



# आराधना

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February 2016



**Happy Vasant Panchmi**

**February 12th Friday**



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Phone: (513) 528-3714  
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## Vasant Panchmi Celebration

Sunday Feb. 14th: 10:30am to 1pm

10:30 to 11:30 Saraswati Puja  
11:30 to 11:45 Vidyarambha Puja (For Children)  
11:45 to 12:00 Pushpanjali Offerings  
12:00 to 1:00 Bhajans, Pravachan &  
Aarti Prasad (Lunch)

For Details Please call:  
Mangala Nemade 234-8373,  
Purbi Day 688-1721,  
Temple: 513-528-3714.

**Event is sponsored by  
Agrani Bengali Group**



### VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \*Credit Cards or checks are encouraged for donation, Puja activities and all the purchases on the website and at the temple. Please call Puja Committee Chair or temple to schedule Puja.
- \*Please use 720 Barg Salt Road Cincinnati, OH 45244 for driving directions. 4920 Klatte Road address is used for mailing
- \*Look for Holi fun and details inside and enter early for the performances.
- \*Last chance to correct the names for Brick Wall– look inside.
- \*North Wing Expansion– Umiya Maa and Kali Maa Deities. Devotees please donate generously.

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## **RELIGIOUS COUNSELOR**

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## **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

## **2016 Puja Committee & Religious Activities Members**

Mangala Nemade(Chair) 513-234-8373  
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## **Treasurer Co-Chair**

Raj Badolia 513-754-0400

## **Temple Manager's Committees**

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

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**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):** Mohan Chopra, Greg Smith,  
Kailash Sharma, Laxmi Srivastava  
**Financial Data:** Nand Kumar Khemchandani,  
Raj Bodolia, Laxmi Srivastava  
**Project Manager:** Vithal Nemade  
**I/C Temple Website:** Bharat Vala, Greg Smith,  
Sudhakar Vinod,  
**I/C Temple Calender:** Meena Mehta, Ashvin Mehta,  
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**Funeral Coordinator:** Khush Karamchandani (513-259-4015)  
**Attorney:** Aronoff, Rosen & Hunt 513-241-0400  
**Accountant:** Open

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 Mangala Nemade

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
Sathyanarayana 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,  
Yasothea 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

### PURIUSHOTTAM NAAM STOTRA PARAYAN

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month  
6pm to 7:30pm

details please call Mina Mehta 574-6763



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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**

**Geeta Mehan : 513-754-0400  
YOU ARE NOT ALONE**

## FEBRUARY 2016

Feb	6th	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sposnorship \$51.00
Feb	6th	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm
Feb	7th	Sun.	Bhajan Satsang 11:45am to 12:45pm
Feb	10th	Wed.	Purushottam Sahshra Naam 6pm
Feb	12th	Fri.	Vasant Panchami (actual Day) 10am Sponsorship \$51
Feb	13th	Sat.	1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am
Feb	13th	Sat.	Murugan Abhishekam 4:30pm Sposnorship \$101
Feb	14th	Sun.	Vasant Panchami Celebration 10:30am Sponsored by- Agrani
Feb	21st	Sun.	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
Feb	21st	Sun.	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 5:30pm Sponsorship \$51. Puja Samagri will be provided, please call ahead and come with one coconut, flowers , fruits and Prasad.
Feb	26th	Fri.	Sankashti Chaturthi 6pm
Feb	27th	Sat.	Venkateshwar Kalyanam 10am Sponsorship\$51
Feb	28th	Sun.	Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsh Path 11am

