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Navgrah Puja July 7  
Purushottam Sahasra Naam July 11  
Venkateshwar Abhishekam Jul 28



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## GURU PURNIMA

# 108 Satya Narayan Puja



Friday, July 27, 2018, 6:00 PM at the temple

### Program

6:00pm - 7:00pm Puja & Satya Narayan Katha

7:00pm- 7:30pm Bhajans /Keertan

7:30pm Aarati/ Mahaprasad ( Dinner)

### Sponsorship

Pramukh Yajaman \$501.00, Yajaman \$101.00

We need 108 sponsors / Yajaman to sit in puja

Note: Temple will provide all the puja Samagri for puja

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**Indian Bistro Restaurant**

For details & to reserve your place Please call- Temple 513-528-3714, Raj Bodalia 513 504-6328  
Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382.

## HSGC GENERAL BODY MEETING

Sunday, 12 August 2018 (details on Page 15)

### Upcoming events...

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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)	513-504-6328
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<b>Mela Committee:</b>	Deepak Dixit, Raneshwar Gupta, Jyoti Desai	
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**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 Pravesha (House Warming)	—	\$151.00
Griha Pravesha w/SatyaNarayan Puja	—	\$201.00
Kalayana Uthsava	\$151.00	\$201.00
Kesh Khandan/Mundan/Churakn	\$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 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

The rates for Puja and Priest services **DO NOT** include Priest Dakshina. Sponsors (devotees) are encouraged to provide Priest Dakshina of their own volition and satisfaction. The dakshina goes directly to the Priest. A reimbursement of travel expenses for the Priest during outside puja is required at 0.50 cents/mile .

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

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

## TEMPLE RENTAL - LOWER FLOOR ONLY

	Full day	Half day
Monday -Thursday (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 or To rent Lower Level

**Meena Sondhi** 513-831-9788

meena.sondhi@gmail.com

## PUJA COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

[If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities contact **Raj Bodalia** 513-504-6328, 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.

## SOCIAL SERVICES OPPORTUNITIES

HSGC is planning to form a team to provide Social Services and Help to our community. Interest 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

Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328 ; Temple priests: 513-528-3714



## Monthly Murugan Abhishekham / Puja

Normally on 2nd Saturday of the month  
Refer to Page 5 for Abhishekham Schedule

Pandit Bhattar 513-488-2986,  
Anitha Panchanathan 513-328-9680  
Jeya Selvakumar 513-795-9868  
Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328  
Temple Priests 513-529-3714



## Monthly Satya Narayan Puja

On Every Purnima of the Month  
6:30 pm

**Sponsorship \$ 51.00**

To sponsor Puja call

Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328  
Temple priests: 513-528-3714

## 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, Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328

**Temple Priests: 528-3714**

## SAI BHAJAN

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

For details pl. call Dr. Ganesh 857-719-1500 ,  
Rajan 331-2058.



## Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p m To sponsor call

Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328 or  
Temple Priests 513-528-3714



## Weekly Vishnu Sahasranaam Parayana

Vishnu Sahasranaama Parayana (chanting) will now take place  
Every Thursday at 7:00 pm . Please join us for the chanting.  
Please contact Ganesh Sundaresan 513-752-4025

## Weekly Venkateswar Puja

Every Friday at 6:30pm

To sponsor Puja please call Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328 OR  
Temple priests: 513-528-3714

## PURUSHOTTAM NAAM STOTRA PARAYAN



Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month  
6pm to 7:30pm

For details please call  
Mina Mehta 513-574-6763

## Monthly ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA

4th Saturday of each month –10:30 AM-12:30PM.

To sponsor and details please call any of the following:

Anand Konda 732-423-1539; Vasundhara Dasari 513-827-5160/777-3353; Suseela Paturi: 513-867-8591; Sunitha Manu-konda: 513-900-0605/770-0255; Pandit Sri Srinath Bhattar: 513-488-2986.

## 1008 Gayatri Jap

Second Saturday of each month at 9.30AM

For details please contact temple priest 528-3714 or  
Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328



## Weekly Shlv Mahlman Stotram

Every Monday at 6:30 pm

## 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) 474-0144

## BRICK DONORS' WALL- Phase II

Bricks in phase II are available for adoption. The adoption rate is \$501 per brick. Out of a total 300+ bricks, 150+ have been installed in phase I. The rest will be installed in phase II. Devotees are encouraged to view the installed bricks on the wall in stairwell that goes directly into the deity chamber. Contact: Anand Narayana (513-657-8799), Laxmi Shanker Srivastava (513) 474-0144, or Pt. Piyush Joshi (513) 655-8360.

