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Vikram Samvat 2075/ 2076
July 2019



Navgrah Puja July 6
1008 Gayatri Jaap July 20
Vnkateshwara Abhishekam July 27



<http://www.cincinnati temple.com>
Email: hindutempleogc@gmail.com
Phone: (513) 528-3714



"Mela"



"Naach Sitare"

The Taste of INDIA Culture, food & dance



Other Activities Include: Rides, Games & Shopping

Where: Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati
720 Barg Salt Run Road, Cincinnati, OH 45244

When: Saturday September 14, 2019 Noon to 8pm

For Booth Sponsors and Rentals, please contact:
Raneshwar Gupta (513)477-9372 | rgupta@tapohio.com



NAACH SITARE Dance Competition



Please refer to the following website for online registration, guideline and payment information. Registration will begin July 8, 2019 at 6:00am and will be on a "first come first serve" basis. Registration may close early if all slots are full.

www.cincinnati temple.com

Please contact Naach Sitare Event Coordinator for additional questions:

hsgcnaachsitare1@gmail.com

We are looking for volunteers to join our team. For all high school students, this is a great opportunity to obtain service hours.

Naach Sitare Schedule: Dance Competition - 1:00pm-6:00pm | Awards & Certificates: 6:00pm-7:00pm

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2019

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| President: | Raneshwar Gupta | 513-232-3331 |
| | rgupta@tapohio.com | |
| Vice President: | Asit Saha | 513-489-5720 |
| | absaha09@gmail.com | |
| Secretary: | Anand Konda | 732-423-1539 |
| | anand.konda@gmail.com | |
| Treasurer: | Rajesh Padmanabhan | 513-226-4279 |
| | rajeshpadmanabhan@gmail.com | |

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

| | | |
|--|------------------------------|--------------|
| Puja Committee: | Madhu Sharma | 513-807-5081 |
| | madhu2019sharma@gmail.com | |
| Communications: | Anand Narayana | 513-657-8799 |
| | hsgc.communication@gmail.com | |
| Membership/ Fundraising: | Rani Dhamija | 513-324-0606 |
| | shivrani07@gmail.com | |
| Prop. Management: | Pinakin Bhakta | 513-509-9011 |
| | pinobhakta@gmail.com | |
| Cultural Activities: | Manish Srivastava | 513-607-7283 |
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| Religious Education & Youth activities: | Priya Dayal | 513-508-8866 |
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| Long Range Planning: | Laxmi Srivastava | 513-474-0144 |
| | laxmi_srivastava@yahoo.com | |

PRIESTS

| | | |
|----------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Chief | Acharya Kailash Sharma | 513-652-5382 |
| Priest: | acharyaksharma@yahoo.com | |
| Priest: | Acharya Chakreshwar Sharma | 513-376-2982 |
| | acharyachakreshwar@yahoo.com | |
| Priest: | Pundit Srinath Bhattar | 513-488-2986 |
| | bhattarsrinath@yahoo.com | |
| Priest: | Pandit Piyush Joshi | 513-655-8360 |
| | piyushjoshi251@gmail.com | |

RELIGIOUS COUNSELOR

| | | |
|--|--------------|------------------|
| Koti Sreekrishna | 513-290-3064 | tatachar@aol.com |
| FAMILY SUPPORT COUNSELOR incl. LAST RITES | | |
| Khush Karamchandani | 513-259-4016 | karamch@aol.com |

Co-Chairs of Committees

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Long Range Cmte: | Indra Murthy | 513-884-8756 |
| Treasurer Comte: | Amar Sharma | 513-777-5771 |
| Property/ Mgmt Comte | 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 |

