



NEWSLETTER

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Pausa/Magha



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The Infinite Glories of the ultimate Truth

श्रीभगवानुवाच

भूय एव महाबाहो शृणु मे परमं वचः ।
यत्तेऽहं प्रीयमाणाय वक्ष्यामि हितकाम्यया ॥ १ ॥



Transliteration

śrī bhagavān uvāca

*bhūya eva mahā-bāho śṛṇu me paramaṁ vacaḥ
yat te 'haṁ prīyamāṇāya vaksyāmi hita-kāmyayā*

Translation

Lord Kṛṣṇa said: O Arjuna, just hear once again My paramount instructions which for your best welfare I will speak unto you, who take delight in them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2016

January 1, Friday 10 am New Year Havan

January 10, Sunday 11.00 am - Kite Flying Festival

January 16 & 17, Sat & Sunday- Venkateshwara Kalyanam

January 20, Wednesday 7.00 pm Satya Narayana Puja

January 23, Saturday 9 am. Thai Poosam

January 27, Wednesday 7 pm Sankasta Chaturthi

FEBRUARY 2016

February 14, Sunday 10 am Saraswati Puja

February 22, Monday 11 am Satyanarayana Puja

February 26, Friday 7 pm Sankasta Chaturthi

HINDU OBSERVANCES

JANUARY, 2016

05 Tuesday	Saphala Ekadashi
07 Thursday	Pradosh Vrat
14 Thursday	Pongal, Makar Sankranti
16 Saturday	Durgashtami
19 Tuesday	Pausha Ekadashi
23 Saturday	Thai Poosam
27 Wednesday	Sankasta Chauth
31 Sunday	Kalashtami

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04 Thursday	Shattila Ekadashi
13 Saturday	Kumbha Sankranti
15 Monday	Bhishma Ashtami
18 Thursday	Jaya Ekadashi
22 Monday	Maaha Purnima

Dear HTS members,

Wish you all a happy and prosperous new year! At the outset, I would like to thank all the temple volunteers and members of executive committee for their selfless service.

Our temple serves the religious, spiritual, and cultural needs of the Hindu community in the CSRA. In the past 30+ years, the temple volunteers and leaders have done a tremendous job of meeting these goals. Because of the dedicated volunteers, we were able to continue this rich tradition during the past two years. In addition, I hope we were able to provide an egalitarian, transparent, and efficient service to the community.

Our efforts to increase the number and quality of spiritual lectures have been appreciated by the community. The lectures by Dr. Koti Sreekrishna and Sri Chidatmananda were particularly well-received.

Thanks to all donors and volunteers, the Arts in the Heart program was a great success this year. We were able to allocate \$10,000 to Nepal earthquake relief from the funds raised at AIH. In addition, we continued to support temple's community outreach programs; Safe Homes, Local Schools, Soup Kitchen and Sai Clinic.

Our balashala has turned into one of the best temple programs and rivals the religious programs, at least in popularity. About 95 kids were registered during last academic year. Attendees at the 2015 Diwali program witnessed the cultural talent of these kids and volunteer choreographers. Their talent will again be show-cased in the month of May (End of year program).

The gratitude of the executive committee towards the volunteers who helped in Annual Havan, Arts in the Heart and Diwali programs cannot be emphasized enough. In particular the generosity of everyone who donated, helped in cleaning the temple, decorations, food preparation, food serving and car parking is well-appreciated.

Congratulations to Shaji Kamalasanan, the next president of the executive committee!! As always, all the active volunteers will continue to help the new team to improve temple operations.

With best wishes,
Krishna Prasad

HTS Augusta Acknowledges the generous support of all members and perpetual donors. In addition, following members have made significant monetary contributions to the temple during the past year.

