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Vijayadashmi October 10th  
Diwali October 30th

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## DO NOT MISS IMPORTANT EVENTS

HSGC FUND RAISER GOLF OUTING ON 2ND OCTOBER  
NAVRATRI PUJA AND GARBA: 1ST TO 10TH OCTOBER  
VIJAYA DASHMI PUJA: 10TH OCTOBER  
RAVAN DAHAN: 15TH OCTOBER  
DIWALI PUJA: 30TH OCTOBER

Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

# Diwali

NOVEMBER 19, 2016

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**Office Manager:** Mohan Chopra  
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**Ramleela Committee** Sudhakar Vinod , Kamlesh Singh  
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**Accountant:** Open

## **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

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 October be interested, please contact Mangala Nemade

Devotees are requested to sit-in Sunday Puja as well bring Prasad & Lunch. You October 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 calendar at the temple & calling Puja Committee members Kiran Dayal/ Meena Sondhi

# 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 Pravesh (House Warming)	—	\$151.00
Griha Pravesh 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 RaOctoberan 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— Mangala Nemade –513-234-8373

(mangalanemade@gmail.com)

To rent Lower Level –Raneshwar Gupta 232-3331

## Puja Committee Announcements

If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities contact Mangala Nemade 513-234-8373 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

Mangala Nemade [234-8373](tel:234-8373) ; Temple priests: [528-3714](tel: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](tel:754-0578)

Priests : 529-3714; Mangala Nemade [234-8373](tel:234-8373)



### Monthly Satya Narayan Puja

On Every Purnima of the Month  
6:30 pm

Sponsorship \$ 51.00

To sponsor Puja call  
Mangala Nemade [234-8373](tel:234-8373)  
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

Padmaja Patkar 513-847-7918, Mangala Nemade [234-8373](tel:234-8373)

Temple Priests: [528-3714](tel: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 -10:30 AM-12:30PM.

To sponsor and details please call any of the following:

Anand Konda: [732-423-1539](tel:732-423-1539); Vasundhara Dasari: [513-827-5160](tel:513-827-5160)/777-3353; Suseela Paturi: [513-867-8591](tel:513-867-8591); Sunitha Manukonda: [513-900-0605](tel:513-900-0605)/770-0255; Pandit Sri Srinath Bhattar: [513-488-2986](tel:513-488-2986).

### 1008 Gayatri Jap

Second Saturday of each month at 9.30AM

For details please contact temple priest [528-3714](tel:528-3714) or  
Mangala Nemade [234-8373](tel:234-8373)

### Weekly Shlv Mahiman Stotram

Every Monday at 6:30 pm



### Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p m To sponsor call

Mangala Nemade [234-8373](tel:234-8373) or Temple Priests  
[528-3714](tel: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](tel:513-752-4025)

### Weekly Venkateswar Puja

Every Friday at 6:30pm

To sponsor Puja please call Mangala Nemade [234-8373](tel:234-8373)

Temple priests: [528-3714](tel: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



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1-800-799-SAFE (7223) [www.ndvh.org](http://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](tel:513-535-4976)

**Domestic Violence**

Geeta Mehan : [513-754-0400](tel:513-754-0400)  
YOU ARE NOT ALONE

## OCTOBER 2016

Oct	1st	Sat	Navratri Kalash Sthapana 3pm
Oct.	1st	Sat.	Umiya Mata Puja 11am
Oct.	1st	Sat.	Mata Ki Chouki 4-8pm Sponsored by-Jindal Family
Oct.	1st	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51
Oct.	1st.	Sat.	Sai Bhajan 6pm
Oct.	2nd	Sun	1008 Gayatri Jaap. 9:30am
Oct.	8th	Sat.	Ashtami Havan 5pm
Oct.	9th	Sun	Sundekand Path 10:30am
Oct.	10th	Mon	Vijaya Dashami Havan 6pm
Oct.	12th	Wed	Purushottam Sahashra Naam Prarayan 6pm
Oct.	15th	Sat.	Satya Narayan Puja 5:30pm Sponsorship \$51- please call ahead and come with one coconut, flowers , fruits and Prasad.
Oct.	15th	Sat.	Ravan Dahan 5pm
Oct.	16th	Sun.	Bijoya Celebration (Vijaya Dashami) 11am- Sponsored by -Agrani
Oct.	18th	Tue	Karwa Chauth Puja 4pm, 5pm and 6pm
Oct.	18th	Tue	Sankashti Chaturthi 6pm
Oct.	22nd	Sat.	Venkateshwar Kalyanam phoolangi Seva 10am—Sponsorship \$51
Oct.	22nd	Sat.	Murugan Abhishekam 4:30pm - Sponsorship \$101
Oct.	22nd	Sat.	Ahoi Ashtami
Oct.	23rd	Sun	Ganesh Puja 11am—Sponsorship \$51
Oct.	28th	Fri	Dhanvantari Puja 6pm
Oct.	30th	Sun	Jagannath Puja 11am
Oct.	30th	Sun	Deepawali Mahalaxmi Puja 5:30pm
Oct.	31st	Mon	Gujrat New Year
Oct.	31st	Mon	Skant Shashthi begins 10:30am Kalash Sthapanam
Oct.	31st	Mon	Kartik Somvaar Shivabhishek 6:30pm

