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Vat Savitri Puja May 15
Venkateshwar Abhishekam May 26



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॥ श्रीकार्तिकेयाष्टकम् ॥

नमोऽस्तु वृन्दारकवृन्दवन्यपादारविन्दाय सुधाकराय ।
षडाननायामितविक्रमाय गौरीहृदानन्दसमुद्भवाय ॥ १॥
नमोऽस्तु तुभ्यं प्रणतार्तिहन्त्रे कर्त्रे समस्तस्य मनोरथानाम् ।
दात्रे रथानां परतारकस्य हन्त्रे प्रचण्डासुरतारकस्य ॥ २॥
अमूर्तमूर्ताय सहस्रमूर्तये गुणाय गण्याय परात्पराय ।
अपारपाराय परापराय नमोऽस्तु तुभ्यं शिखिवाहनाय ॥ ३॥
नमोऽस्तु ते ब्रह्मविदां वराय दिगम्बरायाम्बरसंस्थिताय ।
हिरण्यवर्णाय हिरण्यबाहवे नमो हिरण्याय हिरण्यरेतसे ॥ ४॥
तपः स्वरूपाय तपोधनाय तपः फलानां प्रतिपादकाय ।
सदा कुमाराय हि मारमारिणे तृणीकृतैश्वर्यविरागिणे नमः ॥ ५॥
नमोऽस्तु तुभ्यं शरजन्मने विभो प्रभातसूर्यारुणदन्तपङ्क्तये ।
बालाय चाबालपराक्रमाय षाण्मातुरायालमनातुराय ॥ ६॥
मीढुष्टमायोत्तरमीढुषे नमो नमो गणानां पतये गणाय ।
नमोऽस्तु ते जन्मजरातिगाय नमो विशाखाय सुशक्तिपाणये ॥ ७॥
सर्वस्य नाथस्य कुमारकाय क्रौञ्चारये तारकमारकाय ।
स्वाहेय गाङ्गेय च कार्तिकेय शैवेय तुभ्यं सततं नमोऽस्तु ॥ ८॥
इति स्कान्दे काशीखण्डतः श्रीकार्तिकेयाष्टकं सम्पूर्णम् ॥

Upcoming events...

Mata ki Chouki,
Adhik Maas Celebration,
Murgan Mahakumbhabhishekam
Temple 21st Anniversary Celebration,
Bal Vihar Celebration
Srimad Bhagvat Katha
Kids Day Camp (Free)

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Priest:	Pandit Piyush Joshi	513-655-8360
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Long Range Cmte:	Indra Murthy	513-884-8756
Treasurer Cmte:	Amar Sharma	513-777-5771
Property/ Mgmt Cmte	Kamlesh Singh	513-206-5848

TEMPLE SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 9 AM -12.45 PM and 5 PM -8 PM

Saturday : 9 AM – 8 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 7 PM (Nov - Mar), 9 AM-8 PM (Apr-Oct)

Major Hindu Holidays 9 AM – 8 PM

(Maha Shivratri, Krishna Janamashtmi, Ganesh Chaturthi, Deepawali and similar)

RELIGIOUS DISCOURSES

Every Sunday:	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

2018 Puja Committee & Religious Activities Members

Rajesh Bodalia(Chair)	513-504-6328
Kiran Dayal (In-charge: Temple Events)	513-474-4051
Meena Sondhi (In-charge: Scheduling Private Puja)	513-831-9788
Acharya Kailash Sharma	513-770-0705
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Temple Manager's Committees

