



Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

January 15 and 16

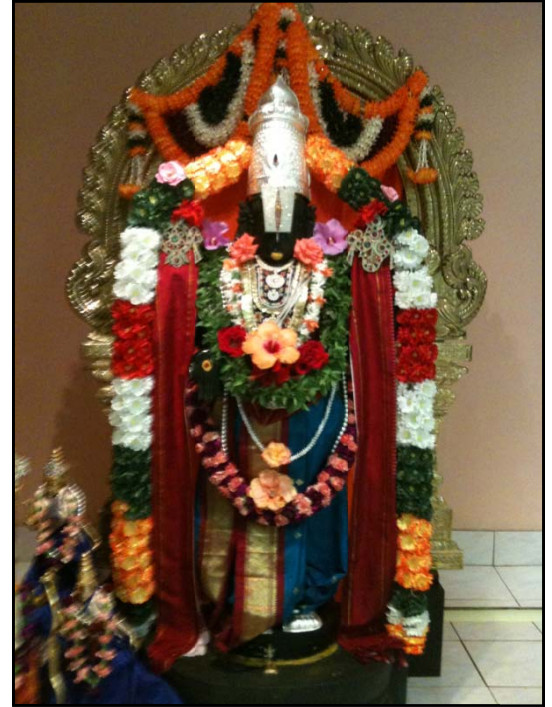
Saturday Jan 15

7:00 AM: Suprabhatam
7:30 AM: Havan
9:00 AM: Sankalpam
9:15 AM: Abhishekam
1:00 PM: Aarthi/Mahaprasad
3:00 PM: Carnatic vocal music concert (see below for details)
6:00 PM: Sayanotsavam

Sri Venkateswara Abhishekam & Kalyanotsavam

Sunday Jan 16

8:00 AM: Suprabhatam
9:00 AM: Sankalpam
9:15 AM: Kalyanotsavam
10:30 AM: Procession
12 Noon: Aarthi/Mahaprasad



*The priests **Sri Gopal Bhattar** of Hindu Temple of Atlanta and **Sri Satyanarayana Molakkalu** of our temple will perform the pooja.*

For further details contact: T.N.Muralidhar (860-6856);
M.R./Vidya Sridharan (860-7160); Dharma Thiruvaiyaru (650-3176),
N. Rao Pasala (863-9350); A. Ganguly (860-5586)

Sponsorship for pooja: \$25 for each day

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



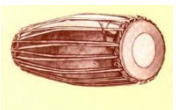
A Carnatic Vocal Concert by Smt. Bhavana Pradyumna



Smt. Bhavana Pradyumna will be accompanied by

Violin &

Dr. Sriram of Atlanta, GA on **Mridangam**.



Concert will be held at HTS on Saturday, January 15th at **3:00 PM**.

This concert is **free** and all are welcome to enjoy this event.

Thai Poosam Festival Celebration



Saturday, January 22:

9 – 10:30 AM: Kavadi Procession

10:30 – 12:30: Abhishekam & Bhajans

12:30: Aarthi & Mahaprasad

Abhishekam and Kavadi sponsorship \$25
Yearly Abhishekam sponsorship \$150
(1st Sat. of every month)

Please attend the function and receive the blessings of Lord Subramanya.

Saraswati Puja

Saturday, February 12:

10:00 AM: Puja

11:00 AM: Pushpanjali and Bhajans

11:30 AM: Children's Program

12 Noon: Aarthi & Mahaprasad



Puja will be conducted by Dr. Ajoy Chakraborty.

Students may bring a book or a musical instrument to be placed at the feet of Devi Saraswati.

For additional information, contact Amitava Ganguly (860-5586) or Arun Dutta (868-5373)

Announcements

Message from the Editor (Krishna Prasad):

Kavitha Krishnarao will be the new editor of this newsletter. As in the past, the newsletter will be published 6 times a year (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept and Nov). Please send your contributions to kavithahts@hotmail.com, by 20th of the month before newsletter publishing date. Kavitha has significant experience in different communication media and will also be maintaining our temple website. I request you all to support her efforts by submitting your contributions in a timely manner. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all HTS members, in particular Padmaja Bapat and Vidya Sridharan, for their trust and support during the past two years. Thanks to Dr. Ramesh Pai's column, our newsletter content has significantly improved, compared to the years in past. Wish you all a cheerful new year.

Donors of HTS Cultural Center Construction Fund:

Dear devotees and friends of HTS Augusta,

An effort is being made to recognize and update the list of donors to the HTS CC construction fund. Shown below is our preliminary list being published for verification purpose since **we believe some donor names may be missing and/ or could be in the wrong category.**

Please review the list and let us know of any omission or needed correction that you may be aware of. You can notify by contacting Mr. BN Roy (706-868-8233) or P. Unnikrishnan (803-279-3996). You can also manually add names to the list placed on the wall in the main temple foyer above the collection box. Your cooperation in this effort will be highly appreciated.

