

# Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati



## Aradhana

**Bhadrapada/Ashwina Vikram Samvat 2081 September, 2024**

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

TEMPLE TIMINGS  
Mon to Fri 9AM - 12:45PM & 5PM - 8PM  
Sat & Sun 9AM - 8PM  
Major Hindu Holidays 9AM - 8PM

Website: [www.cincinnatiemple.com](http://www.cincinnatiemple.com)  
Email: [hindutempleogc@gmail.com](mailto:hindutempleogc@gmail.com)  
Phone: (513) 528-3714

Temple address if snow emergency  
4920 Klatte Rd  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45244

Mailing address for sending donation checks: HSGC 4920 Klatte Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45244

### HSGC GENERAL BODY MEETING

Date: Sunday - September 15th, 2024 at 4:00 pm EDT via Zoom meeting  
Agenda, President's Report, Open Discussions and Q&A

#### HSGC President's Message



**Sri Ganesha Chaturthi - September 6th, 2024**



# *Aradhana* Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati



## **HSGC General Body Meeting**

The General Body meeting will be held on **September 15, 2024** at **4pm EDT** via **ZOOM**.

The agenda for this meeting is listed below:

1. President's report
2. Secretary's report
3. Treasurer's report
4. Open discussion and Q&A

### Zoom Details

#### Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81436137795?  
pwd=1AjQd22Wb35SSEI5KApoDDazXdhQbj.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81436137795?pwd=1AjQd22Wb35SSEI5KApoDDazXdhQbj.1)

Meeting ID: 814 3613 7795

Passcode: 861408

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# *Aradhana* Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

## HSGC President's message

Namaste to all the donors, members, volunteers and devotees of our beloved Temple,

As many of you are aware, the Temple is currently operating with 2 full-time priests and a part-time priest. We are aware of the burden this puts on the priests as well as the inconvenience caused to devotees. Our search to fill the open positions has been very successful with well over 20 candidates screened and interviewed by several Executive Council members and Priest Sub-Committee members. We are very pleased to share with you that on July 30th the Priest Sub-Committee recommended that we hire two priests that would be able to serve our devotees well.

Our Temple is a multi-deity Temple that serves Hindus from various regions, languages and from different walks of life. The religious and spiritual needs of this diverse community required careful scrutiny and selection from the list of candidates. Recent events of prejudice were also heavy on the minds of our selection committee members as they ensured that the selected priests would be inclusive, supportive and respectful of diversity. All in attendance at the Executive Council meeting unanimously voted to hire the recommended priests after due deliberation and follow-up conversations with the selected candidates.

Acharya Surendra Mishra PhD is an accomplished priest that has 18 years experience in the US. He received his Masters and PhD from Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi, and completed six years studying vedas at Sanved College, Varanasi. He is very well liked by all those he has served as a priest. He is fluent in several languages and has musical skills. He has a very mature temperament and his wisdom is evident when one talks to him about his life experiences. His experience, knowledge in scriptures and communication skills would help to connect with the diverse community that our temple serves and in Cincinnati. Please welcome Acharya ji to our Temple.

Pandit Shashidhar Somayaji is a current Cincinnati resident and is very passionate about rituals and scriptures. Several of you know him as one of the volunteers that has helped us in our pujas dating back to the Maha Kumbabhishekam in 2023. He has been working as a priest for 16 years after receiving education in vaidika smartha agamamu. He is fluent in Telugu, Hindi and English. Pandit ji's deep understanding of our scriptures and the simple and elegant explanation of the essence of mantras and slokas he offers in English will very much help our younger generations connect with Hindu heritage. Please welcome Pandit ji to our Temple.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors and volunteers for the Taste of India, Naach Sitare and Mela that were conducted this year with a new format and were acclaimed by all that attended. Notably this year the food stalls were completely manned by volunteers resulting in all the monies raised going straight to the Temple.

The community should be aware that a complaint regarding electrical work at the Temple was filed with the authorities by some members. Regrettably, this issue was not brought up internally first. As a result, we faced unnecessary expenses in expediting the resultant electrical work. Concerns arose about the potential impact on the Mela given the timing of this action by these members. Thankfully, with the support of Clermont County, Union Township, our electrical and tent contractors, we overcame the challenges and successfully held a memorable Mela. The initial letter from the County is provided below.