Manager:	Laxmi Srivastava	513-474-0144
CFO:	Raj Bodalia	513-504-6328
Office Manager:	Mohan Chopra	
Swami Lectures:	Vinay Kumar, Meena Mehta, Koti Srikrishna, Ganesh Yadlapalli	
Adult Education:	Meena Mehta, Ganesh Yadlapalli, Koti Sreekrishna, Rama Rao Pappu	
Temple Database:	Nandkumar Khemchandani, Raj Badolia, Greg Smith	
Community- Relations:	Mina Karamchandani, Meena Mehta	
E-Mail Data:	Pradeep Goyal, Nandkumar Khemchandani	
Gift Shop:	Meena Sondhi, Vina Bajaj	
Security:	Greg Smith, Kailash Sharma	
(Dial One)	Khush Karamchandani	
Financial Data:	Nand Kumar Khemchandani, Raj Bodalia, Laxmi Srivastava	
Project Manager:	Vithal Nemade	
Temple Website:	Bharat Vala, Greg Smith, Murali Annamalai	
Temple:	Meena Mehta, Ashvin Mehta,	
Calendar:	Acharya Kailash Sharma	
Volunteer Services:	Mohan Chopra, Rajan Odavar, Kedarnath Nambori, Dilip Patel, Vijay Sharma, Khush Karamchandani	
Temple - Photographer:	Greg Smith, Naba Mishra, V G Ramaswamy , Mardav Bakshi, Dilip Patel	
Mela Committee:	Deepak Dixit, Raneshwar Gupta, Jyoti Desai	
Ramleela Cmte:	Kamlesh Singh	

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 Puja & Announcements
1.00 PM	Aarti & Prasad

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
Ashtottharam (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/Churakn	\$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 or To rent Lower Level

Meena Sondhi 513-831-9788

meena.sondhi@gmail.com

PUJA COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

[If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities contact **Raj Bodalia** 513-504-6328, or any **EC Member** or the **Temple** at 513-528-3714]

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 Puja** please contact Meena Sondhi at least one week in advance.
5. **Food and Prasad** : To bring to the 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**, otherwise full fee for the Puja will be charged.

SOCIAL SERVICES OPPORTUNITIES

HSGC is planning to form a team to provide Social Services and Help to our community. Interest and active individuals are invited to join this team, which would serve the community as needed, as well as individuals at various social state of their life. As stated by Shrikrishna in Shrimad Bhagavat Geeta this is JanSeva or Jankalyanam, 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

Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328 ; Temple priests: 513-528-3714



Monthly Murugan Abhishekham / Puja

Normally on 2nd Saturday of the month
Refer to Page 5 for Abhishekham Schedule

Pandit Bhattar 513-488-2986,
Anitha Panchanathan 513-328-9680
Jeya Selvakumar 513-795-9868
Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328
Temple Priests 513-529-3714



Monthly Satya Narayan Puja

On Every Purnima of the Month
6:30 pm

Sponsorship \$ 51.00

To sponsor Puja call

Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328
Temple priests: 513-528-3714

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, Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328

Temple Priests: 528-3714

SAI BHAJAN

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

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



Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p m To sponsor call

Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328 or
Temple Priests 513-528-3714



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 Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328 OR
Temple priests: 513-528-3714

PURUSHOTTAM NAAM STOTRA PARAYAN



Every 2nd Wed. of each month
6pm to 7:30pm

For details please call
Mina Mehta 513-574-6763

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; Vasundhara Dasari 513-827-5160/777-3353; Suseela Paturi: 513-867-8591; Sunitha Manu-konda: 513-900-0605/770-0255; Pandit Sri Srinath Bhattar: 513-488-2986.

1008 Gayatri Jap

Second Saturday of each month at 9.30AM

For details please contact temple priest 528-3714 or
Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328



Weekly Shlv Mahlman Stotram

Every Monday at 6:30 pm

NEW MARG PROJECT SECTIONS STILL AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

As advertised earlier, a few sections of the marg still need adoption. Please adopt and leave a "Legacy" behind forever. **You have four years to pay.** For more details please contact: Laxmi Shanker Srivastava – (513) 474-0144

BRICK DONORS' WALL INSTALLED

As of January 18, 2018. all sponsored bricks in **Phase I** have been engraved, and installed. Minor touch ups and repair to a couple of bricks is underway. Completion is imminent. Devotees are requested to sponsor bricks for **Phase II**. The adoption rate is \$501 per brick. Contact: Anand Narayana (513-657-8799), Laxmi Shanker Srivastava (513) 474-0144, or Pt. Piyush Joshi (513) 655-8360.

