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श्रीभगवानुवाच

मय्यावेश्य मनो ये मां नित्ययुक्ता उपासते ।
श्रद्धया परयोपेतास्ते मे युक्ततमा मताः ॥ २ ॥

Translation

Lord Kṛṣṇa said: of those who are endowed with firm faith of a special kind beyond material conceptions; fixing the minds on Me, always engaged exclusively worshipping Me. They are considered by me the most superior of all.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH -2016

- 7th MON, 6.30 PM: Mahashivrathri
13th SUN, 10 AM: Ramakrishna Jayanti
20th SUN, 10 AM: 3rd Sunday Puja
25th FRI, 6 PM: Holika Dahan (Bonfire)
26th SAT, 7 PM: Sankashti Chaturthi
27th SUN, 10 AM: Rangpanchami

APRIL-2016

- 8th FRI, 7 PM: Ugadi
15th FRI, 7 PM: Ramnavami
16th /17th SAT/SUN 9 AM: Akhanda Ramayana Path
17th SUN, 6 PM: Vishu Puja
23rd SAT, 10 AM: Hanumaan Jayanti
23rd SAT, 6 PM: Youth Group Bollywood Night
29th FRI, 6 PM: "Parampara" Classical Music Concert

HINDU OBSERVANCES

March 2016

- 05 Sat: Gauna Vijaya Ekdashi
07 Mon: Maha Shivaratri
08 Tue: Surya Grahan (Visible in Asia)
14 Mon: Meena Sankranti
18 Fri: Amalaki Ekdashi
22 Tue: Chhoti Holi, Holika Dahan, Phalgun Purnima
23 Wed: Holi, Chandra Grahan
31 Thu: Basoda, Sheetala Ashtami

April 2016

- 03 Sun: Pappochani Ekdashi
07 Thu: Chaitra Navratri, Gudhi Padwa, Ugadi
09 Sat: Gauri Puja, Gangaur
12 Tue: Yamuna Chhath
13 Wed: Solar New Year, Mesha Sankranti
15 Fri: Rama Navami
17 Sun: Kamada Ekdashi
22 Fri: Hanuman Jayanti

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HTS Augusta Executive Committee 2016

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President's Message

Namaste.

On Behalf of Hindu Temple Society of Augusta Executive Committee, we wish you and your family a very Happy, Healthy and a Prosperous 2016.

In 2016, the Temple Society has elected the new executive committee to serve our community. We consider it as our honor and privilege to accept this trust you have put on us and to work diligently to meet the religious, spiritual, cultural, educational and social needs of our community.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support that you have given to our Temple in the past. Without this support it would not have been possible for the Temple to grow into the institution that it is today.

2016 will be the 37th year of our Temple. We will be celebrating many events throughout the year. We would like to see our vibrant community come together and participate in these activities and celebrations.

We organized a Kite flying Festival in January coinciding with the Makar Sankranti festival which was very well received by the community. We hope to continue it henceforth as an annual event. We will be celebrating Holi and Rang Panchmi in March. We have launched the SAT prep program for Middle and High School Students.

We plan to start the following Community Service programs in the months to come:

- * Quarterly career and education counseling program for Middle and High School Students with Guest speakers from within and outside the community.
- * Yoga & Pranayama Classes for a healthy living, every Saturday by Dr Sanjeev Kapuria, Hari Kashyap, Clare Bergson & Brinda Balan.
- * Free Medical Camps and Screening for uninsured by Doctors within the community.
- * Art Classes By Vinaya Allapatt
- * Tabala & Harmonium Classes by Kiran Karanth & Mr Mukut Sharma
- * Vocal lessons by Neera Young.

Please visit our web site and subscribe to the Newsletter & News Bulletins to receive up to date information on these events.

Our Temple is a volunteer organization and we need people with different skill sets who are willing to donate their time and effort to help in achieving our goals. If you would like to become a volunteer please approach me or one of the Executive committee members,

If you have new ideas on how we can improve our service at the Temple, please share it with us through our feedback link on temple Website or please feel to call me at 803-295-3314. We will do our best to get them implemented to serve you better.