When facing such adversities we should reflect on Hindu teachings - where there is darkness there is greater appreciation for light; where there is evil there is greater appreciation of good; where there is ignorance there is greater appreciation of knowledge and wisdom. It is with this in mind, that I request that all of us focus on the positive - to the donors, sponsors, volunteers and supporters of the Temple - Thank you! for facing every challenge with a brave smile. Thank you! for your tireless efforts. Thank you! for your kind and comforting words of support and encouragement. Thank you!

Namaste

Vinod Sudhakar  
President, Executive Council



# Aradhana Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati



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Permit Central/Building Inspection Department

June 26, 2024

Owner - Primary's Name and Address

HINDU SOCIETY OF GREATER CINCINNATI  
INC  
720 BARG SALT RUN RD  
CINCINNATI, OH 45244

Referred by:

PREM K & SUKSHAM DHAMJA  
7025 BEECH HOLLOW DR  
CINCINNATI, OH 45236

Code Case Number & General Information

Referral Number: **BLD-006724-2024**

Name: **WORK WITHOUT PERMITS**

Address: **720 BARG SALT RUN RD  
CINCINNATI, OH 45244**

Location/PIN #: Union Township / 41311UG005.

Case Status: **Received**

The Building Inspection Department is directed to investigate, review and respond to public concerns and verify compliance with County Regulations and State Building Codes. The Department has received a Public Referral as described below:

**TEMPORARY SERVICE SINCE SEPT 23. TEMPORARY FEED AND PARKING LOT LIGHTS NOT TO NEC. NO EVACUATION INFORMATION POSTED. NO MAX GATHERING INFO. MAIN STEPS NO STURDY. NEW HVAC UNITS**

The Department has researched and investigated the issues identified above and previously sent a letter requesting that these issues be addressed. The issues have not been resolved or the Department has not received sufficient information to verify that the issues have been addressed.

**Inspector visited site and found the temporary service to be ran from the building through a corrugated pipe, underneath the parking lot. Wires were laying on the ground where grass was being cut. The inspector also found plugs hardwired into light poles. Temporary service is in violation, please apply for a permit through the County Building Department.**

The following violations need to be adequately addressed:

Item Violation Name and Description

1 OBC/RCO Section 105.1 Approvals required. Any owner or authorized agent, who alters, constructs, enlarges, repairs, moves, or changes the occupancy of a building, structure, or portion thereof, shall make application to the building official and obtain approval.

**Required Action: Stop any current work requiring Approval; and, obtain a valid Approval from the Department.**

2 OBC/RCO Section 108 Inspection Process. Inspections and approval are required of all new work. The owner shall make the work accessible and exposed for the inspector, and notify the building department when work is ready for inspection. Access to and means for inspection of such work shall be provided by the owner for any required inspections.

**Required Action: Please make work accessible. Schedule and pass all required inspections.**



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Case / Referral Number: **BLD-006724-2024**  
**WORK WITHOUT PERMITS**

Clermont County Permit Central/Building Inspection Department  
June 26, 2024

This letter has been prepared to communicate our findings to the Property Owner of Record, identify applicable regulatory requirements, and provide recommendations to resolve the violations. The Department is requesting that you review and resolve the issues described above or communicate your intentions with us within 30 Days or we will be forced to proceed with legal actions.

If you have questions concerning these violations, please contact the applicable Inspector or our Permit Specialists, Monday-Friday, 8.00am - 4:30pm at 513-732-7213. Your help and cooperation with this issue is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bruce Crase  
Clermont Building Official



# *Aradhana* Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

*Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati*



## **Bhagya Lakshmi Raffle**

Starting this Diwali 2023, sponsor bricks in the names of your loved ones and create a lasting legacy at the Temple!



