

December 5 2018

Weekly Bulletin

Namaste!

Administrative News

HTGS Vision 2020 Kickoff and Community Appreciation Dinner was well attended and the response from the community was wonderful. We appreciate the efforts of the volunteers and all the participants whose contribution made it a memorable event.

To recall and reiterate what was said at the event last week I call upon all devotees to be active investors in our temple. We need your investment in time, labor, advice and money to make our temple successful, sustainable and create a legacy for generations to come. All of us should aspire to a time when our children and grand-children can point to a place that is integral to their identity.

Just as we subscribe to a gym and many other amenities on a monthly basis please consider donating monthly (suggested \$100) that can help build a lasting legacy. This is absolutely critical to build our new temple and help sustain for generations to come.

The HTGS General body meeting will be held on December 9th at the temple from 2:00 – 3:30 PM

Sundarkand Class @ HTGS

When: Saturday's at 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM (From Nov 10th to Dec 8) 5 Saturdays

What: Sundarkand - mainly in English & Other languages

For Whom: Above age of 13+ and Adults only

Progress: 4 out 5 classes over. Hanuman is about to meet Mother Sita.

Benefits: Let us see how Sundarkand teaches us how to encounter struggles, face disappointments, treat depressions, be effective communicators, thinkers and strategists, attain permanent Wealth, get rid of dullness of brain, and much more.

Please register [here](#)

Tamil Classes: Tamil Class on 8th December 2018 at 4PM at HTGS temple, Chatham

Annadatha 1st December 2018 (Saturday)

**Volunteers : Kalpana Madan , Devi and Sree Nair, Latha Giri , Divya Paranj
Srirama**

Menu: Lemon Sevai , Nan, Sabji , Flavored Rice and Dessert.

Annadatha team is looking for volunteers to cook for mahaprasadams and sponsorship for sweets. If you are interested , Please contact divya.paranji@gmail.com or 2175033816

Annadatha signup: 2018 Annadatha sign-up sheet is available on the website now. Please sign up and support this program. **Divya Paranj 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**

The Annadatha sign up sheet for **2019** is open now. **Please sign-up [here](#).**

PUJA Committee News

Kartika Masa is very auspicious to worship Lord Vishnu and Lord Shiva. We were able to perform special pujas throughout the month highlighting the significance of this holy month. Our Priest Shri Keshava Shastry has diligently and devotedly performed several major pujas like Samuhika Satya Narayana Vrat, Kartika Purnima Deepa Puja, Shree Rudra Homam and Ekadasa Rudrabhishekam along with the other Karthika Somaavara abhishekams .

Swami Ayyappa Padi Puja

On Saturday, December 8th, Swami Ayyappa Padi puja will be performed starting at 10:45 am. The lighting of lamps on all the eighteen steps is a beautiful moment that one should not miss.

Pathinettampadi are the 18 divine steps to the 'Thirumuttam' of famed Sabarimala temple in Kerala, India. The padi pooja is a ritualistic pooja performed to the eighteen hill deities who guard Swami Ayyappa. The steps are decorated with beautiful flowers and each of them will have lamps. The rituals are concluded by the Aarathi.

The first five steps represents 'Panchendriyas'(the five senses), the next eight steps represents "Ashtaragas' which includes Kama (desire), Krodha (anger), Lobha (inordinate desire), Moha (attachment), Madha (pride), Matsarya (unhealthy competition), Asuya (jealousy) and Dhumba (braggy). The next three steps represent 'Trigunas' or the three qualities of Sattva, Rajas and Tamas. The final two steps indicate Vidya (knowledge) and Avidya (ignorance of knowledge).^[3] These steps also symbolize the eighteen hills that surround the Sabarimala. One who crosses all these steps become purified and attains eligibility to get the darshan of lord Ayyappa.

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 December 2018
Wed, Dec. 5	Masa Shivaratri @ 6:30 pm
Sat, Dec. 8	Swami Ayyappa Padi Puja @ 10:45 am
Thu, Dec. 13	Subramanya Shasti @ 9:30 am
Tue, Dec. 18	Vaikunta Ekadasi - Dwara Puja @ 9:00 am Gita Jayanthi @ 6:30 pm
Fri, Dec. 21	Dattatreya Jayanthi @ 6:30 pm
Sat, Dec. 22	SatyaNarayana Vrat/Katha @ 10:30 am
Tue, Dec. 25	Sankasta Hara Chathurthi @ 6:30 pm

pm

Temple Hours: Monday – Friday except Wednesdays: 9 AM to 10 AM and 5:30 pm to 8

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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