and role models for our children.....

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

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

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Deadline for submission of articles for next Aradhana is June 10th

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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 and Major Hindu 9am to 8pm
(Maha Shivratri, Krishna Janamashtmi, Ganesh Chaturthi, Deewali)

Sunday : 9am - 7pm (Nov to March)
9am - 8pm (April to October)

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

2013 POOJA COMMITTEE & RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES MEMBERS

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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
Ashtoththaram (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
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 : Sangita Patel 513-791-0855 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 Sangita Patel 53-791-0855 or to rent a temple hall (lower level) Raneshwar Gupta 232-3331

If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities contact Sangita Patel 513-791-0855, 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

Sangita Patel 513-791-0855

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

Sangita Patel 791-0855 ; Temple priests: 528-3714

Monthly Murugan Abhishekham / Pooja

Every second Sat of the Month

Sat 4pm Sponsor Murugan Group.

Pandit Bhattar 488-2986,

Murali Annamali 827-5450,

Yasotha Subarajan 754-0578

Priests : 529-3714; Sangita Patel 791-0855



Monthly Satya Narayan Pooja

On Every Purnima of the Month

6:30 pm

Sponsorship \$ 51.00

To sponsor pooja call

Sangita Patel 791-0855



Shri Ganesh Puja & 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 & To Sponsor the pooja please call

Jyoti Divekar 204-8037, Mangal Nemade 234-8373

Sangita Patel 791-0855; Temple Priests: 528-3714

SAI BHAJAN

Every First Sat. of month 6pm to 7:30pm

For more details please call Dr. Ganesh 857-719-1500 ,
Rajan 331-2058.



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
Sangita Patel 791-0855

Weekly Shiv Mahiman Stotram

Every Monday at 6:30 pm



Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p m To sponsor call

Sangita Patel 791-0855 or 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 Sangita Patel 791-0855

Temple priests: 528-3714

PURUSHOTTAM NAAM STOTRA PARAYAN

Every 2nd Wed. of each month

6pm to 7:30pm

details please call Mina Mehta 574-6763



Dear Devotees

Thanks for making the Temple Anniversary such a wonderful celebration. All the Pujas were well attended in May.

Take advantage of outstanding Pravachans and courses being run in the Temple on 3rd and 4th Sundays and also a special Course every Saturday in June.

Please make note of the **Kroger Plus Card renewal** on page 9. Even if you are already registered, you need to renew enrollment every year for getting benefit to Temple. Our Temple generates extra income each time you use your Kroger Plus Card and it does not cost you a penny.

Geeta Mehan



'Bollywood Music & Masala' & 'Swaranjali'

**LISTEN to INDIAN MUSIC PROGRAM on WAIF 88.3 FM Plus LIVE Internet
Streaming on www.WAIF883.Org:**

Every Saturday from 12 Noon to 2 PM 'Bollywood Music and Masala' &

Every Sunday from 11 AM to 2 PM



JUNE 2013

June	1st	Sat.	Navgrah puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00
June	1st	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm
June	2nd	Sun	Mahavir Jayanti Celebration 11am sponsored By- Jain center of Cincinnati Dayton.
June	8th	Sat.	1008 Gayati Japa 9:30am
June	8th	Sat.	Vat Savitri Vrat Puja 11am Puja Samagri will be provided
June	8th	Sat.	Mata Ki Chauki 4-8pm Sponsored By- Vijay & Madhu Sharma and Family .
June	9th	Sun.	Gradution Havan (Homa) 11:30am
June	15th	Sat.	Murgan Abhishekam 4:30pm Sponsorship \$101.00 Schedule changed from 2nd Sat. to 3rd Sat. No Abhishekam on June 8th
June	16th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am . Sponsored By -Kapi Patel & family
June	22nd	Sat.	Venkateshwar Abhishekam 10 am Sponsorship \$51
June	23rd	Sun	Jagannath Snan Purnima 10am
June	23rd	Sun.	Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsh Path 11am Sponsored by- Rani & Prem Dhamija
June	23rd	Sun	Satya Narayan Puja 5:30pm
June	29th	Sat.	Navgrah Havan/Homa 9:30am Sponsorship \$251,\$101,\$51