2019 Puja Committee & Religious Activities Members

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Madhu Sharma(Chair) | 513-807-5081 |
| 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 |
| Raj Bodalia | 513-504-6328 |
| Jyoti Desai | 513-885-1318 |
| J.S. Karthikeyan | 513-382-2575 |
| Sangita Patel | 513-791-0855 |
| Mangala Namade | 513-234-8373 |
| Jaya Selvakumar | 513-779-5298 |
| Padmaja Patkar | 513-847-1918 |
| Vasundhara Dasari | 513-777-3353 |
| Suchitra Mishra | 513-573-9775 |
| Rajan Odavar | 513-336-6843 |
| Vilas Patel | 513-226-2154 |
| Purabi Dey | 513-688-1721 |
| Triveni Dave | 859-371-9645 |
| Latha M. Gowda | 513-891-4184 |
| Saravanan Sakthivel | 513-376-3050 |

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 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 | 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

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|-----------------|---|
| 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 |

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 | — |
| Ayushya Homam/B'day Celeb. | \$101.00 | \$151.00 |
| Ground Breaking Ceremony | — | \$151.00 |
| Griha Pravesh (House Warming) | — | \$151.00 |
| Griha Pravesh w/Satya Narayan 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) Kaikaryam (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 Ramayan Paath | \$251.00 | \$501.00 |
| Shashti Poorthi (60th B'day) | \$201.00 | \$251.00 |
| Anniversary celebration | \$151.00 | \$201.00 |
| Suprabhat Seva | \$ 21.00 | --- |
| Unjal (Swing) Seva | \$ 31.00 | --- |
| Upakarma (Thread changing) | \$ 51.00 | --- |
| Upanayam/Brahmopadesham/ | | |
| Thread Ceremony | \$151.00 | \$251.00 |
| Sunderkand Path | \$101.00 | \$151.00 |
| Vahan Puja | \$ 51.00 | ---- |
| Yearly Shradham (Barkhi) | \$101.00 | \$151.00 |
| Wedding (\$ 251.00 Advance Deposit required) | \$301.00 | \$501.00 |
| Funeral (Last Rites) | | \$ 201.00 |

Priest Dakshina

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 as follows:*

- Up to 50 miles - \$151.00, b) 50 - 80 miles - \$251.00
- 80 - 110 miles - \$351.00, and
- More than 110 miles - \$501.00.

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 **Madhu Sharma** 513-807-5081, 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.

OPERATING ACCOUNT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1/1/2019 to 5/31/2019

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Total Revenues: | \$ 155,381.00 |
| Total Expenses: | \$ 179,125.00 |
| Net Revenue: | (\$ 23,744.00) |

HSGC LOAN BALANCE:

| | |
|------------------|---------------|
| As of 1/1/2019: | \$ 626,733.74 |
| As of 5/31/2019: | \$ 579,039.27 |

MONTHLY LOAN PAYMENT (P&I): \$ 7,587.11
Add'l Payment (principal) from Devotees: \$9,354.00
HELP TEMPLE BECOME DEBT FREE WITH A TAX FREE DONATION

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

Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081 ; 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,
Saravanan Sakthivel 513-376-3050
Jeya Selvakumar 513-795-9868
Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081
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

Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081
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

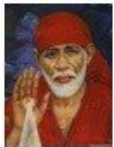
Padmaja Patkar 513-847-7918, Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081

Temple Priests: 528-3714 504-6328

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

Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081 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 Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081 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 Manukonda: 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
Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081



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

TEMPLE LOAN STATUS

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

CURRENT TEMPLE CONSOLIDATED LOAN STATUS - 2019

| | |
|-----------|------------------------|
| 1,365,000 | ORIGINAL LOAN DEC 2014 |
| 1,187,705 | DEC 2015 |
| 1,063,593 | DEC 2016 |
| 983,308 | DEC 2017 |
| 631,114 | DEC 2018 |
| 591,482 | MAY 2019 |

AIM FOR "ZERO LOAN"

Please Donate
to the
HSGC - Loan Fund

Together we
can do it!

