



The Hindu Temple of Greater Springfield (HTGS)

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Weekly Bulletin

Namaste!

Administrative News

The Annual General Body meeting will be held on December 9th 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at our temple.

Hindi Classes this Saturday 11/04/17 at 12:30 pm. Those wishing to join please contact Shobhabhojwani@gmail.com

NEW - **Tamizh Classes** for children ages 4 and above will be held at the temple every Saturday from 4 – 5:00 pm. For additional information, please contact Kannan Krishnan at kannkris@gmail.com or soun2506@gmail.com

Shri Keshava Shastry and his wife Smt Madhura are expecting their first child mid-January. We are planning a **SURPRISE BABY SHOWER** for Smt. Madhura on Saturday Nov 18th, 2017 at **11:00 am**. Please join us on this joyous occasion to participate in a simple ceremony at the temple followed by a sumptuous lunch served free. This event is not restricted to ladies, all are welcome. No Boxed gifts, cash/checks/gift cards are welcome. For proper planning, we would appreciate a response by 11/11/2018. Please RSVP to Sputhan@yahoo.com uarshanapally@gmail.com or ramaaraghu@gmail.com if you are able to attend the event.

Annadatha

Menu: Pav Bhaji, Flavored Rice, Dessert

Volunteers: Apeksha Annaboina, Nanditha

Annadatha program provides a unique opportunity for any individual family or group of friends, who can sponsor this program on any of the 52 Saturday(s) available in year 2017. Annapurna Brahmamdham is our Program coordinator for the Annadatha program and if you have any questions or would like to sign-up, please contact her at 217-206-5996 or annapurna_brahmamdham@yahoo.com. Some weekend slots are still available until the end of this year.

PUJA Committee News

Sri Swamy Ayyappa Padi (step) Puja and bhajans will be held on Friday Nov 10th at 6:30pm. We encourage you to come to the temple for Swamy Ayyappa Padi Puja, intertwined with invigorating bhajans culminating in a serene aarthi. A unique experience indeed!

Each Monday, Shiva Abhishekam is performed regularly. During Karthik masa, it is considered auspicious to perform the Ekadasa Rudra Abhishekam. On Monday, Nov 13th, we will be performing the Ekadasa Rudra parayanam starting at 5:30 pm. Since this is the final Monday during Karthik masa, please avail this unique opportunity to participate in this SPECIAL RUDRABHISHEKAM.

Sri Rudram is a magnificent hymn in praise of Lord Shiva. It could be found in the Taittiriya Samitha of Krishna Yajur Veda in the 4th Chapter 5th Topic. It is also considered one of the 108 Upanishads. The text is also very popular for the mention of the SHIVA PANCHAKSHARA. Five Syllable Mantra NAMAH SIVAYA.

Sri Rudram consists of two parts, namely, 'Namakam' and 'Chamakam'. Ekadasa anuwakam (eleven sections) of Namakam (repeated use of the word 'namo'). Ekadasa anuwakam of 'Chamakam' repeated use of the word 'chame', coupled with verb kalpatam (be granted unto me) which lists our prayer or wishes.

It is stated in the puranas, by chanting Sri Rudram, one's worldly pleasure are fulfilled, led to the path of liberation and becomes pure. Lord Shiva are invoked and worshipped through chanting of Sri Rudram. A Devout chanter of Sri Rudram, listener and seeker are blessed with 'Good Health, peace of mind and pure joy and Wealth'.

Ekadasa Rudram is the recitations of Sri Rudram eleven times followed by one recitation of Chamakam and is considered equivalent to performance of one unit of Rudra Homam. During the recitation of Sri Rudram on the eleventh time, an abhishekam is performed to Lord Shiva followed by Alankaram. Ashtottaram Sata Nama Archana, Upacharam and concluding the ritual with Mangala Aarthi.

Devotees who wish to perform any rituals at home may contact Mr. Andy Aiyer (andyaiyer@gmail.com). Follow / Like / Share us on Facebook at HTGS

PUJA Announcements

Date	Upcoming Puja Events for Nov, 2017
Fri 11-10-17	Sri Swamy Ayyappa Padi (step) Puja @ 6:30 pm
Mon 11-13-17	Shri Mahalakshmi Moola Virat Abhishekam @ 9:30 am; KARTHIK MASAM RUDRA ABHISHEKAM – EKADASA RUDRAM – (11 times Rudra Parayanam) @5:30 pm
Thur 11-16-17	Masa Shivaratri @5:30 pm
Wed 11-29-17	Gita Jayanti – Gita Chanting @ 7pm

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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