## NOVEMBER 2016

Nov	1st	Tues	Bhai Dooj Yama Dwiteeya
Nov	5th	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm - Sponsorship\$51
Nov	5th	Sat.	Murugan Abishekam 4pm - Sponsorship \$101, \$21
Nov.	5th	Sat.	Umiya Mata Puja 11.00 am
Nov	5th	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6.00 pm
Nov	6th	Sun	Chitragupt Puja 11.00 am
Nov	6th	Sun	Murugan Thiru Kalyanam 4:30pm
Nov.	7th	Mon	Kartik Somvaar Shiva Abhishek 6:30pm
Nov	9th	Wed	Purushottam Sahashra Naam Prarayan 6pm
Nov.	12th	Sat,	1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am
Nov.	13th	Sun	Annakoot / Govardhan Puja 10:30am- Sponsored by - Srinathji Devotees
Nov.	13th	Sun	Kartik Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 5:30pm Sponsorship \$51.please call ahead and come with one coconut, flowers , fruits and Prasad.
Nov	14th	Mon	Kartik Somvaar Shiva Abhishek 6:30pm
Nov.	17th	Thurs	Sankashti Chaturthi puja 6.00 pm
Nov.	20th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
Nov.	26th	Sat.	Venkateshwara Abhishekam 10am Sponsorship\$51
Nov.	27th	Sun.	Ganesh Puja 11.00 am
Nov.	28th	Mon	Kartik Somvaar Shiva Abhishek 6:30 pm

# **HSGC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes- August 2016**

**Date:** Aug 07, 2016 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM

**Place:** Cincinnati Temple

**Attendees:** Deepak Dixit, J.S. Karthikeyan, Laxmi Srivastava, Manish Srivastava, Amitav Das, Mina Karamchandani, Usha Aggarwal, Mangala Nermade.

- Treasurer submitted the Jan-Feb Income and expense report.
- Income for Jan- Jul was \$202,954.53. The total expense was 231,888.94.
- Income-Expense is comparable to Last year.
- Over all more negative than last year because
  - Carryover expenses from last year
  - Temple priest employee strength is increased to serve the community needs.
  - Full property tax was paid (for the entire year).
  - Cost of new security system added in the temple.
  - Raised wages and salary expenses.
- Part of best practice, cash and cheques collected during the inside and outside puja events must be hand over to the treasurer after the puja event is completed.
- Treasurer will provide notification about the collections to the puja committee.
- If the checks are not deposited on time, temple needs to reimburse penalty fee to the devotees, if there is a late deposit due to delay in depositing the cheques.
  
- Information desk volunteers will be placed at the front to welcome and assist the devotees. Temple manager volunteering effort needs to be encouraged. Temple will request more volunteer sign up.
- Temple morning hours will be extended to 1:00 pm.
- Archanas will be conducted during the temple hours, except during special puja and Aarti.
- Authorizing Amitav Das to inspect stage and ensure stage is in the proper shape for the sep 17 program.
- Navarthri cultural functions will be held at Cincinnati on Oct 7, 8 and 9. Remaining days navarthri will be in temple. For Navarthri, Mardhav Bakshi will be leading the efforts.
- Temple fund raising golf tournament will be held on October 2
- Anil Jindal will be in charge for the Mela activities this year.
- Host of the temple event should take in-charge of Kitchen cleanup, after the Pooja is over. Utensils need to be cleaned. Direction rules will be posted in the Kitchen in order to emphasis the cleanliness. Rubber mat will be layered in the kitchen.
- Raneshwar Gupta presented the details about Charity insurance program which can help the temple financial security. More information will be forthcoming. Laxmi Srivastava will discuss options with the temple attorney how to implement this plan.

