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Navgrah Puja Dec 1
Geeta Jayanti Dec 18
Purnima Satyanarayan Puja Dec 22



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यदा यदा हि धर्मस्य ग्लानिर्भवति भारत ।

अभ्युत्थानमधर्मस्य तदात्मानं सृजाम्यहम् ॥

*Yada yada hi dharmasya glanirbhavati bharata
Abhythanamadharmasya tadatmanam srijamyaham
Bhagvadgita, 4-7*



General Body Meeting & EC 2019 Election

Sunday, Dec 9, 2018, 12:00 noon (details on Pg. 12)

AGENDA

- President's Report
- Election for EC 2019
- Open discussions

All HSGC Members are requested to kindly participate in the meeting and bring their questions/ concerns/ suggestions to the meeting

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2018

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	acharyachakreshwar@yahoo.com	
Priest:	Pundit Srinath Bhattar	513-488-2986
	bhattarsrinath@yahoo.com	
Priest:	Pandit Piyush Joshi	513-655-8360
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RELIGIOUS COUNSELOR

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FAMILY SUPPORT COUNSELOR incl. LAST RITES

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Co-Chairs of Committees

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
Acharya Chakreshwar Sharma	513-376-2982
Pandit Srinath Bhattar	513-528-3714
Pandit Piyush Joshi	513-655-8360
Swarna Choudhury	513-232-2343
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Suchitra Mishra	513-573-9775
Rajan Odavar	513-336-6843
Vilas Patel	513-226-2154
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Purabi Dey	513-688-1721
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Latha M. Gowda	513-891-4184
Anitha Panchanathan	513-328-9680

Temple Manager's Committees

Manager:	Laxmi Srivastava	513-474-0144
CFO:	Raj Bodalia	513-504-6328
Legal Advisor	Pavan Parikh	
Office Manager:	Mohan Chopra	
Swami Lectures:	Vinay Kumar, Meena Mehta, Koti Srikrishna, Ganesh Yadlapalli	
Adult Education:	Meena Mehta, Ganesh Yadalapalli, 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	Mohan Chopra, Rajan Odayar,	
Services:	Kedarnath Nambori Vijay Sharma, Khush Karamchandani	
Temple -	Greg Smith, Naba Mishra,	
Photographer:	V G Ramaswamy , Mardav Bakshi,	
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

The rates for Puja and Priest services **DO NOT** include Priest Dakshina. Sponsors (devotees) are encouraged to provide Priest Dakshina of their own volition and satisfaction. The dakshina goes directly to the Priest. A reimbursement of travel expenses for the Priest during outside puja is 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 sponsoship.
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. Interesse 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 ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA

4th Saturday of each month - 10:30 AM-12:30 PM.

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
Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328



Weekly Shlv Mahlman Stotram

Every Monday at 6:30 pm



Sunder Kand Path

Every 3rd Sunday of the month 10:30AM - 1:00 PM

Contacts: Sangita Patel 513-791-0855

Pt. Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382



Shri Jagannath Puja

Every 5th Sunday of the month 11:00AM

Contacts: Suchitra Mishra 513-573-9775 or
Temple 513-528-3714



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](tel: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

OPERATING ACCOUNT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1/1/2018 to 10/30/2018

(By: Mina Karamchandani, Treasurer)

Total Revenues: \$ 393,071.00

Total Expenses: \$ 357,919.00

Net Revenue: \$ 35,152.00

HSGC LOAN BALANCE:

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

As of 11/13/2018: \$ 737,947.00

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

Add'l Voluntary Payment (principal): \$ 4,000.00

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

Please Contribute Generously to the

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

December 2018

Dec	1st	Sat	108 Hanuman Chalisa Path 8am to 1pm
Dec.	1st	Sat	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship\$51
Dec	8th	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm
Dec	1 st	Sat	Mata Ki Chouki 4-8pm Sponsored by Shiv Parivaar.
Dec	2nd	Sun	Open, Puja 11am to 1pm
Dec.	3rd	Mon	Karthik Somvaar Shivabhishekam 6:30pm Sponsorship \$101
Dec.	8th	Sat.	Murugan Abhishekam 4pm Sponsorship\$101
Dec	9th	Sun	1008 Gaytri Jaap 9:30am
Dec.	12th	Wed	Purushottam Sahashrnaam parayan 6pm
Dec.	15th	Sat.	Mata Ki Chouki 4-8pm Sponsored by – Reena and Sumeet, Sakshi and Neeraj, Parul and Neeraj, Varsha and Manish, Renu and Rakesh, Deepti and Nitin, Smriti and Samir, Shikha and Manish, Rubia and Dheeraj.
Dec.	16th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
Dec.	16th	Sun	Dhanur Maas Begins
Dec.	18th	Tues	Geeta Jayanti
Dec	18 th	Tues	Vaikunth Ekadashi 9:30am
Dec.	22nd	Sat.	Venkateshwar Kalyanam 10am Sponsorship\$51
Dec.	22nd	Sat.	Purnima Satya Narayan puja 5:30pm
Dec.	23rd	Sun	Gita Jayanti Celebration Gita Path 10am
Dec.	25th	Tues	Sankashti Chaturthi Puja 6pm
Dec.	30th	Sun	Jagannnath Puja 11am

