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Temple Address
for GPS

720 Barg Salt Run Rd
Cincinnati, Ohio 45244

TEMPLE TIMINGS

MON to FRI 9 AM - 12:45 PM & 5PM - 8 PM
SAT & SUN 9AM - 8 PM
Major Hindu Holidays 9 AM - 8 PM

<http://www.cincinnati temple.com>
Email: hindutempleogc@gmail.com
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Mailing address for sending donation checks is HSGC 4920 Klatte Rd. Cincinnati OH 45244

The Temple is fully opened. Please follow the
Covid precautions!

Please see Page # 7 for updated Covid Guidelines and
Precautions.

HSGC GENERAL BODY MEETING

Sunday, March 13th 12:00 - 12:55 PM

AGENDA

President's report

- Open discussions & Q&A

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



MAHA SHIVARATRI

CELEBRATION

February 28th Monday 2022

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

SEE PAGE # 10 FOR FULL DETAILS

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2022

President:	A. Vinod Sudhakar vinodemail@gmail.com	513-607-5760
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Priest:	Pundit Muthu Meenakshi Shivachariar sundarammuthumeenakshi@gmail.com	513-237-0214

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Property/ Mgmt Comte:	Pinakin Bhakta	513-509-9011
Communication Comte:	Sampath Rallapalli	513-765-0527

Members of History Committee

Amulya Tyagi (Chair Person)
Ambi Balasubramaniam
Mohan Chopra
Meena Mehta
Laxmi Srivastava

2022 Puja Committee & Religious Activities Members

Rajesh Bodalia(Chair)	513-504-6328
Kiran Dayal (In-charge: Temple Events)	513-474-4051
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Acharya Kailash Sharma	513-770-0705
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Rajan Odavar	513-336-6843

Temple Manager's Committees

Manager:	Laxmi Shanker Srivastava	513-378-5476
CFO:	Raj Bodalia	513-504-6328
Legal Advisor	Pavan Parikh	
Office Manager:	Mohan Chopra	
Swami Lectures:	Meena Mehta, Koti Srikrishna, Ganesh Yadlapalli	
Adult Education:	Meena Mehta, Ganesh Yadlapalli, Koti Sreekrishna	
Temple Database:	Nandkumar Khemchandani, Raj Badolia, Greg Smith	
Community Relations:	Meena Mehta	
E-Mail Data:	Greg Smith, Nandkumar Khemchandani	
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Security:	Greg Smith, Kailash Sharma	
(Dial One)	Pinakin Bhakta	
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Project Manager:	Vithal Nemade	
Temple Website:	Bharat Vala, Greg Smith,	
Temple:	Meena Mehta, Ashvin Mehta,	
Calendar:	Acharya Kailash Sharma	
Volunteer	Mohan Chopra, Rajan Odayar,	
Services:	Kedarnath Nambori Vijay Sharma	
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Photographer:	V G Ramaswamy	
Mela Committee:	A. Vinod Sudhakar, Kartik, Deepak Dixit, Pinakin Bhakta, Raneshwar Gupta, Jyoti Desai, Amar Sharma, Raj Bodalia	
Ramleela Cmte:	Vinod Sudhakar, Kamlesh Singh	

Puja and Rental Charges

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) 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 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:

- Up to 50 miles - \$151.00, b) 50 - 80 miles - \$251.00
- 80 - 110 miles - \$351.00, d) More than 110 miles - \$501.00.
- 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	Wed- 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 **Rajesh Bodalia** 513-504-6328, or any **EC Member** or the **Temple** at 513-528-3714]

- Archana performed during temple hours by sponsorship.
- No Archana on Sundays between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Outside Pujas and other religious services will be conducted by appointment only.
- To schedule any Puja please contact Meena Sondhi at least one week in advance.
- Food and Prasad : To bring to the temple please contact Puja Committee chairperson .
- Pujas performed outside the temple will be rated according to the number of Pujas performed
- 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
- Cancellations of Puja should be done 3 days in advance, otherwise full fee for the Puja will be charged.

