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General Body Meeting  
December 6, 2015  
EC Elections



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## General Body Elections

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at noon

The Election Commission is the same as last year and comprises of:

Mohan Chopra ([ashachopra@msn.com](mailto:ashachopra@msn.com)) 859-331-2416,  
Raneshwar Gupta([guptama2003@yahoo.com](mailto:guptama2003@yahoo.com)) 513-793-8199,  
Anand Narayan ([anand.narayana@gmail.com](mailto:anand.narayana@gmail.com)) 513-232-3331.

You may nominate for all positions of Executive Council: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and chairpersons for various committees such as: Communication/Editor, Cultural Activities, Puja & Religious Activities, Property Management & Youth Activities, Religious Education & Youth activities.

## Nominations Sought for Executive Council 2016

The term of current Executive Council expires on December 31, 2015 and the elections for Executive Council for 2016 will be conducted during General Body Meeting on Sunday, Dec 6, 2015 at noon. The Election Committee invites nominations for the following positions:

**President, Vice president, Secretary, Treasurer.**

**Nominations also invited for Chairpersons for the following Committees: Religious Education and Youth Activities, Puja and Religious Activities, Communications, Website and Aradhana Editor, Membership and Fundraising, Property Management and Maintenance, Cultural Activities.**

**The nominations must be filed by Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 midnight 12 pm.**

**All nominations must include the following information:**

**Name and phone number and email of the Candidate, Person Proposing and the person seconding.**

Nominations can be submitted on plain papers, by phone to any member of Election Commission or by email. All candidates must be dues paying members of HSGC in good standing for at least 12 months prior to Dec 1, 2015. For the position of President, a candidate must have actively served the HSGC for at least one year. Youth Group is requested to nominate a youth Representative (Max. age 22 yrs.). This must be endorsed by at least 10 youth members.

**HSGC Election Commission: Mohan Chopra 859-331-2416, A. Narayan 513-793-8199, Raneshwar Gupta 513-232-3331**

## **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2015**

**President:** Deepak Dixit : 513-348-5496  
**dixitnoh@gmail.com**  
**Vice President:** Sudhakar Vinod : 513-573-0305  
**vinodemail@gmail.com**  
**Secretary:** Murali Muraleetharan: 513-573-0550  
**mmuraleetharan@Cinci.rr.com**  
**Treasurer:** Amar Sharma: 513-777-5771  
**ushaamar@aol.com**

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

**Puja Committee:** Sangita Patel: 513-791-0855: **ptsp27@aol.com**  
**Communications/Website/Editor:** Usha Aggawral: 513-252-1040  
**usha.wc@gmail.com**  
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**Property Management/Maintenance:** Bhavin Patel: 513-257-8657:  
**bhanisha777@hotmail.com**  
**Cultural Activities:** Kamini Jain: 513-769-7964  
**kaminijain@yahoo.com**  
**Religious Education & Youth:** Shantala Gangatirkar: 513-443-6077  
**gangatirkar.shantala@gmail.com**  
**Long Range Planning:** Chair- Laxmi Srivastava: 513-474-0533  
Co-Chair- Indira Murthy

## **PRIESTS**

**Chief Priest:** Acharya Kailash Sharma: 513-652-5382  
**acharyaksharma@yahoo.com**  
**Priest:** Acharya Chakreshwar Sharma: 513-528-0901  
**achayachakreshwar@yahoo.com**  
**Priest:** Pandit Srinath Bhattar: 513-488-2986  
**bhattarsrinath@yahoo.com**

## **RELIGIOUS COUNSELOR**

Dr. Koti Sreekrishna: 513-290-3064: **tatachar@aol.com**

## **TEMPLE SCHEDULE**

**Monday-Friday:** 9.00 AM-12.00 Noon & 5.00 PM-8.00 PM  
**Saturday & Major Hindu Holidays (Maha Shivratri, Krishna Janamashtmi, Ganesh Chaturthi, Deepawali)** 9.00 AM- 8PM