ORIGINAL TEMPLE LOAN DECEMBER 2014

- 1) Marg Project
Initial Loan Amount: \$710,000
\$660,000 paid off - \$50,000 balance
- 2) Temple & House Loan: \$510,000
- 3) Parking Lot Loan
- 4) Elevator Loan

\$145,000

Balance of 2, 3 & 4 of \$541,482



EVEN A PENNY CAN
FILL THE BUCKET

Temple Calendar of Events

July 2019

| | | | |
|------|------|-------|---|
| July | 3rd | Wed | Jagannath Netrotsava Puja 11am |
| July | 4th | Thurs | Rath Yatra Puja 11am , Celebration Sat 6th 3pm |
| July | 6th | Sat. | Jagannath Rath Yatra Celebration 3pm details inside |
| July | 6th | Sat | Navgrah Puja 2pm sponsorship \$51 |
| July | 7th | Sun | Sunderkand path 10:30am |
| July | 13th | Sat. | Murugan Ther Festival 10am |
| July | 13th | Sat | Sai Bhajans 6pm |
| July | 14th | Sun | Jagannath Bahuda Yatra 10:30am |
| July | 16th | Tues | Guru Purnima 108 Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm |
| July | 20th | Sat. | 1008 Gayatri Jaap |
| July | 20th | Sat. | Sankashti Chaturthi Puja 6pm |
| July | 21st | Sun | Srinath ji Hindola Utsava 10:30am |
| July | 22nd | Mon | First Shravan Somvaar Shiv Abhishek 10am and 6:30pm Sponsorship \$101 |
| July | 27th | Sat. | Venkateshwar Abhishekam 10am |
| July | 27th | Sat. | Adi Karthikai Puja 6pm |
| July | 28th | Sun | Ganesh Puja and Atharvashirsh Path 11am |
| July | 29th | Mon | Shravan Somvaar Shiv Abhishek 10am and 6:30pm Sponsorship \$101 |

August 2019

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|-----|------|-------|---|
| Aug | 3rd | Sat. | Rudra Havan 11am |
| Aug | 3rd | Sat. | Hariyali Teej |
| Aug | 3rd | Sat. | Navgarah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51 |
| Aug | 3rd | Sat. | Mata Ki Chouki 3:30pm Sponsored by Harish,Poonam, Nakul, Meeta Bhardwaj. |
| Aug | 3rd | Sat, | Sai Bhajan 6pm |
| Aug | 4th | Sun | Sunderkand Path 10:30am |
| Aug | 5th | Mon | Shrawan Somvaar Shiv Abhishek 10am and 6:30pm |
| Aug | 4th | Sun | Naag Panchami Puja 5pm Sponsorship \$51 Date change from monday 5th to 4th |
| Aug | 9th | Fri | Vara Maha Lakshmi Puja 6pm Sponsorship \$31 |
| Aug | 10th | Sat. | Murugan Abhishekam 4:30pm |
| Aug | 11th | Sun | Ganesh Puja and Atharvashirsh Path 11am |
| Aug | 12th | Mon | Shrawan Somvaar Shiv Abhishek 10am and 6:30pm |
| Aug | 14th | Wed | Rigveda Upakarma 9am |
| Aug | 15th | Thurs | Yajurveda Upakarma 8am ,9am ,10am sponsorship \$51 |
| Aug | 15th | Thurs | Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm |
| Aug | 15th | Thurs | Balbhadra Janmadin Puja 11am |
| Aug | 17th | Sat. | Shiv Vivah 4pm sponsored by- Shiv Parivaar |
| Aug | 18th | Sun | 1008 Gayatri Japa Gayatri Jayanti Celebration 10am |
| Aug | 19th | Mon | Shrawan Somvaar Shiv Abhishek 10am and 6:30pm |
| Aug | 19th | Mon | Sankashti Chaturthi Puja 6pm |
| Aug | 23rd | Fri | Krishna Janmashtami celebration 6pm to midnight |
| Aug | 25th | Sun | Nand Mahotsava 10:30am |
| Aug | 26th | Mon | Shrawan Somvaar Shiv Abhishek 10am and 6:30pm |
| Aug | 31st | Sat. | Mata Ki Chouki 3:30pm Sponsored by Sharma family |

