The Path of Devotion

ye tu dharmam̐rtam idam yathoktam paryap̐sate
śraddadhānā mat-paramā bhaktās te 'tiva me priyāḥ

Translation

Endowed with resolute faith in devotion to Me, those who worship this nectarian path of righteousness as described; these devotees are very, very dear to Me. - 12:20

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY2015

5TH SUNDAY  - 7 PM GANESH PUJA
30TH THURSDAY - 7 PM SATYANARAYANA PUJA

AUGUST 2015

3RD MONDAY  - 7 PM GANESH PUJA
8TH SATURDAY - 9 AM VENKATESHWARA PUJA
28TH FRIDAY  - 7 PM VARALAKSHMI PUJA
29TH SATURDAY - 7 PM SATYANARAYANA PUJA/ RAKSHABANDHAN

HINDU OBSERVANCES

JULY-2015

12 SUNDAY  PARAMA EKADASHI
16 THURSDAY DAKSHINASANKRANTH
18 SATURDAY RATHAYATHRA
27 MONDAY DEVSHYANI EKADASHI
30 THURSDAY GURU PURNIMA

AUGUST-2015

10 MONDAY  KAMIKAJ JYOTISH EKADASHI
17 MONDAY  HARIYALI TEEJ
19 WED DAY  NAG PANCHAMI
26 WED DAY  SHRAVANA EKADASHI
28 FRIDAY  VARALAKSHMI
29 SATURDAY RAKSHABANDHAN

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

AUGUST 9TH SUNDAY – INTERFAITH CHANT & PRAYER
AUGUST 15TH & 16TH SAT/SUN – LECTURE BY Dr. KOTI SREEKRISHNA
Balshala registrations for the year 2015-2016 will begin Sunday August 9th at 10.30 am in the cultural center and continue until the end of August. Balshala is open to children of HTS members grade levels Pre-K through 7th. 8th graders will have the option of being in Balshala or transitioning into the youth group. More information about registration will be posted on the balshala website: www.balshala.com.

Balshala classes will commence on Sunday, 13th September 2015.

Summer camps for kids and teens will be held at the HTS Cultural Center (dates below)

Maximum enrollment for each session: 15 (on a first come first serve basis)

To sign-up or for any additional information e-mail Surekha Prasad - puttur_prasad@msn.com

Balshala Camp (Ages 8 - 12) - See flyer attached for details and schedule of activities for each session

Session I: June 19, 20 & 21
Fees: $30 per child

Session II: July 10, 11 & 12
Fees: $30 per child

Youth Camp (Ages 13 - 17)
To sign up or for information about activities planned, e-mail Surekha Prasad

Dates: July 18 & 19
Fees: $20

Interfaith Chant and Prayer Session

HTS will host an Interfaith Chant and prayer session on Sunday, August 9, 2015 starting at 4 PM at the Cultural Center.

Representatives of many faiths from CSRA (Christianity, Jewish, Islam, Buddhist, Jain, Sikh, Bahai, BrahmaKumaris, Hindu...) will participate in the program. All are invited to join in.

For more information please contact B.N. Roy (Tel: 706-868-8233; email: baidyaroy@gmail.com).
Spiritual Lecture by Koti Sreekrishna

Koti Sreekrishna is an eminent biochemist and worked as a research fellow with the Baylor College of Medicine and the University of Kentucky. After working with Phillips Petroleum Company and Marion Merrel Dow, he is currently a senior scientist in the Global Biotechnology division at the Procter & Gamble Company.

In addition to his accomplishments in biotechnology, Dr. Sreekrishna is interested in philosophy, inter-religious dialogue, and studying the Hindu scriptures. He has authored 3 books on Bhagavadgita (The Complete Bhagavad-Gita, The New Bhagavad-Gita and The Easy Bhagavad-Gita). He has previously authored a translation of the Purusha Suktam, a Hindu creation theme. He has served in the executive council of Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati (HSGC) for several years and contributes articles to HSGC-Temple magazine.

Below is the schedule of Dr. Sreekrishna’s lectures. Please contact Krishna Prasad (706-231-6330) or Vidya Sridharan (706-860-7160), if you are interested in an appointment with him or joining him for dinner.

SAT (Aug 15)
11:00 AM: Hinduism 101 lecture at the temple
2:00 PM: Informal meeting with biomedical scientists; those interested in learning about career experiences in biotech industry or protein expression/biochemistry are welcome to join.

SUN (Aug 16)
11:30 AM: Lecture on Bhagavadgita

VARALAKSHMI PUJA (August 28th, Friday 7 pm)

Devotees interested in participating in this Puja are requested to bring their own ‘Thali with Lakshmi coin or vigraha’ and puja samagri.

INDIA DAY CELEBRATIONS
AUGUST 22, 2015, MAXWELL AUDITORIUM, GA

The marquee event of IACA, India Day- 2015 will be held at Maxwell Auditorium on 22nd August 2015 at 6.30pm. The theme for this year is “Indian Film Industry“ showcasing Various Film Industries across various states and it’s diverse, historic, vibrant and colorful culture. Group performers who are interested in exhibiting their talent are encouraged to send their entries to Shaji Kamalasanan at sunayshaji@Yahoo.com (706 955 0654). Deadline for sending your entries are July 27, 2015. For more information please call Adarsh Gulati (706-650-2905), Lopa Shah (706-513-1614) or Shaji Kamalasanan (803-295-3314).
The widely anticipated annual event that boasts over 17 countries displaying their cuisines, art and culture is celebrated this year from September 18-20, 2015 at the Augusta Commons, and is sponsored by the Greater Augusta Arts Council. Indian pavilion, that has participated for over several years and won multiple accolades, is sponsored by the HTS. Volunteers are needed in every phase, from setting up of tents, cooking, serving and Mehndi.

Committees are being formed for the successful execution of this event. To make this a grand success, HTS is also looking for donations both in kind and monetary. Please call the following people if you are interested in volunteering or donating time and/or money for this event:

Sheila Kamath 706 951 8245 Samlesh Bansal 706 855 1174
Krishna Prasad 706 651 1928 Gita Shah 706 868 6201
Nivedita Khadanga 614 515 4552 Bharathi Gowda 706 868 7796
Lopa Agarwal 706 993 2770 Arvind Shah 706 855 8684
Krishna Prasad 706 651 1928 Kirit Bhavsar 706 855 9081

There is an entrance fee of $10.00 at the venue. However, the fee for advance purchase of ticket is only $5.00. HTS will provide a few volunteer badges for those (a) volunteering for over 6 hours or more either from the Temple Premises or at the Venue and (b) who donate $50.00 or more.

As always, we will be participating in the cultural events at the fest. We encourage participants of all ages to come forward (only in groups) and exhibit their talent. Deadline for sending in the entry is September 01st 2015. Participants do not have to be members of HTS, Augusta. Please send your entries Varsha Kulkarni (varkulkarni@yahoo.com) or Mukti Patel (devmuk729@yahoo.com)

Participate, celebrate and make this event a grand success.

CONDOLENCES
Our heartfelt condolences to the following members of HTS for the loss of their beloved:
- Dr. Soma Mukopadhyay for the loss of her Husband Dr. Tapan Chatterjee
- Mr. Rakesh Patel for the loss of his Mother Jayshreeben Patel.
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- **10 am Third Sunday Puja  <br> 11 am Priests Busy**
- **10 am Busy**
The Hindu Temple Society
P.O. Box 204264
Augusta, GA. 30907

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The last day for submitting your input for the next Newsletter is 20th of August 2015. Please send your input to:
Shaji Kamalasanan at Sunayshaji@yahoo.com

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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.