Category I: \$2000 & above

T.R.Reddy, Ravi Jerath, Kartik Subramanian, Vinayak Kamath

Category 2: \$1000 & above

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Category 4: Youth & Alumni- \$250 and above

Sharmistha R Mowry, Saipriya Neti; Saipsanna neti

Condolences:

The Hindu temple and it's community extends its condolences to the families of the following members of our community who were recently demised:

Ranjit Lal Bandyopadhyaya- 1943 to 2010--Past President of HTS and active member of the community,

Natvar Lal Suthar - 1944 to 2010 - Active member of the community,

Sadhu Ram Tuggar - 1914 to 2010 - Senior member of the community.

May God Bless the departed souls and May they rest in Heaven in Peace.

Message from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees

It is an honor and a privilege to be afforded the opportunity to serve as the chairman for the Board of Trustees. I have had the unique experience of growing up with our temple and as the decades have passed and have witnessed an incredible growth. The temple and our community now sit at the crossroads as it is a new generation's opportunity to provide innovation and leadership. Let's be empowered by the responsibility and take the call to unity and collaboration. The current generation is the beneficiary of the skill and vision of 25 years of leadership and it is imperative that we humbly and respectfully lead the temple into a new dawning. Our temple is allegorically again in its infancy and it won't be enough simply to deal with culture and structure without dealing with the deeper issues of theology and spirituality to keep our temple progressing and growing. We must strive to achieve the same visceral attachment to the temple that has led to it flourishing over the last 3 decades. I am the beneficiary of and have witnessed the many positive influences on generations that our intimate temple community has watched over. These generations are extremely successful in their lives and the temple community was a large part of that education. I encourage everyone to participate and take ownership of our Temple as it is ours to cherish, nourish, and venerate. Thanks to everyone for their service, enthusiasm and I respectfully look forward to another year of fun and growth.

- Karthik

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Message from the President of HTS

Dear Devotees,

When I was approached by the Chairpersons of the HTS Board of Trustees to be the President, I was amazed by their gutsy approach and risk taking capability. After performing the engineering “root-cause analysis” of this “WHO IS THE NEXT PRESIDENT” problem, the only reason I could come up with is “KARMA”. I would like to thank the BOT for their gutsy decision and amazing trust in me.

Sincerely, it’s a privilege for me to work with such a dedicated group of HTS volunteers and devotees who are responsible for this great HTS community. Our family has been fortunate to be a part of this great community, where we observed the effective implementation of the “Unity in Diversity” philosophy. We came to Augusta, GA, first time in 1986 for one year, then in 1990. Thus, for more than 20 years, we have enjoyed the benefits from this community resulting from the efforts of many volunteers, who worked tirelessly and with great spirit for the betterment of the Augusta HTS community, specially the children. Those volunteers poured their heart into every cause (whether it’s a puja, havan, or a community wedding or other inevitable real life events). We would like to take this opportunity to salute all HTS volunteers who developed and maintained such a great community.

So, Friends, I request your helping hand to continue the great efforts of these dedicated volunteers. This year I got the opportunity to join this great group of volunteers and help them to further enhance the temple and the community, with primary focus on the children and the youth. In my opinion, the executive committee, the BOT and all other volunteers in the community are one big team working together for the same goal. With that in mind, I welcome all criticism in the execution of the community/temple work directed to me. Only request is that, when you take the time to identify the problem, please also let me know, how “you” can help to solve that problem. I, in turn, will do my best to ensure that you get the help you need.

Wishing you a very happy holiday season and a very happy and prosperous new year,

- Amitava Ganguly

AUGUSTA HTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2010-2011

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January 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10 a New Year Havan and Ganesh Puja
2	3 11 a Priest Busy 7 p Shiva Puja	4	5	6 Priest Day Off	7 7 p Devi Abhishek	8 Temple RSVD
9 11 a Priest Busy 2 p Jain Puja	10 7 p Shiva Puja	11	12	13 Priest Day Off	14 10 a Priest Busy	15 9 a Balaji Abhishek 3 p Carnatic music concert
16 8 a Balaji Kalynotsav	17 7p Shiva Puja	18 7p Satyanarayana Puja	19	20 Priest Day Off	21	22 9 a Thai Pooam 7 p Ganesh Puja
23 2 p Jain Puja	24 7 p Shiva Puja	25	26	27 Priest Day Off	28	29
30 12 p Priest Day Off	31 7 p Shiva Puja					

February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Priest Day Off	4 8 a Priest Busy 7p Devi Abhishek	5 9 a Karthikeya Puja 11:30 a Busy
6	7 7p Shiva Puja	8	9	10 Priest Day Off	11	12 10 a Saraswati Puja
13 8 a Temple RSVD 2 p Jain Puja	14 7 p Shiva Puja	15	16 12 p Priest Off	17 7 p Satyanarayana Puja	18	19 9 a Balaji Abhishek
20 10 a 3rd Sunday puja	21 7 p Ganesha Puja 7 p Shiva Puja	22	23	24 Priest Day Off	25	26
27 12 p Priest Off 2 p Jain Puja	28 7 p Shiva Puja					

SCHEDULE

Mondays	7pm	Shiv Puja
1 st Friday	7pm	Devi Puja
Saturdays	8 am	Suprabhatham
1 st Saturday	9am	Karthikeya Puja
2 nd Saturday	9am	Shri Venkateshwara Puja
3 rd Sunday	10am	Monthly Puja
2 nd & 4 th Sunday	2 pm	Jain Puja

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