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MAHA SHIVARATRI-CELEBRATION

February 14th Wednesday 2018

Temple open all day and night 9am to 6am (next day)



DAY TIME PUJA

9am to 11am SHIVABHISHEK Sponsored *
(1st Session)

11:30am 1:30pm SHIVABHISHEK Sponsored*
(2nd Session)

2pm to 4pm open session for public (3rd Session)

To avoid evening rush we request devotees to come between 2pm to 4pm in 3rd Session or 9:30 pm. ARCHANA THALI **WILL BE PROVIDED WITH GANGAJAL & MILK

NIGHT TIME PUJAS

First Puja

5 pm to 6 pm Shivabhishek
6 :00 to 7:30 Archana Thali offering (Archana)**
7: 00 to 7:45 Shiv Mahimnah Path, Bhajans
8: 00 pm Aarti Followed by Prasad (Dinner)

Second Puja

9:30pm to 10:30pm Shivabhishek *
10:30pm to 11:30pm Shiva Shahashranam Path, Shiva Mahimnah Path
11:30pm Aarti & Prasad

Third Puja

12:30am to 1:30 am Shivabhishek *
1:30am to 2:00 am Shiv Mahimnah Path Arti & Prasad

Fourth Puja

2:30am to 3:30am Shivabhishek *
3:30am to 4:00am Shiva Mahimnah Path, Arti & Prasad

Fifth Puja

4:30am to 6am Morning Abhishekam followed by Mahamangal Aarti (Murugan Group)

We Need sponsors. * Shivabhishek: \$101.00, All Night 5 times Puja: \$351.00, Archana Thali:** \$21.00 with Ganga Jal & Milk

Devotees are requested to bring small amount of milk for offering due to large collection of milk,
Please donate money instead of milk or dry nuts (Almond Cashews raisins).

EVENT SPONSORED by - Yash Agrawal & Family

For Details Please call Janak/Triveni Dave: 859-371-9645, Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382, Temple 513-528-3714

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Khush Karamchandani 513-259-4016:karamch@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

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Mina Karamchandani & Meena Mehta

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I/C Swami Lectures: Vinay Kumar, Meena Mehta,
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Mela Committee: Anil Jindal, Anisha Jindal,
Jyoti Desai, Raneshwar Gupta

Ramleela Committee Sudhakar Vinod , Kamlesh Singh

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 be interested, please contact Mangala Nemade

Devotees are requested to sit-in Sunday Puja as well bring Prasad & Lunch. You 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

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 Pravesh (House Warming)	—	\$151.00
Griha Pravesh w/SatyaNarayan Puja	—	\$201.00
Kalayana Uthsava	\$151.00	\$201.00
Kesh Khandan/Mundan/Churakrn	\$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.

Community Social Services

HSGC is planning to form a team to provide Social Help and Services to our community. We are inviting interested, active individuals to join the team to serve the community at large as well as individuals in various social aspects when needed. This is JanSeva or Jankalyanam as stated by Shrikrishna in Shrimad Bhagavat Geeta which He has put higher than LordSeva. We need your ideas, suggestions and expertise. Please call Meena Mehta: 513-574-6763, Mina Karamchandani: 513-259-4015.

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,
Anitha Panchanathan [513-328-9680](tel:513-328-9680)
Yasothea Subarajan [754-0578](tel:754-0578)

Priests : 529-3714; Jeya Selvakumar [513-795-9868](tel:513-795-9868).
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 4th 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~~ [513-938-476](tel:513-938-476)

SAI BHAJAN

Every First Sat. of month 6pm to 7:30pm
For details pl. call Dr. Ganesh 857-
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 Manu-
konda: [513-900-0605](tel:513-900-0605)/770-0255; Pandit Sri Srinath Bhat-
tar: [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 Shri 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 2nd Wed. of each month
6pm to 7:30pm

details please call Mina Mehta 574-6763



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OPERATING ACCOUNT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(By: Mina Karamchandani, Treasurer)

