The Infinite Glories of the ultimate Truth

श्रीभगवानुवाच
भूय एव महाबली श्रुण मे परम वचः।
यतेकं श्रीयमाणार्कशामि हितकामयाः || 9 ||

Transliteration
śrī bhagavān uvāca
bhūya eva mahā-bāho śṛṇu me paramān vacaḥ
yat eva priyāmānāya vakṣyāmi hita-kāmyā
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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

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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 Magha 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  
Niranjini & Ramachandra Reddy  
Saroj & Gyanendra Sharma  
Radhika & Karthik Subramanian  
Sandhya & Hemant Yagnick  

Vic Bansal  
Rajnikant Dave  
Lalita & Chandulal Dodia  
Renukadevi Gowda  
Tapasya & Arun Jain  
Shakun & Subhash Kharbanda  
Komala & Balakrishnan Nambiar  
Anjana & Dinesh Shah  
Anita & Radhakisha Shetty  
Vatsala & P. Unnikrishnan  
Ranjit & Kapil Sethi

Tina & Bipin Chudgar  
Varsha & Srinivas Doppalapudi  
Meena & Ravi Murugappan  
Nimitha & Ram Shetty

Gomathi & Murali Rao Ambati  
Sheila & Vinayak Kamath  
Vidya & M.R. Sridharan

Sponsors for Diwali Maha Prasad:

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 Sankarant Kite flying festival
Sunday 10th January

HTS will be celebrating the annual Makar Sankarant 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 Abhishekm
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 Sridaran 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 am  - 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)
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sunayshaji@yahoo.com

DONATE GENEROUSLY TO YOUR TEMPLE
BE A PERPETUAL DONOR

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP 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
1st Saturday 9am  Karthikeya Puja
2nd Saturday 9am  Venkateshwara Puja
3rd Sunday 10am  Monthly Puja
2nd & 4th 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.