



# आराधना

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Maha Shivratri Feb 14  
Murgan Abhishekam Feb 10  
Venkateshwar Kalyanam Feb 24



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*The Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati*

*Celebrates* **Holi 2018** *Flavor of India*

**Saturday, March 3, 2018**

3:00 PM-6:00 PM (Cultural Program)

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM (Color Celebration)

**At the Temple**

**720 Barg Salt Run Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45244**

Website: <http://cincinnati temple.com>

Food and Color will be available for purchase. All proceeds go to the Temple.

**Holi Cultural Program and other details on Page 9**

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2018**

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|  |                  |  |
|--|------------------|--|
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|                             |               |              |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|
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**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**

|                       |                                      |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Every Sunday:</b>  | 12.15-12.45 PM                       |
| <b>Fourth Sunday:</b> | Upnishads                            |
| <b>Second Sunday:</b> | 1008 Gayatri Jaap & Children Program |
| <b>Third Sunday:</b>  | Sunder Kand Path                     |
| <b>Fourth Sunday:</b> | Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path       |
| <b>Fifth Sunday:</b>  | Jagannath Puja                       |

**2018 Puja Committee & Religious Activities Members**

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Rajesh Bodalia(Chair)      | 513-583-0184 |
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**Temple Manager's Committees**

|                                   |   |              |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------|
| <b>Manager:</b>                   | Laxmi Srivastava  | 513-474-0533 |
| <b>CFO:</b>                       | Raj Bodalia   | 513-583-0184 |
| <b>Office Manager:</b>            | Mohan Chopra  |              |
| <b>Swami Lectures:</b>            | Vinay Kumar, Meena Mehta,<br>Koti Srikrishna, Ganesh Yadlapalli                                     |              |
| <b>Adult Education:</b>           | Meena Mehta, Ganesh Yadlapalli,<br>Koti Sreekrishna, Rama Rao Pappu                                 |              |
| <b>Temple Database:</b>           | Nandkumar Khemchandani,<br>Raj Badolia, Greg Smith  |              |
| <b>Community-<br/>Relations:</b>  | Mina Karamchandani,<br>Meena Mehta  |              |
| <b>E-Mail Data:</b>               | Pradeep Goyal,<br>Nandkumar Khemchandani  |              |
| <b>Gift Shop:</b>                 | Meena Sondhi,   |              |
| <b>Security:</b>                  | Greg Smith, Kailash Sharma  |              |
| <b>(Dial One)</b>                 | Khush Karamchandani   |              |
| <b>Financial Data:</b>            | Nand Kumar Khemchandani,<br>Raj Bodalia, Laxmi Srivastava   |              |
| <b>Project Manager:</b>           | Vithal Nemade   |              |
| <b>Temple Website:</b>            | Bharat Vala, Greg Smith,<br>Murali Annamalai  |              |
| <b>Temple Calender:</b>           | Meena Mehta, Ashvin Mehta,<br>Acharya Kailash Sharma  |              |
| <b>Volunteer Services:</b>        | Mohan Chopra, Rajan Odayar,<br>Kedarnath Nambori, Dilip Patel, Vijay Sharma,<br>Khush Karamchandani |              |
| <b>Temple -<br/>Photographer:</b> | Greg Smith, Naba Mishra,<br>V G Ramaswamy , Dilip Patel   |              |
| <b>Mela Committee:</b>            | Deepak Dixit, Raj Bodalia,<br>Raneshwar Gupta, Jyoti Desai  |              |
| <b>Ramleela Committee :</b>       | Rameshwar Dayal   |              |

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS ON WEEKENDS**

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <b>9.15 - 9.30 AM</b>  | <b>Suprabhatam</b>   |
| <b>9.30 - 11.00 AM</b> | <b>Daily Puja of Temple Dieties</b>                        |
| <b>11.00-11.30 AM</b>  | <b>Sponsored Puja</b>                                      |
| <b>11.30-12.15 PM</b>  | <b>Bhajans</b>   |
| <b>12.15-12.45 PM</b>  | <b>Religious Discourse</b>                                 |
| <b>12.45-1.00 PM</b>   | <b>Birthdays, Anniversary Puja<br/>&amp; Announcements</b> |
| <b>1.00 PM</b>         | <b>Aarti &amp; Prasad</b>                                  |

