

Govardhan Puja Celebrations: November 2, 2024

Govardhano me dishatu prabhutvam,
Sadaa rasam mandasakhaa hareenaam |
Mitresh gokulapatirniketam,
Govardhano me dishatu prabhutvam ||

"May Govardhan bestow upon me its supreme shelter and dominion. It is the eternal abode, the home of Krishna and his beloved friends. May Govardhan Hill offer me its protective blessing and sweetness forever." This shloka celebrates the Govardhan Hill, seeing it as a protector and eternal shelter for devotees, symbolizing divine refuge under Bhagwan Krishna's grace.

Story of Govardhan: In the Govardhan lila, Bhagwan Krishna sees the people of Vrindavan preparing offerings for Indra Dev, the god of rain.

Krishna advises them to instead worship Govardhan Hill, which provides them with food, water, and shelter. Angered, Indra sends a fierce storm to Vrindavan. To protect the villagers, Krishna lifts Govardhan Hill on his little finger, creating a giant umbrella. For seven days, the people and animals take shelter under the hill, safe from the rain. Humbled by Krishna's divine power, Indra withdraws, and Govardhan becomes a symbol of Krishna's love and protection.

Three lessons from Govardhan Lila:

Surrender to Krishna: Life's toughest challenges test our faith and are opportunities to fully surrender to Krishna's will.

Take Shelter of Krishna: Difficult times remind us to seek refuge in Krishna and deepen our devotion.

Beware of Pride: Krishna does not tolerate pride in His devotees and uses His material nature to humble them when necessary.

Celebrations in Pittsburgh: Over 50 devotees gathered to seek shelter of Govardhan and relish the nectarean prasadam.



Gita Jayanti Celebrations : December 14, 2024

Significance of Bhagavad Gita: Known as the "King of Knowledge," the Bhagavad Gita offers practical wisdom for true happiness and spiritual growth. It is the essence of the entire Vedic library (Ekam shastra, Devaki putra gitam). By applying its teachings, we can overcome material sufferings and find solutions to life's challenges.

Event Highlights: Over 70 attendees came together to celebrate Gita Jayanti. Children impressed everyone with shloka recitations and speech competitions. Enthusiastic presentations and a lively kirtan energized the gathering. The event reminded everyone of the Gita's timeless relevance and its power to transform lives.



Diwali Deep Dans (Oct 18-Nov 15)



Visiting devotee: Nuggets of Wisdom from Rohinipriya Prabhu (Oct 28, 29)



Regular Events - Weekly Programs

Sanskul Kids School & Satsang

Every Saturday

Vedantic education for kids and Bhagavatam discussions for adults.

Contact: Sanskriti Walia, 412-888-9577

Thursday Kirtan

Every Thursday Evening

Join us for kirtan and a vegan/vegetarian feast at ISKCON Pittsburgh's.

Contact: Mukundlila Das, (443) 616-5495

Friday Bhakti Vriksha

Every Friday

Enjoy kirtans, Bhagavad Gita lessons, japa meditation, and dinner prasadam. Kids' segment included.

Contact: Vanamali Gopal Das, 412-725-3442

Sunday Programs

Every Sunday

Kirtan, lecture by a senior devotee, and lunch prasadam for college students and families.

Contact: Vrajras Das, 302-743-7888

Monday Gita Study

Every Monday

Deep dive into the Bhagavad Gita with HG Shyamsundar Prabhuji.

Contact: Sanskriti Walia, 412-888-9577



Spice Delight Delivering through Uber Eats as well!



CATERING MENU

YOUR CHOICE, YOU WANT TO ORDER FOR INDIVIDUAL TRAY OR PICK A PACKAGE:

INDIVIDUAL TRAYS

SMALL TRAY (10 PEOPLE) = \$50.00
MEDIUM TRAY (15 PEOPLE) = \$75.00
LARGE TRAY (25 PEOPLE) = \$100.00

CATERING FOR 50 PEOPLE

LARGE TRAY OF SABJI/CURRY X2 = 200
ONE PAKODA LARGE TRAY = 100
ROTI/PURI'S 60 PIECES = 60.00
ONE SMALL TRAY OF SWEET = 60
TOTAL = \$420- \$400.00

CATERING FOR 100 PEOPLE

LARGE TRAY OF SABJI/CURRY X4 = 400
ONE PAKODA LARGE TRAY X2 = 200
ROTI/PURI'S 120 PIECES = 120.00
LARGE TRAY OF SWEET = 110.00
TOTAL = \$830- \$800.00