**Sunday:** 9.00 AM- 7.00 PM (NOV.-MAR), 9AM-8PM (APR-OCT)

## **SPECIAL PROGRAMS ON WEEKENDS**

**9.15 - 9.30 AM:** Suprabhatam  
**9.30 - 11.00 AM** Daily Puja of Temple Dieties  
**11.00-11.30 AM** Sponsored Puja  
**11.30-12.15 PM** Bhajans  
**12.15-12.45 PM** Religious Discourse  
**12.45-1.00 PM** Birthdays, Anniversary Pujas & Announcements  
**1.00 PM** Aarti & Prasad

## **RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE**

**Sundays:** 12.15-12.45 PM  
**Fourth Sunday:** Upnishads  
**Second Sunday:** 1008 Gayatri Jaap & Children Program  
**Third Sunday:** Sunder Kand Path  
**Fourth Sunday:** Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path  
**Fifth Sunday:** Jagannath Puja

## **2015 Puja Committee & Religious Activities Members**

Sangita Patel (Chair) 513-791-0855  
Swarna Choudhury (Co-Chair) 513-232-2343  
Kiran Dayal (Co-Chair) 513-474-4051  
Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-770-0705  
Acharya Chakreshwar Sharma 513-528-0901  
Pandit Srinath Bhattar 513-528-3714  
Rani Dhamija 513-984-5777  
Meena Sondhi 513-831-9788  
Meena Karamchandani 513-259-4015  
Kalpana Srivastava 513-233-9154  
Vasundhara Dasari 513-777-3353  
Suchitra Mishra 513-573-9775  
Rajan Odavar 513-336-6843  
Vilas Patel 513-226-2154  
Triveni Dave 859-371-9645  
Mangal Nemade 513-234-8373  
Purabi Dey 513-688-1721  
Yasotha Subarajan 513-754-0578  
Bhavana Chatarji 513-561-7385

## **Treasurer Co-Chair**

Meena Karamchandani 513-259-4015  
Raj Badolia 513-754-0400

## **Temple Manager's Committees**

**Manager:** Laxmi Srivastava 513-474-0533

**Chief Financial Officer:**

**Raj Bodalia 513-583-0184**

**Office Manager:** Mohan Chopra  
**I/C Swami Lectures:** Vinay Kumar, Meena Mehta, Koti Srikrishna  
**Temple Database:** Nandkumar Khemchandani, Raj Badolia, Greg Smith  
**Anniversary & Birthdays Data:** Open  
**E-Mail Data:** Pradeep Goyal, Nandkumar Khemchandani  
**Gift Shop:** Meena Sondhi, Madhu Sharma  
**Security:(ADT):** Meena Mehta, Vinay Kumar, Ramesh Sondhi, Kailash Sharma  
**Financial Data:** Nand Kumar Khemchandani, Raj Badolia, Laxmi Srivastava  
**Project Manager:** Vithal Nemade  
**I/C Temple Website:** Bharat Vala, Greg Smith, Sudhakar Vinod,  
**I/C Temple Calender:** Meena Mehta, Ashvin Mehta, Acharya Kailash Sharma  
**Volunteer Services:** Mohan Chopra, Rajan Odayar, Kedarnath Nambori, Dilip Patel, Vijay Kumar Sharma  
**Temple Photographer:** Greg Smith, Naba Mishra, V G Ramaswamy, Mardav Bhakshi  
**Mela Committee:** Anil Jindal, Anisha Jindal, Jyoti Desai,

Members of 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 Puja as well bring Prasad & Lunch. You may wish to use this occasion to celebrate important events such as wedding anniversaries, birthdays, ishta devta puja, graduation and other memorable days. Events can be hosted by individuals, families, groups of families or organizations. Please reserve your Sunday of choice ASAP by putting your name & phone number on the calender at the temple & calling Puja Committee members Kiran Dayal/ Meena Sondhi

Please donate generously. Your temple needs: SPONSORS FOR FLOWERS \$ 50/WEEK, SUNDAY PUJAS, AND YOUR SUPPORT

