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Purnima Satya Narayan Puja Jan 10
Venkateshwar Abhishekam Jan 25



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Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati

Ayyappan Utsavamoorthy Prathishta Ceremony

9.00 AM – 6.00 PM, Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020

Program

9 AM – 12 AM:
12 Noon- 1 PM:
1 PM – 6 PM:

Prathishta Ceremony
Lunch
Cultural Program

Priests

- **Muthu Meenakshi Sivachariyar 513-237-0214** • **Kailash Sharmaji(Chief Priest);**
Chakreshwar Sharmaji • **Srinath Bhattarji**

Contacts for more information

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• **Ramesh Vijayaraghavan 513-767-8663** • **Madhu Sharma-Pooja (Committee Chair) 513-807-5081**

Facilitators

Ambi Balasubramaniam and Siva Sivaganesan

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Long Range Cmte:	Indra Murthy	513-884-8756
Treasurer Cmte:	Amar Sharma	513-777-5771
Property/ Mgmt Cmte	Kamlesh Singh	513-206-5848

TEMPLE SCHEDULE**Monday-Friday:** 9 AM -12.45 PM and 5 PM -8 PM**Saturday :** 9 AM – 8 PM**Sunday:** 9 AM - 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

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

2020 Puja Committee & Religious Activities Members

Madhu Sharma(Chair)	513-807-5081
Kiran Dayal (In-charge: Temple Events)	513-474-4051
Meena Sondhi (In-charge: Scheduling Private Puja)	513-290-7541
Acharya Kailash Sharma	513-770-0705
Acharya Chakreshwar Sharma	513-376-2982
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J.S. Karthikeyan	513-382-2575
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Mangala Namade	513-234-8373
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Saravanan Sakthivel	513-376-3050

Temple Manager's Committees

Manager:	Laxmi Srivastava	513-474-0144
CFO:	Raj Bodalia	513-504-6328
Legal Advisor	Pavan Parikh	
Office Manager:	Mohan Chopra	
Swami Lectures:	Vinay Kumar, Meena Mehta, Koti Srikrishna, Ganesh Yadlapalli	
Adult Education:	Meena Mehta, Ganesh Yadlapalli, Koti Sreekrishna, Rama Rao Pappu	
Temple Database:	Nandkumar Khemchandani, Raj Badolia, Greg Smith	
Community- Relations:	Mina Karamchandani, Meena Mehta	
E-Mail Data:	Pradeep Goyal, Nandkumar Khemchandani	
Gift Shop:	Meena Sondhi, Vina Bajaj	
Security:	Greg Smith, Kailash Sharma	
(Dial One)	Khush Karamchandani	
Financial Data:	Nand Kumar Khemchandani, Raj Bodalia, Laxmi Srivastava	
Project Manager:	Vithal Nemade	
Temple Website:	Bharat Vala, Greg Smith, Murali Annamalai	
Temple:	Meena Mehta, Ashvin Mehta,	
Calendar:	Acharya Kailash Sharma	
Volunteer	Mohan Chopra, Rajan Odavar,	
Services:	Kedarnath Nambori Vijay Sharma, Khush Karamchandani	
Temple -	Greg Smith, Naba Mishra,	
Photographer:	V G Ramaswamy , Mardav Bakshi,	
Mela Committee:	Deepak Dixit, Raneshwar Gupta, Jyoti Desai	
Ramleela Cmte:	Kamlesh Singh	

SPECIAL PROGRAMS ON WEEKENDS

9.15 - 9.30 AM	Suprabhatam
9.30 - 11.00 AM	Daily Puja of Temple Dieties
11.00-11.30 AM	Sponsored Puja
11.30-12.15 PM	Bhajans
12.15-12.45 PM	Religious Discourse
12.45-1.00 PM	Birthdays, Anniversary Puja & Announcements
1.00 PM	Aarti & Prasad

