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September 2021

Temple Address  
for GPS  
720 Barg Salt Run Rd  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45244

**TEMPLE TIMINGS**  
MON-FRI 9 AM - 12:45 PM  
& 5 PM - 8 PM  
SAT & SUN 9AM - 8 PM

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

**TEMPLE IS FULLY OPENED**  
FULL SERVICES ARE OFFERED

- ◆ Lower Floor is now opened for puja or any other events and prasad distribution.
- ◆ All devotees are requested to wear masks while in temple premises (indoors) upstairs and downstairs.

**We are sorry to inform that due to rising COVID Delta variant cases in our Region, we are cancelling upcoming Nachsitare and Mela event on September 11th, 2021.**

## Shri Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration



September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Sunday  
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

10:00 am Procession  
11:00 am Ganesh Puja/Atharvashirsh Path  
12:00 pm Bhajans  
1:00 pm Aarti /Prasad /Lunch  
2:30 pm Visarjan

Sponsorship Pramukh Yajman\$251, Yajman\$101, \$51sponsors, \$21 Archana

For details, please call Temple 528-3714, Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081.  
Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382, Mangala Nemade 513-234-8373

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**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2021**

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**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

<b>Puja Committee:</b>	Madhu Sharma madhu2019sharma@gmail.com	513-807-5081
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<b>Long Range Planning:</b>	Laxmi Srivastava laxmi_srivastava@yahoo.com	513-378-5476

**PRIESTS**

<b>Chief</b>	Acharya Kailash Sharma	513-652-5382
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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**

<b>Long Range Cmte:</b>	Indra Murthy	513-884-8756
<b>Treasurer Comte:</b>	Amar Sharma	513-777-5771
<b>Property/ Mgmt Comte:</b>	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 - 8 PM

**Major Hindu Holidays** 9 AM – 8 PM

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

**2021 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)	513-290-7541
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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**

<b>Manager:</b>	Laxmi Srivastava	513-474-0144
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<b>Legal Advisor</b>	Pavan Parikh	
<b>Office Manager:</b>	Mohan Chopra	
<b>Swami Lectures:</b>	Meena Mehta, Koti Srikrishna, Ganesh Yadlapalli	
<b>Adult Education:</b>	Meena Mehta, Ganesh Yadlapalli, Koti Sreekrishna	
<b>Temple Database:</b>	Nandkumar Khemchandani, Raj Badolia, Greg Smith	
<b>Community Relations:</b>	Meena Mehta	
<b>E-Mail Data:</b>	Greg Smith, Nandkumar Khemchandani	
<b>Gift Shop:</b>	Meena Sondhi, Vina Bajaj	
<b>Security:</b>	Greg Smith, Kailash Sharma	
<b>(Dial One)</b>	Pinakin Bhakta	
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<b>Project Manager:</b>	Vithal Nemade	
<b>Temple Website:</b>	Bharat Vala, Greg Smith,	

<b>Temple:</b>	Meena Mehta, Ashvin Mehta,
<b>Calendar:</b>	Acharya Kailash Sharma
<b>Volunteer</b>	Mohan Chopra, Rajan Odavar,
<b>Services:</b>	Kedarnath Nambori Vijay Sharma
<b>Temple -</b>	Greg Smith, Naba Mishra,
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<b>Mela Committee:</b>	Asit Saha, Kartik, Deepak Dixit, Pinakin Bhakta, Raneshwar Gupta, Jyoti Desai, Amar Sharma, Raj Bodalia
<b>Ramleela Cmte:</b>	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 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) 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/ wedding out of Greater Cincinnati area are as follows:

- a) Up to 50 miles - \$151.00, b) 50 - 80 miles - \$251.00  
c) 80 - 110 miles - \$351.00, d) More than 110 miles - \$501.00.  
e) Wedding - \$1,001.00

## 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

## TEMPLE RENTAL - YAGNASHALA ONLY

	Havan/General functions	Wedding/other functions
Monday -Friday	\$100.00	\$250.00
Saturday & Sunday		\$350.00

### 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 or Yagnashala

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 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.