# PUJA INFORMATION

## RATES FOR PUJA & PRIEST SERVICES

| SERVICES<br>SIDE                             | IN<br>TEMPLE | OUT-<br>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/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       |
| Sathayanarayan Puja w/Havan                  | \$131.00     | \$201.00       |
| Seemantham(Baby Shower)                      | \$151.00     | \$201.00       |
| Mata Ki Chauki*                              | \$251.00     | \$301.00       |
| Akhand RaOctoberan Paath                     | \$251.00     | \$501.00       |
| Shashti Poorthi (60th B'day)                 | \$201.00     | \$251.00       |
| Anniversary celebration                      | \$151.00     | \$201.00       |
| Suprabhat Seva                               | \$ 21.00     | ---            |
| Unjal (Swing) Seva                           | \$ 31.00     | ---            |
| Upakarma (Thread changing)                   | \$ 51.00     | ---            |
| Upanayam/Brahmopadesham/                     |              |                |
| Thread Ceremony                              | \$151.00     | \$251.00       |
| Sunderkand Path                              | \$101.00     | \$151.00       |
| Vahan Puja                                   | \$ 51.00     | ---            |
| Yearly Shradham (Barkhi)                     | \$101.00     | \$151.00       |
| Wedding (\$ 251.00 Advance Deposit required) | \$301.00     | \$501.00       |
| Funeral (Last Rites)                         |              | \$ 201.00      |

### Priest Dakshina

All puja rates amounts do not include Priest Dakshina. Sponsors (devotees) are encouraged to provide Dakshina to Priest at their will and satisfaction. This dakshina directly goes to the Priest. A reimbursement of travel expenses for the Priest during outside puja will be required at 0.50 cents/mile .

\* Rates of Mata Ki Chauki performed at another temple will be 50% of the money collected at the temple or a minimum of \$ 701.00.

Rates are subject to change without notice. Rates of Pujas not listed above and requiring less than four hours of priest's time will normally be \$ 101.00 (inside the temple) and \$ 151.00 ( outside of temple). Rates of Pujas out of Greater Cincinnati will be \$100.00 more than the rates of outside Puja within greater Cincinnati area.

## TEMPLE RENTAL - LOWER FLOOR ONLY

|                                       | Full day        | Half day        |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Monday -Thursday<br>(except holidays) | \$ 401.00       | \$ 225.00       |
| Friday, Saturday & Holidays           | <b>\$601.00</b> | <b>\$401.00</b> |
| <u>Sunday after 3PM only</u>          | not rented      | <b>\$401.00</b> |
| 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— Mangala Nemade –513-234-8373

(mangalanemade@gmail.com)

To rent Lower Level –Raneshwar Gupta 232-3331

## PUJA COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

[If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities contact **Mangala Nemade** 513-234-8373, any **EC Member** or the **Temple** at 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 Puja Committee chairperson at least one week in advance.
5. **Food and Prasad** : To bring to the temple please contact Puja Committee chairperson .
6. **Pujas performed outside** the temple will be rated according to the number of Pujas performed
7. **Puja Samagri**- for convenience of devotees, the temple can provide Puja Samagri for a donation of \$ 21.00 for any Puja; and \$ 31.00 for any puja including Havan/Homam
8. **Cancellations of Puja** should be done 3 days in advance, otherwise full fee for the Puja will be charged.

## SOCIAL SERVICES OPPORTUNITIES

HSGC is planning to form a team to provide Social Services and Help to our community. Interesse and active individuals are invited to join this team , which would serve the community as needed, as well as individuals at various social state of their life. As stated by Shrikrishna in Shrimad Bhagavat Geeta this is JanSeva or Jankalyanam, which He has put higher than LordSeva. We need your ideas, suggestions and expertise. Please call **Meena Mehta**: 513-574-6763, **Mina Karamchandani**: 513-259-4015.



# Regular Weekly & Monthly Events at the Temple

## Monthly Navgrah Puja

Every first Saturday of the Month  
Sponsors needed for Puja \$51.00

For Details call

Mangala Nemade [234-8373](tel:234-8373) ; Temple priests: [528-3714](tel:528-3714)



## Monthly Murugan Abhishekham / Puja

Every second Sat of the Month  
Sat 4pm Sponsor Murugan Group.

Pandit Bhattar 488-2986,

Anitha Panchanathan [513-328-9680](tel:513-328-9680)

Yasotha Subarajan [754-0578](tel:754-0578)

Jeya Selvakumar [513-795-9868](tel:513-795-9868).