January 2019

Jan	1st	Tues	New Year Havan 11am Sposnorship \$51,
Jan	1st	Tues	Bhajans with Hanuman Chalisa 5 pm to 7pm
Jan	5th	Sat.	Mata Ki Chouki 3:30 to 7:30 pm Sponsored By Prem Shankar & Kiran Verma Family
Jan	5th	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51
Jan	5th	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm
Jan	6th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
Jan	9th	Wed	Purushottam Sahasranam Parayan 6pm
Jan	13th	Sun	Lohri Celebration 6pm
Jan	13th	Sun.	1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am
Jan	14 th	Mon	Makar Sankranti/ Pongal/Thai Pongal 6pm
Jan	20 th	Sun	Thai Pongal celebration, Murugan Abhishekam 10am Sponsorship \$101 , \$21
Jan	26 th	Sat	Venkateshwar Abhishekam 10am Sposnorship\$51
Jan	27 th	Sun	Ganesh Puja & Athrvashirsh Path 11am

108 Hanuman Chalisa Path

Saturday, 1 December 2018

8 AM-1PM



We will recite **HANUMAN CHALISA** 108 times from 8am to 1pm followed by Aarti prasad & Lunch.

Devotees are encouraged to be present from the beginning to the end.

Sponsorship for Puja \$51, Archana \$21

Contacts: **Temple 513-528-3714, Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328.**

Importance of Hanuman Chalisa

Hanuman Chalisa is a very powerful devotional work that has been left to posterity by Goswami Tulsidas. **Hanuman Chalisa** has been found to be highly effective in controlling the negative effects of Saturn Shani transit. Those who are under such influences will get benefitted by chanting the Chalisa for 108 times on Saturdays. **Hanuman Chalisa** praises Lord Hanuman the Foremost Devotee of Lord Shri Rama. Shri Hanuman is the epitome of Selfless Service, Courage, Humble disposition, and Bhakti all rolled into one. Venerating that noble Devotee of Rama is sure to benefit us.

Mata ki Chowki

Saturday, 1 December 2018



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

Sponsored by: Shiv Parivar

Anyone who like to sing Bhent/Bhajan of Mata in Chouki please communicate with Acharya Kailash Ji in advance at 513-652-5382

Kartik Somvaar Shivabhishek

Monday, 03 December 2018



6:30 PM Shivabhishek
7:00 PM Shiv Mahimnah Stotra
7:30 PM Aarti.

Sponsorship: \$101

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

Mata ki Chowki

Saturday, 15 December 2018



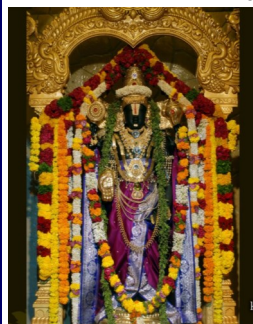
4:00-5:00 PM Devi Puja
5:30– 8:00 PM Mata Bhajans /Bheten
8:00 PM Bhog, Aarti. Followed by Prasad(Dinner)

Sponsored by: Reena and Sumeet, Sakshi and Neeraj, Parul and Neeraj, Varsha and Manish, Renu and Rakesh, Deepti and Nitin, Smriti and Samir, Shikha and Manish, Rubia and Dheeraj

Anyone who like to sing Bhent/Bhajan of Mata in Chouki please communicate with Acharya Kailash Ji in advance at 513-652-5382

Vaikuntha Ekadashi Celebration

Tuesday, 18 December 2018



9:30 - 11:00 AM
(During regular temple hours)

- Suprabhatam
- VaikunthaDwara Puja
- Mantra pushpam,
- Archana. & Aarti

Archana all day
Sponsorship: \$51, \$21

For details please call: Temple 518 3714
Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328
Sri Srinath Bhattar 513-488-2986
Vasundhara Dasari 513-777-3353.

Geeta Jayanti Celebration

(Geeta Path)

Sunday, 23 December 2018



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

Sponsorship for Puja \$51

Opportunities open to sponsor this event.
Lunch/Prasad sponsors needed

Contacts: Acharya Kailash Sharma 652-5382, Koti Sreekrishna 290-3064, Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328.