# Puja Information

## RATES FOR PUJA & 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 Puja (Mahavir)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ashtoththaram (108) Archana	\$ 11.00	—
AyushyaHomam/B'day Celeb.	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ground Breaking Ceremony	—	\$151.00
Griha Pravesha (House Warming)	—	\$151.00
Griha Pravesha w/SatyaNarayan Puja	—	\$201.00
Kalayana Uthsava	\$151.00	\$201.00
Kesh Khandan/Mundan/Churakr	\$101.00	\$151.00
Naam-Karan	\$101.00	\$151.00
Navagraha Puja	\$101.00	\$151.00
Nischitartham (Engagement)	\$151.00	\$251.00
Nitya (1 Day) Kainkaryam (Seva)	\$101.00	---
Poolangi Seva (With Flowers)		
(Only During Off Winter Season)	\$101.00	—
Sahasranama (1008) Archana	\$ 51.00	---
Sathyanarayana Puja	\$101.00	\$151.00
Sathyanarayan Puja w/Havan	\$131.00	\$201.00
Seemantham(Baby Shower)	\$151.00	\$201.00
Mata Ki Chauki*	\$251.00	\$301.00
Akhand Ramayan Paath	\$251.00	\$501.00
Shashti Poorthi (60th B'day)	\$201.00	\$251.00
Anniversary celebration	\$151.00	\$201.00
Suprabhat Seva	\$ 21.00	---
Unjal (Swing) Seva	\$ 31.00	---
Upakarma (Thread changing)	\$ 51.00	---
Upanayam/Brahmopadesham/		
Thread Ceremony	\$151.00	\$251.00
Sunderkand Path	\$101.00	\$151.00
Vahan Puja	\$ 51.00	----
Yearly Shradham (Barkhi)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Wedding (\$ 251.00 Advance Deposit required)	\$301.00	\$501.00
Funeral (Last Rites)		\$ 201.00

### Priest Dakshina

All puja rates amounts do not include Priest Dakshina. Sponsors (devotees) are encouraged to provide Dakshina to Priest at their will and satisfaction. This dakshina directly goes to the Priest. A reimbursement of travel expenses for the Priest during outside puja will be required at 0.50 cents/mile .

\* Rates of Mata Ki Chauki performed at another temple will be 50% of the money collected at the temple or a minimum of \$ 701.00.

Rates are subject to change without notice. Rates of Pujas not listed above and requiring less than four hours of priest's time will normally be \$ 101.00 (inside the temple) and \$ 151.00 ( outside of temple). Rates of Pujas out of Greater Cincinnati will be \$100.00 more than the rates of outside Puja within greater Cincinnati area.

## Temple Rental: Lower Floor Only

	Full day	Half day
Monday -Thursday (except holidays)	\$ 401.00	\$ 225.00
Friday, Saturday & Holidays	\$601.00	\$401.00
<u>Sunday after 3PM only</u>	not rented	\$401.00
Use of Kitchen	\$ 201.00	\$101.00
Use of Kitchen w/paper products	\$251.00	\$ 151.00

Full Day: 8.00 am-11.00 pm

Half Day: 8.00 am-2.00 pm or 4.00 pm—11.00 pm

### Note:

All Temple rentals require a \$ 200.00 security deposit. It will be forfeited if the basement hall, upstairs, bathrooms and the kitchen area are not cleaned by the party renting the space.

### CONTACTS:

To Schedule Puja— Sangita Patel –513-791-0855

To rent Lower Level –Raneshwar Gupta 232-3331

## Puja Committee Announcements

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.
2. No Archana on Sundays between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
3. Outside Pujas and other religious services will be conducted by appointment only.
4. To schedule any Pujas please contact Puja Committee chairperson at least one week in advance.
5. Food and Prasad : To bring to temple please contact Puja Committee chairperson .
6. Pujas performed outside the temple will be rated according to the number of Pujas performed
7. Puja Samagri- for convenience of devotees, the temple can provide Puja Samagri for a donation of \$ 21.00 for any puja and \$ 31.00 for any puja including Havan/Homam
8. Cancellations of Puja should be done 3 days in advance or else the full fee for the Puja will be charged.

