



The Hindu Temple of Greater Springfield (HTGS)
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Weekly Bulletin

Namaste!

Administrative News

Spring is almost here! Days are getting longer and the air is warmer. Excitement is in the air as the leadership group at HTGS finalizes plans for a once-in-a-lifetime event for many of us in preparation for the Bhoomi Puja. This event offers a unique opportunity for all patrons to engage in charity and philanthropy, while helping devotees engage their minds in divine contemplation and religious worship. Many rituals and events are planned for this day. Please continue to watch out for bulletins, flyers, newsfeeds related to the HTGS Bhoomi Puja on April 21st, 2018. Hope you Participate, Contemplate and Donate!

Hindi Classes will be held this Saturday March 17th at the temple from 12:30 - 1:30pm. Those wishing to join please contact Shobhabhojwani@gmail.com.

Tamil Classes will be held this Saturday March 17th at the temple from 4 – 5:00 pm. For additional information, please contact Kannan Krishnan at kannkris@gmail.com

Reminders:

- **Year 2018 Membership:** We request the temple community to **renew** their annual membership. Being a member, you will have voting rights in the general body meetings and will be allowed to serve on any committee. Furthermore, your donation for the membership will help us to pay general operational expenses. We also encourage all devotees to consider life membership and sustaining membership categories. These levels of membership bring added benefits and sustain the general operations of the temple. Please see our membership form at <http://www.springfieldtemple.org/MembershipForm.pdf> for further details
- **Seeking Volunteers:** Help your temple grow by doing divine service at least 2 to 3 hours per month. If you are interested to help us, please email manager@SpringfieldTemple.org
- **Annadatha signup:** 2018 Annadatha sign-up sheet is available on the website now. Please sign up and support this program. **Divya Paranji 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.paranji@gmail.com , PH: 217 503 3816

Annadatha

Menu: Ugadi special Thali

Cauvery Kannada Koota & Friends at HTGS

Goli Baje (Mangalore Bajji) ,Chutney , Mavinakai Chitranna (Raw Mango Rice) , Til Saaru (Rasam) , Kosina Palya (Cabbage Sabji) , Kosambari (Salad) , Happala (Papad), Upinakai (Pickle) , Mosaru (Yogurt) , Obbattu (Pooran Poli) & Payasam.

Volunteers: Aneeta Shailesh , Deepa Aparanji , Divya Paranji Srirama, Jyoti Ugrappa , Pavithra Venugopal , Nivedita nagrecha , Radha Uppuluri , Rama Poola ,Ramya Patel , Tulsi Srinivasan , Vidya Sundareshan & Poornima Jayaramiah

PUJA Committee News

The next festival coming up is Ugadi/Gudi Padwa on Sunday March 18th. Ganesh Puja will be performed at 10:30 am to begin the Telugu/Kannada/Maharastrian New Year on an auspicious note. On Sunday, March 25th, "SitaRama Kalyanam/Vivah" will be performed to celebrate Sri Rama Navami. It is a tradition in many temples in India to perform the Kalyanam on this day.

Ugadi/Gudi Padwa is the New Year's Day for the Hindus of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana states in India. It is festively observed in these regions on the first day of the Hindu lunar calendar month of Chaitra.

The day is considered extremely auspicious to begin new ventures as it is believed that on this very day Lord Brahma had created the universe. As the universe was created this day it marked the beginning of the Satyayug. The day also marks the beginning of Chaitra Navratri, that lead up to Ram Navami, Lord Rama's birthday to be celebrated on the ninth day.

The festival literally begins on a bittersweet note — with the eating of a specific mixture called Bevu-Bella in Karnataka - consisting Neem and Jaggery. In Andhra and Telangana - a mixture of six items (Tamarind, Sour green Mango, Salt, Pepper/Chili powder, Jaggery, Neem flowers), called Ugadi Pacchadi is eaten. Both mixtures symbolize life is a mixture of both good and bad, Happiness and Sorrow. It teaches us that we must accept both happiness and sorrow with equal openness.

Bhoomi Puja Mahotsav

Temple is planning the historical event of Bhoomi Puja/Groundbreaking ceremony for the new temple on Saturday, April 21st. Temple is accepting donations for the Bhoomi puja expenses. Please embrace this unique opportunity and donate generously.

More information to follow soon.

SAVE THE DATES

- Sun March 18th UGADI/Gudi Padwa
- Sun March 25th Sri Rama Navami
- Sat March 31st Mata Rani Jagran (see attached flyer)
- Sat April 21st Bhoomi Puja – New Temple groundbreaking

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

PUJA Announcements

| Date | Upcoming Puja Events for March 2018 |
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| Thu, Mar 15 | Masa Shivaratri @5:15 pm |
| Sun, Mar 18 | Chaitra Navarathri begins/Ugadi/Gudi Padwa 10:30 am |
| Sun, Mar 25 | Sri Rama Navami - SitaRama Kalyanam 10:00 am |
| Sat, Mar 31 | Mata Rani Jagran – 8 PM – 6:00 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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