OPERATING ACCOUNT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1/1/2018 to 3/31/2018

(By: Mina Karamchandani, Treasurer)

Total Revenues: \$ 77,474.92

Total Expenses: \$ 114,602.34

Net Revenue: (\$ 37,127.42)

HSGC LOAN BALANCE:

As of 1/1/2018: \$ 987,193.71

As of 03/31/2018: \$ 857,261.31

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

HELP TEMPLE BECOME DEBT FREE WITH A TAX FREE DONATION

TEMPLE LOAN PAYOFF FUND

HSGC has established a fund specifically for the purpose of paying off the temple loan in an expeditious manner. Devotees are urged to contribute generously to this fund. All funds received in this fund will be used for paying down the principal only. Please add a memo to your contribution check: "Loan Payoff Fund".

Temple Calendar of Events

May 2018

May	3 rd	Thus	Sankashti Ganesh Chaturthi puja 6pm
May	5 th	Sat.	1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am
May	5 th	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51
May	5 th	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm
May	6 th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
May	9 th	Wed	Purushottam Sahashranaam Parayan 6pm
May	11 th	Fri	Murugan 12th Anniversary Celebration day1
May	12 th	Sat.	Murugan 12th Anniversary Celebration day2
May	13 th	Sun	Murugan 12th Anniversary Celebration day3
May	15 th	Tue	Vat Savitri Vrat Puja 11am
May	16 th	Wed	Adhik Maas / Purushottam month begins
May	19 th	Sat.	Temple's 21st Anniversary Cele. Day 1 details inside
May	19 th	Sat.	Mata Ki Chouki 4-8pm Sponsored by- Yash Agrawal and family .
May	20 th	Sun	Temple's 21 Anniversary Cele.Day 2 details inside
May	26 th	Sat.	Venkateshwar Abhishekam 10am sponsorship\$51
May	27 th	Sun.	Ganesh Puja 11am Sponsorship \$51
May	29 th	Tue.	Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm sponsorship \$51

June 2018

June	1st	Fri	Srimad Bhagwad Katha 4pm to 7:30pm Day 1
June	2nd	Sat.	Srimad Bhagwad Katha 4pm to 7:30pm Day 2
June	3rd	Sun	Srimad Bhagwad Katha 9:30am to 1pm Day 3
June	2nd	Sat.	Sankasti Chaturthi Puja 2pm time change due to Bhagwad Katha.
June	2nd	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51
June	2nd	Sat.	Sai Bhajan 6pm
June	6th	Wed	Vaisaki Vishakam 6pm
June	9th	Sat.	1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am
June	9 th	Sat.	Murugan Abhishekam 4pm Sponsorship \$101
June	10th	Sun	Graduation Havan 11am
June	10th	Sun	Mata Ki Chouki 3-7pm sponsored by Sandeep and Amita Gupta
June	13th	Wed	Purushottam Sahashra Naam Parayanam 6pm
June	13th	Wed	Adhik Maas Ends
June	17th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
June	23rd	Sat.	Venkateshwar Kalyanam 10am
June	24th	Sun	108 Ganesh Atharvashirsh Path 8am to 1pm
June	27th	Wed	Snan Purnima Jagannath Puja 11am
June	27th	Wed	Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm Sponsorship\$51
June	30th	Sat.	Navgrah Havan 10:30am

Mata ki Chouki

Saturday, 19 May 2018



4:00-5:00 PM Devi Puja
5:30-8:00 PM Mata bhetein
8:00 PM Bhog, Aarti. Followed by Prasad(Dinner)

Sponsored by

Yash Agarwal and family

For more details please contact:

Temple 513-528-3714 OR
Raj Bodalia 513-504 6328
Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382

Graduation Havan

A Special puja for our graduates

Sunday, 10 June 2018, 11:30AM



Special puja for all our graduating students for their successful brighter future.