## Important Announcement

**Sunderkand CD**  
(sung by Acharya Kailash Sharma)  
is available at the temple gift shop for \$ 10.00/each.

**The money raised will go to temple.**

## Regular Weekly & Monthly Events at the Temple

### Monthly Navgrah Puja

Every first Saturday of the Month  
Sponsors needed for Puja \$51.00  
For Details call

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



### Monthly Murugan Abhishekham / Puja

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 Puja

On Every Purnima of the Month  
6:30 pm

**Sponsorship \$ 51.00**

To sponsor Puja call  
Sangita Patel 791-0855  
Temple priests: 528-3714

### Shri Ganesh Puja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 10:30AM

This Puja is dedicated to each month's  
Sankashti Chaturthi to Lord Ganesh.

**For more information & To Sponsor the Puja 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 Shri 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 Puja

Every Friday at 6:30pm

To sponsor Puja please call Sangita Patel 791-0855  
Temple priests: 528-3714

### PURUSHOTTAM NAAM STOTRA PARAYAN



Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month  
6pm to 7:30pm  
details please call Mina Mehta 574-6763

**Aradhana is Published Monthly and Circulated to  
approximately 2000 Families**

**Advertising Rates/month:**  
Aradhana: Full Page-\$300: Half Page-\$150,  
Quarter Page- \$100, & 1/8th page- \$50  
Temple Website: 101/month

A 10% discount is given for 12 consecutive repetitions of the same ad. Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati (HSGC) is a non-profit organization that caters to the needs of a large community. The views expressed by individual authors in Aradhana are their own and may not reflect the policies of HSGC.

**Your comments or suggestions to improve Aradhana are welcome**

### OOPS:

In November Aradhana, an amount of \$ 2,782, collected during the Rath Yatra. was accidentally allocated in general donation category.

## DECEMBER 2015

Dec	5th	Sat.	108 Hanuman Chalisa 8:30am
Dec.	5th	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship\$51
Dec.	5th	Sat	Sai Bhajans 6pm
Dec.	6th	Sun	1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am
Dec.	9th	Wed	Purushottam Sahshra Naam 6pm
Dec	12th	Sat.	Murugan Abhishekam 4:30pm Sponsorship \$101
Dec.	13th	Sat.	Sunderkand path 10:30am Schedule changed from 20th -13th
Dec.	16th	Wed	Dhanurmaas Begins
Dec.	20th	Sun	Ganesh Puja & Atarvashirsh Path 11am Schedule changed from 13th -20th
Dec.	21st	Mon	Geeta Jayanti
Dec.	25th	Fri	Dattatreya Jayanti
Dec.	25th	Fri	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 5:30pm Sponsorship \$51. Puja Samagri will be provided, please call to inform and come with one coconut, flowers , fruits and Prasad
Dec.	26th	Sat.	Venkateshwara Kalyanam 10am \$51
Dec.	27th	Sun	Geeta Jayanti Celebration 10am to 1pm Geeta recitation, everyone welcome to recite
Dec.	29th	Tues	Chaturthi Puja 6pm

## JANUARY 2016

Jan	1st	Fri	New year Ganpati Homa/Havan 11am Sponsorship \$51 Temple hours 9am to 8pm
Jan	1st	Fri	Mata Ki Chouki 4-8pm Sponsored by -Dr. PremShankar & Kiran Verma family
Jan	2nd	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sposnorship \$51.00
Jan	2nd	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm
Jan	3rd	Sun.	Bhajan Satsang 11:45 12:55pm Invite all bhajan singers to participate.
Jan	6th	Wed	Purushottam Sahshra Naam 6pm
Jan	9th	Sat.	1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am
Jan	10th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
Jan	13th	Wed	Lohri Celebration 7pm
Jan	14th	Thu	Makar Sankranti
Jan	16th	Sat.	Bhajan Sandhya 4-7pm
Jan	17th	Sun	Thai Pongal/Sankranti Celebration 10am Murugan Abhishekam SPosnorship\$101
Jan.	23rd	Sat	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 5:30pm Sponsorship \$51. Puja Samagri will be provided, please call to inform and come with one coconut, flowers , fruits and Prasad
Jan	23rd	Sat.	Venkateshwar Abhishekam
Jan	24th	Sun	Ganesh Puja 11am
Jan	27th	Wed.	Chaturthi Puja 6pm
Jan	31st	Sun	Jagannath Puja 11am