108 Satya Narayan Puja

GURU PURNIMA

Tuesday, July 16, 2019, 6:30 PM
At the Temple

Program

6:30 PM 7:30 PM: Puja & Satya Narayan Katha
7:30 PM : Aarati/ Mahaprasad (Dinner)

For details please call: Temple 513-528-3714, Madhu Sharma 513 807-5081, Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382

Sponsorship

Pramukh Yajaman \$501.00, Yajaman \$101.00

We need 108 sponsors / Yajaman to sit on puja

Note: Temple will provide all the puja Samagri for puja

Shri Nathaji Hindola (Jhoola) Utsava

Sunday, 21 July 2019 - 10:30 am to 1pm

Program

10:30am ShriNathaji Pooja
11:30am Stotram and Path
Krishna Bhajan
12:30pm Discourse
1:00pm Yamunaji Aarati, Aarati
Followed by Mahaprasad

Shriji's puja and Maha Prasad sponsored by
Jyotsna Ben and Suresh Bhai Patel

Mahatmya

Hindola Manorath (Utsava) finds its origin in the streets of Vrundavan about 5000 years ago where the Gopis rocked Lord Balakrishna on a decorated swing of the Kadam-tree.

Traditionally, every year the Hindola Manorath is celebrated during monsoon months of Ashadh Krishna 2nd through Shraavan Krishna 2nd.



For details please call: Temple 513-528-3714 Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081
Jyoti Desai 513-885-1318 Meena Mehta 513-574-6763

Shravan Somvar Shivabhishekam

A 5-day Temple Celebration

Mondays July 22, 29, Aug 5, 12, 19, 26, 2019

PROGRAM

10:00 - 11:30 am Shiva Abhishek & Aarti
(Temple closed 12:45 pm to 5 pm)
6:30 - 7:15 pm Shiva Abhishek , **Bilva Patra Archana
7:05 - 8:00 pm Shiva Mahimnaha Path , Bhajans & Aarti.

Sponsorship

Abhishek \$101.00 , Archana \$21.00

**Subject to Availability of Bilva patra



For more details please contact:

Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081, Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382, Triveni Dave 859-371-9645, Temple 513-528-3714

Rudra Yagna/ Havan

Saturday, 3 August 2019



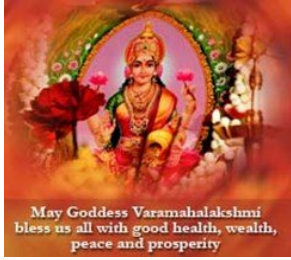
10:00 AM - Abhishekam
11:00 AM - Yagna/ Homa
12:45 PM - Aarti. Followed by
Maha Prasad

Sponsorship \$101, \$51.00

Sponsors needed for Lunch/Prasad

Vara Maha Lakshmi Vrata

Friday, 9 August 2019 6:00 PM



Sponsorship \$51.00

For details please contact:

Temple: 513-528-3714
Madhu Sharma 513 -807-5081
Acharya Srinath Bhattar 513
488-2986

Nag Panchami Puja

Sunday, 4 August 2019

6:00 PM



Sponsorship \$51.00

Nag Panchami is a traditional worship of serpents observed by Hindus throughout India as well as in Nepal. The worship

is offered on the fifth day of bright half of Lunar month of Shravan(August), The abode of snakes is believed to be the patal lok, (the seven realms of the universe located below the earth) and lowest of them is also called Na-ga-loka, the region of the Nagas, as part of the creation force and their blessings are sought for the welfare of the family. Serpent deity made of silver, stone or wood or the painting of snakes on the wall are given a bath with milk and then revered. According to Garuda Purana offering prayers to snake on this day is auspicious and will usher in good tidings to one's life.