PUJA INFORMATION

RATES FOR PUJA & PRIEST SERVICES

SERVICES	IN TEMPLE	OUTSIDE TEMPLE
Abhishekam (All Deities)	\$101.00	—
Aksharabhyas	\$101.00	\$151.00
Anna-Prashanam	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ashta Prakari Puja (Mahavir)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ashtottharam (108) Archana	\$ 11.00	—
Ayushya Homam/B'day Celeb.	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ground Breaking Ceremony	—	\$151.00
Griha Pravesh (House Warming)	—	\$151.00
Griha Pravesh w/Satya Narayan Puja	—	\$201.00
Kalayana Uthsava	\$151.00	\$201.00
Kesh Khandan/Mundan/Churakrn	\$101.00	\$151.00
Naam-Karan	\$101.00	\$151.00
Navagraha Puja	\$101.00	\$151.00
Nischitartham (Engagement)	\$151.00	\$251.00
Nitya (1 Day) Kaikaryam (Seva)	\$101.00	---
Poolangi Seva (With Flowers)		
(Only During Off Winter Season)	\$101.00	---
Sahasranama (1008) Archana	\$ 51.00	---
Sathyanarayana Puja	\$101.00	\$151.00
Sathyanarayan Puja w/Havan	\$131.00	\$201.00
Seemantham (Baby Shower)	\$151.00	\$201.00
Mata Ki Chauki**	\$251.00	\$301.00**
Akhand Ramayan Paath	\$251.00	\$501.00
Shashti Poorthi (60th B'day)	\$201.00	\$251.00
Anniversary celebration	\$151.00	\$201.00
Suprabhat Seva	\$ 21.00	---
Unjal (Swing) Seva	\$ 31.00	---
Upakarma (Thread changing)	\$ 51.00	---
Upanayam/Brahmopadesham/		
Thread Ceremony	\$151.00	\$251.00
Sunderkand Path	\$101.00	\$151.00
Vahan Puja	\$ 51.00	----
Yearly Shradham (Barkhi)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Wedding (\$ 251.00 Advance Deposit required)	\$301.00	\$501.00
Funeral (Last Rites)		\$ 201.00

Priest Dakshina

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

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

Rates are subject to change without notice. Rates of Pujas not listed above and requiring less than four hours of priest's time will normally be \$ 101.00 (inside the temple) and \$ 151.00 (outside of temple). *Rates of Pujas/ wedding out of Greater Cincinnati area are as follows:*

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

TEMPLE RENTAL - LOWER FLOOR ONLY

	Full day	Half day
Monday -Thursday (except holidays)	\$ 401.00	\$ 225.00
Friday, Saturday & Holidays	\$601.00	\$401.00
<u>Sunday after 3PM only</u>	not rented	\$401.00
Use of Kitchen	\$ 201.00	\$101.00
Use of Kitchen w/paper products	\$251.00	\$ 151.00

Full Day: 8.00 am-11.00 pm

Half Day: 8.00 am-2.00 pm or 4.00 pm - 11.00 pm

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 **Madhu Sharma** 513-807-5081, or any **EC Member** or the **Temple** at 513-528-3714]

1. **Archana** performed during temple hours by sponsoship.
2. **No Archana** on Sundays between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
3. **Outside Pujas** and other religious services will be conducted by appointment only.
4. To **schedule any Puja** please contact Meena Sondhi at least one week in advance.
5. **Food and Prasad** : To bring to the temple please contact Puja Committee chairperson .
6. **Pujas performed outside** the temple will be rated according to the number of Pujas performed
7. **Puja Samagri**- for convenience of devotees, the temple can provide Puja Samagri for a donation of \$ 21.00 for any Puja, and \$ 31.00 for any puja including Havan/Homam
8. **Cancellations of Puja should be done 3 days in advance**, otherwise full fee for the Puja will be charged.