**Dear HSGC members, devotees, and temple supporters,**

I hope that all of you had a wonderful Dusshera, Diwali, and the New Year celebration. We had a very busy time with these events both inside and outside the temple. We had an extremely well attended Dusshera and Navratri celebration at the temple and at the Cincinnati Mills location.

We had a fantastic Diwali Mahalakshmi Pooja at the temple on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. The pooja was attended by over 1,000 devotees. Afterwards, the children and parents alike enjoyed the sparkers, firecrackers and spinners. It was a real Diwali like atmosphere that reminded many of their childhood days in India.

We had the Diwali cultural night on Nov 14<sup>th</sup> at the Atrium Hotel. It was a full house at the Atrium where all guests enjoyed a very tasty and sumptuous dinner. It was followed by a fabulous musical evening. The group from Mumbai called the Panorama Group had very accomplished singers and musicians, some of whom had performed in the orchestras of the likes of Shankar-Jaikishen. The theme of the program was Binaca Geetmala. The top songs of this famed series over 25 years were performed by this group. It was truly a "don't miss" program.

We celebrated a very well attended Annakut/Govardhan Pooja/Tulsi Vivah as well on Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The executive committee of the temple is looking at the growing needs of the temple. We are getting more devotees visiting the temple, the number of programs that get large attendance is also increasing and there is demand from several devotee groups for bringing additional deities to the temple. We also have a long felt need for a multi-purpose community center that will cater to multiple needs. Therefore, we have drawn up a long range expansion plan for the temple that will cater to the multiple needs. A summary of the plan is provided below.

1. There will be addition of two wings (north and south) to the temple to accommodate needs of groups interested in bringing additional deities and/or to create more space for larger devotee attendance for the deities.
2. There will be expansion of the temple in the front and back of the temple.
3. The front entrance project has the following objectives:
  - a. Provide the aesthetic appeal of a proper Hindu temple entrance
  - b. Provide facility for coat hangers and shoe racks at the main level so that there will be no need to enter the temple from the side entrance
  - c. Provide additional rest rooms at the main level to cater to the increasing attendance at the temple
  - d. Provide all these facilities as part of the enclosed building to avoid exposure to the weather elements while entering the temple.
4. The expansion at the back will consist of a multi-purpose community center that will serve as a place of marriages, major religious events, social gatherings as well as additional educational and cultural needs.
5. The front and back expansion will be funded by general devotee base and it will be treated as a single project from fund-raising perspective.
6. We are in the process of drawing up the estimates for the expansion. We will be in constant communication with all of you through Aradhana, the website and special email blasts.

We feel confident that if the entire community gets behind this project, we can accomplish these goals in a very short order. The benefits of these projects to the community will be enormous. So let us set our sights high for the coming year 2016 and work hard to attain these goals.

Best regards,

Deepak Dixit

President, HSGC

**Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati  
Meeting Of the Executive Council for Sept 2015**

**Members / Attendance: Date: August 30, 2015 at 4920 Klatte Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244**

**Time meeting was called to order: 10:40 am - Time meeting ended: approx. 1 pm**

- Deepak Dixit (President)
- Sudhakar Vinod (Vice President)
- Amar Sharma (Treasurer)
- Kamini Jain (Cultural Activities)
- Shantala Gangatirkar (Religious Education & Youth)
- Bhavin Patel (Property Management & Maintenance)
- Sangita Patel (Pooja Chair)

**Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meetings of the EC on Aug 2, 2015 were not reviewed.

**Committee Updates**

The EC discussed the current and the proposed rates for poojas and funeral services.