Please call the temple at 513-528-3714, ahead of time, and provide your name for printing on certificates, and join us in this celebration with family and friends. All attending graduates will receive a certificate with blessings.

Mata ki Chouki

Sunday, 10 June 2018



3:00-4:00 PM Devi Puja
4:30-7:00 PM Mata bhetein
7:30 PM Bhog, Aarti. Followed by Prasad(Dinner)

Sponsored by:

Sandeep and Amita Gupta family

For more details please contact:

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Raj Bodalia 513-504 6328
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Navgrah- Abhishekam and Havan

Saturday, 30 June 2018



PROGRAMME

10:00 AM Abhishekam
11:00 AM Havan
12:30 PM Aarti
1:00 PM Prasad / Lunch

SPONSORS NEEDED

\$251 Pramukh Yajman
\$51 Abhishekam
\$51 Havan

For more details please contact:

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HSGC cordially invites you with your family and friends to join in

5-day Adhik Maas Celebration

Wednesdays May16, 23, 30 & June 6, 13



6:00pm to 7:30 pm

6:00 pm Sri Vishnu Puja
6:30 pm Mantra Jaap, Sankirtan, bhajan
7:15 pm Satsang on Purushottam Month
7:30 pm Aarti

For more details please contact:

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A Self Inquiry – LIVE in JOY and LEAVE in JOY!

(Taithiriya Upanishad, Krishna Yajur Veda)
(by Koti Shrikrishna)

भृगुर्वै वारुणिः । वरुणं पितरमुपससार । अधीहि भगवो ब्रह्मेति । तस्मा एतत्प्रोवाच । अन्नं प्राणं चक्षुः श्रोत्रं मनो वाचमिति । तगं होवच । यतो वा इमानि भूतानि जायन्ते । येन जातानि जीवन्ति । यत्प्रयन्त्यभिसंविशन्ति । तद्विजिज्ञासस्व । तद् ब्रह्मेति । स तपोऽतप्यत । स तपस्तप्त्वा । (१)

Bhrigu, son of Varuna, asked his father: "Dad, teach me about the Supreme." His dad said: – Think about That By which food, breath, eye, ear, mind, and speech are born. Having born with those we live, and to That we return—seek to know That. That is the Supreme. Bhrigu thought over and having thought over he concluded:

अन्नं ब्रह्मेति व्यजानात् । अन्नमध्येव खल्विमानि भूतानि जायन्ते । अन्नेन जातानि जीवन्ति । अन्नं प्रयन्त्यभिसंविशन्तीति । तद्विज्ञाय । पुनरेव वरुणं पितरमुपससार । अधीहि भगवो ब्रह्मेति । तगं होवच । तपसा ब्रह्म विजिज्ञासस्व । तपो ब्रह्मेति । स तपोऽतप्यत । स तपस्तप्त्वा । (२)

Food must be Supreme; for from food, we are born; by food we live; it is food we return to (become food when we die)! Having realized this, (he still had his doubts), he approached his father again and said: "Venerable Sir, teach me about the Supreme." His father said: You seek to know the Supreme? Think some more! Having thought over more he concluded—

प्राणो ब्रह्मेति व्यजानात् । प्राणाध्येव खल्विमानि भूतानि जायन्ते । प्राणेन जातानि जीवन्ति । प्राणं प्रयन्त्यभिसंविशन्तीति । तद्विज्ञाय । पुनरेव वरुणं पितरमुपससार । अधीहि भगवो ब्रह्मेति । तगं होवाच । तपसा ब्रह्म विजिज्ञासस्व । तपो ब्रह्मेति । स तपोऽतप्यत । स तपस्तप्त्वा । (३)

Breath must be Supreme. It is by breath we are born; breath by breath we live; into breath we merge on our last breath! Having realized this, (he still had his doubts), he approached his father again and said: "Venerable Sir, teach me about the Supreme." His father said: You seek to know the Supreme? Think some more! Having thought over more, he concluded