JULY 2013

July	6th	Sat.	Navgrah puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00
July	9th	Tue.	Jagannath Netrotsava 10:30am
July	10th	Wed.	Jagannath Rath Yatra puja 10am
July	13th	Sat.	1008 Gayati Japa 9:30am
July	13th	Sat.	Ratha Yatra Celebration 4pm Sponsorship\$101, \$21
July	14th	Sun.	Sunderkand Path 10:30am Sponsored by Jyoti & Bhal Desai, Minal Patel, Jitu & Usha Patel Please note- schedule changed in this month from 3rd sunday to 2nd sun . no Sunderkand path on 21st July.
July	20th	Sat.	Murgan Anniversary Rathotsavam Celebration 10am Please note-Schedule Changed No Murgan Abhishek on 2nd Sat. July 13th
July	21st	Sun	Jagannath Bahuda Yatra 10am
July	22nd	Mon	Guru Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51 Puja Samagri will be provided, Please bring Fruits,Prasad, and 1 coconut.
July	27th	Sat.	108 Satya Narayan Puja Guru Purnima Cele.4pm. Sponsorship \$501, \$101,
July	28th	Sun	Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsh Path 11am
July	29th	Mon	Shravan Somvaar Shiv Puja 10am an 6:30pm

August High lights

Aug. 4th Navchandi Yagna 10am
 Aug. 11th Shrinathji Hindola Utsava
 Aug. 25th Gayatri yagna 11am
 Aug. 28th Shri Krishana Janmashtami 6pm to midnight.

KID'S DAY CAMP FREE KID'S DAY CAMP

Date: Saturday, **June 01, 2013**
Time: 10 AM to 4 PM; Registration: 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Place: Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati
 4920 Klatte Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45244
 Telephone: 513-528-3714
Age: 5 years to 12 years
 (Children under 5 years need to be with the parent)

Activities:

- 1) Havan : Organized by Yagna Shala Committee; 10-11:30am
- 2) Yoga
- 3) Pooja / Tour of the Temple
- 4) Lunch Break
- 5) Story Telling / Music
- 6) Art and Craft
- 7) Games
- 8) Kite Flying (time/weather permitting)

Lunch: Parents to bring a cover dish and soft-drinks to share

Coordinators:

- Vinit Rastogi – 513-398-3216; rastogivk@gmail.com
- Anisha Singh – 513-503-2824; singhanisha@hotmail.com

For additional information: <http://cincinnati temple.com/>

Mahavir Jayanti Celebration

June 2nd 11am to 1pm



11am Ashta prakari Puja
 12:30 Bhajans ,
 1Pm Mangal Aarti
 Followed by prasad (lunch)

Sponsored by Jain center of Cincinnati Dayton

Vat Savitri Vrat Puja

June 8th Sat. 11am
 (next to holy tree of Temple)



Puja Thali will be provided \$21.

MATA KI CHAUKI

June 8th Sat. 4-8pm

4pm Devi Puja
 5pm Mangal Aarti
 5:30 Bheten/Mata Bhajans
 8:00 Bhog Aarti
 Followed by Mahaprasad
 (Dinner)



Sponsored by -
 Vijay & Madhu Sharma ,
 And their family.

Graduation Havan

June 9th Sun. 11:30am

Special Puja for all our graduates for their successful life.

Please send photos of the graduates with name and school they will be attending to mehangeta@gmail.com



NAVGRAHA HAVAN /HOMA

June 29th Sat. 9:30am



9:30 Navgrah Puja Abhishek
 10:30 Havan / Homa.

12:30 Aarti followed by prasad Lunch

Sponsorships:- \$251 Pramukh Yajman , \$101 Yajman ,
 \$51 Havan.

Event sponsors needed.

For details please call temple 513-528-3714,
 Sangita Patel 513-791-0855

HSGC Cordially invites you with family & friends

SHRI JAGANNATH RATHA YATRA

July 13th Saturday, 2013

At- Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati



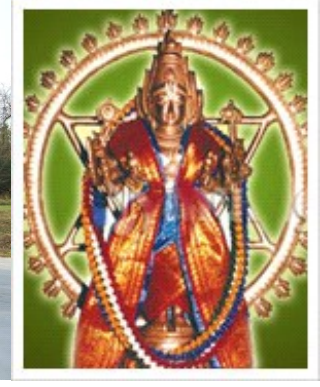
9:30 am
 Vighneshwar Puja
 Jagannath Puja Vastu
 Puja, Havan
 3:00pm
 Sri Jagannath Puja Archana
 Rath Puja Pahandi, Chera
 Pahanrah,
 4:00 pm RATH YATRA ,
 Deep Daan, Sringer, Bhajans,
 Devdasi Dance Vote of Thanks
 Aarti, Dinner