- A charge of \$201.00 for the services of the priests at funerals was agreed.
- Pooja Committee to finalize all other pooja rates revisions and bring it to the EC

The Pooja Committee also agreed to compile a comprehensive check list to be used before the release of the deposits charged for kitchen rentals. The EC discussed the need to conduct poojas and other temple events promptly on a timely basis to avoid complaints from devotees. Pooja Committee agreed to take this up with the priests for discussion. It was agreed to advertise in Aradhana to arrest the declining trend of food sponsorships.

**Relationship with Umiya Mata Devotees**

The EC discussed the following:

- The need accommodate the devotee base as part of the HSGC.
- Arrange a meeting with them to discuss the future master plan (only) of the HSGC, including the construction of the proposed multi purpose building within a short time.

**Mela**

Kamini Jain updated the EC of the details of the upcoming event with emphasis on after event clean up and other logistics including the need to find a videographer.

**Geo Thermal**

Chris Gallagher of the Gallagher HVAC Services made an initial presentation of the different options and the related costs and savings of the project. The presentation also covered future expansion plans including new and additional buildings, costs of maintenance, system failures and related liabilities, maintenance contracts etc. He also requested access to gas and electric bills to move further into the discussions of this project.

**Children's Religious Education**

Shantala Gangatirkar updated the EC of the progress made so far.

**Other Updates**

By Deepak Dixit

- Children's classrooms
- Fixing of the stage
- General maintenance issues including tiles in front of the temple and kitchen

By Sudhakar Vinod

- Progress on Kroger card sign ups
- Ganesh Chaturthi and all steps relating to Visarjan

Murali M. Muraleetharan, Secretary

## Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati Meeting Of the Executive Council - October 2015

### Members / Attendance

**Meeting Date: October 4th, 2015**

**Location: 720 Barg Salt Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244**

**Time meeting: 10:30 am to 1 pm**

- Deepak Dixit (President)
- Sudhakar Vinod (Vice President)
- Amar Sharma (Treasurer)
- Laxmi Srivastava (Long Range Planning)
- Bhavin Patel (Property Management & Maintenance)
- Sangita Patel (Pooja Committee)
- Usha Aggarwal (Communications)
- Renu Kotwal (Membership and Fundraising)

### Committee Updates

1. Bhavin Patel will follow up regarding LED lights in the basement and ceiling tiles.
2. The geothermal contractor will be given utility bill in order to provide cost justification for the geothermal system.
3. We will evaluate the feasibility of solar panels on the temple roof.
4. The EC will create a unified list of all projects and prioritize the projects.
5. The EC discussed the need for addition of new wings to the temple as well as a new front entrance.
6. The new plans will need to address several other issues such as a place to garage the rath, enhance the kitchen, and additional space for coats, shoes, restrooms etc.
7. The EC also discussed the need for a community hall.
8. An additional consideration is enhanced security of the temple.
9. The EC agreed to have a special meeting with the 42 Gam Samaj to discuss the expansion of the temple to get the Umiya Mata deity in the temple.
10. The EC discussed the need to create a volunteer group as well as a dedicated Mela committee.
11. The EC discussed the need to streamline scheduling of the pooja activities.

### Dusshera Celebration– Moments



**Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati**  
**Meeting Of the Executive Council – November 2015**

**Members / Attendance**

**Meeting Date: November 1st, 2015**

**Location: 720 Barg Salt Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244**

**Time meeting: 10:30 am to 1 pm**

- Deepak Dixit (President)
- Sudhakar Vinod (Vice President)
- Amar Sharma (Treasurer)
- Laxmi Srivastava (Long Range Planning)
- Bhavin Patel (Property Management & Maintenance)
- Sangita Patel (Pooja Committee)
- Usha Aggarwal (Communications)
- Renu Kotwal (Membership and Fundraising)
- Bill Fiedler (Guest – Architect)