Mangala Nemade [234-8373](tel:234-8373),

Priests : [529-3714](tel:529-3714);

## Monthly Satya Narayan Puja

On Every Purnima of the Month  
6:30 pm

Sponsorship \$ 51.00

To sponsor Puja call

Mangala Nemade [234-8373](tel:234-8373)

Temple priests: [528-3714](tel:528-3714)



## Shri Ganesh Puja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Every 4<sup>th</sup> 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](tel:513-847-7918), Mangala Nemade [234-8373](tel:234-8373) le

Priests: [528-3714](tel:528-3714)

## SAI BHANAN

Every First Sat. of month 6pm to 7:30pm

For details pl. call Dr. Ganesh [857-719-1500](tel:857-719-1500) ,

Rajan [331-2058](tel:331-2058).



## 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](tel:732-423-1539); Vasundhara Dasari: [513-827-5160](tel:513-827-5160)/777-3353; Suseela Paturi: [513-867-8591](tel:513-867-8591); Sunitha Manu-

konda: [513-900-0605](tel:513-900-0605)/770-0255; Pandit Sri Srinath Bhattar: [513-488-2986](tel:513-488-2986).

## 1008 Gayatri Jap

Second Saturday of each month at 9.30AM

For details please contact temple priest [528-3714](tel:528-3714) or

Mangala Nemade [234-8373](tel:234-8373)



## Weekly Shlv Mahlman Stotram

Every Monday at 6:30 pm



## Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p m To sponsor call

Mangala Nemade [234-8373](tel:234-8373) or Temple Priests

[528-3714](tel:528-3714)

## Weekly Vishnu Sahasranaam Parayana

Vishnu Sahasranaama Parayana (chanting) will now take place

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm . Please join us for the chanting.

Please contact Ganesh Sundaresan [513-752-4025](tel:513-752-4025)

## Weekly Venkateswar Puja

Every Friday at 6:30pm

To sponsor Puja please call Mangala Nemade [234-8373](tel:234-8373)

Temple priests: [528-3714](tel:528-3714)

## PURUSHOTTAM NAAM STOTRA PARAYAN

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month

6pm to 7:30pm

For details please call Mina Mehta [574-6763](tel:574-6763)



## 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".

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HSGC Communication Committee is looking for volunteers to help out, as needed, in preparing flyers, announcements; helping Aradhana publication; taking photographs of events around the temple. These opportunities are especially suitable for the younger generation due to their excellent IT skills. It also provides them opportunity to get connected with Hindu religious and cultural traditions. If interested, please contact Anand Narayana, Chair, Communication, Ph; [513-657-8799](tel:513-657-8799), email: [hsgc.communication@gmail.com](mailto:hsgc.communication@gmail.com).

## OPERATING ACCOUNT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1/1/2017 to 12/31/2017

(By: Mina Karamchandani, Treasurer)

Total Revenues: \$ 529,904.49

Total Expenses: \$ 471,121.42

Net Income: \$ 58,783.02

## HSGC LOAN BALANCE:

As of 12/31/2017: \$987,193.71

As of 01/11/2018: \$883,308.58

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

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



## FEBRUARY 2018

|      |                 |      |   |
|------|-----------------|------|---|
| Feb  | 3rd             | Sat  | Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51   |
| Feb. | 3rd             | Sat  | Sai Bhajans 6pm   |
| Feb. | 3rd             | Sat  | Sankashti Chaturthi puja 4pm  |
| Feb  | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Sun  | Bhajananjali 11:30am to 12:45pm followed by Aarti and mahaprasad . Sponsors needed. |
| Feb  | 10              | Sat. | Thai Pusam Murugan Abhishekam 4pm   |
| Feb  | 11th            | Sun  | 1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am  |
| Feb  | 14th            | Wed  | Maha Shivarati 9am to 6am All day and night   |
| Feb  | 18th            | Sun  | Sunderkand Path 10:30am   |
| Feb  | 23rd            | Fri  | Holashtak begins  |
| Feb  | 24th            | Sat  | Venkateshwara Kalyanam 10am   |
| Feb  | 25th            | Sun  | Ganesh Puja And Atharvashirsh Path 11am   |