Brinda & Shankar Balan
Raj Batra
Geeta & Harendra Desai
Indrani & Amitava Ganguly
Nidhi & Adarsh Gulati
Priti & Ambadas Joshi
Kanta & Prabhakar Kondur
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Tapasya & Arun Jain
Shakun & Subhash Kharbanda
Komala & Balakrishnan Nambiar
Anjana & Dinesh Shah
Anita & Radhakisha Shetty
Vatsala & P. Unnikrishnan
Ranjit & Kapil Sethi



Tina & Bipin Chudgar
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Gomathi & Murali Rao Ambati
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Vidya & M.R. Sridharan



Sponsors for Diwali Maha Prasad:

Sheila/Vinayak Kamath, Shakun/Subhash Kharbanda, Santosh Rani, Sarita Sharma, Nibeditha/Debee Khadandga, Nimitha/Ram Shetty, Anita/kishan Shetty, Varsha/Srini Kulkarni, Preeti/Surinder Gupta, Devbala/Mukut Sharma, Madhu/Shyam Govil, Nidhi/Adarsh Gulati, Sudha/Dharmbeer Sinha, Indrani/Amitava Ganguly, Nirupama/Purna Mohanty, Anju/Dinesh Shah, Samlesh/Nand Bansal.

HTS also acknowledges the donation of chairs by the Bengali community.

Friday - January 1, 2016 - 10.00 am
Ganesh Puja / New Year Havan

10.00 am Ganesh Puja
10.30 am Havan and Bhajans
12.30 pm Mahaprasad

Please Contact Adarsh or Nidhi Gulati at 706 650 2905 for more details.



Makar Sankranti Kite flying festival
Sunday 10th January

HTS will be celebrating the annual Makar Sankranti kite flying festival at Reddy Gardens on Sunday 10th at 11.00 am. Children are encouraged to attend this temple event along with their parents as it will be a great educational experience.



Sri Venkateshwara Abhishekam & Kalyanotsavam
January 16th & 17th (Saturday & Sunday)



General sponsorship for Pooja: \$25 for each day

Maha Kalyanotsava - Special sponsorship
\$250.00 per couple (limited to a maximum of 8 couples)

A saree blessed by Lord

Balaji will be given to these sponsors

Please attend this auspicious annual function and receive the blessings of Lord Venkateswara.

Saturday Jan 16, 2016

7.00 am Suprabhatam
7.30 am Havan
9.00 am Sankalpam
9.15 am Abhishekam
12.30 pm Aarthi/Mahaprasad
3.00 pm Sayanotsavam

Sunday Jan 17, 2016

8.00 am Suprabhatam
9.00 am Sankalpam
9.15 am Kalyanotsavam
11.00 am Procession
12 noon Aarthi/Mahaprasad

For further details contact: M.R./Vidya Sridharan 706-860-7160
Shaji Kamalasanan 706-955-0654

Thai Poosam Festival Celebrations
Saturday - January 23rd, 2016



Kavadi Procession	9:00 am
Abhishekam & Bhajans	10:00 am
Aarthi & Mahaprasad	12:30 pm
Abhishekam and Kavadi sponsorship is \$25.00	

Sri Saraswati Puja Celebrations
Sunday, February 14th, 2016

Bengali community of Augusta will be celebrating Saraswati Puja at the HTS, and the details are as follows:

- 10:00 am - Puja
- 11:00 a m - Pushpanjali & Bhajans
- 11:30 am - Children's Program
- 12:00 Noon - Aarthi & Mahaprasad

Puja will be conducted by Satyaji, Temple Priest
Students may bring a book or a musical instrument to be placed at the feet of Devi Saraswati.

Contacts: Arunava Saha 706-955-9249
Arun Dutta 706-868-5373



Golf Tournament

"HTS sponsored golf tournament was held on Oct. 25th, 2015 at Rocky Branch, Lincolnton, GA. There were eleven players participated. Three foursome team played. The winners were Dr. Prakash Merai, Mahesh Shah, and Praful Patel.

Congratulations to the winners!



SAT Classes

In our continued effort towards providing value based services to the society HTS will be starting SAT classes for mathematics and English on 24th January 2016.