Ratha Sponsorship \$101 ; Archana \$21.00

BHAHUDA YATRA July 21st Sun at 10am

For details please call Temple 528-3714, Swarna Chaudhary 232-2343, Sangita Patel 791-0855
 Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382

ॐ Namo Sri Venkateshaya!



Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati (DEV DHAM OF NORTH AMERICA)

Kalayanotsavam and Poolangi Seva

For Lord Sri Venkateshwara

Followed by

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(in the New Yagna Shala)

(Sponsored by Balaji Devotees)

4920

Klatte Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45244

Saturday June 22, 2013 9.30 AM

Kalyanotsavam: \$51.00

Phoolangi Seva: \$51.00

Pramukh Yajaman (Ghrit Ahuti) : \$51.00

Yajaman (Havan Samagri Ahuti) : \$21.00

Please contact any of the following for further information: Temple Priests (513) 528-3714; Srinath Bhattar (513) 488-2986; Vasundhara Dasari (513) 777-3353; Ananda Konda (513)-481-4119; Koti Sreekrishna (513)-290-3064; Sangita Patel (513) 791-0855; Amar Sharma (513) 777-5771; Kiran Dayal (513) 474-4051; Vinay Kumar (513) 528- 6189; Ganesh Yadlapalli (857) 719-1500; Ramkumar Lakshminarayanan (850)-322-5538; Shashi Mandapathy (513)-652-4767; Pramod Varma (513) 398-4435; Leena Dixit (513) 769-3556; Sudhakar Vinod (513)- 607-5760; Raj Bodalia (513) 583-0184; Janak Dave (859) 371-9645; Laxmi S. Srivastava (513) 474-0533.

All are cordially invited:

Please come and join in this auspicious Havan to receive blessings of Lord Sri Venkateshwara

RAISE MONEY FOR OUR TEMPLE!

AT NO COST TO YOU

YOU NEED TO RE-Enroll your Kroger Plus Card between April 1 and April 30'2013 even if you have an existing account since the "NEW YEAR" is starting



The Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati is now, a partner with Kroger 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. **Last year the Temple received a commission of almost \$4000 from Kroger through this program. Thanks to all members who have taken five minutes to enroll for this program.**

When you shop at Kroger for your groceries, you automatically, donate some percent of your grocery bill to your Temple without any additional cost to you. Help your Temple to help yourself.

Kroger has changed their Neighborhood Rewards Program.

Please be sure to enroll in the new "Kroger Plus Card" program immediately. **Re-enroll every year.** The new year starts from April 1. SO PLEASE RE_ENROLL at www.krogercommunityrewards.com by April 1' 2013

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1. Visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com and select "Register" unless you already have an account. Sign up for a Kroger rewards account by entering your Kroger Plus card number or your primary phone number.
2. Confirm your registration through your email account.
3. Sign in to Kroger Community Rewards website (the link on the confirmation email will take you there). Proceed to Edit "My Account;" enter your Kroger Card Number and confirm personal information
4. Click to "Community Rewards" at the bottom of the page and type in our NPO number **81567**. Select "Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati."

Congratulations! Now a portion of every shopping trip you make will go towards our wonderful Temple. Remember to swipe your registered Kroger Plus Card or use the phone number that is related to your card when shopping to benefit the Temple.

Once you are enrolled and when you make purchases at Kroger, you will see at the bottom of each paid receipt, "At your request, Kroger is donating to the Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati".