**Each brick entitles you to a chance to win:**

**Mercedes E Class**

or

**Tesla Model Y**



**Runners up 1oz American Eagle Gold Coin**

**Proceeds will be used for Expansion of Temple**

### **Conditions**

1. Sponsorship of new brick for \$501 mandatory for participation in the Raffle.
2. Drawing only after 1,116 Bricks sold
3. First prize is a Tesla Model Y or a Mercedes E Class or any equivalent car with a total price not to exceed \$65,000 including all fees. Winner may choose to pay any amount in excess of this limit.
4. Runners up prizes – 5 total – 1 oz gold coins
5. Adopt 2 bricks to double your chances and also become lifetime member of the Temple.
6. Bricks will be only installed after the completion of the expansion projects.
7. 1099 will be issued to winners per tax law.
8. All proceeds of this Raffle are for expansion of Temple projects – rules subject to change to ensure Temple is protected.



<https://rb.gy/i45oi>



# *Aradhana* Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

## Temple Sponsors





# *Aradhana* Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati



## Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati's **Bhajan Sandhya**

Sponsored by "VHP Chapter, Cincinnati, OH"

**Saturday - August 31, 2024 5:00pm EDT.**

**featuring**



Program:

5:00 pm

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

7:30 pm

Snacks & Tea

Bhajans

Aarti

Contact details:

Temple

Nalini Tandon

Renu Gupta

Senthil Karmegam

513-528-3714

513-226-8685

248-320-7281

304-610-2823

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**SHRAWAN SOMVAR SHIV ABHISHEK**

શ્રાવણ સોમવાર શિવ અભિષેક

**LAST MONDAY OF SHRAWAN**

શ્રાવણ માસનો અંતિમ સોમવાર

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 02, 2024 06:30 PM**

સોમવાર, ૦૨ સપ્ટેમ્બર ૨૦૨૪, ૦૬:૩૦



6:30 pm - Shiva abhishek શિવ અભિષેક

7:30 pm - Dinner ડીનર

**SPONSOR**

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**ADDRESS: 720, BARG SALT RUN ROAD, CINCINNATI, OH 45244**



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# Shri Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration

Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024



## Program Details:

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

**Event sponsored by: TRIVENI MITRA MANDAL**

**Sponsorship** Pramukh Yajman \$251, Yajman\$101,  
Archana \$21.00

For more details, please contact:

Temple	513-528-3714
Acharya Chakreshwar Sharma	513-376-2982
Senthil Karmegam	304-610-2823
Mangala Nemade	513-234-8373



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# Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

**Cordially Invites You With Family & Friends On  
The Occasion Of The Temple's**

## **HARTALIKA TEEJ POOJA**

**September 5th, 2024 - Thursday**

**6 PM**



**For Details - Contact:**

**Acharya Chakreshwar Sharma (513-376-2982)**

**Temple (513-528-3714)**



# *Aradhana* Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati



**Dear Cincinnati Murugan Devotees:**

## **New Ther Kumbabishekam (Pratishtha) Re-Scheduled**

**By the Grace of Lord Murugan,**

- **The New Ther has been delivered and assembled. It is now parked on the south side of the temple in front of the Murugan wing, wrapped in tarp.**
- **Ther Kumbabishekam (Pratishtha) has been (re-) scheduled to be held on September 21-22, 2024.**

**We will soon share with you the updated Pooja Program and Sponsorship information, which will remain the same as those published earlier. Thank you for your understanding and for your continued support.**

**Murugan Thunai**

**Ambikaipakan Balasubramaniam [513-256-4483; [balasua@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:balasua@ucmail.uc.edu)]**

**T. M. Rajkumar [513-368-1389; [tmrajkumar@hotmail.com](mailto:tmrajkumar@hotmail.com)]**

**Ram Mohan [513-405-3238; [mohan-rs@msn.com](mailto:mohan-rs@msn.com)]**

**Siva Sivaganesan [513-403-7995; [sivagas@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:sivagas@ucmail.uc.edu)]**

**Saravanan Sakthivel [513-376-3050; [saravanan.sakthivel@gmail.com](mailto:saravanan.sakthivel@gmail.com)]**

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**Murugan Facilitators**



# Kids Diwali Workshop

Celebrate Diwali with Diya Painting  
Cookie Decorations, Magnet Rangoli  
Painting and Henna Tattoo!