**Committee Updates**

1. Bill Fiedler presented the master plan for the expansion of the temple building based on prior input from long range planning discussions.
2. The EC approved addition of two wings (north and south) to the temple to accommodate the needs of groups interested in bringing additional deities and/or to create more space for larger devotee attendance for the deities.
3. The addition of the wings will be solely funded by the specific devotee groups and the funds from the general devotee base will not be used for the expansion of the wings.
4. Some deities may be relocated (in the south wing) due to the redesign of the wing.
5. As a result, fund raising for the north and south wing addition can proceed.
6. The EC also discussed the expansion of the temple in the front and back of the temple.
7. The front entrance project has the following objectives:
  - a. Provide the aesthetic appeal of a proper Hindu temple entrance
  - b. Provide facility for coat hangers and shoe racks at the main level so that there will be no need to enter the temple from the side entrance
  - c. Provide additional rest rooms at the main level to cater to the increasing attendance at the temple
  - d. Provide all these facilities as part of the enclosed building to avoid exposure to the weather elements while entering the temple.
8. The expansion at the back will consist of a multi-purpose community center that will serve as a place of marriages, major religious events, social gatherings as well as additional educational and cultural needs.
9. The front and back expansion will be funded by general devotee base and it will be treated as a single project from fund-raising perspective.
10. The cost estimates for the front and back expansion will be prepared before final approval of the expansion.
11. The temple phone numbers will be consolidated into a single phone number with a calling tree for streamlining the various functions within the temple.

# VAIKUNTHA EKADASHI CELEBRATION

## Dec 21st Monday



**9:00am to 12:00pm Suprabhatam, Vaikuntha**

Dwara Puja, Mantra pushpam, Archana.

**5:00pm to 7:30pm Archana, Aarti , Prasad**

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# 108 HANUMAN CHALISA PATH

Dec. 5th Saturday- 8am to 1pm



## 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. devotees are encouraged to be present from beginning to end.

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On behalf of the Pooja Committee, I would like to thank all the sponsors for their generosity.

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# Geeta Jayanti Celebration

## Geeta Path, Sunday Dec 27th 2015



10:00 am Shri Krishna Puja  
10:30 am - 12:30 pm Geeta Path (Whole Geeta Recital)  
12:30 pm Pravachan on Geeta  
1:00 pm Aarti & Prasad

Devotees may consider to sponsor Geeta path (Recital) in memory of their loved one. It is very auspicious to recite or listen the whole Geeta on the occasion of Geeta Jayanti.

Geeta 18:70 -71 **Whoever earnestly studies this sacred dialogue of ours –I consider that person to have honored me by making an effort to understand my words. Even the one who simply listens to these words in good faith is liberated and attains the happier worlds of the righteous.**

Please call for more details Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-5382, Koti Sreekrishna 290-3064, Sangita patel 791-0855, Temple 528-3714.

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In [Indian religions](#) and [Indian philosophy](#), **moksha** (Sanskrit: मोक्ष mokṣa), also called **vimoksha**, **vimukti** and **mukti**,<sup>[1]</sup> means emancipation, liberation or release.<sup>[2]</sup> In the [soteriological](#) and [eschatological](#) sense, it connotes freedom from [samsāra](#), the cycle of death and rebirth.<sup>[3]</sup> In the [epistemological](#) and psychological sense, moksha connotes freedom, self-realization and self-knowledge.<sup>[4]</sup>

In Hindu traditions, **moksha** is a central concept<sup>[5]</sup> and included as one of the four aspects and goals of human life; the other three goals are [dharma](#) (virtuous, proper, moral life), [artha](#) (material prosperity, income security, means of life), and [kama](#) (pleasure, sensuality, emotional fulfillment).<sup>[6]</sup> Together, these four aims of life are called [Puruṣārtha](#) in Hinduism.<sup>[7]</sup>