मनो ब्रह्मेति व्यजानात् । मनसो ह्येव खल्विमानि भूतानि जायन्ते । मनसा जातानि जीवन्ति । मनः प्रयन्त्यभिसंविशन्तीति । तद्विज्ञाय । पुनरेव वरुणं पितरमुपससार । अधीहि भगवो ब्रह्मेति । तगं होवाच । तपसा ब्रह्म विजिज्ञासस्व । तपो ब्रह्मेति । तपोऽतप्यत । स तपस्तप्त्वा । (४)

Mind must be Supreme; for from one's will, we are born; by will to live, we live; mind we enter when we die (we are just a memory in minds of others). Having realized this, (he still had his doubts), he approached his father again and said: "Venerable Sir, teach me about the Supreme. His father said: You seek to know the Supreme? Think some more! Having thought over more, he concluded:

विज्ञानं ब्रह्मेति व्यजानात् । विज्ञानाध्येव खल्विमानि भूतानि जायन्ते । विज्ञानेन जातानि जीवन्ति । विज्ञानं प्रयन्त्यभिसंविशन्तीति । तद्विज्ञाय । पुनरेव वरुणं पितरमुपससार । अधीहि भगवो ब्रह्मेति । तगं होवाच । तपसा ब्रह्म विजिज्ञासस्व । तपो ब्रह्मेति । स तपोऽतप्यत । स तपस्तप्त्वा । (५)

Knowledge must be Supreme; by that we are born, by that we live and to that we return (only knowledge remains)! Having realized this, (he still had his doubts), he approached his father again and said: "Venerable Sir, teach me about the Supreme His father said: You seek to know the Supreme? Think some more! Having thought over more, he concluded:

आनन्दो ब्रह्मेति व्यजानात् । आनन्दाध्येव खल्विमानि भूतानि जायन्ते । आनन्देन जातानि जीवन्ति । आनन्दं प्रयन्त्यभिसंविशन्तीति । सैशा भार्गवी वारुणी विद्या । परमे व्योमन्प्रतिष्ठित । स य एवं वेद प्रतितिष्ठति । अन्नवानन्नादोभवति । महान्भवति प्रजया पशुभिर्ब्रह्मवर्चसेन । महान् कीर्त्या । (६)

Joy is Supreme; from joy and for joy we are born; when born, we (strive to) live in joy (live in pursuit of happiness); and must leave in joy! This is the highest of wisdom a father made his child to realize. One who knows this is ever established in joy (pursuit of happiness) and will become a possessor of all joys of life, radiance and fame.

Declaration of US Independence says: "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" is a well-known phrase. It gives three "unalienable rights" given to all human beings by their Creator, and for which governments are created to protect.

*The food we eat! The air we breathe!!The mind we think with!!! All we know!!!!
We must know is for nothing but joy!!!! Enjoy! Life is Now! Live in joy and Leave in joy!*

Om Ganapathy Namah Om Saravanabhavaya Namah

**HINDU TEMPLE OF GREATER CINCINNATI SRI VALLI DEVASENA SAMETHA
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All devotees are cordially invited to attend this once in a lifetime Murugan Maha Kumbabishekam event performed by highly experienced priests from Palani Murugan Temple, by priests from Cincinnati Temple and Tulsa Temple. The three-day event will be filled with several hours of religious ceremonies interspersed with cultural programs. We look forward to welcoming you at the event. A list of Poojas and Pooja-items are available for your sponsorship. A brief description of the program is given below. Additional information including program details and sponsorships available at: <http://sites.google.com/site/cincymurugan/>

Pooja Program

May 11 (8:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM)

Maha Ganapathy Homam, Navagraha, Maha Lakshmi Homam and First Yagasalai Pooja

May 12 (8:00 AM –12:00 PM and 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM)

Second Yagasalai Pooja and Third Yagasalai Pooja, Kala Subramanya Moola Mantra, Mala Mantra Vedha Mantra and Visasha Dravya Homam, [Live Nadhaswaram]

