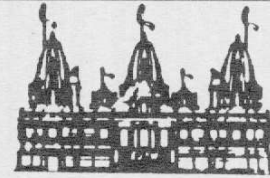




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Maha Shivarathri

Maha Shivarathri is marked by three main rituals of fasting, praying, and keeping vigil (Jagarun). What do these disciplines signify?

***Fasting** has the salutary effect of lessening the demands of the physical body and thereby the associated distractions of the mind. Fasting results in 'quietening' the mind.*

***Prayer** gives a healthy preoccupation to the 'quietened' mind by turning its total attention to the Supreme Self, the object of true realization. Prayer thus improves the 'quality' of the already 'Serene' mind. Such a disciplined mind enjoys the right quality and direction of thoughts.*

***Keeping Vigil (Jagarun)** marks a conscious effort to stay 'alert' and 'vigilant' to accomplish set goal, a determination to achieve success conquering the inertia of the body.*

A 'quiet', 'disciplined', 'alert' mind is a prerequisite for any psychological, intellectual or spiritual achievement. One who follows the dictates of Maha Shivarathri in a sincere way, accomplishes success in any chosen field by conquering the wandering mind, inertia of the body and approach issues in a well disciplined manner.

JAI SHAMBHO! JAI KAILASAPATI!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Puja:

February 15, Sunday — 10:00 a.m.

This month's Puja will be Satyanarayan Puja followed by Bhajans.

Hosts: Arun and Tapasya Jain

Prasad: Group #5 — Madhu Garg, Prem Sharma, Devbala Sharma, Vimlesh Sharma, Poonam Sharma, Suman Grover, Santosh Chand, Kamal Iyer, Susan Gopal, Sheila Kamath.

Cleaning Responsibility: Vinayak Kamath and all the attending families.

Geetha Pathan:

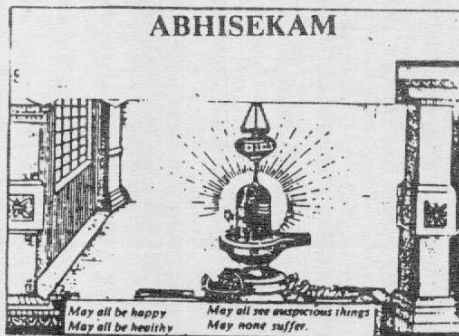
February 21, Saturday — 7:00 p.m.

Commencing this month we have instituted this new activity on a monthly basis, every third (3rd) Saturday, following the evening Aarti. A group of several families have enthusiastically come forward to participate in this Geetha Study Program on a regular basis. All are encouraged to join.

Maha Shivarathri Celebration:

February 27, Friday —
9:00 p.m.-12:00 (midnight)

Magnificent celebration of Shivarathri is planned as per schedule outlined below:



Schedule 9:00 - 12:00 midnight

1. Ganesh Puja and Kalasha Pratishtha
2. Mahanyasa Pathanam
3. Maha Rudra Yagnam
4. Jyothirling Archana
5. Rudra Abhishekam
6. Purna Aahuti and Aarti

Vedic Scholar and Priest, Panduranga Shastry of Pittsburgh, who conducted the grand Lakshmi Narayan Puja in December, will conduct this great Puja of Maha Shivarathri.

Mahanyasa Pathanam is a Special Puja concomitantly conducted along with Maha Rudra Yagnam. There will be special Vedic Mantrams chanted for each of the organs of the human body to invoke the healing power of Lord Shiva for restitution and well functioning. Everyone present can participate to receive the blessings of Lord Shiva for relief of any ailment and restoration of good health.

All are welcome to participate in the Maha Rudra Yagnam and Rudra Abhishekam. Bring your thali, small Shiva Lingam if possible, Std. Puja Samagri and Abhishekam materials. Call S. Vemuri at 868-7749 for any additional details.

Cultural Program:

March 14, Saturday — 7:00 p.m. at Temple

Renowned singing group of Kalpana and Bharat of Canada accompanied by live orchestra is scheduled for a cultural program of songs, Ghasals and Bhajans for an evening of entertainment.

Donations:
\$20.00 per family/\$10.00 per person.

OUR PREVIOUS PROGRAMS:

Special Program:

We had a beautiful three day program on January 16, 17, and 18 with the distinguished Raja Rajeswari Peetham devotees as our guests. The Friday program was devoted to reacquaintance session 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday was a day of tumultuous activity. The program started with Children's Puja at 9:00 a.m. followed by mini-workshop for families and culminated in an intense candle light meditation session for the well being of all the participants as well as the entire humanity. Mahamandaleswari Swami Saraswati conducted the session in a beautiful manner well praised by all. The next day was Makara Sankranti Surya Puja with participation by all. Peetham Purohit and Scholar, Janaki Rama Shastry conducted the Vedic Ceremony in a magnificent manner.

Our sincere thanks to all those who helped in various ways for the grand success of the special program.

Classical Dance:

We had a thoroughly enjoyable Kathak dance program by Madhu Mishra of Varanasi on Friday, January 23, at Evans High School Auditorium. Due to the inclement weather, the attendance was modest, but those who were fortunate to attend indeed had a nice program to witness and enjoy. Our sincere thanks to Dharambeer Sinha for organizing this program and all those who helped in various ways.

Temple Opening Schedule — February 1987

Apart from the Pujas and regularly scheduled activities, the Temple will be open from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. as noted with Aarti scheduled at 7:00 p.m.

Jan. 30, 31, Feb. 1 — Dinesh Jasani
(803) 648-0583

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Feb. 13, 14, 15 — Naresh Patel 860-7206

Feb. 20, 21, 22 — S. Vemuri 868-7749

Feb. 27, 28, Mar 1 — Lila Grover 868-8359

GENERAL

1. Our sincere thanks to Rajnikant Patel and Ramchandra Reddy for providing lodging and transportation facilities to our Peetham guests.

2. For your private usage of Temple Hall, please contact Pravin Amin, Vice President at 863-5072. Please be thoroughly familiar with the regulations governing the private usage for a better understanding and compliance.

3. The deadline for Powerline sponsored essay writing competition is extended till February 15, 1987. All children are encouraged to participate.

4. Congratulations to Kaushik and Kalindi Patel for the birth of a baby boy on January 30.

5. Our sincere prayers and good wishes are with the families of P.K. Agarwal and Meena Patel for the speedy recovery of their respective mothers currently hospitalized.

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