With God's grace and blessings along with your good wishes and support, we will together make this an enjoyable year for all.

Sincerely,

Shaji Kamalasanan

On behalf of the Management Team

Please be a member or perpetual donor of our Hindu Temple

By Surendra Gupta, Board Of Patrons

Your donation to HTS provides the following benefits:

1. HTS provides a forum for our children and community members in:

- * Developing bonding among youngsters and communities.
- * Developing team spirit
- * Developing Leadership skills
- * Nurture values which guide their lives forever
- * Developing decision making skills
- * Provide opportunities to exchange ideas

2. HTS facilitate in celebrating:

- * New Year
- * Religious Ceremonies
- * Holi
- * Graduation
- * Karva Chauth
- * Diwali

3. HTS sponsors:

- * Classical Music shows
- * Yoga
- * Light Music shows
- * Teachings from global scholars and religious leaders

4. HTS conducts Puja and Havan:

- * New Year Havan
- * Annual Havan
- * Daily Puja
- * Third Sunday Puja
- * Special Puja

5. HTS facilitates:

- * Mahaprasad on Third Sunday Puja
- * Pujari services to community
- * SAT Prep Course For Middle and High Schoolers
- * Career Guidance and College reediness
- * Art & Music and Vocal Lessons

6. HTS donations are used:

- * Utilities
- * Maintenance
- * Lawn and Gardening
- * Utensils
- * Cleaning services
- * Staff Expenses
- * Food, Plates, spoons, etc.

Contribute and Become Member or Perpetual Donor to add values to our community.

Parking

We had a Fire Alarm on Jan third Sunday Puja. It was a False alarm due to the aarti triggering the smoke detector. The Security agency called in the Fire dept. The Fire Marshal with 3 Fire Trucks was there at the temple and gave us a verbal citation for parking in No Parking Fire lanes. Since they could not turn the fire trucks. He said if this is repeated he will be forced to "Shut the building down" for violation of Fire Code.

Safety is one of our top priority. **Please Park at designated parking spots.**

- **DO NOT PARK** along the curbside near the dumpster.
- **DO NOT PARK** in handicapped parking spot without a valid Permit displayed on the Rear view Mirror.
- **Do NOT PARK** near the Priest's Residence or Driveway.
- **DO NOT PARK** in front of the Cultural Center Building.

Those renting the Cultural Center are responsible for letting their guest know about the Parking Rules. Please utilize the parking spots behind the Temple and use the Reddy Garden's as an overflow option. The Executive committee will be discussing this in the next meeting and will come out with a policy.

Let us all follow the Parking Rules and make Our Temple a safe place to visit.

Condolences:

Shri. Praful R. Patel passed away on January 31, 2016 leaving behind wife Kokila Patel, son Hetal & daughter Bela. He is also survived by brother Rajanikant and sister-in-law Vasumati Patel.

Shri. Vishwanath Shetty, father of Nandi Shetty and Samata's father-in-law passed away in Mumbai last week.

Mrs. Daulati Bai, mother of Suraj Arora, Jaya Batra and Dharam Batra passed away earlier this month.

Dr. Niranjambhai Vyas from Aiken, a longstanding member of Hindu temple society passed away on Monday Feb 22nd.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to their families.

March 7 (Monday) 6.30 PM: Mahashivratri

Mahashivaratri will be celebrated on Monday, March 7 with milk Abhishekam to the Lingam starting at 6:30 pm by the devotees. Please refrain from bringing milk for offering. The temple will provide the milk. You may bring fruits and flowers as an offering. Abhishekam will continue till 7:40 PM during which bhajans and shlokas will be sung. This will be followed by Satyajji doing the special Abhishekam and Pooja. Once Satyajji starts the Pooja, milk offering by devotees will not be allowed.

March 13 (Sunday) 10 AM: Ramakrishna Jayanti

Ramakrishna Paramahansa Jayanti: Birthday celebration of India's most renowned saint and proponent of Vedanta on Sunday, March 13 at 10 AM. Pooja will be followed by a few bhajans, a short lecture and mahaprasad. All are welcome. Please contact Indrani Ganguli 706-860-5586 or Sheila Kamath 706-951-8245 for more information.