OPERATING ACCOUNT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1/1/2019 to 11/31/2019

Total Revenues:	\$ 446,444.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 432,128.00
Net Revenue:	\$ 14,316.00

HSGC LOAN BALANCE:

As of 1/1/2019:	\$ 626,733.74
As of 12/01/2019:	\$ 518,166.20

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

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

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

Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081 ; 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,
Saravanan Sakthivel 513-376-3050
Jeya Selvakumar 513-795-9868
Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081
Temple Priests 513-529-3714

Monthly ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA

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

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 Manukonda: [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 9.30 AM

For details please contact temple priest [528-3714](tel:528-3714) or
Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081



Monthly Satya Narayan Puja

On Every Purnima of the Month
6:30 pm

Sponsorship \$ 51.00

To sponsor Puja call

Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081
Temple priests: 513-528-3714

Weekly Shlv Mahlman Stotram

Every Monday at 6:30 pm



Sunder Kand Path

Every 3rd Sunday of the month 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Contacts: Sangita Patel 513-791-0855

Pt. Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382



Shri Jagannath Puja

Every 5th Sunday of the month 11:00 AM

Contacts: Suchitra Mishra 513-573-9775 or

Temple 513-528-3714

Shri Ganesh Puja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Every 4th Sunday of the month 10:30 AM

This Puja is dedicated to each month's

Sankashti Chaturthi to Lord Ganesh.

For more information & To Sponsor the Puja please call

Padmaja Patkar 513-847-7918, Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081

Temple Priests: 528-3714 504-6328

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

Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081 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](tel:513-752-4025)

Weekly Venkateswar Puja

Every Friday at 6:30pm

To sponsor Puja please call Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081 OR

Temple priests: 513-528-3714

PURUSHOTTAM NAAM STOTRA PARAYAN



Every 2nd Wed. of each month

6pm to 7:30pm

For details please call

Mina Mehta 513-574-6763



Hindu Society Presents new a program

SATSANG-SUDHA

सत्संग-सुधा

With **Acharya Kailash Ji**

Sat means truth and sang means to be with. Satsang provides an opportunity to keep themselves engaged in divine centered thoughts and actions and remain focused on their respective. Satsang can generate powerful, cleansing, inspiring and purifying thought vibrations which can uplift the people who participate in them and also sanctify the place in which they are organized.

Satsang will be based on Bhagwad Gita, Shrimad Bhagwatam, Ramayan, Upnishad, with music and Bhajans for two to three hours in Hindi or English.

In temple or at Devotees' Homes

To schedule please call Temple 513-528-371 Acharya Kailash Ji 513-652-5382, Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081 for more videos and content please subscribe to Youtube.com/c/AcharyaKailashSharma



Temple needs Computer/ Printer Donation solicited

Our temple computer has grown very old and we need to replace it with a new and faster one with latest technology capable of running latest versions of software. This will enhance temple work efficiency including publication of the News letter, Aradhana, and other informational materials. It is estimated to cost less than \$1,500. Your generous contribution is requested to fulfill this important temple need. Please Mark "computer" on your donation check.

Temple Calendar of Events

January 2020

January	1st	Wed.	Ganesh Puja and Ganpati Homam/Havan Sponsorship \$51 . Archana \$21 Temple Hours 9am to 8pm
Jan	1st	Wed	Bhajan Sandhya 5 to 7 pm New year Celebration
Jan	4th	Sat.	Mata Ki Chouki 3:30pm Sponsored by-Dr. Prem Shankar & Kiran Verma family.
Jan	4th	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51
Jan	4th	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm
Jan	5th	Sun.	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
Jan	8th	Wed	Purushottam Sahashranaam Parayana 6pm
Jan	6th	Mon	Vaikuntha Ekadashi 10am Sponsorship \$51 , Archana \$21
Jan	10th	Fri	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51
Jan	12th	Sun	1008 Gayatri Japam 10am
Jan	13th	Mon	Sankashti Chaturthi 6pm Sankat Chauth
Jan	13th	Mon	Lohdi Celebration 7pm
Jan	15th	Wed	Makar Sankranti/Thai Pongal /Uttarayan
Jan	19th	Sun	Thai Pongal Celebration /Murugan Abhishekam 10am
Jan	25th	Sat.	Venkateshwar Abhishekam 10am Sponsorship \$51
Jan	26th	Sun	Ganesh Puja and Atharvashirsh Path 11am
Jan	29th	Wed	Vasant Panchami Puja 10am.actual day.