Regular Programs

For more details please call Rajesh Bodalia 513-504-6328
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 Rajesh Bodalia or Temple Priests

Purushottam Naam Stotra Parayan

Every Second Wednesday 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 Rajesh Bodalia 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 Rajesh Bodalia or Temple Priests

1008 Gayatri Jap (once a month)

Any Saturday or Sunday of the month.
Please check the calendar
Contact Rajesh Bodalia or Temple Priests

Abhishekam / Kalyanotsavam for LORD SRI VENKATESWARA

Every Fourth Saturday 10:00am 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 11:00 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
Rajesh Bodalia 513-504-6328

Shri Jagannath Puja

Sunday October 23rd, 11:00 am

For more information & to sponsor the puja please call
Suchitra Mishra 513-573-9775
Contact Rajesh Bodalia 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

February 2022

Feb.	5 th	Sat.	Vasant Panchami Saraswati Puja 10am
Feb.	5 th	Sat.	Navgrah Puja Sponsorship \$51
Feb.	5 th	Sat.	Sai Bhajan 6pm
Feb.	6 th	Sun.	Vasant Panchami Celebration 11am Sponsored by Agrani
Feb.	12 th	Sat.	Murugan Abhishekam 4:30pm
Feb.	13 th	Sun.	1008 Gayatri Jaap 10am
Feb.	15 th	Tues.	Satya Narayan Puja Purnima 6:30pm \$51
Feb.	16 th	Wed.	Murugan Puja 5:30pm
Feb.	19 th	Sat.	Navgrah Havan 10am
Feb.	20 th	Sun.	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
Feb.	26 th	Sat.	Venkateshwar Kalyanam 10am
Feb.	26 th	Sat.	Ayyappan Abhishekam 5pm
Feb.	27 th	Sun.	Ganesh Puja 11am
Feb.	28 th	Mon	Maha ShivRatri Puja Temple Hours 9am to 6am next day

MARCH 2022

March	5 th	Sat.	Navgrah puja 3pm
March	5 th	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm
March	6 th	Sun.	Laxmi Narayan Puja for Millennials 11am
March	10 th	Thurs	Holashtak Begins
March	12 th	Sat	Murugan Abhishekam 4:30pm
March	13 th	Sun.	1008 Gayatri Japa 9:30am
March	17 th	Thurs	Purnima Satya Narayan puja 6:30pm
March	17 th	Thurs	Holika Dahna 7pm
March	18 th	Fri	Rang (Color) Holi, Celebration Sat.19th
March	18 th	Fri	Murugan Puja 5:30pm
March	19 th	Sat.	Holi Celebration Cultural Program 3pm
March	20 th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
March	21 st	Mon	Sankashti Chaturthi 6pm
March	26 th	Sat.	Venkateshwara Abhishekam 10am
March	27 th	Sun.	Ganesh Puja 11am
March	27 th	Sun	Ayyappa Abhishekam 5pm

Updated Temple Covid Precautions and Guidelines (effective January 17th, 2022)

- Masks and social distancing are mandatory at the temple until further notice.
- Blue tape markings are on the floor of the garbha griha as a guide for social distancing. Please strictly follow these markings.
- No major events will be scheduled at the temple until February 5th, 2022.
Vasanth Panchami will go on as scheduled on February 6th, 2022.
- No hall or kitchen rental and no group prasad/bhog/meals at the temple until February 5th, 2022.
- Archana sponsors will only be given Aasheervachanam by priests
- Please do not bring any homemade prasadam for offering in the temple and / or distribute in the temple premises.
- Please do not touch any of the Idols, Padukas, Kumkuma and Udhi in the temple.
- Kumkuma, Sandal powder or Vibhuthi will not be available to the devotees until February 5th, 2022.
- Please always wash your hands with sanitizer, soap and water before entering the temple. Hand washing soap will be made available in the foyer and temple restrooms.
- Do not shake hands or hug anyone at temple or outside. Offer Namaste instead.
- If you have any covid symptoms or have tested positive for covid, please do not visit the temple until you get well and/or for 14 days from positive test or onset of symptoms
- If you recently traveled by air, please wait for 2 weeks before you visit the temple
- See this website for more information from CDC.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html>
- If you need more information, please follow the instructions in the following website:
<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>