## MARCH 2016

March	5th	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51.00
March	5th	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm
March	6th	Sun	Shiva Puja 11am, Bhajans,Importance of Shivrarti Followed by Aarti and prasad. Sponsored by - Kash-miri Group of Cincinnati
March	7th	Mon	Maha Shiva Ratri: Temple open whole day 9am to6am next day, puja details inside.
March	9th	Wed	Purushottam Sahshra Naam 6pm
March	12th	Sat	1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am
March	12th	Sat	Murugan Abhishekam 4:30pm Sponsorship \$101
March	13th	Sun	Laxmi-Narayan Puja for millennium generation 11am Details inside
March	16th	Wed	Holastak Begins
March	20th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
March	22nd	Tues	Holika Dahan 7:30pm Hanuman Chalisa 6:30
March	22nd	Tues	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51. Puja Samagri will be provided, please call ahead, come with one coconut, flowers, fruits and Prasad.
March	26th	Sat	Venkateshwar Abhishekam 10am Sponsorship\$51
March	26th	Sat.	Holi Celebration 3pm Cultural Program
March	27th	Sun	Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsh Path 11am
March	27th	Sun	Sankashti Chaturthi 6pm

## 2016 NEW EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS



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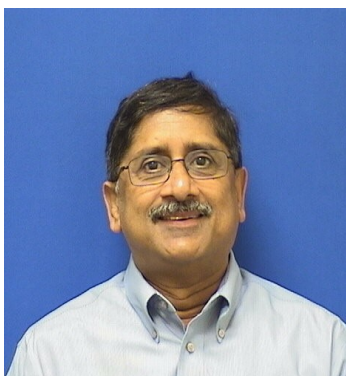
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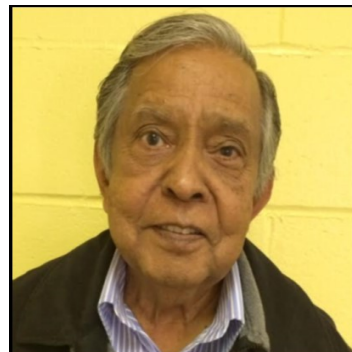
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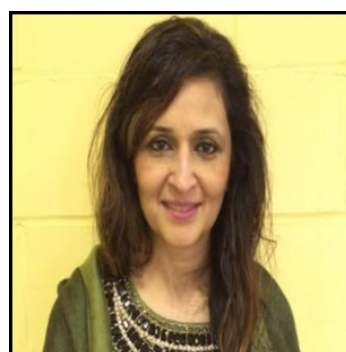
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2. Confirm your registration through your email account.
3. Sign in to Kroger Community Rewards website (the link on the confirmation email will take you there). Proceed to Edit "My Account;" enter your Kroger Card Number and confirm personal information
4. Click to "Community Rewards" at the bottom of the page and type in our NPO number **81567**. Select "Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati."

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## **Hindu Religious Education Classes for Children at HSGC**

**By Shantala Gangatirkar and Koti Sreekrishna**

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM For age group 5 to 12 years

**Class will include:**

Yoga for Children  
Sanskrit Shloak Chanting  
Fun Stories related to religion  
Questions and Answers  
Understanding and Bringing religion in daily life.

**For registration please contact: Shantala Gangatirkar**

**at [Gangatirkar.shantala@gmail.com](mailto:Gangatirkar.shantala@gmail.com)**

**OR 513-443-6077.**

Hindu society cordially invites millennium generation couples  
with family and friends to participate in

# Laxmi-Narayan Puja

(worship for Goddess Laxmi and Lord Vishnu)

**March 13th Sunday**

11:30am Puja followed by Aarti and prasad



This puja is organized for younger generation to be  
part of Temple activities.

Please register by Email: [acharyaksharma@yahoo.com](mailto:acharyaksharma@yahoo.com)

For more details call Temple 513-528-3714,  
Mangala Nemade 234-8373.

Sponsorship \$31.00

Lunch Prasad sponsors needed.