February 2020

February	1st	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship \$51
Feb	1st	Sat.	Sai Bhajan 6pm
Feb	2nd	Sun.	Vasant Panchami Celebration 11am Sponsored by Agrani
Feb	8th	Sat.	Murugan Abhishekam 4pm Sponsorship \$101.
Feb	8th	Sat.	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 5:30pm Sponsorship \$51.00
Feb.	9th	Sun.	1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am
Feb.	15th	Sat.	Navgarah Havan 10am
Feb.	16th	Sun	Sunderkand Path 10:30am
Feb.	19th	Wed	Purushottam Sahasranaam Parayan 6pm
Feb.	21st	Fri	Maha ShivRatri Puja 6pm to 6am overnight . Sponsorship \$101 Temple hours 9am to 6am Next day. see details inside
Feb.	22nd	SAT.	Venkateshwar Kalayanam 10am Sponsorship \$51.00
Feb	23rd	Sun	Ganesh Puja and Atharvashirsh Path 11am. Sponosorship \$51

From the President's Desk

(A New Year's message)

Dear devotees, and the temple supporters:

New Year's Greeting! I wish you and your families the very best of health, and wealth, and sustained spiritual growth..

It is my pleasure to update you on the past achievements and future opportunities/ challenges for our temple. Let me start with the most important issue of financial stability, which has significantly improved in the past two years. As of January 1, 2018, our temple had a loan balance of \$987,193.71, which has been reduced to \$500,000 by December 2019 i.e., half of the loan was paid off in approximately 2 years primarily due to your generous support. Without your support this would not be possible.

Our "Marg" project is on track and we continued to receive special project denotations to address the need for the Front Gate and the community center. We have made considerable progress in the last 30+ years, and a lot more needs to be done.

We recently hired a new Priest, Muthu Meenakshi Sivachariyar, also known as Arun Gurukkal, from South India. He is a well-respected and sought after Saivite Priest in Tamil Nadu, and has been invited to officiate in more than twenty Kumbabishekam (Pran Pratista) ceremonies by various temples including Shiva, Ayyappan, Murugan, Ganapathy.

As you are well aware, the Temple has been very busy throughout the year. New Year celebration, ShivRari Holi Cultural Program and Color Celebration, 5 K Walk, Naach Sitare, Mela, Ganesh Utsav, and Murugan Puja, and DIWALI are a few of the numerous events we celebrated last year. Thank you all for your presence and contribution to the various Temple Funds.

We also upgraded the temple website with "online Puja" bookings. I am sure this would help ease your Puja reservations. We also have many more Website upgrades in pipeline. Please look into Aradhana for updates.

I like to take this opportunity to convey my most sincere thanks to our illustrious priests for their continued devotion to keep this temple one of the best!

I will be a miss if I did not convey my gratitude and appreciation for my esteemed colleagues, the EC members, whose hard work and dedication kept the temple functioning smoothly and efficiently. I am looking forward to their continued support in the New Year.

Again, I wish all of you a very happy, healthy, prosperous and wonderful New Year!

Raneshwar K. Gupta

Mata ki Chowki

Saturday, 4 January 2020



3:30 PM Devi Durga Puja
4:30 PM First aarti
5:00 PM Mata Bhajans
/Bheten
7:30 PM Bhog, Aarti. Followed by Prasad(Dinner)

Sponsored by Dr Prem Shankar & Kiran Verma
family Anyone who like to sing Bhent/Bhajan of Mata in Chouki please communicate with Acharya Kailash Ji in advance at 513-652-5382

New Year's Celebration

Wednesday, 01 January 2020



11:00 AM Ganapati Puja, Havan/ Homa
1:00 PM Maha Mangal Aarti



Sponsorship:

Puja & Havan \$51
Havan \$21, Archana \$21

Evening Program

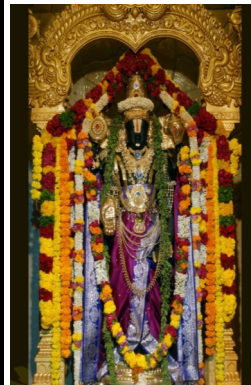
5 - 7 PM Bhajan Sandhya
Followed by Mangal Aarti