For questions, contact Raneshwar Gupta at 232-3331/477-9372c

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☆☆ 1-800-799-SAFE (7223) www.ndvh.org ☆☆☆
☆☆ Ohio Domestic Violence 24 hour ☆☆☆
☆☆ toll free: 1-216-823-7223 ☆☆☆
☆☆ Ohio Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-618-6523 ☆☆☆
☆☆ Project HOPE helpline : 513-535-4976 ☆☆☆

Domestic Violence

Locally, Call ☆☆☆
Geeta Mehan : 513-754-0400 ☆☆☆
YOU ARE NOT ALONE ☆☆☆

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at 11:30 am sharp at the Temple

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FREE KID'S DAY CAMP

Date: Saturday, June 01, 2013

Time: 10 AM to 4 PM; Registration: 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Place: Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati
4920 Klatte Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45244
Telephone: 513-528-3714

Age: 5 years to 12 years
(Children under 5 years need to be with the parent)

Activities:

- 1) Havan : Organized by Yagna Shala Committee; 10-11:30am
- 2) Yoga
- 3) Pooja / Tour of the Temple
- 4) Lunch Break
- 5) Story Telling / Music
- 6) Art and Craft
- 7) Games
- 8) Kite Flying (time/weather permitting)

Lunch: Parents to bring a cover dish and soft-drinks to share

Coordinators:

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A School Principal's speech at a graduation..

He said "The Doctor wants his child to become a doctor.....the Engineer wants his child to become an engineer.....

The Businessman wants his ward to become CEO.....A teacher also wants his child to become one of them, as well..!!!!
Nobody wants to become a teacher BY CHOICE"Very sad but that's the truth.....!!!

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life.

One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued,
"What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?"

To stress his point he said to another guest; "You're a teacher, Bonnie. Be honest. What do you make?"

Teacher Bonnie, who had a reputation for honesty and frankness replied,
"You want to know what I make? (She paused for a second, then began...)

"Well, I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could.

I make a C+ feel like the Congressional Medal of Honor winner.

I make kids sit through 40 minutes of class time when their parents can't
make them sit for 5 min. without an I- Pod, Game Cube or movie rental.

You want to know what I make? (She paused again and looked at each and every person at the table)

I make kids wonder. I make them question. I make them apologize and mean it.

I make them have respect and take responsibility for their actions.

I teach them how to write and then I make them write. Keyboarding isn't everything.

I make them read, read, read.

I make them show all their work in math. They use their God given brain, not the man-made calculator.

I make my students from other countries learn everything they need to know about English while preserving their
unique cultural identity. I make my classroom a place where all my students feel safe.

Finally, I make them understand that if they use the gifts they were given, work hard, and follow their hearts, they can
succeed in life (Bonnie paused one last time and then continued.)

Then, when people try to judge me by what I make, with me knowing money isn't everything, I can hold my head up
high and pay no attention because they are ignorant. You want to know what I make.

I MAKEA DIFFERENCE IN ALL YOUR LIVES, EDUCATING KIDS AND PREPARING THEM TO BECOME CEO's,
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What do you make Mr. CEO?

His jaw dropped; he went silent.

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Hindu Rituals and Routines and why do we follow them?

Paraphrased from:

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/103846498/Swami-Chinmayananda-Hindu-Rituals-and-Routines>

Why do we chant Om?

Koti Sreekrishna

Om is one of the most chanted mantra by the Hindus. It has a profound effect on the body and mind of the one who chants and also on the surroundings. Most mantras start with Om.

Om is made up of the letters A (phonetically as in "around"), U (phonetically as in "put") and M (phonetically as in "mum"). The sound emerging from the vocal chords starts from the base of the throat as "A". With the coming together of the lips, "U" is formed and when the lips are closed, all sounds end in "M".

The three letters symbolize the three states (waking, dream and deep sleep), the three deities (Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva), the three Vedas (Rig, Yajur and Sama) the three worlds (Bhuh, Bhuvah, Suvah) etc. The Lord is all these and beyond. Om refers to Brahman, the Supreme. Om is also called *pranava* that means, "that (symbol or sound) by which the Lord is praised". The entire essence of the Vedas is enshrined in the word Om. The Om chant should have the resounding sound of a bell (*aaooooommm*). Om symbolizes everything - the means and the goal of life, the world and the Truth behind it, the material and the Sacred, all form and the Formless. It is also sacred to Jainism, Buddhism and Sikhism.

Why do we do Aarati?