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".

Gayatri Jayanti Celebration

Sunday, 18 August 2019



1008 Gaytri Jaap and Havan

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Sponsorship \$51

For details please contact:

Temple 513-528-3714, or Madhu Sharma 513 -807-5081

Hindu Temple Celebrates the 6th Annual

Shiv Vivah / Shiv Kalyanam



Saturday, 17 August, 2019 4 PM - 7 PM

Followed by Aarti and Maha Prasad

Sponsorship \$21.00 - \$301

Devotees can also sponsor Maha Prasad

Sponsorship Contact:

Triveni Dave 859-371-9645

For more Information Contact:

Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382

Amita Kumar 513-519-0593

Piyush Joshi 513-655-8360

Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081

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Triveni Dave 859-371-9645

Srinath Bhattar 513-488-2986

Dipali Parmar 513-926-9597

Nand Mahotsav

Sunday, 25 August 2019 10:30 AM



Program

- Shri Bal Krishna Puja,
- Palna Darshan
- Badhai to Nand-Yashoda by -Vraj Vasi
- Shivji comes for Bal Krishna Darshan
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SELF & SPIRITUALITY

Pritam L. Ahuja

Nature balanced mind, body and spirit as co-creators of our personal reality. We are both a physical body in a material world, and a non-physical being who can gain access to a higher level. That higher level is within us and is reached through the stages of development. An unknown mechanism hidden in the extremely intricate yet unexplored nervous structure of the body is the spiritual energy called 'Kundalini'. It is the force that lies dormant in every human being. Once awakened, often through meditation and yoga practices, it rises up the spine and finds expression in the form of spiritual knowledge, mystical vision, psychic power, and ultimately enlightenment. The precise nature or source of this energy and how it finds its way into our material world remains unknown. Awakening of our spiritual side, no matter what the circumstances, is always a precursor to greatness. This is seen in leaders such as Albert Einstein, Mahatma Gandhi, mother Teresa and thousands of others. Each felt spiritually awakened and believed that his or her accomplishments were directed by a greater force operating in the universe.

The 4th century B.C. Indian sage Patanjali taught that we can see into the distance and know the future by becoming what we wish to see, and creating a single-pointed focus of attention on our desired objective. He tells us that in order to see the world in our mind, we must quiet our mental waves (Vriti). When you reach the level of wholeness with the cosmos, then past, present, and the future become arbitrary illusions. All things, events, objects flow into one another. The spectator and the spectacle are one.

The Ramayana's author, legendary poet Valmiki, states in his opening verse that he did not use his imagination while composing Rama's story. He did not need

imagination, he said, because at dawn each day he took an urn to the nearby river, filled it, carried it to his hut, sat down on an eastward-facing mat, then scooped a little water in his palm: in this tiny body of water Valmiki first saw Rama, then Rama's wife Sita, then every god, demon, and hero, every love dalliance and bloody battle in his epic. The poet simply sang what he saw. All 25,000 Ramayana's verses were enacted, first, in the water in Valmiki's palm.

Spiritual transformation is a mysterious process. It is always a gift, never an entitlement, and it only appears when we stop looking. Neuroscientists now believe that our thoughts and emotions are the result of complex interactions within and between nerve cells in the brain. Yet, there are unsolved puzzles to the point that one feels impelled to invoke divine intervention.