March 20 (3rd Sunday) 8.30 AM: 3rd Sunday Hanumaan Pooja

Hanuman Homam - 8.30-10.00

Hanuman Abhishekam- 10.00-11.30

Bajan/Astottara pooja/Talk if there is one till 12.00

Arti: 12-12.30

Maha prasad at 12.30



March 25 (FRI), 6 PM: Holika Dahan (Bonfire)

Holika Dahan (Lighting of Bonfire) will take place on the eve of Holi on March 6, Friday evening in the front yard of the temple. Please come and celebrate. For further information, contact Praful Patel @ 706-863-1897 or Vinod Chudgar @ 706-855-8613.

March 27 (SUN), 10 AM: Rangpanchami

Hindu Temple along with Youth Group will celebrate festival of colors at Reddy Gardens. All are invited to smear color in keeping with tradition, please participate with your family.

April 8 (FRI), 7 PM: UGADI – GUDHI PADWA

Ugadi/Yugadi is the New Year's day for people of Deccan Region of India. The name Ugadi/Yugadi is derived from Sanskrit words - 'Yuga'(age) and adi(beginning) – "the beginning of a new age". Saka calendar begins with the month of Chaitra, and

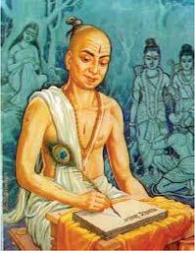
Ugadi marks the first day of the New Year. There will be Ganesh Puja followed by Prasad. Please contact Bharathi Gowda for details.

April 15 (FRI), 7 PM: RAMANAVAMI

Sri Ramanavami, birthday of Lord Rama falls on the ninth day of the month of Chaitra. This is also known as Chaitra Masa Shuklapaksha, and coincides with Vasant Navaratri or Chait Durga Puja. RAMA ABHISHEKAM will be held at 7 pm. For further details, please contact Mrs. Vidya Sridharan – (706) 860 7160.



April 16 and 17 (SAT/SUN): AKHANDA RAMAYAN PĀTH



HTS is pleased to announce the Annual Akhanda Ramayan Pāā, a continuous two-day recitation of Tulasidas Ramayan. The recitation will start at 9 am on the 16th of April and will conclude at 12.30 pm on the 17th of April. This will be followed by Aarti and Mahaprasad. *Volunteers are required for the recital.* Please contact Ms. Sudha Sinha at (706) 863 8878 for more information.

April 17 (SUN), 6 PM: VISHU PUJA

Vishu is a Hindu festival celebrated in the Indian state of Kerala and in the Tulunadu region (Mangalore & Udupi districts), usually in the second week of April. It is considered a festival of light and fireworks, and decorating lights and bursting of fire crackers (Vishupadakkam) is part of the celebration. The most important event in Vishu is the Vishukkani, which literally means "the first thing seen on the day of Vishu after waking up". The Vishukkani consists of a ritual arrangement of auspicious articles intended to signify prosperity, including rice, fruits and vegetables, betel leaves, areca nut, metal mirror, yellow flowers called konna (Yellow Flower), holy texts and coins, usually in the prayer room of the house. This year HTS will be celebrating the 4th Vishu Puja on 17th April Sunday at 6.00pm. Please attend the puja with family and friends and seek the blessings of lord Krishna.



For further information please Contact: Shaji Kamalasanan 803-295-3314

April 23 (SAT), 10 AM: HANUMAN JAYANTI

Abhishekam and Pooja to Lord Hanuman followed by Aarti and Prasad.

SOUP KITCHEN

April 3rd

This is an HTS volunteer activity. Those interested can contact Manuj Ahuja (334-332-5720).

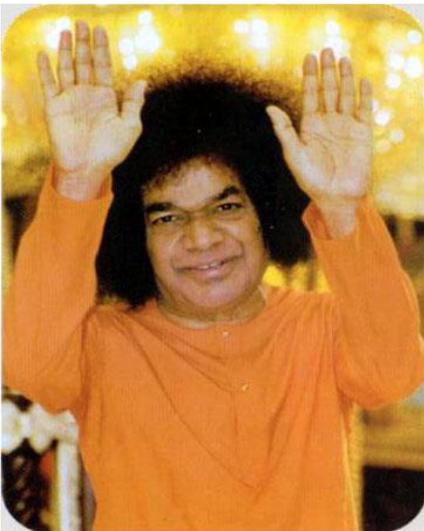
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Monthly Bhajans Evening

We are starting monthly Bhajan evening which will be held at 5 p.m. on 2nd Saturday of every month beginning March 2016.

