



The Hindu Temple of Greater Springfield (HTGS)
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Weekly Bulletin

Namaste!

Administrative News

HTGS's 10th Anniversary Celebrations will be held at the Howlett Building Auditorium, 501 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, IL on Saturday, Dec 1st 2018. The main events include a cultural program and free dinner. Anyone who wishes to sponsor the dinner, please contact Asha Chopra ashak Chopra@yahoo.com or Kasturi Kripakaran kashk14@gmail.com. Please watch this section for more updates in upcoming weeks.

Temple is looking to hire an office manager. Please see attached notice.

Class Schedule

Storytime: Lord Hanuman - The Real Superman

When: Saturday's at 2:00PM (Sep 29th - Oct 20th 2018)

What: Stories about Lord Hanuman, in English.

For Whom: Above age of 8+

About: Hanuman is known to be the embodiment of infinite power and strength. However, Hanuman has far more qualities and virtues, which play a major role in shaping his character. Lord Hanuman is known by many names. Valmiki's Ramayana has detailed accounts of the stories that lead to the development of Hanuman, who is worshiped as the Lord with immense strength in the Hindu mythology. This 4 part (4 week) series will be story-style narration and will begin with birth of Hanuman and go into Valmiki's Ramayana and Hanuman's involvement along with values that can be learnt. Please contact AndyAiyer@gmail.com for more information. Please sign up [here](#)

Classes started a couple weeks ago with introduction of Hanuman and his birth, further stories will be in Srimad Ramayana

Tamil Classes: Class on October 11th @3pm at HTGS (Hindu Temple of Greater Springfield)

NEW Dance Classes: Kuchipudi dance classes will begin on Vijaya Dasami day, Thursday, Oct 18th 2018, 6:30 pm at HTGS for children ages 8 and above.

Please contact tvsoumy@gmail.com for more information. Also, see attached flyer.

Annadatha 13th October 2018 (Saturday)

Volunteers: Devi Nair, Lakshmi Naresh, Nachal Viswanathan, Sangeetha Srinivasan, Durga Balaguru, Divya Paranjji Srirama, Gethu Manoharan.

Menu: Adai Dosa, Aviyal, Puliyo dharai, Curd Rice, Sakkarai Pongal, Fruit Salad

Annadatha signup: 2018 Annadatha sign-up sheet is available on the website now. Please sign up and support this program. **Divya Paranjji Srirama is the Program coordinator for Annadatha program. If you have any questions regarding this program or would like to Sign-up, please contact Divya at divya.paranjji@gmail.com , PH: 217 503 3816**

PUJA Committee News

Navaratri

Devi Navaratri has started on October 9th and daily pujas are going on with full fervor.

Navaratri is a nine day festival commencing on the first day of Sukla paksha of Ashwayuja/Ashwin month. It is dedicated to the worship of Mother Goddess Shakthi/Devi in her various forms. The festival culminates with Dussehra/Vijaya Dashami on the tenth day. It celebrates the victory of Good over Evil, victory of Maa Durga over the demon Mahishasura. In some places in India, it is also remembered for Lord Rama's victory over Ravana.

Navaratri has great spiritual meaning, where it is the time to overcome our negative tendencies and vasanas, cultivate a pure mind so that knowledge of the Self dawns. Goddess Durga is worshipped the first three nights to destroy the impurities of our mind, the next three nights are dedicated to Goddess Lakshmi to cultivate the noble values and finally the last three nights are dedicated to the worship of Goddess Saraswati for gaining the highest knowledge. Vijaya Dashami symbolizes victory when the truth dawns within.

On the material level, Navaratri is also equally significant. Goddess Durga helps us to surmount any obstacles, Goddess Lakshmi bestows us with peace and prosperity and Goddess Saraswati blesses us with the right knowledge. Devi Navaratri this year runs from October 9th – October

18th. We have planned several pujas and Chandi Homam, so please attend and be bestowed with the blessings of Devi Maa. (See attached flyer)

Please note that during Navaratri/Dussehra the regularly scheduled Abhishekam/Bhajans on Monday and Thursday evening will be at 5:00 pm instead of 6:30 pm.

Devotees who wish to perform any rituals at home may contact Mridula Mara at calendar.htgs@gmail.com or 732-325-5335. Follow / Like / Share us on Facebook at [HTGS](#)

PUJA Announcements

Date	Upcoming Puja Events for October 2018
Sat, Oct. 13	Chandi Homa @ 10:00 am
Sun, Oct. 14	Saraswati Puja @ 11:00 am
Tue, Oct.16	Durgashtami @ 6:30 pm
Thu, Oct. 18	Guru bhajans @ 5:00 pm (Shirdi Sai 100 th Punya Tithi) Dussehra/Vijaya Dashami @ 6:30 pm
Fri, Oct. 19	Shirdi Sai Punya 100 th Punya Tithi Celebrations Sai Homam @ 6:00 pm/Sponsorship - \$26.00
Tue, Oct. 23	Satyanarayana Vrat/Katha @ 6:30 pm
Sat, Oct. 27	Sankata Hara Chaturthi @ 10:30 am

Temple Hours: Monday – Friday except Wednesdays: 9 AM to 10 AM and 5:30 pm to 8 pm
Wed: 6 PM to 8 PM; Sat. 9am to 2pm and Sunday: 9 am to Noon

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Please be aware that on non-festival days, although the temple is open on Wednesdays, the priest is off that day.

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