The concept of **moksha** is found in [Jainism](#), [Buddhism](#) and [Hinduism](#). In some schools of Indian religions, **moksha** is considered equivalent to and used interchangeably with other terms such as *vimoksha*, *vimukti*, *kaivalya*, *apavarga*, *mukti*, *nihsreyasa* and *nirvana*.<sup>[8]</sup> However, terms such as moksha and nirvana differ and mean different states between various schools of Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism.<sup>[9]</sup> The term [nirvana](#) is more common in Buddhism,<sup>[10]</sup> while moksha is more prevalent in Hinduism.<sup>[11]</sup>

Source: Wikipedia/Moksha

# NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 2016



11am Ganpati Havan /Homam and 12:30pm Aarti

Sponsorship \$51.00

Temple open 9am to 8pm Evening Aarti 7:30pm  
Event Sponsors Needed.

# MATA KI CHAUKI

January 1st friday 2016

4pm to 8pm



4pm Devi Durga Puja  
5pm First aarti  
5:15pm Mata Bhajans /Bheten  
8PM Bhog Aarti, Prasad & dinner

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**New Year's Day** is observed on [January 1](#), the first day of the year on the modern [Gregorian calendar](#) as well as the [Julian calendar](#). As a date in the Gregorian calendar of [Christendom](#), New Year's Day liturgically marked the [Feast of the Circumcision of Christ](#), and is still observed as such in the [Anglican Church](#) and [Lutheran Church](#).<sup>[1][2]</sup> In present day, with most countries now using the Gregorian calendar as their [de facto](#) calendar, New Year's Day is probably the most celebrated public [holiday](#), often observed with [fireworks](#) at the stroke of [midnight](#) as the new year starts in each time zone

[Diwali](#) related New Years celebrations include **Marwari New Year** and **Gujrati New Year**.

[Indian New Year's days](#) has several variations depending on the region and is based on the [Hindu calendar](#).

[Hindu](#) In Hinduism, different regional cultures celebrate new year at different times of the year. In Assam, Bengal, Kerala, Nepal, Orissa, Punjab and Tamil Nadu, households celebrate the new year when the Sun enters [Aries](#) on the [Hindu calendar](#). This is normally on April 14 or April 15, depending on the leap year. Elsewhere in northern/central India, the [Vikram Samvat](#) calendar is followed. According to that the new year day is the first day of the Chaitra Month, also known as Chaitra Shukla Pratipada or [Gudi Padwa](#). This basically is the first month of the Hindu calendar, the first shukla paksha (fortnight) and the first day. This normally comes around March 23–24, mostly around the Spring Equinox in Gregorian Calendar. The new year is celebrated by paying respect to elders in the family and by seeking their blessings. They also exchange tokens of good wishes for a healthy and prosperous year ahead.

[Tamil](#) New Year ([Puthandu](#)) is celebrated on April 13 or April 14. Traditionally, it is celebrated as [Chiththirai Thirunaal](#) in parts of Tamil Nadu to mark the event of the Sun entering Aries. [Panchangam](#) ([almanac](#)), is read in temples to mark the start of the Year.

[Telugu](#) New Year ([Ugadi](#)), [Kannada](#) New Year ([Yugadi](#)) is celebrated in March (generally), April (occasionally). Traditionally, it is celebrated as Chaitram [Chaitra Shuddha Padyami](#) in parts of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka to mark the event of New Year's Day for the people of the Deccan region of India. It falls on a different day every year because the Hindu calendar is a lunisolar calendar. The Saka calendar begins with the month of Chaitra (March–April) and Ugadi/Yugadi marks the first day of the new year. Chaitra is the first month in Panchanga which is the Indian calendar. [Panchangam](#) ([almanac](#)), is read in temples to mark the start of the Year.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New\\_Year%27s\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Year%27s_Day)

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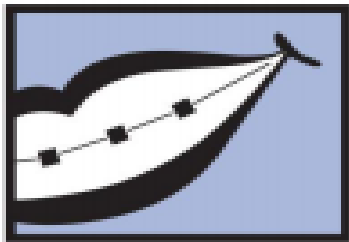
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