## March 2018

|       |      |        |  |
|-------|------|--------|--|
| March | 1st  | Thurs  | Holika Dahan 7pm   |
| March | 1st  | Thurs  | Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:00pm  |
| March | 1st  | Friday | Rang Holi (Color and Celebration on Saturday)                                    |
| March | 3rd  | Sat    | Holi Celebration 3pm , Cultural Program , Color Playing, Details Inside.         |
| March | 3rd  | Sat    | Sai Bhajans 6pm  |
| March | 4th  | Sun    | Laxmi Narayan Puja 11am Millennial Generation                                    |
| March | 5th  | Mon    | Sankashti Chaturthi 6pm  |
| March | 10th | Sat    | Murugan Abhishekam 4:30pm sponsorship\$101                                       |
| March | 11th | Sun    | 1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am   |
| March | 14th | Wed    | Purushottam Sahashra Naam Parayan 6pm  |
| March | 17th | Sat    | Venkateshwara abhishekam 10am Sponsoorship \$51                                  |
| March | 18th | Sun    | Chaitri Navratri Kalash Sthapanan 11am , Gudi Padwa, Ugadi , Ganesh Puja 11am    |
| March | 24th | Sat.   | Akhand Ramayan Path Starts 11am  |
| March | 25th | Sun    | Akhand Ramayan Path Ends 12:30pm   |
| March | 25th | Sun    | Ashtami Havan 5pm  |
| March | 26th | Mon    | Ram Navami Puja 11:45am  |
| March | 29th | Thurs  | Mahavir Jayanti Actual Day   |
| March | 31st | Sat.   | SitaRama Kalyanam 10am Sponsored by Tarangini                                    |
| March | 31st | Sat.   | Hanuman Jayanti Celebration 5pm Sunderkand Path Sponsored By Oxford Mason Group. |
| March | 31st | Sat.   | Purnima Satya Narayana Puja Sponsorship \$51                                     |

## *Sampadakiya....*

New Year marched in with a vengeance, it seemed. As the mercury plummeted, this Midwestern town looked and felt more like a Siberian habitat. Our Hindu Temple was probably the sole exception, where crowds of people (approximately 2,000 by some estimates), unconcerned about the bone-chilling cold, had assembled to welcome the New Year with the puja of Bhagwan Ganesh, God of good fortune and remover of all obstacles - material and spiritual. The unbounded enthusiasm so evident in their voices and their demeanor could assure any onlooker of the continued success of this temple. It was a day full of religious festivities that included Havana, Shiv Abhishekam, and Purnima Satya Narayan Katha. Later in the month, the temple celebrated the festivals of Lohri and Makar Sankranti with abundant verve and impressive fanfare. In the coming months, we will observe a variety of Hindu festivals dedicated to honoring various deities, revered by their followers.

The Hindu pantheon contains numerous deities, and our temple has an excellent collection of them, which aptly serve the needs of the vast Hindu community. Regardless of their faith or the chosen ishta devta most devotees would find themselves at ease around the images (pratimas) in the temple. It also facilitates many aspects of the Sanatan Dharma (as Hinduism is often identified with): Gyan (knowledge), Bhakti (devotion), karmkand (rituals), Daan (charity), Seva (service), to name a few.

For the adherents of the Gyan Marg, there are regular discourses, guest lectures, and visits by swamis in addition to

a fledgling onsite library, which is in need of expansion with the help of volunteers.

Most of the activities are around the pursuit of Bhakti – from the daily pujas to observing numerous especial religious festivals throughout the year, singing of devotional songs (bhajans), reciting from scriptures, which can assume many other forms as well. Exclusive ceremonies, such as the Rath Yatra, Janmashtami, Navratri, Ganesh Chaturthi, Maha Shiv Ratri, Sita Ram Kalyanam, Murgan Abhishkam and many more, add to the diversity of pujas available for the devotees.

On the karmakand side, services are available for performing sanskaras, from birth to death.

There are numerous opportunities for performing Daan: devotees can pick their favorite projects from a list of available ones. The entire temple has been built and maintained by the generous donation from the community.

Opportunities for Seva are also in abundance around the temple be it kar Seva for maintenance and upkeep of the temple or helping out during special ceremonies, or in the kitchen, or in classrooms; the list could be pretty long.

I am narrating this with the hope when you think of your temple you will consider the value it adds to our life in spiritual, social, and cultural pursuits. We do look forward to your continued support in years to come.