Consolidated Income/Expense Report - 2021

INCOME	AMOUNT	EXPENSES	AMOUNT
Aradhana Advertisement	300	Aradhana Publication	245
Festivals Income	14,835	Bank Charges	4,267
Food Donation	2,239	Calendar	765
General Donation	205,260	Festivals Expense	49
Gift Shop Income	137	Flower Expense	1,940
Kroger Matching Gift	1,567	Food Expense	3,070
Loan Reduction	19,908	Legal Fees	1,500
Puja Income	303,087	Mortgage	158,259
Special Events Income	71,310	Office Expense	1,758
TOTAL INCOME	618,643	Property Insurance	4,338
		Property Tax	14,587
		Puja Expense	5,878
		Repair & Maintenance	127,632
		Supplies	10,019
		Utilities	34,656
		Wages & Salary	168,243
NET INCOME	81,437	TOTAL EXPENSES	537,206

HSGC LOAN BALANCE:

As of 1/1/2021: \$ 408,652

As of 12/31/2021: \$ 264,711



YOUTH CORNER

We are very excited to start this activity. The temple is looking for an active participation from our youth to the temple. Please bring your ideas and the feed backs to the temple. We have put together an agenda which can be modified or built up on.

Announcement

Middle School, High School and College Students

We are currently establishing something you are very familiar with at your schools: STUDENT GOVERNMENT.

Students will get opportunities to:

- Shape the vision for youth at the Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati.
- Participate in initiatives in technology, fundraising, communication, long-term infrastructure planning, community service and outreach.
- Plan, organize and participate in various cultural celebrations like concerts, Naach Sitare, Mela and other activities.
- Develop leadership skills.
- Build a great resume and also receive service credits.

This is a green-field exercise so there will be ample opportunities to influence the direction.

We invite you to contact Ajay Munsif (ajaymunsif@yahoo.com) if you are interested.



MAHA SHIVARATRI CELEBRATION

February 28th Monday 2022

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



DAY TIME PUJA

9am to 11am SHIVABHISHEK Sponsored * (1st Session)
11:30am 1:30pm SHIVABHISHEK Sponsored*
(2nd Session)

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

To avoid evening crowd, we request
Devotees to come between 2pm to 4pm in 3rd Session or
after 9:30pm

ARCHANA THALI **WILL BE
PROVIDED WITH GANGAJAL & MILK

NIGHT TIME PUJA

First Puja

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

Second Puja

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

Third Puja

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

Fourth Puja

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

Fifth Puja March 1st

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

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

Devotees are requested to bring small amount of milk for offering.
Please donate money instead of milk or bring dry nuts (Almond Cashews raisins).
EVENT SPONSORED by– Agrawal Family

For Details, please call Temple 513-528-3714, Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328

MASK AND SOCIAL DISTENCING REQUIERD INSIDE TEMPLE

Vasant Panchmi Celebration

Sunday Feb. 6th

10:30am to 1pm



10:30 to 11:30 Saraswati Puja

11:30 to 11:45 Vidyarambha Puja (For Children)

11:45 to 12:00 Pushpanjali Offerings

12:00 to 1:00 Bhajans, Pravachan & Aarti Prasad

Event is sponsored by- Agrani Bengali Group.

For Details Please Temple: 513-528-3714. Raj Bodalia 513-504 6328,
Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382,

Hindu society cordially invites millennial generation with family and friends to participate in

Laxmi-Narayan Puja

(Worship for Goddess Laxmi and Lord Vishnu)

March 6th Sunday

11:30am puja followed by Aarti



for more details call Temple 513-528-3714, Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328.