Required puja items will be provided by temple



Feel the power of prayers through Bhajans

# BHAJAN SATSANG

Sunday Feb. 7th



11:45am to 1pm followed by Mahamangal Aarti  
Local community Bhajan Singers, Musicians invited to participate.  
Lunch Prasad sponsors needed.  
For details please call: Mangala Nemade 513-234-8373,  
Temple 513-528-3714. Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382



**Acharya Kailash Sharma**  
Chief Priest



**Pandit Srinath Bhattar**  
Priest

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**Acharya Chakreshwar Sharma**  
Priest



**Pandit Jayant Mohapatra**  
Priest

# EKAL Fundraising / Musical Evening

## Venue

**Mason High School**  
6100 S. Mason Montgomery Road,  
Mason, OH 45040

## Date / Time

**Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
Dinner : 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm  
Performance : 7:30 pm – 11:00 pm

## Tickets

**\$30 / \$40 / \$50 Open Seating**  
**Dinner Included**  
**Doors Open at 7:00 pm**



Raj Parmar



Jay Natu



**Anand Vinod & Vibhavari Yadav**  
**Musical Group**



Dhirendra Dave

## Ticket Volunteers

Ambrish Bansal (513) 227 7211

Sandip Shah (513) 277 0289

Arun Gupta (513) 509 1480

Pramod Jhaveri (513) 295 4456

Geeta Mehan (513) 754 0400

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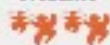
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**Food and Color will be available for purchase. All proceeds go to the Temple.**

**Cultural Program:**

**AGE REQUIREMENTS: 5 Years or older**

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS: Each program must be under 3-4 minutes. Preferences will be given to group performance. Up to 5 solo performance and 20 group performances will be allowed.**

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

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

**DEADLINE OF ENTRY SUBMISSION: First 25 entries received on or before March 1, 2016.**

**No exception, please. Please download the entry form from the temple website and send it to [hsgccultural@gmail.com](mailto:hsgccultural@gmail.com)**

**EVENT CONTACT: Amitava Das – (513) 379-9866, [hsgccultural@gmail.com](mailto:hsgccultural@gmail.com)**

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## Temple North Wing Expansion

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#### Kalima Ji

Shree Maa Kali is the Goddess associated with Shakti or power and empowerment. She is the mighty aspect of the goddess Durga. The name of Kali means dark one and force of time, so she is also called the Goddess of Time, Change, Power, Creation, Preservation, and Destruction. Shaktas and Tantrics worship her as the ultimate reality or Para Brahman. Devotional movements re-imagine Kali as a benevolent Mother Goddess. Kali is worshipped by Hindus, particularly in Bangal, Assam and Southern India.

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## 2015 Income Expense Report – Operating Account

Income		Expense	
Aradhana Advertisement	19,780.00	Aradhana Publication	24,013.16
Calender sale	286.00	Bank Charges	406.02
Festivals Income		Calender	505.00
Diwali	9,678.30	Festivals Expense	
Ganesh Visharjan	525.00	Diwali	10,781.30
Holi	1,561.00	Mela	21,911.26
Mela	45,504.73	Naach Sitare	9,535.90
Naach Sitare	3,366.00	Navratri	17,039.94
Navratri	35,864.23	Ravan Dahan	15,734.95
Rath Yatra	2,782.00	Flower Expense	15,150.34
Ravan Dahan	13,687.90	Food Expense	10,495.00
Flower Donation	8,216.00	Miscellaneous	45.00
Food Donation	14,160.00	Mortgage	
General Donation	95,175.51	Interest	28,253.67
Gift Shop Income	99.95	Principal	17,268.99
Membership	201.00	Office Expense	4,517.44
Puja Income		Property Insurance	5,101.50
Annakut	988.00	Property Tax	10,897.90
Anniversary	18,743.00	Puja Expense	
Archana	10,463.00	Anniversary	2,501.00
Bhagvat Katha	3,848.00	Diwali	2,667.00
Bhajan Sandhya	191.00	Maha Shivratri	200.00
Chandi Havan	1,243.00	Mataki Chawki	4,685.00
Chitragupta Yagna	1,519.00	Murugan Abhishekam	1,500.00
Dhanvantri	1,326.00	Ram Kalyanam	370.00
Diwali	3,242.48	Repair & Maintenance	125.81
Ganesh Chaturthi	3,866.00	Grass Cutting	4,994.47
Guru Purnima	1,895.00	Miscellaneous	23,135.71
Hanuman Jayanti	3,046.00	Pest Control	300.00
Hindola Utsav	690.00	Security System	8,186.15
Janmashthami	2,312.00	Snow Removal	4,600.00
Laxmi Narayana Puja	793.00	Temple Cleaning	18,435.00
Maha Shivratri	5,615.00	Services-Memberships	45.00
Mahaveer Jayanti	115.00	Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund	22,320.45
Mataki Chawki	48,483.00	Supplies	
Murugan Abhishekam	16,984.00	Paper Products - Kitchen	8,818.77
Nand Mahotsav	880.00	Puja	2,423.40
Navgraha Puja	2,878.00	Temple	5,852.81
New Year Havan	3,228.00	Utilities	
Outside Puja	52,772.00	Garbage Removal	1,704.54
Ramayan Path	1,364.00	Gas & Electric	29,125.91
Rudra Yagna	1,012.00	Telephone Bill	2,614.11
Saraswati Puja	1,170.00	Water & Sewer	1,504.95
Shiv Vivah	6,047.00	Wages	128,965.87
Shraddha Puja	1,993.00	<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>466,733.32</b>
Sitaram Kalyanam	4,209.00		
Special Puja & Archana	30,955.00		
Sundarkand Path	437.00		
Tulsi Vivah	795.00		
Vallabhacharya Jayanti	110.00		
Venkateshwara Kalyanam	9,089.00		
Rental Income	2,606.00		
Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund	22,320.45		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>518,115.55</b>		
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 51,382.23</b>		