Arulmighu Pazhamudhircholai Murugan Ther Thiruvizha

Saturday, 13 July 2018 - 10.30 AM to 01.30 PM EST

at

The Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati



Tentative Events Schedule

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| 10:30 AM | Murugan Suprabhatam |
| 11:00 AM | Moolavar Special Poosai |
| 11:30 AM | Utsava Moorthy poosai with Punyaha Vaachanam |
| 12:00 Noon | Utsava Moorthy Urvalam (Procession) in the temple interior and to Charriot (Ther) |
| 12:30 PM | Ther Poosai and Ratharohanam |
| 12:45 PM | The Urvalam including all archana |
| 01:30 PM | Maha Mangala Aarathi with Shatthumurai followed ny lunch Maha Prasadam |

**Devotees are requested to encourage children's participation in Kaavidi Addam
Pooja sponsorship details will be announced soon**

For more details please contact:

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Glimpses of the Annual Kids' Day Camp at Our Temple June 1, 2019



(Collage: courtesy Greg Smith)

This year around 45 kids attended this camp organized by HSGC Bal Vihar and VHPA Cincinnati. Priya Dayal and Itishree Panda were the lead organizers and they were supported by several volunteers, who helped make this camp a huge success. Kids started the camp with yoga, took a temple tour learning about the different deities, recited bhajans, participated in the Ramayan quiz and games, listened to a presentation by Dr. Som Tandon on healthy eating habits and good food choices, performed havan, played games, and engaged in crafts.

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SHRI JAGANNATH RATHA YATRA

Saturday, July 6th, 2019

At- Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

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BHAHUDA YATRA Sunday, July 14th 2019 10:30 AM

Ratha Yatra or **Chariot Festival** is associated with Lord Jagannath held at Puri in the state of Orrisha, India. It is the oldest Ratha Yatra taking place in India and the World, whose descriptions can be found in Brahma Purana, Padma Purana, and Skanda Purana. This annual festival is celebrated on Ashadha Shukla Paksha Dwitiya (second day in bright fortnight of Ashadha month).

The festival commemorates Jagannath's annual visit to Gundicha Temple via Mausi Maa Temple (aunt's home near Balagandi Chaka, Puri).

As part of Ratha Yatra, the deities of Jagannath, his elder brother Balabhadra and younger sister Subhadra are taken out in a procession to Gundicha Temple and remain there for nine days. They are also accompanied by Sudarshana chakra. Then the deities or Ratha Yatra return to the Main temple. The return journey of Puri Jagannath Ratha Yatra is known as Bahuda Yatra.

Three richly decorated chariots, resembling temple structures, are pulled through the streets of Puri called Badadan-da. This commemorates the annual journey of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra, and their sister Subhadra to their aunt's temple, the Gundicha Temple which is situated at a distance of 2 km from their temple. This is the only day when devotees who are not allowed in the temple premises,

such as non-Hindus and foreigners, can get their glimpse of the deities. During the festival, devotees from all over the world go to Puri with an earnest desire to help pulling the Lords' chariots with the help of other priests pulling the chariots with ropes. They consider this auspicious deed and risk their lives in the huge crowd. The huge processions accompanying the chariots play devotional songs with drums, tambourines, trumpets etc. Children line the streets through which the chariot will pass and add to the mass chorus. The Ratha carts themselves are some approximately 45 feet (14 m) high and are pulled by the thousands of pilgrims who turn up for the event; the chariots are built a new each year only from a particular type of tree. Millions of devotees congregate at Puri for this annual event from all over the country and abroad.

Hindu Temple of greater Cincinnati celebrates Rath-Yatra each year during Rath Yatra festival time with great devotion. This year is scheduled on Saturday, July 6th at 4pm, all related rituals start from the previous day. Hundreds of devotees attend and volunteer to pull the Rath of Lord Jagannath while chanting, and dancing along the temple boulevard. Deities are kept and worshipped on the Temple basement stage for 9 days and returned to its original place upstairs main Temple 9th day with great Bahuda Yatra celebration scheduled on July 14th at 10am.

Shrimad Bhagwat Katha at the Hindu Temple, Jun1, 2019

(by Janak Dave)



Temple devotees were treated to a three-day Bhagwat discourse (*katha*) by our own Acharya Kailashji. Katha started with *pothi yatra* on June 1st followed by *Bhagwat Mahatmya*.