— Anand

## **HSGC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

January 7, 2018, 10:30 AM

**Attendees:** Amitava Das | Anand Narayana | JS Karthikeyan | Laxmi Srivastava | Mina Karamchandani | Narayan Surabhi | Priya Dayal | Raj Bodalia | Raneshwar Gupta | Kush Karamchandani (guest)

| #  | Description   | Owner              |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1  | EC reviewed the major events and the calendar for 2018 for preliminary planning purposes. Karthik to share the list of lead EC members for each of those events.  | JS Karthikeyan     |
| 2  | Raneshwar, newly elected president, proposed to have three general body meetings in year 2018 (tentatively scheduled for April, July, Sept)   | JS Karthikeyan     |
| 3  | Raneshwar proposed few ideas to reduce the loan. After the discussion of pros and cons. The following decisions were made by EC.<br>EC approved transferring \$100K from general account to pay against the loan.<br>EC approved to allocate 50% of the new funds generated this year towards the general account and the remaining 50% to pay against the loan principal.<br>EC approved to move funds from special accounts for Kroger and Amazon to pay against the loan principal amount.<br>EC approved to start a new special project – Loan payoff account – at the suggestion of Anand Narayana<br>EC agreed to revisit the loan principal situation in 6 months and see if additional funds can be transferred | Mina Karamchandani |
| 4  | Karthik is conducting a meeting (in Jan 2018) between EC, puja committee and few other senior members of the committee to clarify roles and responsibilities and bring better harmony across the committees working for temple  | JS Karthikeyan     |
| 5  | EC requested religious education lead to provide a plan with cost estimates for obtaining chairs/desks for the children's class   | Priya Dayal        |
| 6  | Laxmi shared some of the legal issues that temple is working with township/zoning authorities. One of the notable points is – temple is opposing the proposal to close Klatte road gate and submitted necessary documentation.  | Laxmi Shanker      |
| 7  | Laxmi shared the plans for higher level education and restarting study circles  | -                  |
| 8  | Raj, new puja committee chair, shared that Puja committee is bringing in new changes. Priests are spending time in giving uplifting messages prior to the aarti time.   | -                  |
| 9  | Raj is working with Greg and few others in enhancing the website to schedule pujas and select priests online  | Raj Bodalia        |
| 10 | Raneshwar to explore the idea of fund raising event – 5K walk with EC – and present the feasibility analysis to the EC in one of the upcoming meetings  | Raneshwar Gupta    |



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(worship for Goddess Laxmi and Lord Vishnu)

**Sunday, March 4**

**11:30am puja followed by Aarti and prasad**

This puja is organized to encourage younger generation involvement in Temple activities.

Please register by Email [acharyaksharma@yahoo.com](mailto:acharyaksharma@yahoo.com)

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Required puja items will be provided by temple.



## Chaitra Navratri Puja

**March 18th — March 26th**

**Sunday, March 18 11am KALASH STHAPANA**

March 19 - March 25 CHANDI PATH & DEVI PUJA

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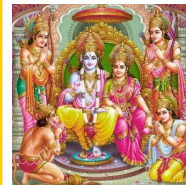
Sunday, March 25 5:00 pm Durga Ashtami Puja & Havan

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## Holika Dahan Celebration



**Thursday, 1st March 7:00pm**



## Ahkand Ramayan Path

(Shri Ramcharit Manas)

**Sat, March 24 - Sunday, March 25 (24hours)**

11:00am to 12:30 pm next day

Temple will be open 24hours for this event .

Sponsorship: \$251.00: Akhand Ramayan Path, \$101.00: Sunderkand Path, Shri Ram Janma, Shri Ram Vivah, \$21.00: Archana.

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Event is sponsored by: Rameshwar, Kiran Dayal & family.



## Sita Ram Kalyanam

(Wedding of Shri Ram Sita)

**Sat., March 31, 10AM to 1PM**

**Sponsorships:**

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## Hanuman Jayanti Celebration

**Saturday, March 31, 5 PM to 7:30 PM**

5:00PM: Shri Hanuman Puja & Hanuman Chalisa Path

5:30PM: Sunderkand Path

7:30PM: Aarti & followed by Maha Prasad (Dinner )

**Sponsorships:**

**\$101.00 Puja & Path**

**\$11.00 Archana.**

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## MARG PROJECT FINANCIAL STATUS THANKS TO DONORS

Temple had taken a loan which included a loan of \$750,000 for the Marg Project (New Road). So far following units have been fully paid by the donors.