## OPERATING ACCOUNT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1/1/2018 to 5/31/2018

(By: Mina Karamchandani, Treasurer)

**Total Revenues: \$ 159,061.00**

**Total Expenses: \$ 168,856.00**

**Net Revenue: (\$ 9,795.00)**

## HSGC LOAN BALANCE:

**As of 1/1/2018: \$ 987,193.71**

**As of 04/30/2018: \$ 817,372.47**

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

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

## 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".

# Temple Calendar of Events

## July 2018

July	1st	Sun	1008 Gayatri Japam 9:30am
July	1st	Sun	Jagannatha Puja 11am
July	1st	Sun	Sankashti Chaturthi Puja 6pm
July	7th	Sat	Murugan ther Festival 10am
July	7th	Sat	Navgrah Puja 3pm
July	7th	Sat	Sai Bhajan 6pm
July	8th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
July	11th	Wed	Purushottam Sahashra Naam Parayanam 6pm
July	13th	Fri	Jagannath Netrotsava Puja 11am
July	14th	Sat	Jagannatha Ratha Yatra 4pm
July	15th	Sun	Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsh Path 11am
July	22nd	Sun	Jagannatha Bahuda Yatra 10am
July	27th	Fri	108 Satya Narayan Puja Guru Purnima Celebration 6pm
July	28th	Sat	Venkateshwar Abhishekam 10am
July	29th	Sun	Hindola Utasava 10:30am Sponsored by Srinathji Devotees.
July	30th	Mon	Shravan Somvar Shivabhishek 10am And 6pm
July	31st	Tues	Sankashti Chaturthi Puja 6pm

## August 2018

August	4 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Navgrah Puja 3pm
Aug	5 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Sai bhajans 6pm
Aug	5 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Navchandi Yagna 10am
Aug	5 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Adi karthikai puja 6pm
Aug	6 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Shravan Shivabhishek 10am and 6:30pm
Aug	8 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Purshottam Shashranaam Parayana 6pm
Aug	12 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	1008 Gaytri Jaap 9:30am
Aug	13 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Shravan Somavaar Shivabhishek 10am & 6:30pm
Aug	15 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Naag Panchami puja 6pm
Aug	18 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Rudra abhishekam And Havan 10:30am
Aug	11 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Murugan Abhishekam 4:30pm
Aug	19 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Sunderkand path 10:30am
Aug	20 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Shravan Somavaar Shivabhishek 10am & 6:30pm
Aug	24 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Vara Maha Lakshmi Vrat Puja 6pm
Aug	25 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Rigved Upakarma 9am
Aug	25 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Vekateshwar kalyanam 10am
Aug	25 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Mata Ki Chouki 4pm Sponsore By Sharma family
Aug	26 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Raksha bandhan , Yajur Upakarma 9am 10am
Aug	26 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Ganesh Puja Atharvshirsh Path 11am
Aug	26 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 5:30pm
Aug	26 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Balbhadr Janma din puja 11am
Aug	27 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Shravan Somavaar Shivabhishek 10am & 6:30pm
Aug	29 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Sankashti Chaturthi Puja 6pm

Unless indicated otherwise, please contact the following for Pujas in the temple

Temple: 513-528-3714

Raj Bodalia: 513-504-6328

Acharya Kailash Sharma: 513-652-5382

## Nav Chandi Yagna

(Umiya Mata)

Sunday, 5 August 2018



10:00 AM Ganesh Puja , Umiya Mata Puja  
11:00 AM Yagna Shala Parvesh , Chandi Yagna  
12:30 PM Purnahuti  
1:00 PM Aarti, Prasad / Lunch

**SPONSORED BY:** 42 Gham Samaj

## Rudra Yagna/ Havan

Saturday, 18 August 2018



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

**Sponsorship \$101, \$51.00**

**Sponsors needed for Lunch/Prasad**

## Vara Maha Lakshmi Vrata

Friday, 24 August 2018



6:00 PM

**Sponsorship \$51.00**

**For details contact:**

Temple: 513-528-3714

Mangala Nemade 513-234-8373

Acharya Srinath Bhattar 513-488-2986

## Nag Panchami Puja

Wednesday, 15 August 2018

6:00 PM



**Sponsorship \$51.00**

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

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

## Mata ki Chouki

Saturday, 25 August 2018



4:00-5:00 PM Devi Puja  
5:30-8:00 PM Mata bhetein  
8:30 PM Bhog, Aarti. Followed by Prasad(Dinner)

**Sponsored by:** Sharma family

# Shravan Somvar Shivabhishekam

## A 5-day Temple Celebration

Mondays July 30, Aug 6, 13, 20, 27, and Sep 3, 2018



### PROGRAM

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

### Sponsorship

Abhishek \$101.00 , Archana \$21.00



**\*\*Subject to Availability of Bilva patra**

For more details please contact:

Raj Bodalia 513-504-6328, Acharya Kailash Sharma 513-652- 5382, Triveni Dave 859-371-9645, Temple 513-528-3714



## A Mid-year Message

Dear devotees:

It is my pleasure to share with you the accomplishments of the Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati for the first six months of the year 2018.