May 13 (7:00 AM – 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM -5:30 PM)

Fourth Yagasalai Pooja, Maha Kumbabishekam and Mangala Dravya Maha Abishekam [Live Nadhaswaram]

Sri Valli Devasana Sametha Sri Murugan Thirukkalayanam and Utsava Murtis Procession with Live Nadhaswaram

Cultural Program

May 12 (2:00 PM – 3:00 PM)

Dr. Kanniks Kannikeswaran and 35 member choir will perform “Skanda” – a contemporary choral performance of ancient Tamil hymns in praise of Murugan.

May 12 (4:00 PM – 5:30 PM) and May 13 (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM)

Padmasri Dr. Sirkali SivaChidambaram accompanied by Kamalakiran Vinjamuri (Violin), Sri Vinod Seetharaman (Mridangam) and Sowmiya Narayanan (Ghatam)

Lunch and Dinner will be served on Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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During the Purushottam month



Srīmad Bhāgvat Katha



June 1st, 2nd & 3rd



**Katha Vyas -
Acharya Kailash Ji**



Purushottam Maas is known as Adhik mass. This year, Adhik Maas would start from 16th May and ends on 13th June. As per scriptures, this month is quite significant. It is believed that during this month, all sorts of Manglik procedures are prohibited but religious tasks can prove to be fruitful. Reading and hearing Bhagvat Katha brings well-being in terms of wealth and health and achieving good results in various arenas of life. Lord Vishnu being its Master, this is why it is known as Purushottam Month.

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Friday June 1st 4pm Pothi & Kalash Yatra, Bhagvat Pujan
5:00pm Katha, 7:30pm Aarti & Mahaprasad
Saturday June 2nd 4pm Katha, 7:30pm Aarti & Mahaprasad
Sunday June 3rd 9:30am Katha, 1:00pm Aarti & Mahaprasad

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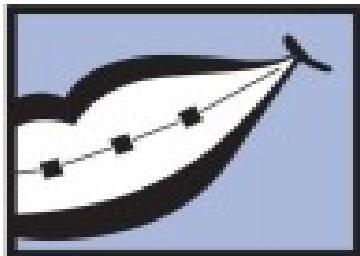
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God exists!

(by Pramod Varma)

The proof is in the very first mantra of *Rig-veda*

अग्निमीळे पुरोहितं यज्ञस्य देवमृत्विजम् । होतारं रत्नं धातमम् ॥१॥

Agni millye purohitam yajyasya dev mritvijam. Hotaram ratna dhat mam.

अग्नि – *Agni*-the hidden form of energy like gravity and electro-magnetic force

मीळे – *Millye*-I pray upon which has

पुरोहितं यज्ञस्य – *Purohitam Yajyasya*-performer of first cosmic *Yagna*, the first action where HE himself is the *Purohit*, the *havan kund*, the *samigri* and the offerings

देव – *Devata*-changeless entity beyond the effects of space and time

मृत्विजम् – *Mritvijam-aahuti* -holy sacrifice, the giver of knowledge for the benefits of others

होतारं – *Hotaram-Yajmaan*, the receiver of knowledge and the energy

रत्न – *Ratna*-shining stars, suns and planets in space like diamonds

धातु – *Dhatu*-element, atoms, cells

मेयाम् -*Meyaam*-forever , like three forms of a sentence- past, present and participle

Meaning, my interpretation, if I may:

It takes an action to convert hidden energy into visual energy and un-manifested universe to a manifested form. There is fire in a piece of wood, but one will have to strike to create fire. For light, you have to get up and turn the switch on. We cannot see the presence of energy itself, but we can feel its effects. This is exactly what this *Mantra* is trying to convey about GOD. According to *Vedas*, the first action was performed by GOD himself as a cosmic *Yagna*. The offerings in this *Yagna*, installed the gravitational force between cosmic bodies in space, and as electro-magnetic force in atoms. These forces like *Devatas* are timeless and changeless, regardless of any space events or changes in nature.