# MATA KI CHOUKI: October 1st, 2016 Saturday: 4pm to 8pm

4.00-5.00 pm Devi Durga Puja

5:00-8.00 pm Mata Bhajans /Bheten

7.30-7.45 pm Kanya Puja

8.00 pm Bhog, Aarti, Prasad & Dinner



Chunni Sponsorship: \$ 31, 51, 101, 1001, 2501 & above

Please call Rani Dhamija 513-984-5777 to reserve your chunni  
Offered Chunri will be given back to sponor family as a blessing  
For More details call Mangala Nemade 513-234-8373, Acharya Kailash  
Sharma 513-652-5382, Temple 513-528-3714

**Sponsored by: Jindal Family**

## NAVRATRI PUJA: October 1st—10th 2016



Oct 1st	Sat.	3:00 pm	Kalash Sthapana Devi Puja **
Oct. 1st	Sat.	4.00 pm	Mata Ki Chauki *(Chunri Offering by Sponsorship)
Oct. 7th	Fri.	6:00pm	** Saraswati Puja (Akharabhayas/Vidyarambha)
		7:00pm	**Lalita Shahasranama Parayanam weekdays 5:30pm
Oct. 8th	Sat.	5:00pm	**Chandi Havan /Ashtami Puja
Oct. 9th	Sun.	10:30am	Monthly Sunderkand Path
Oct 10th	Mon.	6pm	**Vijaya Dashami Puja /Havan 6:00pm

**During Navratri everyday Chandi path\*\*(Durga Saptshati) 9:30 am to 11:30am**

**Sponsorship: \*\*51.00 for each puja . \* Chunri sponsorship \$31, \$51, \$101,1001, \$2501 and above \***

**Please call Rani Dhamija 984-5777 to reserve your Chunri. Offered Chunri will be given back to sponsor family as a blessing. For more details please call Mangala Nemade 513-234-8373. Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-5382. Temple 513-528-3714.**



## ASHTAMI CHANDI HAVAN

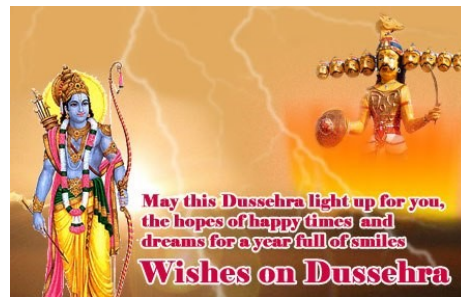
Oct. 8th Saturday—5pm



Sponsorship: \$ 51.00

## VIJAYA DASHMI PUJA /HAVAN

Oct 10th Monday 6:00pm



Sponsorship \$51

## Karwa Chauth Puja

Oct 18th Tuesday



4pm, 5pm and 6pm (three sessions)

Karwa Chauth is celebrated by the married women of North India. It usually fall nine days before Diwali. This festival marks an auspicious fast observed by married women for long life, well being and prosperity of their husband and family. The women strictly adhere to the guidelines laid down for the fast and refrain from food and water for one complete day.

For details please call Temple 513-528-3714, Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382

## Deewali Maha-Laxmi Puja

October 30th Sunday



6:00 pm Shri Ganesh & Maha Laxmi Puja\*  
7:00 pm Archana Thali \*  
7:30 pm Aarti, Prasad , Fire Crackers after Aarti

Sponsorship \*\* MAHA LAXMI PUJA \$101.00.  
\* Archana \$21.00

## Event Sponsors needed

For more details please call:-

Temple 513-528-3714, Mangala Nemade 513-234-8373, Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382



## Lord Dhanwantari Puja (God of Medicine), Oct. 28th, Friday



**Program: 6:00pm Dhanvantari Puja, Havan followed by-Aarati Dinner Prasad**  
**Sponsorship- Pramukh Yajaman \$251, Abhishek \$51, Havan \$51**

**For Details Please Call- Temple: 513-528-3714; Mangala Nemade 513-234-8373, Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382, Acharya Srinath Bhattar 513-488-2986, Dr. Ganesh Yadlapalli 857-719-1500.**