Bhajan is a sadhana (spiritual discipline) for all who share in it. Sing familiar Bhajans, so that all can share the Ananda (bliss)" Remembering the name of the Lord and adoring Him with the name are enough to win His Grace, Says Swami Shri Sathya Sai Baba. Further many Bhajans are to be considered potent mantras.

"Bhajans has to be a thrilling experience, which must leave the participants full of pure energy and elevated enthusiasm. With each Bhajan song the mind must be rendered purer, freer from passion and stronger in faith".



PARAMPARA

Classical Music Concert

Friday April 29, 6 p.m.

Please join an evening of Classical music with us. Vidushi Mita will present "Parampara" to rhythms of Sitar along with Pt. Joydeep Ghosh on Sarod and Pt. Subhen Chatterjee on Tabla.

VIDUSHI MITA: - Regarded as one of the best lady sitar players of India....daughter of legendary sitar maestro Pt. Manilal Nag.

Pt. JOYDEEP GHOSH: - One of the most respected sarod players of Indiasenior most disciple of sarod legends Late Radhika Mohan Moitra & Pt. Budhdhadev Dasgupta & sitar maestro Pt. Bimalendu Mukherjee.

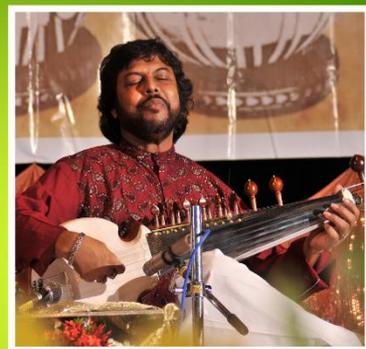
Pt. SUBHEN CHATTERJEE: - Internationally acclaimed ...Grammy Nominated tabla maestro...Now into Guinness Book of World records by participating & conducting a LIVE ACT of a single composition in JORHAT (Assam) having played by 356 musicians, non-stop for 52 minutes.



Vidushi Mita Nag



Pt. Subhen Chatterjee



Pt. Joydeep Ghosh

Parampara

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6.45p Hanuman Chalisa	2 6.45p Krishna Archana	3 Priest Day Off	4 6:15p Krishna Chanting 7p Devi Puja	5 9a Kartikeya Puja 11 a Priest busy
6	7 11a Priest busy 6.30p Mahashiv- -ratri	8 6.45p Hanuman Chalisa	9 6.45p Krishna Archana	10 Priest Day Off	11 6:15p Krishna Chanting	12 9a Venkateshwara Puja 11 a Priest busy 5p Sai Bhajan
13 10a Ramakrishana Jayanti 2p Jain Puja	14 7p Shiv Puja	15 6.45p Hanuman Chalisa	16 6.45p Krishna Archana	17 Priest Day Off	18 6:15p Krishna Chanting	19
20 10a 3 rd Sun Puja 11a Priest busy	21 7p Shiv Puja	22 6.45p Hanuman Chalisa 7p Satya-narayana Puja	23 6.45p Krishna Archana	24 Priest Day Off	25 11a Priest busy 6:15p Krishna Chanting 6p Holi	26 11a Priest busy 7p Sankashti Chaturthi
27 10a Rang-panchami 11a Priest busy 2p Jain Puja Priest Day Off	28 7p Shiv Puja	29 6.45p Hanuman Chalisa	30 6.45p Krishna Archana	31 Priest Day Off		

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SCHEDULE

Mondays	7 pm	Shiv Puja
Tuesdays	6.45 pm	Hanuman Chalisa
Wednesdays	6.45 pm	Krishna Archana
Fridays	6:15 pm	Krishna Chanting
Second 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 Thursday.

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