First, the temple Loan: as of January 1, 2018 the temple loan balance was \$ 987,193. I am very happy to state the loan balance now stands at 808,591 – a reduction in debt by \$ 178,602 during the first six months of the year. We will continue to work hard for the next six months to finally reach our goal of paying off the loan in seven years, hopefully sooner.

This year, on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, we held a special fund raising 5K Walk to pay down the temple loan. I am extremely pleased to inform we raised approximately \$ 23,000, which was beyond our expectations.

As you all know our community has grown in population and devotees have growing needs for religious, social, and cultural activities. Fortunately, we have four very dedicated and hardworking priests under the leadership of Acharya Kailash Sharma to serve the community well.

During May 2018, the temple celebrated *Murgan Maha Kumbhabhishekam* on a very large scale. More than one thousand devotees, local as well as from outside Cincinnati, attended the ceremonies that continued over three days. It was a very successful and well managed function. I must congratulate all volunteers,

who worked tirelessly for many months to make this happen, especially the organizing committee members – A. Balasubramaniam, S. Sivaganesan, T.M. Rajkumar, and Ram S. Mohan.

The month of June witnessed *Devi Ma Jagaran* celebration for the first time in our Temple. This occasion was graced by the melodious voices of Puneet Khurana Ji and his party from India along with our own Kailash Ji, who narrated *Tara Rani ki Katha* explaining the importance of Jagran. A sincere thanks to the Man-tro and Minhas family and their group for their sustained support that made this function possible.

The list of celebrations at the temple is long, but I just wanted to highlight a few to illustrate the value our temple adds to our cultural and religious pursuits. Last but not least, I heartily thank all donors, volunteers, and Executive Council Members for their help and hard work without which this temple will not be where it is today - a sound and vibrant organization at the service of the Hindu community.

Best wishes.

Raneshwar Gupta, President  
Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati  
Ph: 513.477.9342 or 513.232.3331  
Email: rgupta@tapohio.com

## Shrimad Bhagwat Katha at the Hindu Temple (by Janak Dave)



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

Several definitions of word *Bhagwat* were given by Panditji: One being the four letters of Bhagwat (भ, ग, व,

त) that respectively stand for *Dharma* (righteousness, moral values), *Aarth* (prosperity, economic values), *Kaam* (pleasure, love, psychological values) and *Moksha* (liberation, spiritual values). Together these constitute the four goals or aims of human life. Alternatively, the first letter denotes spiritual light, or strength; the second letter signifies knowledge; followed by fulfilment of dreams and the last one representing increased passion for spiritual bhakti and knowledge.

Not getting full satisfaction with his works, e.g., the *Vedas*, the *Puranas* and such, Vyas created the Bhagwatam, which is the culmination of all of his previous works. It shows us a path to God. All we need to do is make our activities God-centric rather than self-centric.

Panditji also talked about sixteen *sansakar*s (rites of passage or sacred/sanctifying ceremonies) and explained the significance of each.



In modern times we seem to perform only two of them – the wedding and the death rites.

On the second and third day Kailash Ji covered all chapters of Bhagwat describing many characters and their associated stories. We learned

Narad Rishi is the intermediary between us and bhagwan. He listens to our difficulties and problems, and as a guru explains to us how can we overcome those. He guides us to a better life. Guru shows you the way. We talked about 24 Gurus of Bhagwan Dattatraya. We can identify Guru in any creature - as tiny as an ant and as big as an elephant; both were gurus for Bhagwan Dattatraya. We need to grab/use and implement good ideas from anyone or anywhere. We just need to keep an open mind and develop ways to differentiate important and unimportant things in life. Parikshit realized this and attained moksha in seven days.

Panditji talked about Bilva Mangal, Bhakt Prahlad, Bhakt Dhruv, birth of Lord Krishna, Shukdevji etc. He also explained Navdha Bhakti, nine ways to reach God. In kali yug, Bhakti/devotion is the best way to reach God. If we pray God with real passion, He is always there to help us like He did do Draupadi and Narsinh Mehta. We all can experience closeness to God. Devotees enjoyed the discourse so much that Panditji has kindly agreed to a full seven-day *katha* in late September.

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## **Naach Sitare Schedule**

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**Awards & Certificates - 6:00PM-7:00PM**



## **Naach Sitare Dance Competition Participation Details**

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Please contact Naach Sitare Event Coordinator for additional questions [hsgccultural@gmail.com](mailto:hsgccultural@gmail.com). We are looking for volunteers to join our team. This is a great opportunity for all high school students to obtain service hours.