Dhanwantari is a form of Vishnu. He is depicted with four hands, holding medical herbs in one hand and a pot containing rejuvenating nectar called Amrit in another hand. His birthday is celebrated two days prior to Diwali. In Hindu mythology according to Vishnu Purana, the Sage Durvasa had a special garland. Durvasa wore it on his forehead and wandering around. He across lord Indra and offered him the special garland. Indra hanged the garland over his elephant Airavata's brow. Airavata took the garland and dropped it down on land. Watching this gesture of Indra, Durvasa got angry and cursed Indra that he would lose all his powers and position. Indra begged for forgiveness but Durvasa refused and went away. Indra and Devas lost their strength. Seizing the opportunity, the Danavas (enemies of Devas) led by king Bali engaged in war with Devas. Devas were defeated and lost control of the universe. Lord Indra and other gods fled and took refuge with Brahma. The Brahma advised them to seek refuge with Vishnu. Lord Vishnu advised Devas to make a peace with Danavas and jointly churn the sea of milk for the nectar of immortality (Amrit). Danvas agreed to churn the ocean for Amrit, so that they can also become immortal. The churning of the ocean of milk was initiated with mount Meru as the churning rod and the king of serpents (Vasuki) as the churning rope. As advised by Lord Krishna, Devas were at the tail and Danavas were at the head end of Vasuki. The process of churning was started. Once the mountain was placed on the ocean, it began to sink. Lord Vishnu took his second incarnation, the Kurma avatar to support the mountain on His back. The churning process continued. Halahal was released and it was consumed by Lord Shiva to protect the universe. And Goddess Parvati pressed her hand on Shiva's throat to keep the halahal in the neck. As the process of churning continued, several things came out of the ocean of milk. Lord Dhanwantari appeared with pot containing the Amrit. Then Goddess Laxmi was born. The Danavas snatched the pot of Amrith and ran away. Then Lord Vishnu took the form of Mohini to distract the Danavas. Mohini got hold of the pot of Amrith and distributed it to the Devas. The rejuvenated Devas defeated asuras and regained the control on the universe. The lord of medicine, Dhanwanthari protected Devas and universes.

Source: <https://krishnavashistha.wordpress.com/tag/danavas/> and Wikipedi

## Kartik Somvaar Shivbhishek



**Oct 31st, Nov. 7th, Nov. 14th, Nov.21st , Nov. 28th**  
**6:30pm Shivabhishek, 7:00pm Shiv Mahimnah Stotra, 7:30pm Aarti**

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# Kantha Shasti Poosai Celebration



Mon.	Oct.31st	First day	Kalasha Sthapanam	10.30am -11:30am
Tue.	Nov 1st	Second day	Utsava Moorthy Poosai	6.00pm-7.00pm
Wed	Nov 2nd	Third day	Utsava Moorthy Poosai	6.00pm-7.00pm
Thurs	Nov.3rd	Fourth day	Utsava Moorthy Poosai	6.00pm-7.00pm
Fri.	Nov.4th	Fifth day	Utsava Moorthy Poosai	6.00pm-7.00pm
Sat	Nov.5th	Sixth day	Murugan Abhishekam	4.00pm-7.00pm
Sun.	Nov.6th	Murugan	Thiru Kalyana Utsavam	4.30pm-6.30pm

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**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, Shri Gauraj Ji Parikrama.**

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## Shiv Katha

By—Janak Dave

On august 21<sup>st</sup> during auspicious Shravan month our temple had another first in having a SHIV Ka-  
tha.. Acharya Kailashji talked about Shivji for three hours. Shiv parivar wanted to do something unique  
during Shravan Maas. After throwing few ideas, panditji suggested Shiv Katha and he volunteered to do  
it on a short notice. This was nice as he had just given us Hari Katha in previous month and now he was  
going to do Har Katha. Shiv parivar was very happy that he did the Shiv Katha. Despite Katha not being  
on Calendar or in Aradhana, we had about 250 devotees, who enjoyed the Katha pravachan from  
Vyaspeeth. Katha mandap decoration was done by Jyoti desai. Video and photography was done by Ash-  
ish and Rishabh Sharma. Mr. Kanubhai Patel and his entire team prepared the delicious Prasad for all  
devotees. May be we can have more regular Kathas in future at temple. Please share your suggestion for  
something for Shravan maas in 2017, to Acharya Kailashji or any regular Shiv devotees.  
Aum Namah Shivaya



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## **ENGRAVED BRICKS UPDATE (9/11/16)**

1. First batch of 92 bricks have already been engraved and they are in the temple for viewing.
2. We are trying to contact donors to come in and verify engraving accuracy.
3. Second batch of bricks have been sent for engraving.
4. A partial wall will be erected using bricks available from the first batch before end of the year.
5. Location of the bricks on the wall will be decided by computer in a random way. The same procedure was used in the case of previous wall.
6. Bricks sponsored by the same family will be placed together.