## OPERATING ACCOUNT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1/1/2021 to 07/31/2021

Total Revenues:	\$ 287,559.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 289,168.00
Net Income:	\$ -1,609.00

## HSGC LOAN BALANCE:

As of 1/1/2021:	\$ 408,652.00
As of 7/31/2021:	\$ 319,325.00

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

For more details please call Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081  
or Priests 513-528-3714

**Daily Aarti Everyday Evening 7:30 pm**

## Weekly programs

Monday 6:30 pm	Shiv Mahimna Stotram
Tuesday 6:30 pm	Hanuman Chalisa Path
Thursday 7:00 pm	Vishnu Sahasranam Parayan (contact Ganesh Sundaresan 513 752 4025)
Friday 6:30 pm	Venkateswar Puja

## Monthly programs

### Satya Narayan Puja

*Every Purnima of the month 6:30 pm*

**Sponsorship \$51**

Contact Madhu Sharma or Temple Priests

### Purushottam Naam Stotra Parayan

*Every Second Wedsday 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm*

For details please call: Meena Mehta 513-574-6763

### Navgrah Puja

*Every First Saturday*

Sponsors needed for Puja \$51

Contact Madhu Sharma or Temple Priests

### Sai Bhajans

*Every First Saturday at 6 pm to 7:30 pm*

Dr. Ganesh 857-719-1500; Rajan 513-331-2058

### Murugan Abhishekam /Puja

*Normally on Second Saturday*

**(Follow the schedule on Page 5.)**

Pandit Bhattar 513-488-2986

Saravanan Sakhtivel 513-376-3050

Jeya Selvakumar 513-795-9868

Contact Madhu Sharma or Temple Priests

### 1008 Gayatri Jap

*Every Second Saturday at 9:30 am*

Contact Madhu Sharma or Temple Priests

### Abhishekam / Kalyanotsavam for LORD SRI VENKATESWARA

*Every Fourth Saturday 10:30 am to 12:30 pm*

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 Bhattar 513-488-2986

### Sunder Kand Path

*Every Third Sunday 10:30 am to 1:00 pm*

Sangita Patel 513-791-0855

Acharya. Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382

### Shri Ganesh Puja & Atharvshirsha Path

*Every Fourth Sunday 10:30 am*

*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

### Shri Jagannath Puja

*Every Fifth Sunday 11:00 am*

For more information & to sponsor the puja please call

Suchitra Mishra 513-573-9775

Contact Madhu Sharma or Temple Priests

### Bal Vihar Activities

*Second and Fourth Sunday 11:30 am to 1:00 pm*

Contact: Dr. Ganesh Yadlapalli 857-791-1500

Priya Dayal 513-508-8866



# Temple Calendar of Events

## September 2021

Sep	4 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Navgrah Havan 10am
Sep	4 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Murugan Abhishekam 4:30pm
Sep	4 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm
Sep	5 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	1008 Gayatri Jaap 10am
Sep	6 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Last Monday of Shravan Shivabheshekam 10am and 5:30pm. Sponsored by Baldevbhai Somdas Patel Dingucha.
Sep	9 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Hartalika Teej 6pm
Sep	10 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Ganesh Chaturthi Temple open all day 9-8pm
Sep	12 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
Sep	12 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Radha Ashtami Celebration 5pm Sponsored by -Shrinathji Seva Mandal
Sep	15 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Purushottam Sahasranaam Parayanam 6pm
Sep	18 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Mata Ki Chouki 4pm Sponsored by Sharma Family.
Sep.	19 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration 10am Sponsored by- Trivini Mitra Mandal.
Sep	20 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51
Sep	20 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Shraddha Begins
Sep	24 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Sankashti Chaturthi 6pm
Sep	25 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Venkateshwar Abhishekam 10am
Sep	25 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Ayyappan Abhishekam 5:15pm
Sep	26 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Ganesh Puja 11am