**Saturday, September 28, 2024**  
**4:00pm - 6:30pm**  
**\$15 per child**

**Contact: Soumya Paul 515-707-0645**  
**Neetu Verma 937-475-6453**

Basement of the  
Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

**All profits go to the Temple**

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Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

@ 5:00pm

FREE Snacks For All & Guest

Can Donate Accordingly

Venue: 720 Barg Salt Run Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45244

on stage in the Temple Basement

For more info contact Soumya Paul @ [culturalactivitieshsgc@gmail.com](mailto:culturalactivitieshsgc@gmail.com)



# *Aradhana* Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

## **An Urgent Request to American Hindus**

Please click on the link below to request your US Representative to co-sponsor H.Res.1131 (House Resolution 1131); it takes less than two (2) minutes.

[https://ujoin.co/campaigns/3053/actions/public?action\\_id=3768](https://ujoin.co/campaigns/3053/actions/public?action_id=3768)

The link finds your US Representative based on your address and sends an email requesting her/him to co-sponsor H.Res.1131. When you click the link, you will also see the link to the Congressional record of H.Res.1131.

### **What's H.Res.1131 about?**

Congressman Shri Thanedar (D) of the 13th Congressional District in Michigan introduced this resolution in the US House of Representatives on April 10, 2024. It recognizes the contributions of American Hindus and Hinduism to the USA and condemns Hindu phobia, anti-Hindu bigotry and hate, and intolerance.

Since its introduction H.Res.1131 has received bi-partisan support. So far 15 US Representative, 8 Democrats and 7 Republicans, have co-sponsored it. More co-sponsors are needed to get the resolution moving forward. The goal is to get at least 20 co-sponsors, of course the more the better.

### **Background:**

Hate crimes against Hindus are increasing at an alarming rate in the USA. One out of three (3) American Hindu students have reported being bullied in schools and colleges for their religious beliefs. Anti-Hindu hate messages being spread on social media are resulting in real life threats to Hindus and their properties. Just a few months ago six (6) Hindu temples were vandalized in California. Before that two (2) temples in the New York area were vandalized. Anti-Jews and anti-Hindus hate crimes are the two most common hate crimes in the State of California per The California Civil Rights Department's report issued in May 2024.

HinduACTion, an advocacy organization for the American Hindus, worked closely with Congressman Thanedar to introduce H.Res.1131.

### **Why is your participation critical?**

In a democracy, the elected officials such as US Representatives rely on our engagement with them to determine their support to the causes that are dear to us. The more emails they receive the more effective our voice becomes.

Your individual support to submit this request as soon as you get just 2 minutes will go a long way to ensure our voices are heard. Please encourage everyone you know to make this request. Thank you very much for helping your community.

### **What is HinduACTion?**

HinduACTion is a 501c(3) non-profit organization registered in Ohio with chapters and volunteers in several states. In just 1 ½ years of its existence it has become the leading advocacy organization for American Hindus. We maintain a permanent presence in Washington DC.

For more information and how to support please visit HinduACTion website (<https://www.hindu-action.org>). For any questions, please email us at [hinduaction@gmail.com](mailto:hinduaction@gmail.com) or call any of the following persons.

Utsav Chakrabarti 202-838-6655    Adelle Nazarian 202-443-3733



# *Aradhana* Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

## **Special events this month**

Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	10:30 am	1008 Gayatri Japam
Thurs	5 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Hartalika Teej puja
Fri	6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Ganesha Chaturthi
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm	Navgraha puja
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Sai Bhajans
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Sunderkand path
Sat	14 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	Thiruchendur Murugan Festival
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Ganesha Chaturthi - celebration, Ganesha Visarjan
Tues	17 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Bhadrapada Purnima - Satyanarayana puja
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>		Mahalaya Aarambha Shraddha begins (Pitru paksha begins)
Fri	20 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Sankashti (Sankata hara) Chaturthi
Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	5:30 pm	Ayyappan Abhishekam
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30 am	Umiya mata puja
Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Sri Venkateswara Kalyanam
Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Sri Jagannath ji puja