Several definitions of word *Bhagwat* were given by Panditji: One being the four letters of Bhagwat (भ, ग, व, त्) that respectively stand for *Dharma* (righteousness, moral values), *Aarth* (prosperity, economic values), *Kaam* (pleasure, love, psychological values) and *Moksha* (liberation, spiritual values). Together these constitute the four goals or aims of human life. Alternatively, the first letter denotes spiritual light, or strength; the second letter signifies knowledge; followed by fulfilment of dreams and the last one representing increased passion for spiritual bhakti and knowledge.

Bhagwat was given by Vyas as culmination of all of his previous works. (Vedas, 18 Puranas, etc). He was not satisfied with previous works and so the creation of Bhagwat. It shows us a path to God. All we need to do is make our activities God centric rather than self centric.

Panditji also talked about the dialogue between Narad Muni and Bhakti mata and how to train and change our ways of thinking towards activities which lead us to Bhagwan Krishna. Many times our ego stops us from doing the right thing.

On the second and third day we went through all chapters of Bhagwat describing many characters and their stories. Narad Rishi is the intermediary between us and bhagwan. He listens to our difficulties and problems and he explains to us as a guru, how can we overcome those and guides us to better way of life. Guru shows you the way. Panditji explained Chatusloki Bhagawat (Bhagwat in four verses). We should do Bhakti before our senses start to deteriorate. Do not wait to do

till you are old. God is omnipresent everywhere in living or inert objects. We are fortunate to be born as humans so grab the opportunity to be near Bhagwan Krishna. Parikshit realized this and attained moksha in 7 days.

Panditji talked about king Puranjan, Bhakt Prahlad, Bhakt Dhruv, Krishna Birth, Shukdevji etc. In kali yug, Bhakti/devotion, reciting bhagwan's name, bhajans are the best way to reach God. If we pray God with real passion, He is always there to help us like He did to Draupadi or Gajendra Hathi (Elephant). Even Ajamil was saved by God when he said Narayan at the end of his life. We all can experience closeness to God with purity of mind and heart. Having a deity or a picture in front of us helps us focus our mind while praying.

Thank you Acharyaji for providing this wonderful opportunity for all of us.

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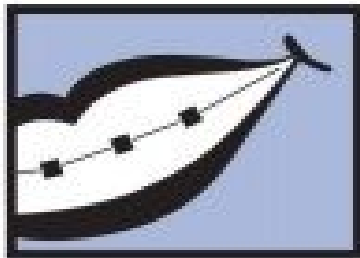
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Yoga

Ray Nandyal

Yoga comes from the Sanskrit word, "*yukta*," meaning connection. Love, justice, gratitude, forgiveness, etc. are connections. Hate, bigotry, lack of gratitude and forgiveness, etc. are disconnections. We have "wellness" (and not just fitness) when we increase our connections and decrease disconnections.

What we in the West call yoga is a tiny part of real yoga, properly called "*kriya yoga*" (yoga activity). The metaphorical (*kriya*) yoga chair has four legs: Bhakti (devotion), Raja (meditation/concentration), Karma (justice) and Jnana (wisdom). As one does (*kriya*) yoga, one is supposed to fill one's mind with these four elements. Toward this purpose, yoga philosophers from Patanjali (2nd century BCE) to Swatmarama (14th century CE) encourage yoga practitioners to focus as much on the inner/mental/spiritual dimension as the outer/physical dimension. Many of the postures (*asanas*) and flows (*vinyasas*) have spiritual meanings, which when combined with the three physical foundations of yoga --flexibility, balance and strength--produce Shanthi (peace), which is the objective of comprehensive yoga.



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Friday, August 23, 2019

6:00 PM - Midnight at the Temple

Program

- 6:00pm Shri Krishna Puja and Abhishek
- 6:15 pm Archana **
- 6:45 pm Procession
- 8:00 pm Aarti & Prasad /Dinner
- 9:30 pm Bhajans /Keertan / Pravachan (Shree Krishna Leela)
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