



The Hindu Temple of Greater Springfield (HTGS)
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Weekly Bulletin

Namaste!

Administrative News

Warm wishes for a happy Gudi Padwa and Ugadi!

Tamil Classes: Tamil Class on 6th April 2019 at 3PM.

Annadatha (6th April, 2019)

Menu: Ugadi Special Andhra Thali

Special Ugadi Pachhadi (chutney), Bobbattu (Puran Poli), Mirch Bajji, Gutti Vankaya (Stuffed Eggplant), Potato Fry, Tomato Dal, Mango Pickle, Nallakaram Powder, Sambar, Mango Pulihora, White Rice, Papad, Ghee, Yogurt.

Volunteers: Sponsored by All Telugu Families from Greater Springfield area.

Please note that starting April 6th, 2019 Annadatha will be \$7.00 a plate.

The Annadatha sign up sheet for 2019 is open. Please sign-up [here](#) and support this program. Divya Paranji 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

With the arrival of Spring, more festivals come our way. April welcomes the New year for several regional communities of India. Ugadi/Gudi Padwa and Tamil New Year both fall in the month of April this year and we welcome you all to come celebrate your new year at the temple with Ganesh Puja for an auspicious start to a great new year. Sri Rama Navami and Hanuman Jayanthi are other important festivals.

Ugadi/Gudi Padwa

Ugadi/Gudi Padwa is the New Years 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.

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 April 2019
Fri, April 5 th	Ugadi/Gudi Padwa @ 6:30 pm
Sat, April 6 th	Ayyappa Padi Puja @ 10:30 am
Sat, April 13 th	Sri Rama Navami – Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam @ 10:00 am
Sun, April 14 th	Tamil New Year @ 10:30 am
Tue, April 16 th	MahaLakshmi Abhishekam @ 6:30 pm
Thu, April 18 th	SatyaNarayana Vrat/Katha @ 9:30 am Guru Bhajans @ 5:15 pm Hanuman Jayanthi (North India) @ 6:30 pm
Mon, April 22 nd	Sankata Hara Chathurthi @ 5:30 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; 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.