# *Aradhana* Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

## **Featured programs next month - October 2024**

Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11:00 am	Aswin Amavasya - Group Shraddha
Thurs	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00 pm	Navaratri Begins - Kalasa sthapana
Sat	5 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm	Navgraha Puja
Sat	5 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm	Mata ki Chowki
Sun	6 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	1008 Gayatri Japam
Sun	6 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	Thiru Vilakku Puja
Thurs	10 <sup>th</sup>		Durga Ashtami - Ashtami Homam/Havan, Saraswati Puja
Fri	11 <sup>th</sup>		Maha Navami - Navaratri ends.
Sat	12 <sup>th</sup>		Dussehra - Vijaya Dashami
Sat	12 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	Murugan Abhishekam
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup>		Papankusha Ekadashi Bijoyo Celebrations
Wed	16 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Sharad Purnima - Satyanarayana puja
Wed	16 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Rass Leela Garba
Sat	19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Ayyappan Abhishekam
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Sundarakand path
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	Karva Chauth
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Sankashti (Sankata hara) Chaturthi
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Sri Venkateswara Phoolangi Seva
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm	Ram Leela
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Ganesh puja, Rama Ekadashi
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm	Ravan Dahan
Tues	29 <sup>th</sup>		Dhanteras
Thurs	31 <sup>st</sup>	3:00 pm	Diwali - Kartika Amavasya



The Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati  
cordially invites you with family in

# MATA KI CHOWKI

October 5, 2024 3pm to 7pm

3pm-4pm Devi Puja, 4:30pm-7:00pm Mata Bheten  
7:00pm Aarti Prasad (Dinner)

Sponsored by Lord Shiva Parivar

For details, contact:  
Hindu Temple 513-528-3714  
Senthil Karmegam 304-610-2823



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*Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati*

## **WEEKEND YOGA**

**Online Classes via Zoom**

Unwind and recharge with our weekend yoga retreat. Immerse yourself in a serene atmosphere as you practice yoga poses that improve flexibility and promote stress relief. Join us for a rejuvenating experience that will leave you feeling refreshed and revitalized.

\$10 month  
or  
\$25 quarterly

**CLICK OR SCAN**



**TO SIGN UP**





# Aradhana Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

## Regular Programs

For more details, please call Senthil Karmegam 304-610-2823 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
Friday 6:30 pm	Venkateswar Puja

## Monthly programs

### Satya Narayan Puja

*Every Purnima of the month 6:30 pm*

*Sponsorship \$51*

Contact Senthil Karmegam 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 Senthil Karmegam 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 #8.)*

Pandit Muthu Meenakshi Shivachariar 513-488-2986

Saravanan Sakhtivel 513-376-3050

Natrajan Thavamani 818-523-1631

Rajesh Padmanabham 513-226-4279

Contact Senthil Karmegam or Temple Priests

### 1008 Gayatri Jap (once a month)

*Any Saturday or Sunday of the month.*

**Please check the calendar**

Contact Dr. Ganesh Yadlapalli 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

Apparao Kilaparti 513-459-5679

Gayatri Devarakonda 859-803-6833

Sampath Rallapalli 513-765-0527

### Sunder Kand Path

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

Sangita Patel 513-791-0855

Senthil Karmegam 304-610-2823

### 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

Senthil Karmegam 304-610-2823

### Shri Jagannath Puja

*Normally on Fifth Sunday 11:00 am*

For more information & to sponsor the puja please call

Suchitra Mishra 513-573-9775

Contact Senthil Karmegam or Temple Priests

### Gurukul Activities

*Every Sunday 11:30 am to 1:00 pm*

Contact: Dr. Ganesh Yadlapalli 857-791-1500

Priya Dayal

513-508-8866



# *Aradhana* Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

## Support The Temple



Support the Temple. Shop at Amazon by clicking on the image above or the “[Amazon Portal](#)” button on the Temple home page. You will pay the exact same prices as you would normally, however, if you shop through the Amazon Portal a referral fee will be donated to the Temple from Amazon.com. There is absolutely no extra cost to you for these purchases. Anytime you shop through Amazon.com, be sure to use our Amazon Portal to ensure a free Temple donation for every purchase made. Thank you! This is greatly appreciated.