### Balances in Special Projects

Projects	Balance
Amazon	148.74
Barge Salt Run - Marg	198,191.32
Bricks	27,041.35
Children's Room	(10,731.18)*
Elevator	2,036.19
Jagannathji Jewellery	10,847.00
Kitchen	12,025.00
Kroger Giving	9,456.91
Library	39.02
Mukut	40,157.51
Musical Program	300.00
Restricted Fund	8,006.00
Road Gate	(261.40)*
Road Lights	(9,102.86)*
Saree Sale	12,864.81
Sarovar	(21,372.85)*
Shiva Snake	1,000.00
Swamiji Fund	1,888.48
Tree Special	1,407.38
Umiya Mataji Diety	251.00
Venkatesh Jewellery	13,113.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 297,295.42</b>

\* Money has been pledged.

## Executive Council Minutes of the 2016 January Meeting

**Date:** Jan 3 2016 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM

**Place:** Cincinnati Temple

**Attendees:** Deepak Dixit, J.S. Karthikeyan, Mina Karamchandani, Laxmi Srivastava, Amitava Das, Bhavin Patel, Usha Aggarwal.

- The HSGC president and other senior executive members thanked the outgoing Executive committee and welcomed the new executive committee members for 2016.
- Total operational surplus for 2015 is \$51,382.23. Total Income is \$518,115.55 and Total expense is \$466,733.32. Executive committee is pleased with the 2015 temple activities. The total income has gone up by 18%, total expense has gone down by 7.7%, and net income has gone up 877%.
- On the new entrance road project. It has 21 segments. Each segment pledged donation is \$35,000. Out of 21 segments, 11 segments donations were fully paid. In the remaining 10 segments, donors will pay the committed amount within 2 to 3 years. The details of the Marg project will be published in Aradhana soon.
- New Brick wall engraving will be starting in April 2016. The donor names for the new brick wall list will be published by Feb 2016.
- We will be initiate the plan for storing the temple documents in a centralized place as well as documentation and improvement of temple processes including who does what and when.
- Executive committee insisted the safety needs in kitchen, and in other utility areas. The team suggested to address safety concerns and appropriate signs would be posted. This utility issue will be addressed within a month.
- A new security/camera system will be evaluated and installed to improve the safety of the facility.
- Since the temple has two entrances, both addresses will be published in Aradhana as well as the website.
- Executive committee will evaluate the programs we can do at the temple to bring more devotees.
- Executive committee will also look into ways to conduct the opinion polls to get the feedback from devotees.
- The EC discussed the following long term projects:
  - Expansion of the temple in north and south wing.
  - Addition of a multipurpose community Hall at back of the temple.
  - Addition of a front entrance to the temple in order to facilitate the devotees entering the temple, through the front entrance.
  - Special meeting will be convened for the long-term projects.



