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December 13 2018 Namaste! **Weekly Bulletin**

Administrative News

Just another friendly reminder to devotees on what was said at the HTGS Vision 2020 Kickoff event about being 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.

Sundarkand Class @ HTGS

Sundarakand classes were successfully completed in 5 weeks. HTGS would like to extend thanks to **Andy Aiyer** for taking the attendees on a beautiful journey with his narration.

There may be another session in future around SriRamanavami based on the response.

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.

Tamil Classes: Tamil Class on 15th December 2018 at 3PM at HTGS temple, Chatham

Annadatha 15th December 2018 (Saturday)

Volunteers: Neha Mhaskar, Sonali Bhole, Ashwini Bhidve, Alka Mathur, Manju Jain and

Nilima Lad

Menu: Vada Paav, Masala Bhaat, Raita, Kheer and Papad.

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 Paranji Srirama is the Program coordinator for

Annadatha program. If you have any questions regarding this program or would like to <u>Signup</u>, please contact Divya at <u>divya.paranji@gmail.com</u>, PH: 217 503 3816

The Annadatha sign up sheet for 2019 is open now. Please sign-up here.

PUJA Committee News

Vaikunta Ekadasi - Dwara Puja

Vaikunta Ekadasi is one of the most auspicious days for Hindus. It is believed that on Sukla Paksha Ekadashi of Margashirsha month, the Vaikunta Dwaram(Door to Vaikunta) is opened for the devotees to reach Vaikunta(the abode of Lord Vishnu). Vaikuntha Ekadashi is also known as Mukkoti Ekadashi or Swarga Vathil Ekadashi. Devotees enter through the North door to get the darshan of Lord Vishnu.

Vaikuntha Ekadashi is a very important day for Tirumala Venkateswara Temple at Tirupati, Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple at Srirangam and all temples dedicated to Lord Vishnu.

Gita Jayanthi

Gita Jayanthi commemorates the day when Lord Krishna rendered his philosophical teachings in the form of Gita, to Arjuna in the Kurukshetra battlefield. It is celebrated on the Ekadasi day of Sukla paksha in the Margashirsha month. Please join us, on the 18th @ 6:30 pm, for a chanting of chapters 12 and 15 of the Bhagavad Gita - the most famous scripture of Hinduism.

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

PUJA Announcements

Date	Upcoming Puja Events for December 2018
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
Fri, Dec. 28	MahaLakshmi Abhishekam @ 6:30 pm

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.