**Any question please contact the following:**

Anand Naryana - (513) 793-8199: [anand.narayana@gmail.com](mailto:anand.narayana@gmail.com)

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## **2016 GANDHI FOOD DRIVE; 29<sup>th</sup> year Appeal for your Support**

**Dear Members of the Indian Community:**

**It is time once again time to launch our annual Gandhi Food Drive (GFD) and collect funds for the poor and needy people in the tri-state area. You are requested to contribute generously toward this noble cause. Last year we had collected close to \$8600; with your generous financial support we would like to collect at least \$10,000 this year. The money collected is handed over to Freestore Foodbank, the tri-state's largest provider of emergency food to poor people in several counties in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.**

**Just like last year Asit Saha will be coordinating the 2016 Gandhi Food Drive this year also during the months of Sept. and October. Asit is a hardworking individual and is well known for his volunteering spirit in the local Indian community. Please send your contributions to his address shown below at \*\*.**

**Sincerely,**

**Vinay Kumar**

**Coordinator: Asit Saha; tel. 513-702-1050**

**Need for more volunteers: If you, your son or daughter or someone else you know would like to help by joining our team of volunteers, please email me at [kumar@nku.edu](mailto:kumar@nku.edu) or Asit Saha at [asit.saha@ptsied.com](mailto:asit.saha@ptsied.com).**

### **Team of volunteers:**

**Vinay Kumar 513-528-6189; Prem Garg 513-232-5333; Geeta Mehan 513-754-0400;  
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**You can make your contribution in either of two ways:**

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## **Community News** (My Ganesha by Rajendra Kelkar)

HSS Cincinnati Gajanan Shakha successfully hosted the children's favorite event "My Ganesha - 2016" at Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. It is now a much awaited event every year at the "Ganeshotsav" hosted by Triveni Mitra Mandal at HTGC.

My Ganesha received an overwhelming response and provided a wonderful opportunity to children as well as parents to unfurl their own creativity in molding the idol of Ganesha - the Lord of creativity!! 100+ Ganesha idols started taking shape as young eyes glittered with excitement and happiness as their young hands shaped and curled the idols with so much care and devotion. About 225 people attended this event.

The kids were split in to 11 groups, each group bearing a name of Lord Ganesha.

The event started at 11:00 AM with a thunderous chanting of "Ganapati Bappa Morya" and "Vakratund Mahakaay" followed by a brief introduction. Children were explained the significance of Ganapati's various body parts and provided details about the contents of the kit. Every child was given a kit consisting of Clay (eco-friendly, non-toxic) and molding accessories along with basic puja samagri. The groups were helped by one senior teacher and one young volunteer. Each teacher explained and guided the kids through simple steps to make Ganesha Idol and kids followed them.

Once the kids were done with the idol, a token puja was performed under the guidance of Nitin Kulkarni. Mantras and Ganapati aarti created a devotional atmosphere and the event was concluded with a vote of thanks from Rohit Yeolekar.

The smoothness with which this event was conducted showed the maturity and superb planning efforts performed by all the volunteers and special thanks goes out to our Tarun Gana (Youth) swayamsevaks who assisted all the teachers assigned to the group.

Earlier the team of swayamsevaks carried out all the activities, right from planning, execution and completion with untiring zest and commitment. All the events like shopping for material, kit preparation, seating arrangement and crowd management were completed in time and with spirit of co-operation.

Faster and simpler idol making process designed by the team with special inputs from Tarun Gana helped us save a lot of time.

The event succeeded in bringing Bappa closer to young minds and will continue to help our kids be aware and involved in our culture. It also helped inculcate ideals of seva and cooperation among our volunteers.

Special thanks to the senior members at HTGC: Shri Laxmi Srivastava and Shri Vithal Nemade, and to the Triveni Mitra Mandal karyakarini/volunteers.

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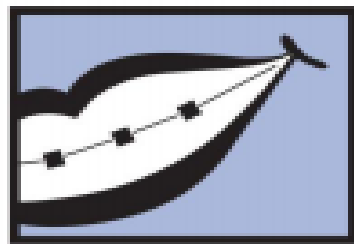

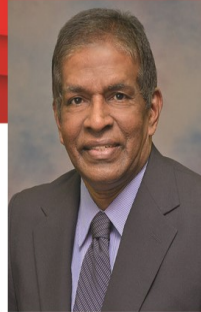
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