## October 2021

Oct.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm
Oct.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm
Oct.	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun.	1008 Gayatri Japa 9:30am
Oct.	5 <sup>th</sup>	Tues	<b>Group Shraddha Tarpan Puja 6pm Last Day of Shraddha</b>
Oct.	6 <sup>th</sup>	Wed.	Navratri Starts Kalash Sthapana 10am
Oct.	9 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Mata Ki Chouki 4pm Sponsored by -Jindal Family
Oct.	10 <sup>th</sup>	Sun.	Ganesh Puja 11am
Oct.	13 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Durga Ashtami Havan 6pm
Oct.	14 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	Vijaya Dashami Dussehra 6pm
Oct.	16 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Mata Ki Chouki 4pm Sponsored by Rakesh & Namita Jindal Family
Oct.	17 <sup>th</sup>	Sun.	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
Oct.	19 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	Shiva Annabhishekam 5:30pm
Oct.	20 <sup>th</sup>	Wed.	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm
Oct.	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat.	Venkateshwar Phulangi Puja 10:30am
Oct.	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat.	Karwa Chouth Puja 4pm 5pm and 6pm
Oct.	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat.	Ayyappan Abhishekam 6pm
Oct.	24 <sup>th</sup>	Sun.	Bijoya Celebration 11am Sponsored by- Agrani
Oct.	31 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	Jagannath Puja 11am

# SHRAWAN SOMVAR

## Shiva -Abhishekam

Aug 30<sup>th</sup>, Sep 9<sup>th</sup>



10:00am to 11:30am Shiva Abhishek & Aarti (Temple closed 12:45pm to 5pm)

06:30pm to 07:15pm Shiva Abhishek , \*Bilva Patra Archana

07:05pm to 8:00pm Shiva Mahimnaha Path , Bhajans & Aarti.

sponsorship- Abhishek \$101.00 , Archana \$21.00

\*Bilva patra Archana (Depends on Availability of Bilva patra)

For details please call Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081,

Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652

**-MAHA PRASAD DINNER**

**SPONSORED BY- BALDEVBHAI SOMDAS PATEL DIGUNCHIA**

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

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## HARTALIKA VRAT POOJA

September 9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

6:00 P.M.



For Details call: Temple- 513-528-3714, Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081



NEW EVENT

## Radha Ashtami Celebration

Sunday Sep.12<sup>th</sup> 2021

5pm to 7pm

5pm Sri Radhakrishna Puja

5:30 Bhajans

7pm Aarti and Boxed Prasad

Place-Hindu Temple 720 Burgsalt Run Road Cincinnati OH 45244

For details please call Temple 513-528-3714, Acharya Kailash ji 513-652-5382,  
Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081, Meena Mehta 513 574-6763

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# FUNDING CORNER



## Temple Reserve Fund



Dear Devotees,

As you know our Temple is more than 25 years old and we badly need funds for comprehensive maintenance to prolong the life of the Temple. The time has come to address all these projects as a whole. Your generous donation will be strictly used for the maintenance only.

### Funding needed for the following projects:

1. Repair blacktop on old road
2. Upgrade outdated heating and cooling system
3. Plumbing
4. Upgrade downstairs lunch area for renting
5. Landscaping
6. Painting of the Temple facility
7. Repair Temple roof



Asit Saha  
President



Rani Dhamija  
Fundraising Chair

### **Suggested Donation:**

**Patrons - \$351 or more, Elite Members - \$251, Annual Members - \$51, Other - Any Amount**

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Please go to [www.cincinnati temple.com](http://www.cincinnati temple.com) to donate online or write a check payable to:**

**HSGC | 4920 Klatte Road, Cincinnati, OH 45244 | Memo: Temple Reserve Fund**

Dear Devotees,

You probably have received the above letter regarding donation appeal from the Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati in the mail.

In case you didn't receive this card for any reason, it is here for your response and support to the temple. **Please donate generously to your temple.**

Contact Information:

Phone 513 528 -3714

Email [hindutempleogc@gmail.com](mailto:hindutempleogc@gmail.com)

**Please make check payable to "HSGC"**

**Send checks by mail to: HSGC, 4920 Klatte Road, Cincinnati OH 45244**



**Aradhana (513) 528-3714**

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