1/1/2017 to 11/30/2017

Total Revenues: \$ 497,503.44

Total Expenses: \$ 432,190.67

Net Income: \$ 65,312.77

HSGC LOAN BALANCE: \$987,193.71

MONTHLY LOAN PAYMENT (P&I): \$ 7,587.11

**HELP TEMPLE BECOME DEBT FREE WITH A
TAX FREE DONATION**

JANUARY 2018

Jan	1st	Monday	New Year Havan 11am
Jan	1st	Mon	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 5:30pm Sponsorship \$51: Puja Samgri will be provided . please call ahead and come with one coconut, flowers , fruits and Prasad.
Jan.	1st	Mon	Shivabhishek 6pm followed by Bhajans
Jan	5th	Fri	Sankashti Chaturthi 6pm
Jan	6th	Sat.	Navgraha Puja 3pm
Jan	6th	Sat.	Mata Ki Chouki 4pm Dr.Prem Shankar & Kiran Verma Family.
Jan	6th	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm
Jan.	7th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10am
Jan	10th	Wed	Purushottam Sahashra Naam parayan 6pm
Jan	13th	Sat.	Lohdi Celebration 6pm
Jan	13th	Sat.	1008 Gayatri Japa 9:30am
Jan	14th	Sun	Makar Sankranti , Uttarayan,Thai Pongal, MuruganAbhishekam 10:30am
Jan	21st	Sun	Vasant Panchami Celebration 10:30am Sponsored by- Agrani bengali grp.
Jan	27th	Sat.	Venkateshwara Abhishekam 10am
Jan	28th	Sun	Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsh Path 11am
Jan	31at	Wed	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm: Sponsorship \$51 Puja Samagri will be provided . please call ahead and come with one coconut, flowers , fruits and Prasad.

FEBRUARY 2018

Feb	3rd	Sat	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51
Feb.	3rd	Sat	Sai Bhajans 6pm
Feb.	3rd	Sat	Sankashti Chaturthi puja 4pm
Feb	4 th	Sun	Bhajananjali 11:30am to 12:45pm followed by Aarti and mahaprasad . Sponsors needed.
Feb	10	Sat.	Thai Pusam Murugan Abhishekam 4pm
Feb	11th	Sun	1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am
Feb	14th	Wed	Maha Shivarati 9am to 6am All day and night
Feb	18th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
Feb	23rd	Fri	Holashtak begins
Feb	24th	Sat	Venkateshwara Kalyanam 10am
Feb	25th	Sun	Ganesh Puja And Atharvashirsh Path 11am

NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Jan. 1st Monday 2018



11 am Ganpati puja Havan /Homam
1 pm Aarti
6 pm Shivbhishekam, Shiv Mahimnah
Path,& Bhajans
7:30 pm Aarti Havan

Sponsorship \$51, Shivbhishek \$101, Archana \$21

Temple open whole day 9am to 8pm
Lunch Prasad sponsored by
Curries Restaurant

Thai Pongal / Makar Sankranti Celebration

Jan. 14th Sunday 10am to 12:30pm



10 am Murgan Abhishekam
11:30 Alankaram
12:00 pm Archana
1:00 Aarti & Prasad

Sponsorship \$101.Abhishekam \$21Archana

For Details please call Temple 528-3714, Raj Bodalia 513-504
6328, Anitha 328-9680,Sri Srinath Bhattar 488-2986.

Hindu Society of greater Cincinnati cordially invites you with family and friends in



॥ भजनान्जली ॥ BHAJANANJALI

Prayers through Bhajans by local singers and musicians.

February 4th Sunday



11:30am to 12:45pm, 1:00pm Aarti followed by lunch mahaprasad
At-Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati 4920 Klatte Road .Cincinnati OH 45244

Lunch Mahaprasad and event sponsors needed - Sponsorship \$251, \$151, \$101, \$51
For details please call Temple 513-528-371, Acharya Kallash Ji 513-652-5382
Raj Bodalla 513-504 6328.

MATA KI CHAUKI

January 6th, Saturday
4pm to 8pm



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

Sponsored by– Dr. Prem Shankar & Kiran Verma Family

Vasant Panchmi Celebration

Sunday Jan. 21st: 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)

Event is sponsored by- Agrani Bengali Group .

For Details Please Temple: 513-528-3714. Acharya Kailash Sharma
513-652-5382 Purbi Day 688-1721

Lohri Celebration: Jan. 13th Saturday



6pm Puja
6:30 Bhajans and folk songs
7:00 Aarti followed by Prasad Dinner

Sponsors needed for this event. For details please call; Rani Dhamija
984 -5777. Acharya Kailashji 652 5382. Temple 513 528 3714.

Significance of Lohri

Lohri is an agricultural festival, filled with merry-making. It is celebrated in the state of Punjab on the 13th of January, which falls one day before Makar Sankranti. Lohri is celebrated to denote the last day of the coldest days of winter. The festival of Lohri is celebrated outdoors, a bonfire is lit, and friends and relatives gather around. Singing and dancing form an intrinsic part of the celebrations. People wear their brightest clothes and come to dance the *bhangra* and *gidda* to the beat of the *dhol*. The prasad comprises of five main things: til, ga-zak, gur, moongphali (peanuts), and phuliya or popcorn. An offering is also made of this Prasad to the sacred fire. Lohri is celebrated throughout the country in different forms, as a harvest festival. It is called Pongal in the South, Bhugali Bihu in Assam, Bhogi in Andhra Pradesh and Sankranti in the central part of the country.