HTS acknowledges the time and effort put forward by Mr Srinivas Akella and Dr. Srinivasan Thiyagarajan for maths and Mrs Pollocks Moore for English.

This program will be free for members.

For registration and further details please contact: Mr Srinivas Akella 803 873 8535
Mr Shaji Kamalasanan 706 955 0654

CONDOLENCES

Late Shri. Janak Raj Arora (Father of Alvinder, Rajesh, Vishal Arora, Suman Verma and Sharda Sethi)

Late Shri. Champaklal Patel (Father of Late Dr. Dakshaben Chudgar, wife of Dr. Bipin Chudgar.

Late Dr. Dharam Kapil (Father of Dr. Nidhi Gulati and Father-In-Law of Dr. Adarsh Gulati)

Late Shri. Sarat Chandra Jena (Father of Lopa Agarwal and Father-in- Law of Dr. Gautam Agarwal)

JANUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31					1 10 am New year Havan 6.15 pm Krishna chanting 7 pm Devi Puja	2 9 am Kartikeya Puja
3	4 7 pm Shiva Puja	5 6.45 pm Hanuman Chalisa	6 6.45 pm Krishna Archana	7 Priest Day off	8 6.15 pm Krishna Chanting	9
10 11 am Kite Flying Festival 2 pm Jain Puja	11 7 pm Shiva Puja	12 6.45 pm Hanuman Chalisa	13 6.45 pm Krishna Archana	14 Priest Day off	15 6.15 pm Krishna Chanting	16 7 am Venkateshwara Kalyanam
17 8 am Venkateshwara Kalyanam	18 7 pm Shiva Puja	19 6.45 pm Hanuman Chalisa	20 6.45 pm Krishna Archana 7 pm Satyanarayana Puja	21 Priest Day off	22 6.15 pm Krishna Chanting	23 9 am Thaiposam
24 2 pm Jain Puja	25 7 pm Shiv Puja	26 6.45 pm Hanuman Chalisa	27 6.45 pm Krishna Archana 7 pm Sankasta chaturthi	28 Priest Day off	29 6.15 pm Krishna Chanting	30

FEBRUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 pm Shiva Puja	2 6.45 pm Hanuman Chalisa	3 6.45 pm Krishna Archana	4 Priest Day off	5 6.15 pm Krishna Chanting 7 pm Devi Puja	6 9 am Kartikeya Puja
7	8 7 pm Shiva Puja	9 6.45 pm Hanuman Chalisa	10 6.45 pm Krishna Archana	11 Priest Day off	12 6.15 pm Krishna Chanting	13 9 am Venkateswara Puja
14 10 am Saraswati Puja 2 pm Jain Puja	15 7 pm Shiva Puja	16 6.45 pm Hanuman Chalisa	17 6.45 pm Krishna Archana	18 Priest Day off	19 6.15 pm Krishna Chanting	20
21 10 am Third Sun Puja	22 11 am Satyanaryana Puja 7 pm Shiva Puja	23 6.45 pm Hanuman Chalisa	24 6.45 pm Krishna Archana	25 Priest Day Off	26 6.15 pm Krishna Chanting 7 pm Sankasta Chaturthi	27
28 2 pm Jain Puja	29 7 pm Shiva Puja					

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AND
ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS TO BECOME
MEMBERS**

SCHEDULE

Mondays	7 pm	Shiv Puja
Tuesdays	6.45 pm	Hanuman Chalisa
Wednesdays	6.45 pm	Krishna Archana
Fridays	6.15 pm	Krishna Chanting
First Friday	7 pm	Devi Puja
Saturdays	8 am	Suprabhatham
1 st Saturday	9am	Karthikeya Puja
2 nd Saturday	9am	Venkateshwara Puja
3 rd Sunday	10am	Monthly Puja
2 nd & 4 th Sunday	2 pm	Jain Puja

Temple Hours: **8 - 10 AM** and **6 - 8 PM**

Temple is open every day at these hours except on **Thursdays**.

Temple is **CLOSED** on **Thursdays** and **last Sunday** of the month.