Towards the conclusion of worship, we perform the aarati in which a lighted lamp placed in a plate or simply held in hand is waved in clockwise direction in front of the deity or deities on altar. It is accompanied by the ringing of the bell and by singing, playing of musical instruments and clapping. It is one of the sixteen steps (*shodasha upachaara*) of worship. As the light is waved we either do mental or loud chanting of prayers or simply behold the beautiful form of the Lord, illumined by the lamp. Having worshipped a Deity - performing abhisheka, decorating the image and offering fruits and delicacies, we adore the beauty of the Deity. Our minds are focused on each limb of the Deity as the lamp lights it up. It is akin to silent open-eyed meditation on the Supreme. The singing, clapping, ringing of the bell etc. denote the joy and auspiciousness, which accompanies the vision of the Deity.

Aarati is often performed by lighting camphor placed in a small container or by lighting a cotton wick soaked with oil or ghee and placed in a small container (Diya). The lighted camphor or wick is allowed to burn until all camphor, oil or ghee has exhausted. Camphor, oil or ghee represents our ego. When lit by the fire of knowledge which illumines the Lord (Truth), our ego which keeps us separate from God is completely destroyed. During the aarati, even as we start out admiring the Deity, our eyes inevitably close automatically as if to look within. This is to signify that God resides within each of us and each of us is a temple of the Lord. Just as the priest reveals the form of the Lord clearly with the *aarati* flame, so too the guru reveals to us the divinity within each of us with the help of the "flame" of knowledge (or the light of spiritual knowledge). At the end of the *aarati*, we place our hands over the flame and then touch our eyes and the top of the head. It means - may the light that illumined the Lord light up my vision; may my vision be divine and my thoughts noble and beautiful.

The philosophical meaning of *aarati* extends further. The sun, moon, stars, lightning and fire are the natural sources of light. God is the source of this wonderful phenomenon of the universe. It is due to God alone that all else exist and shine. As we do aarati, we turn our attention to the very source of all light, which symbolizes knowledge and life as observed in one of the Upanishads: ***Na tatra suryo bhaati na chandra taarakam Nema vidyuto bhaanti kutoyamagnib Tameva bhaantam anubhaati sarvam Tasya bhasa sarvam idam vibhaati***

Where the sun does not shine, nor the moon, stars and lightning, then what to talk of this small flame (in my hand). Everything (in the universe) shines only after the Lord. And by God alone are we all illumined.

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CERTIFICATE COURSE IN HINDUISM

June 1 to June 30, 2013

Times: Saturdays, 10:30 – 12:30; 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Instructor: Professor S. S. Rama Rao Pappu (Professor of Philosophy & Comparative Religion, Miami University)

Introduction: Hindu civilization and culture has an unbroken continuity for over three thousand years during which the Hindus have developed distinctive ways of thinking living and acting in the world. There are nearly 1.2 billion Hindus, most of whom live in India. This course examines Hindu history and civilization, philosophies and religion, arts and literature as a culture's self-understanding and self-expression of its ideas, values and ways of thinking.

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2. This course will prepare you to a better understanding of the Hindu tradition and your role as a Hindu in the USA which is a predominantly Christian nation, by providing you with categorical frameworks and conceptual meanings to communicate better with other religious believers. (As a citizen of the United States it is likely that yourself, your children, your friends and neighbors have pointed questions on Hinduism, which you might be unable to give a satisfactory answer. (e.g. What is the Sacred Scripture of the Hindus – like the Bible for Christianity? Is Hinduism monotheistic or polytheistic? What is sacred about the sacred cow? Is Caste integral to Hinduism? What is the relation between Hinduism and Buddhism, Jainism?)

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All classes will be held in the Hinduism Library/Class room in the lower part of the Temple.

The Hinduism Library and Classroom project was envisioned by Laxmi Shankar Srivastava. He felt the need for the devotees to pursue the path of Jnana Yoga also. Major funding for the Library infra-structure, custom designed book cases, furniture etc. was funded by Rama Rao Pappu in memory of his wife Suryakantham Pappu. Rama Rao Pappu has also donated 2,500 books.



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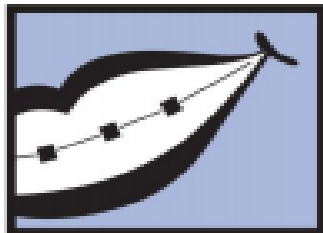
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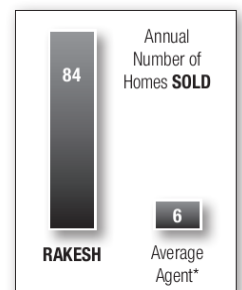
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