Purohit passes the knowledge through *mantras* to his *Yajman* and spreads energy with *aahutis*. This energy created life and the knowledge was passed as DNA to the first-born cells. Even if life was created by accident, how the first cell knew which food it needs to convert into proteins, develop a plasma membrane around himself for survival and divide itself to multiply. How it had the ability to pass this DNA instructions to other cells and the knowledge to evolve itself to different life forms. The precision with which the gravitational force exists between stars, sun, planets and moon made life to sustain on this earth. The distance between sun and earth is so precise to keep us from freezing or burning. Moon is just far enough to create sufficient waves. The force of gravity (32 Ft/Sec²) has not changed since beginning, regardless of all the space events, volcano eruptions, earthquakes or hydrothermal vents. Jupiter gravity is just enough to keep large asteroids away from us. The precise amount of electro-magnetic force in atoms keeps electrons in their specific energy levels regardless of random penetrations by sub-atomic particles.

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Sarvadev Gayatri Yagna, Procession Kalash Yatra***

19-20 May, 2018

PROGRAMME

Saturday 19 May 2018, 9 AM to 1 PM

- 9:30 AM: Anugya, Swastivachan, Ganesh Puja,
Punayah-Vachan, Ritvik Varan,
Raksha-Bandhan
- 10:30 AM: Kalash Sthapana, Mandal, Aaradhana
- 11:30 AM: Utsava Murti Abhishekam
- 12:30 PM: Archana, Bhajans
- 1:00 PM: Maha Mangal Aarti, lunch Prasad

Saturday 19 May 2018, 4PM to 8PM

MATA KI CHOUKI

- 4:00 PM: Devi Durga Puja
- 5:00 PM: First Devi Durga aarti
- 5:15 PM: Mata Bhajans
- 7:30 PM: Kanya Puja
- 8:00 PM: Bhog, Aarti, Mahaprasad (Dinner)



Sunday 20 May 2018, 9 AM to 1 PM

SARVDEV GAYATRI YAGNA

- 09:00 AM: Nitya (Daily) Puja
- 10:00 AM: Sarvadev Gayatri Yagna
- 11:30 AM: Kalash Yatra
(Procession on the temple blvd with devo
tional chanting & bhajans)
- 12:00 PM: Dhawaja Puja & Aarohan
- 12:15 PM: Special Archanas for all the Deities, Bhajans
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- 1:00 PM: Aarti & Prasad (Lunch)



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Yagna, Kalash Yatra, Rudra Yagna
- \$ 501 Special Archana, Sarvadev Gayatri Yagna,
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Bal Vihar Celebrates

Temple 21st Anniversary
Sunday, 20 May 2018

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Sarvdev Gayatri Yagna
and
Kalash Yatra



Program:

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10:30 AM - Kids can dress up in costume of
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12:50 PM - Bhajan by Bal Vihar Kids

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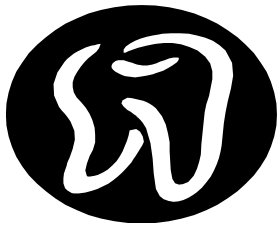
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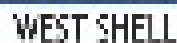
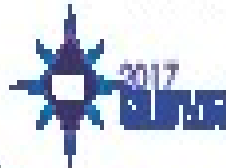
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Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati & VHPA Cincinnati Chapter



Free KIDS DAY CAMP

(For Children 5 to 12 yrs)

Saturday, 2 June 2018, 10 AM to 4 PM
at

Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati
720 Barg Salt Run Rd, Cincinnati, Ohio



- ♦ Yoga
- ♦ Puja
- ♦ Temple Tour
- ♦ Shlokas and Bhajans
- ♦ Dashavtar Presentation
- ♦ Story time
- ♦ Crafts
- ♦ Games



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Note: Children under 5 must be accompanied by a parent at all times

Registration: 10 AM-10:30 AM
Lunch & Snacks will be provided

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