



The Hindu Temple of Greater Springfield (HTGS)
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Weekly Bulletin

Namaste!

Administrative News

On behalf of the new Executive committee we wish you a healthy and prosperous 2019! On New Year's Day, the temple was open for extended hours from 9:00 am – 2:00 and 5:00 – 8:00 pm. It was energizing to see a constant stream of devotees visiting the temple all day. Our priest Shri Keshava Shastry performed Lakshmi Ganapathy puja which was well attended. We sincerely hope the momentum will continue throughout the year and you will support our temple wholeheartedly.

We request current members to please renew your 2019 annual membership and encourage others to become a member. Please note that your membership dues goes a long way in meeting our temple's operation and general expenses. Please visit our new and improved website www.springfieldtemple.org where you can renew your membership, make donations securely and schedule private pujas.

We welcome the new members of our Executive committee – Kasturi Kripakaran – Vice-President; Sudeep Sharma – Secretary and Subhash Chaudhary – Joint Secretary. We are excited to have them on board and help us on our journey.

Please note our new weekend hours starting 1/5/2019:

Saturday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm; 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am – 1:00pm.

Tax-Donation Letters: The HTGS management plans to send the 2018 HTGS contribution summary via email and not USPS mail. You will receive an email in the next few weeks.

Tamil Classes: Tamil class at 4pm on January 5th at HTGS

Did you know?

The Big Temple or the Brahadeeswara temple in Thanjavur, Tamilnadu was constructed by Raja Raja Chola I, the greatest king of the Chola dynasty between AD 985 and 1014. The temple has the world's tallest vimanam (temple tower) and its Kumbam (the structure on the top) weighs approximately 80 tons. It is an engineering marvel to have lifted the 80ton stone to the top of the tower. It is the first complete granite temple in the world and approximately 130,000 tons of granite was used to build this temple. It is part of UNESCO World Heritage site under the title of "The Great Chola Temples".....more about temples next week

Annadatha

Menu: Masala Dosa, Sambar, Flavored rice, Sambhar, Chutney and Dessert

Volunteers: Madhura Shastry, Annapurna Brahmamdam, Sangeetha Srinivasan, Kasturi Kripakaran, Devi Nair, Divya Paranjji Srirama, Kalpana Krishnamurthi, Giri Latha & Ramaa Raghuraman

The Annadatha sign up sheet for **2019** is open. **Please sign-up [here](#)** and support this program. Divya Paranjji Srirama is the Program coordinator for Annadatha program. Please contact divya.paranji@gmail.com 217 503 3816 if you have any questions.

PUJA Committee News

We began the new year on an auspicious note with Lakshmi Ganapathi Puja to invoke the blessings and grace of Lord Ganapathi and Goddess MahaLakshmi. 2019 HTGS Calendar is now available at the front desk. Members, please pick up your free copy on your next visit. Calendar is available to non-members for \$5.00. Now, would be a good time to renew your annual sponsorships for the weekly pujas and abhishekams. The annual sponsorship includes your family gotra and names each week in the Sankalpam of the puja/abhishekam sponsored.

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 Early Jan. 2019
Sat, Jan 5 th	Hanumath Jayanthi (Tamil) @ 11:00 am
Sun, Jan 13 th	Bhogi/Lohri
Mon, Jan 14 th	Makara Sankranthi/Pongal
Tue, Jan 15 th	Kanuma/Govardhan Puja

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; 6 pm – 8pm; and Sunday: 9 am to 1 pm

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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.