I would like to thank the temple members for electing me as President of Executive Council (EC) of Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati. It is great honor for me and the other members of EC to serve you. May God give us the judgement to lead wisely and bless our Temple in all its endeavors. I would like to extend special thanks to outgoing President – Deepak Dixit and rest of the EC who worked tirelessly in past. I am confident that there will be much more developments in future.

Many of us remember President Kennedy's stirring words "Ask not what country can do for you but what can you do for your country". Likewise, I would ask all of us to look in to our hearts for what we can do for our Temple. If you can give your time, financial support or any other kind of help, it will be greatly appreciated. We can accomplish everything if we unite our efforts. I promise to give my very best because I know that with your help I am not doing alone.

I hope to represent the temple and community well and make you proud to have selected me as President of EC in 2018.

I believe the following quotations of famous Presidents:

John F. Kennedy – "Things do not happen, Things are made to happen."

Abraham Lincoln – "I walk slowly but I never walk backward".

Harry S. Truman – "It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit".

I wish all of you a happy, healthy, prosperous and wonderful New Year.

Raneshwar K. Gupta
President HSGC
rgupta@tapohio.com
513-477-9732



Effective Monday, Dec 18, the temple will remain open from 9 am to 12:45 pm and from 5 pm to 8 pm on weekdays. The weekend hours will stay the same

Newly Elected Executive Council of 2018

President	Raneshwar Gupta	513-232-3331, rgupta@tapohio.com
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Cultural Activities	Amitava Das	513-497-7972, hsgccultural@gmail.com
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Long Range Planning	Laxmi Srivastava	513-474-0533, laxmi_srivastava@yahoo.com

Summary of CHILDREN's RELIGIOUS EDUCATION at the Hindu Temple in year 2017

We had a wonderful year with Bal Vihar kids. Thank you all for sharing your precious children with us every Sunday.

We started the year with a commitment that we will have a Sunday school for all kids and I must say that we had a very successful year. Ofcourse this takes the commitment of all you Parents along with the hard work and dedication of our team of teachers.

These were the highlights of the entire year

Performance of Song "Hum honge Kamyab" at HOLI function in March
Recital of Gayatri Mantra at the HOLI function
Children dressed up as Gods and Goddesses at 20th temple anniversary
Children participated in the Ganesh Visarjan ceremony
Children presented a group Song at the Diwali function
Annual day on Dec 17th 2017 with kids play, songs and award ceremony

Bal Vihar Children learnt about the following important festivals and lot more—Holi, Navaratri, Janmashtami, Diwali, Dusshehra

Children learnt "Who is a Hindu" Several Vedic principles and teachings.

Children started to learn basic Hindi language words- days of the week, parts of the body, animals, fruits, vegetables, colors and some common Indian phrases.

We also learnt facts about Indian heritage. We learnt about the states of India, National Animal, National Bird of India.
Namaste—Bal Vihar team 2017

I want to express my great appreciation for letting me serve the community for last three years as a communications chair. During this time Aradhana's circulation has started by email blast and website has been developed to be more interactive. The purpose of this is so the community can get the latest information 24/7 and can be a part of the ongoing events.

Congratulations to newly elected council and hope to have more developments in future years.

Usha Aggarwal



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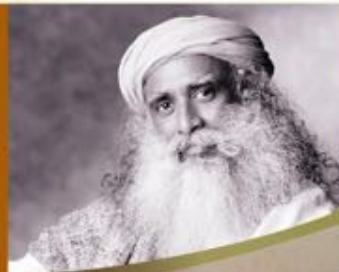
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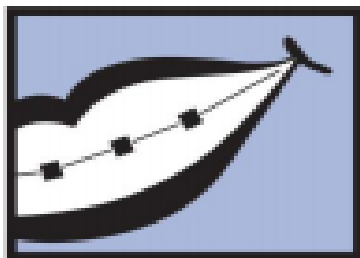
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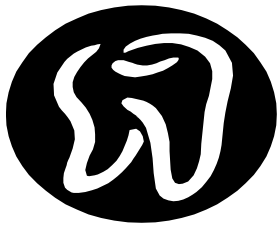
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