HOLIKA DAHAN

March 17th 7:00pm



Navgrah- Havan

February 19th Saturday
11:00am



Programs- 11 A.M.- Havan 12:30- Aarati

Sponsorship- Pramukh Yajman \$101, Havan \$51

For Details Please Call- Temple- 513-528-3714, Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328

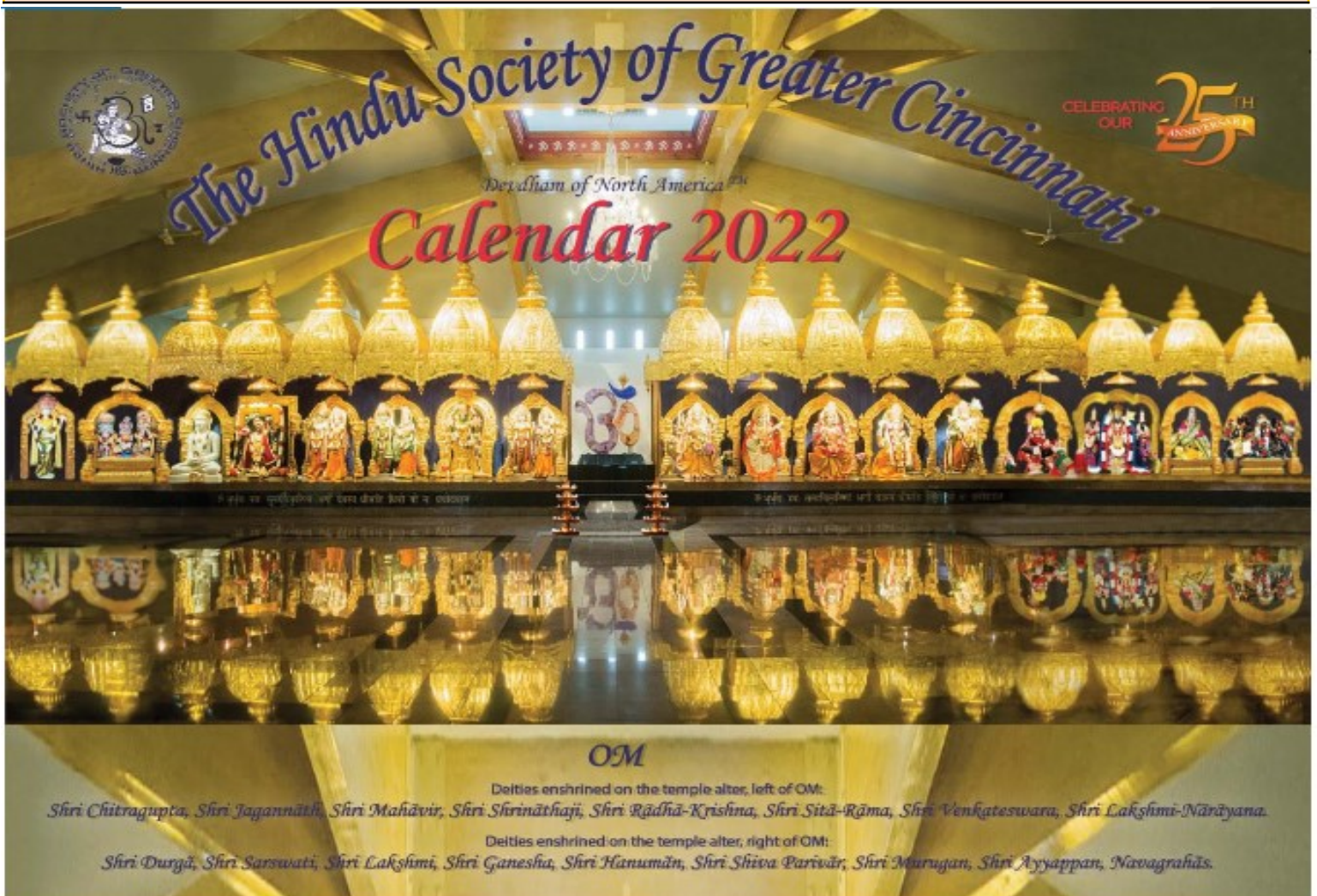
Acharya Chakreshwar Sharma 513-376-2982,

THE CALENDAR 2022

The HSGC 25th Anniversary Edition Calendar 2022 is now available at the Temple!

This is an extended 32-page calendar packed with beautiful images, historical facts and captions. A special thanks goes out to the *Calendar Committee*, who worked diligently putting this Anniversary Edition together. Please support the “Calendar” generously. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

Meena Mehta



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