Devotees may sponsor Geeta path (Recital) in memory of their loved ones. It is very auspicious to recite or listen to the whole Geeta on the occasion of Geeta Jayanti. Geeta 18:70 -71 Whoever earnestly studies this sacred dialogue of ours –I consider that person to have honored me by making an effort to understand my words. Even the one who simply listens to these words in good faith is liberated and attains the happier worlds of the righteous.

From the President's Desk

(An end of the year message)

Dear HSGC Members, Devotees, and the temple supporters:

As I write these words, I wonder how fast this year has gone! It seems only yesterday the 2018 EC (Executive Council) had assumed office! However, when I look back, I see tremendous accomplishments this year.

The temple has been very busy throughout the year with lots of programs, poojas, bhajans, and visits by well-known personalities. Some salient ones are listed below:

- Jagraata – an all-night long Mata ki Chowki, with Puneet Khurana
- Started an annual Mata ki Chowki in honor of our late priest B C Sharma ji.
- Reinstated Ravan Dahan this year, after a gap of two years and we will make it a permanent feature.
- Big programs throughout the year, with very large devotee attendance, such as Ganesh Chaturthi, Maha Shivratri, Diwali, Murugan Rathayatra, Jagannath Rathayatra and many others..
- This year's Annual Taste of India-Mela event did not have blessings from mother nature but still, we had a good turnout
- The Naach-Sitare dance competition held along with the mela has grown by leaps and bounds in popularity and quality.
- My Ganesha program, where children make their own Ganesh murtis, have seen an enormous growth in participation by children.
- Held the First Adult Health Fair

- Held an annual Children's camp in collaboration with VHP of America.
- Temple loan pay down by approx. \$275,000

We get many visitors from other parts of USA as well as from around the world, and they are unanimous in their opinion that this is one of the most beautiful temples that they have seen. We should all be very proud of our collective accomplishment.

My sincere gratitude to all those who have worked tirelessly for this temple and have provided us the financial support to make this happen.

I want to thank our dedicated priests, temple volunteers, devotees, advertisers and well-wishers from the bottom of my heart.

In the end, I would like to thank the entire EC including Greg (webmaster) for their dedication and sincerity and sense of responsibility. Without their intense participation nothing would be accomplished.

Raneshwar Gupta

Lohri Celebration

Saturday, 13 January 2019

6:00 PM Bonfire



Sponsors needed for this event.

For details please call

Rani Dhamija 513-984-5777

Acharya Kailashji 513-652-5382

Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328

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. Lohari 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, gazak, 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.

New Year's Celebration

Tuesday, 01 January 2019



11:00 AM Ganpati Puja,
Havan/ Homa
1:00 PM Aarti

Sponsorship: \$51

Note: Temple Operating Hours for Jan 1, 2019

9:00 Am to 8:00 PM

Evening Aarti 7:00 PM

Mata ki Chowki

Saturday, 5 January
2019



3:30 PM Devi Puja
4:30 PM First Aarti
5:00 PM Mata Bhajans/ Bhenten
7:30 PM Bhog, Aarti. Followed
by Prasad(Dinner)

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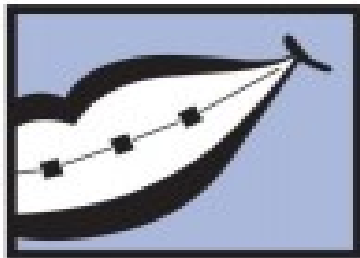
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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT for Executive Council 2019

The term of the Current Executive Council expires on Dec 31, 2018, and the elections for the 2019 Executive Council will be conducted during the **General Body Meeting on Sunday, December 09, 2018 at 12:00 Noon**. The **Election Commission** invites nominations for the following positions:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• President• Vice-President• Secretary• Treasurer | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Religious Education and Youth Activities• Puja and Religious Activities• Communications• Membership & Fund Raising• Property Management and Maintenance• Cultural |
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Nominations are also invited for the positions of Chairpersons for the following committees:

All nominations must include the following information:

- * Candidate(s) name and phone no.
- * Name and phone no. of the person proposing
- * Name and phone no. of the person seconding

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Mohan Chopra, Chairperson	859-331-2416
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Nomination(s) can be submitted on plain paper, or phoned in to any member of the election commission.

All candidates must be members of the Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati in good standing for at least 12 months prior to Dec 1, 2018. For the position of the President, a candidate must have actively served the Hindu Society in an executive capacity for at least one year.

In addition, **youth group** is requested to nominate a Youth representative (22 yrs max.) to serve on the Executive Council. This nomination must be endorsed by at least ten youth members.