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Lord Venkateshwar Marg.

NOTE : Other units were adopted at different time so payment will be maturing at different years. Any suggestion or question please contact one of the following.

Laxmi Shanker Srivastava, Project Manager: (513)474-0533.

Raj Bodalia, I/C Special Projects Finances: (513) 504-6328..

## NEW MARG PROJECT SECTIONS STILL AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

As advertised earlier, a few sections of the marg still need adoption. Please adopt and leave a "**Legacy**" behind forever. **You have four years to pay.** For more details please contact: Laxmi Shanker Srivastava – (513) 474-0533

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# MAHA SHIVRATRI CELEBRATION

Wednesday, 14 February 2018

Temple Special Operating hours for the occasion

9:00 AM (Feb, 14) through 6:00 AM (Feb 15) (overnight)

**Sponsors are needed:** Abhishekam \$101, All night 5 pujas \$351, Archana thali \$21

## Day Time Pujas

1st Session: 9:00 AM –11:00 AM Shivabhishek (sponsored)\*  
2nd Session: 11:30 AM –1:30 PM Shivabhishek (sponsored)\*  
3rd Session: 2 PM –4 PM Open Public session

**To avoid evening crowd we request devotees to come between 2pm to 4pm during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session or at 9:30pm**

## Night Time Pujas

### First Puja

5:00 PM –6:00 PM Shivabhishek\*  
6:30 AM –7:30 PM Archana Thali Offering(Archana)\*\*  
7:00 PM –7:45 PM Shiv Mahimnah Path, Bhajans  
8:00 PM Aarti followed by Prasad (dinner)

### Second Puja

9:30 PM –10:30 PM Shivabhishek\*  
10:30 AM –11:30 PM Shiva Shahashranam Path  
Shiva Mahimnah Path  
11:30 PM Aarti and Prasad

## Night Time Pujas (contd.)

### Third Puja

12:30 AM –1:30 AM Shivabhishek\*  
1:30 AM –2:00 AM Shiva Mahimnah Path  
Aarti and Prasad

### Fourth Puja

2:30 AM –3:30 AM Shivabhishek\*  
3:30 AM –4:00 AM Shiva Mahimnah Path  
Aarti and Prasad

### Fifth Puja

4:00 PM –6:00 PM Morning Shivabhishekam\* followed by  
Mahamangal Aarti (Murgan Group)  
10:30 AM –11:30 PM Shiva Shahashranam Path  
Shiva Mahimnah Path  
11:30 PM Aarti and Prasad

**Special note:** 1. Devotees are requested to bring only small quantity of milg for abhishekam. In the past we ended up collecting lage quantity of milk that could not be consumed. 2. Instead of milk, please consider donating money or offering dry nuts (Almond/ cashews/ raisins). **For details contact:** Janak/ Triveni Dave 859-371-9645, Ach. Kailas Sharma 513-652-5382

Event Sponsored by: Yash Agrawal & family

## HOLI 2018 CELEBRATIONS (contd. From page 1)

Saturday, March 3, 2018

3:00 PM –6:00 PM: Cultural Program

6:00 PM –7:00 PM: Color Celebration

### Cultural Program:

#### PROGRAM ENTRY GUIDELINE:

Please carefully review our Holi Program Gudielines on the Temple Website before registering your program.

**NOTE:** Entries will be taken first come first serve basis.

The Cultural Committee has the right to select items and limit entries depending upon available time.

#### PROGRAM REGISTRATION:

Please register your program online via the temple website beginning January 15, 2018. Last day for submission is February 16, 2018.

**EVENT CONTACT:** [hsgccultural@gmail.com](mailto:hsgccultural@gmail.com)

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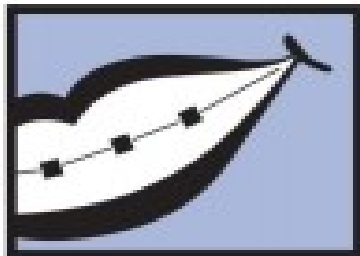
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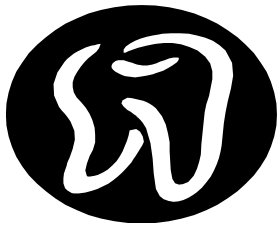


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