Note: Temple Operating Hours for Jan 1, 2019
9:00 Am to 8:00 PM

Evening Aarti 7:00 PM

Vaikuntha Ekadashi Celebration

Monday, 6 January 2020



9:30 - 11:00 AM

(During regular temple hours)

- Suprabhatam
- VaikunthaDwara Puja
- Mantra pushpam,
- Archana. & Aarti

Archana all day

Sponsorship: \$51, \$21

For details contact:

Temple 518 3714, Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081
Sri Srinath Bhattar 513-488-2986
Vasundhara Dasari 513-777-3353.

Lohri Celebration

Monday, 13 January 2020

6:30 PM Shiv Puja/ Abhishekam
7:00 Bonfire
(See Page 12 for details)

Thai Pongal / Makar Sankranti Celebration

Sunday, 19 January 2020
10 AM -12:30 PM



10:00 AM	Murgan Abhishekam
11:30 AM	Alankaram
12:00 PM	Archana
1:00 PM	Aarti & Prasad

Sponsorship:
Abhishekam \$101 Archana \$21

For Details please call:
Temple 528-3714,
Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081
Saravanan Sakthivel 513-376-3050
Sri Srinath Bhattar 513-488-2986.

Calendar 2020

HSGC Calendars Now available

Please pick up your copy Today!



Calendars are complimentary for HSGC Members, Life Members, & Patrons.

They are available to Non-members for a token donation of \$5:00 only.

Vasant Panchmi Celebration

Sunday 2 February 2020



10:30 AM to 1:00 PM

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 (Lunch)

Event is sponsored by- Agrani Bengali Group

For Details Contact:

Temple: 513-528-3714. Madhu Sharma 513-807-5081,
Ach Kailash Sharma 513-652-5382, Purbi Day 513-688-1721

Temple Bulletin

2020 Executive Council Installed

HSGC held their Annual Election on December 8, 2019 for the 2020 Executive Council (EC) during a General Body Meeting called for this purpose.

Nominations were received for the 11 positions including President, Vice-President, Secrerary, Treasurer and the Chairpersons of the 7 standing committees. It was an unanimous election for all positions as only one nomination was made for each of the positions.

The composition of the 2020 EC is exactly the same as the 2019 EC. Names of the elected EC members are listed on Page 2. We wish the new EC Godspeed in all their efforts.

No nomination was received for the Position of Youth Representative, which is still open. If any youth form our community at large is interested in volunteering for this position please contact Raneshwar Gupta, President HSGC, at 513-232-3331; you will be handsomely rewarded with a valuable experience.

MAHA SHIVARATRI

CELEBRATION

Feb. 21st Friday 2020

Temple open all 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 9:30pm .
ARCHANA THALI **WILL BE PROVIDED WITH
GANGAJAL & MILK..

NIGHT TIME PUJA

First Puja

5 pm to 6 pm Shivabhishek Sponsors
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 Parayanam
10:30pm to 11:30pm Shiva Shahashranam 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

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

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Lohri Celebration

Monday, 13 January 2020



6:30 PM Shiv Puja/ Abhishekam
7:00 Bonfire

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Significance of Lohri

Lohri is an agricultural festival, filled with merry-making. It is celebrated in the state of Punjab on the 13th of January, which falls one day before Makar Sankranti. Lohari is celebrated to denote the last day of the coldest days of winter. The festival of Lohri is celebrated outdoors, a bonfire is lit, and friends and relatives gather around. Singing and dancing form an intrinsic part of the celebrations. People wear their brightest clothes and come to dance the *bhangra* and *gidda* to the beat of the *dhol*. The prasad comprises of five main things: til, gazak, gur, moongphali (peanuts), and phuliya or popcorn. An offering is also made of this Prasad to the sacred fire. Lohri is celebrated throughout the country in different forms, as a harvest festival. It is called Pongal in the South, Bhugali Bihu in Assam, Bhogi in Andhra Pradesh and Sankranti in the central part of the country.

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