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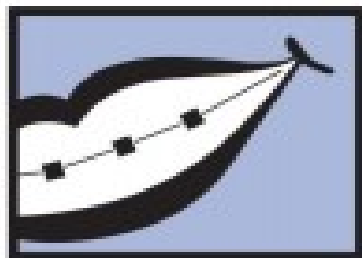
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# SHRI JAGANNATH RATHA YATRA

## Saturday, July 14, 2018

### At the Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

**July  
14th Sat-  
urday**

**9:30am  
Vighneshwar  
Puja, Jagan-  
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**3pm Sri Jagan-  
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Rath**

**Puja ,Pahandi,  
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**BHAHUDA YATRA Sunday, 22 July 2018 - 10 am**

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

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

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

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

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

Hindu Temple of greater Cincinnati celebrates Rath-Yatra each year during Rath Yatra festival time with great devotion. This year is scheduled on July 14th Saturday 4pm, all related rituals start from previous day. Hundreds of devotees attend and volunteers to pull the Rath of Lord Jagannath while chanting, Dancing in temple boulevard. Deities are kept and worshipped in Temple basement stage for 9 days and returned back to its original place upstairs main Temple 9th day with great Bahuda Yatra celebration scheduled on July 22nd 10am.



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**Saturday, 7 July 2018 - 10.30 AM to 01.30 PM EST**  
**Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati**



### **Events Schedule**

10:30 am	Murugan Suprabhatham
11:00 am	Moolavar Special Poosai
11:30 am	Utsava Moorthy poosai with Punyaha vaachanam
12:00 am	Utsava Moorthy Urvalam (Procession) in the temple interior and to Chariot (Ther)
12:30 pm	Ther Poosai and Ratharohanam
12:45 pm	Ther Urvalam including all archana
01:30 pm	Maha Mangala Aarathi with Shatthumorai followed by lunch Maha Prasadam

### **Pooja Sponsorships\*\***

1. Ther Festival Sponsorship	\$151 (includes items 2, 3 and Interior Urvalam)
2. Ther Poosai and Ratharohanam	\$101
3. Moolavar and Utsavamoorthy Poosai	\$51
4. Murugan Suprabhatham	\$21
5. Ther Archana	\$21

**\*\*Need sponsors for Poojas and Prasad.**

**Devotees are requested to bring Kaavidi(s) as much as they can.**

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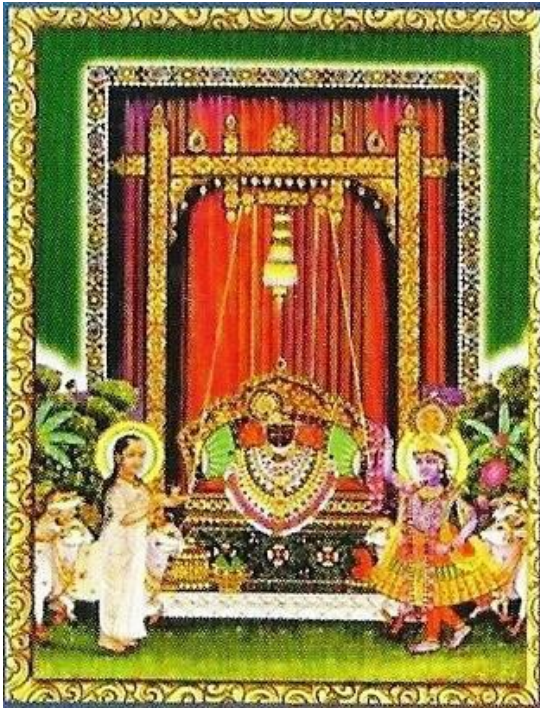
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# ShriNathaji Hindola (Jhoola) Utsava

Sunday, 29 July 2018 - 10:30 am to 1pm



## *Sponsored by ShriNathaji devotees* **Program**

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

## **Mahatmya**

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

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



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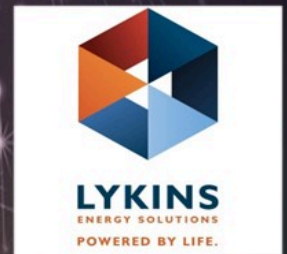
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**Sunday, 12 August 2018  
12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM**

### **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.

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## Glimpses of Kids' Day Camp Held on June 2, 2018 at the Temple



There was an overwhelming turnout at our Annual Kids Day camp on June 2nd at the Hindu temple. 73 kids attended this camp organized by HSGC Bal Vihar and VHPA Cincinnati. Priya Dayal and Dr. Nalini Tandon were the lead organizers and they were supported by several volunteers who helped make this camp a huge success. Kids started the camp with yoga, took a temple tour learning about different deities, learned bhajans, heard stories, listened to a presentation by Dr. Som Tandon on healthy eating habits and good food choices, played games and made crafts.