\$1 FOR EACH PIECE OF SWEET || \$1 FOR EACH ROTI/PURI || \$2.50 FOR EACH SAMOSA



APPETIZERS

1. SAMOSA
2. ALOO TIKKI
3. VEGETABLE PAKODA
4. GOBI PAKODA
5. MIRCHI PAKODA
6. PANEER PAKODA

BREAD

1. PARATHA
2. ALOO PARATHA
3. GOBI PARATHA
4. CHAPATI/ROTI
5. RUMALI ROTI/PULKA



RICE ITEMS

1. VEGETABLE DUM BIRYANI
2. SOYA NUGGET DUM BIRYANI
3. JACKFRUIT DUM BIRYANI
4. JEERA RICE
5. CILANTRO RICE
6. PEAS PULAV
7. VEG PULAV
8. MINT RICE
9. TOMATO RICE
10. CASHEW RICE



SWEETS

1. GULAB JAMUN
2. RAS MALAI
3. RAS GULLA
4. PINE APPLE HALWA
5. BLUE BERRY HALWA
6. CARAMEL HALWA
8. MONG DAL HALWA
9. ATTA HALWA
10. GAJJAR HALWA
11. BEETROOT HALWA
12. MOHAL DAL BURFI
13. BESAN LADU
14. MYSORE PAK
15. BHADUSHA



EKADASI

RICE

1. SABHUDANA KICHIDI
2. QUINOA KICHIDI
3. QUINOA PULAV
4. QUINOA SADA RICE
5. SAMO RICE
6. SAMO KICHIDI
7. SAMO PULAV

CURRIES

1. POTATO CURRY
2. PANEER BUTTER MASALA
3. ALOO MAKHANA
4. PANEER MAKANA
5. MIXED VEG CURRY
6. MIXED VEG SABJI
7. ALOO GOBI SABJI
8. ALOO CABBAGE SABJI
10. SABHUDANA VADA
11. ALOO TIKKI

SWEET

1. SABHUDANA KHEER
2. SAMO KHEER
3. SAMO HALWA
4. GAZAR HALWA
5. BEETROOT HALWA
6. RABDI



CURRIES

1. PANEER BUTTER MASALA
3. PALAK PANEER
2. ALOO GOBI CURRY
4. DAL MAKHANI
5. MIX VEGETABLE CURRY
6. MIX VEGETABLE KORMA
7. CHOLE CURRY
8. DAL FRY
9. RAJMA CURRY
10. CHANNA DAL
11. ALOO CURRY WITH POORI
12. BHANIGAN BURTA
13. MALIA KOFTA
14. BHENDI CURRY
15. KADAI PANEER
16. DUM ALOO CURRY
17. KICHIDI
18. NAVRATAN CURRY
19. BINDI CURRY
20. BLACK EYE PEAS CURRY
21. KALA CHANNA CURRY

NO AJINOMOTO. NO
CANNED FOOD.
NO FROZEN
VEGETABLES.
NO CORN OIL OR
FRYING OIL.
NO FOOD COLORS.
NOTE: WE USE
GROUND NUT OIL FOR
ALL COOKING AND
FOOD IS ALWAYS
FRESH
AND NUTRITIOUS.



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Monthly Donation Program: Nitya-Seva Sangh

Dear Devotees,

ISKCON Pittsburgh has evolved into a wholesome community over the years and we all have accomplished a whole lot in the service of the Lord and for the community together.

None of this would have been possible without the gracious support of all the devotees.

Traditionally we used to have a monthly donation program where devotees contributed an amount as their monthly offering to support our various programs and the upcoming temple. A few years back when we changed our banking this program was paused.

We are inviting everyone to become a part of it starting 2025.

Today, ISKCON Pittsburgh has many vibrant initiatives including weekly programs (Saturday Satsang, Thursday night kirtan, Sunday feast), festivals, visiting sadhus, Govinda's restaurant, upcoming Temple project and more.

This is a golden opportunity to participate and contribute to spread the mercy of the Lord.

There is no pressure- but we do encourage you to contribute what little bit that feels right to you. Your support is not just a donation; it's an investment in the legacy we are creating together.

Please contact Sanskriti at 412-888-9577 or Shyamsundar Das for more information.



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Monthly Recurring Donation Covers:

- Weekly and Festival Rental
- Mortgage & Property Maintenance (Downtown and North center)
- Travel Expense (Visiting devotees)
- Festival Expenses
- Prasadam Expenses

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