# Updated Brick Donor List

## Donor Wall to be erected soon

*Donors, please review the list below for accuracy of your names and the number of bricks sponsored. In case of any discrepancy please contact Anand Narayana (793-8199) or Laxmi Srivastava (474-0533) as soon as possible for correction. Your quick response will be greatly appreciated.*

Full Name	# of Bricks	Full Name	# of Bricks	Full Name	# of Bricks
Sunil & Monika Ajmera	1	Vivek & Sangeeta Jain	1	Reddy & Mamatha Ponaka	1
Ramprasad amily	1	Nutan S Kamat	1	Kandi & Vinita Raj Reddy	1
Armando Arteaga	1	Kishore & Pratibha Kasturi	2	Anu Ramanathan	1
Sridivya Avula	1	Praveena Katta	1	Shekhar & Anagha Ramanathan	1
Hari Krishna Balusulapalem	1	Amit & Neeru Kaushik	1	Vijay & Vinita Ramnathan	1
Samiran Bhadra	1	Ramu & Uma Kesireddy	1	Kris & Raji Ramprasad	1
Sudhir & Vandana Bhardwaj	1	Rajesh & Anjali Khanna	1	Keshav Reddy	1
Rishi Bhatnagar	2	Pankaj Koul	1	Srinivasa Reddy Kunam	1
Ranjit & Bhawana Chatterjee	1	Sameer Kulkarni	1	Harsh Sachdeva	2
Mehul Chhatrapati	1	Vinay Kumar	1	Manish Sachdeva	2
Sunil & Anita Dama	1	Ramana & Radhika Maddela	1	Sheetu Sadasivan	1
Suri & Vijaya Das	1	Yogesh & Reena Magar	1	Alok & Rashmi Sahay	1
Purnendu & Ranjana Datta	1	Amit Malhotra	1	Suresh Chandra & Santosh Saxena	1
Mihir Desai	1	Shashi Mandapaty	1	Sydney Suresh & Madhavi Saxena	1
Beladia Devashi	1	Vivek & Bhavna Mehta	1	Shailendra Saxena	1
Pradeep Dhamija	1	Prakash Mirchandani	1	Vaibhav Sehgal	1
Charanji Lal Dhamija	1	Ajay More	1	Rajesh & Veena Sehgal	1
Robin & Madhurima Dhandapat	1	Muthukrishnan	1	Vijay & Beena Sethi	1
Behari & Prabha Dhar	1	Sivaramkrishn Muthukrishnan	1	Sandip & Nirali Shah	1
Tushar & Sumita Dutta	1	Yeluru Narayana	1	Shiv Sharma	1
Prasad & Uma Gabbita	1	Rohit & Rajeshwari Nayak	1	Balkishan Sharma	1
Sachin & Barnali Ghumre	1	Murali Padmamalin	1	Uday & Nandita Sheth	1
Reena & Vinay Kumar Goel	2	Umeshraya & Nalini Pai	1	Sunder Shyam	1
Ashok Avisha Gulrajani	1	Keyur Parikh	2	Jainendra & Namrata Singh	1
Ashok Gulrajni	1	Robin Patel	1	Anuj Mohan & Sarika Srivastava	1
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Raneshwar K Gupta	1	Apeksha Patel	1	Poorna & Radhika Takkalapally	1
Param & Lalitha Hariharan	1	Bhavesh Patel	2	Sunil & Komal Talreja	1
Sanya Management Inc	1	Lalit J Patel	1	Ashok Tandon	1
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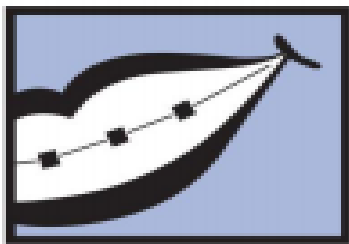
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