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## **Raise Money For Our Temple**

**By enrolling Kroger's Community Services Project**

**Thanks to all members who have used their Kroger Plus card to raise money for the temple. For years Kroger has been helping local schools, churches and other qualified nonprofit organizations earn millions of dollars through their Kroger Community Rewards Program! Our temple "Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati" has been registered as a non profit organization with Kroger's Community Services Project.**

**Easy Steps for Enrollment: (takes less than 5 minutes)**

- 1 A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. Once you have the Kroger's digital account, Simply register online at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) Be sure to have your Kroger plus card handy so you can register your card with our organization "Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati" or the NPO number "JN240"**
- 2 To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on your page. REMEMBER, purchase will not count for your organization until after you register your card.**
- 3 You must swipe your registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.**
- 4 Simply follow Kroger's new and easy steps for ....Community Services Project to Donate Money without costing you a single dime!!!**

**Please take a few minutes to.....Help our Hindu temple of Greater Cincinnati.....simply by shopping!**



# *Aradhana* Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

Classes will start on  
September 8th, 2024  
4:00 pm



Open Enrollment for Religious, Spiritual and Cultural Education for Children ages 5 and up.

# GURUKUL

Take advantage of the FREE Class (Online). Children will learn about Shlokas, Ramayana and Mahabharata.



Every Sunday  
3pm to 4pm



Click to Register  
<https://tinyurl.com/yc4vp3c3>

For additional information, please contact:

Daksha Munsif 859-866-8365, N. Ganesh Yadlapalli 857-719-1500  
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<b>Adult Education:</b>	Meena Mehta, Ganesh Yadalapalli, 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, Pinakin Bhakta (Dial One)	
<b>Financial Data:</b>	Nand Kumar Khemchandani, Raj Bodolia, Laxmi Srivastava	
<b>Project Manager:</b>	Vithal Nemade	
<b>Temple Website:</b>	Bharat Vala, Greg Smith,	
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<b>Temple - Photographer:</b>	Greg Smith, Naba Mishra, V G Ramaswamy	
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<b>Ramleela Cmte:</b>	Vinod Sudhakar, Kamlesh Singh	

### Durga Project Program

Domestic Abuse/Violence Contact  
Kalpana Parekh 513-505-6886  
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# Puja and Rental Charges

## RATES FOR PUJA & PRIEST SERVICES

SERVICES	IN TEMPLE	OUTSIDE TEMPLE
Abhishekam (All Deities)	\$101.00	—
Aksharabhyas	\$101.00	\$151.00
Akhand Ramayan Paath	\$251.00	\$501.00
Anna-Prashanam	\$101.00	\$151.00
Anniversary celebration	\$151.00	\$201.00
Ashta Prakari Puja (Mahavir)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ashtoththaram (108) Archana	\$ 11.00	—
AyushyaHomam/B'day Celeb.	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ganesh Puja	\$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
Mata Ki Chauki**	\$251.00	\$301.00**
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	---
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
Shanti Path	\$101.00	\$151.00
Shashti Poorthi (60th B'day)	\$201.00	\$251.00
Sunderkand Path	\$101.00	\$151.00
Suprabhat Seva	\$ 21.00	---
Thread Ceremony	\$151.00	\$251.00
Unjal (Swing) Seva	\$ 31.00	---
Upakarma (Thread changing)	\$ 51.00	---
Upanayam/Brahmopadesham/ Vahan Puja	\$ 51.00	----
Wedding (\$ 251.00 Advance Deposit required)	\$301.00	\$501.00
Funeral (Last Rites)		\$ 201.00
Yearly Shradham (Barkhi)	\$101.00	\$151.00

\*\* Rates of Mata Ki Chauki performed at another temple will be 50% of the money collected at the temple or a minimum of \$1001.00.

\*\* Rates of Mata Ki Chauki performed at the residence which is greater than 50 miles away from temple, charge is \$501.00.

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 Audio system	\$50.00	\$50.00
Use of Projector	\$50.00	\$50.00
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** 513-290-7541 [Meena.sondhi@gmail.com](mailto:Meena.sondhi@gmail.com)

## PUJA COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

[If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities contact **Senthil Karmegam** 304-610-2823, 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.

### 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.



**Directions to the Hindu Temple** From I-275 take Exit 63A (32West) - Stay on left at the exit- turn right onto OLD 74 -take first right- after 1/4th mile turn left at the first Traffic light onto Summerside Road. After approximately one mile turn right onto Klatte Road and then right on Barg salt Run Road. About a mile or so turn left into temple road. From UC: Take E McMillan to Columbia Pkwy to Beechmont Ave to Route 32 East (to Batavia). Turn left on Old SR -74. Temple phone no.+1 (513) 528-3714.

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