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HINDU PATRIKA

March & April 2013



Hindu Temple & Cultural Center of Kansas City

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
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President Message to the Community

My dear fellow community members,

In the February 2013 patrika, we outlined some of the changes we are trying to bring. I am pleased to inform you that we have been successful to initiate a few of them.

We started the Bal-Aarti program for the kids and the first two weeks have been a phenomenal success. Bal-Vihar students and kids at temple are performing the Aarti singing along with Panditji. It is open to every kid and no pre-qualification is required to participate. Please find sometime in your schedule on a Sunday and bring your child to participate or just stop by to watch this heart-warming scene.

HTCC started to serve Sunday Prasad at no cost to the Devotees. We believe prasad is a form of blessing from the God. So we will make every attempt to sustain this initiative with the help from a wonderful community. Yes, it costs money to support an initiative like this, but we are very confident that we have the support from the community and we can take it forward.

We are actively working to expand the activities of the Cultural Center of HTCC. We want to position HTCC as an equally important contributor to the Cultural enrichment as to the religious and spiritual enrichment. As a beginning, HTCC will be celebrating Swami Vivekananda's 150th birth anniversary on April 7th with a day filled with cultural activities and a scholarly lecture from Mr. Phillip Goldberg. The details are inside the Patrika. Please join us in this ground breaking event. Watch out for more such events shortly thereafter.

The next three months are filled with many religious events dear to all of us. We have Holi Mela and Play of Colors on Mar 30th; Sri Ram Navami on April 19th; Akhand ramayan Path on April 20th & 21st. In May, we will celebrate Temple's anniversary and one of the most important events of HTCC – The Brahmotsavam. The details will be soon publicized.

As we move through the year, we will keep you posted of the changes we are making. We need you to be involved in every possible way – Volunteer your time, give us ideas on how to improve things and show your solidarity through your participation. HTCC is yours and only "YOU" can help us improve it.

May God Bless You,
Humble Regards,
R.B.Mohapatra, President
On behalf of the Executive Committee - 2013

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

BAL VIHAR Every Sunday 10am to 11am dispersing after Bal Aarthi.

Contact Ganesh Siruvalure @ siruvalure@gmail.com

YOGA PARIVAR Every Sunday 9.30am to 10.30am

Contact Dr. Vijay Kumar @ 913-894-6454

HINDI CLASS Every Sunday 11.00am to 12.00noon

Contact Swapnam Kumar @ 816-554-2454

SOUP KITCHEN March 25th & April 29th. Every Last Monday

Contact Suma Hegde @ 913-491-1969

Email to editor@htccofkc.org to update your community events.

Anna Daan - Maha Punya

HTCC is Serving Sunday Mid-day Prasad to Devotees for FREE

WE request your support to sustain this initiative

How you can support!!

- * **Sponsor** Prasad for one or more Sunday with your Family & Friends – Cook at Home or Cook at HTCC Kitchen
- * **Donate** : Want to Participate, but do not have time!
You can donate any amount to HTCC Sunday Prasad fund and HTCC will prepare the prasad on your behalf for a Sunday using your donations
- * **Celebrate** a Memorable day of your life
Celebrate by donating to this “Anna Dana” Program. One Sunday will be sponsored in your name.

Please send your donations to HTCC or Donate Cash on your next visit to the Temple. Make sure you mention to the Managers that your donation is for the HTCC SUNDAY PRASAD FUND or write it in the Memo field of the check.

For More information contact (913)-631 7519 e-mail: manager@htccofkc.org

Brahmotsav 2013

Please mark your calendar for the Brahmotsav dates.

Friday May 10th

6.00 p.m: Vishvaksena Puja, Dwajarahnam, Gaja Vahana,
108 Ritvik Parayana, Pushparchana, Mangala Aarthi

Saturday May 11th

9.00 a.m: Garuda Vahana seva, Vasantha utsav
5.00 p.m.: RATH YATRA in Four Prakarams, Music,
Dance, Dandya, Garba dance

Sunday May 12th

8.00 a.m: Suryapraba Vahana, Maha Narayaniya, Sudarsana Homam
5.00 p.m.: Chandrapraba Seva, Dwajarahnam, Sangeetha Seva

Contact: Managers@htccofkc.org
Priest Srinivasacharya & Atul Trivedi:
913-631-7519



Health is.....

- Disease-free body
- Quiver-free breath
- Stress-free mind
- Inhibition-free intellect
- Obsession-free memory
- Ego that includes all
- And Soul which is free from sorrow
- H.H. Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

ART OF MEDITATION COURSE

March 30th – Apr 1st

EFFORTLESS PATH TO TRUE RELAXATION THROUGH MEDITATION

ART OF LIVING COURSE

Apr 18th – Apr 21st

Experience and Learn

* Sudarshan Kriya: The masterpiece of the Art of Living Course is a powerful breathing-based technique called Sudarshan Kriya, or the healing breath.

Sudarshan Kriya incorporates specific natural rhythms of breath to release stress and bring the mind to the present moment.

- * Practices that heal and harmonize the body, mind, and spirit
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Email kansascity@us.artofliving.org
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**PLAY THE COLORS WITH JOY –
SHARE LOVE AND HAPPINESS"**



"PLAY THE COLORS WITH JOY - SHARE LOVE AND HAPPINESS"

Holi is the festival of color and joy. It is the day celebrated by all faiths and religion. The colors of **Holi** also bring along with themselves the spirit of joy, naughtiness, passion and enthusiasm. This festival is celebrated by people throwing colored water at each other. The festival in itself is the celebrations of the divine love of Radha and Krishna as well as the commemoration of the fact that "Goodness always triumphs over evil".

Food is available through several counters for purchase.

Programs include musicals, Bollywood dances, playing with colors, drawing Rangoli (is a traditional decorative folk art designs drawn on floors using colored powder), getting a temporary tattoo with henna (derived from the plant), experiencing food from different states of India.

If you or your organization is interested to set up a stall, please send an email to holi@htccofkc.org

Date: March 30th 2013 Saturday
Time: 12noon to 4pm
Venue - HTCC, 6330, Lackman Road, Shawnee, KS
Tel: 913 631 7519

Conquest of Western Spirituality

Debabrata Bhaduri

More than hundred years ago, Swami Vivekananda was the first to bring the taste of Vedanta to this country and to the West.

“Spirituality must conquer the West,” he declared. He called Hinduism “the mother of all religions,” not because he believed that its doctrine alone is right, but on the contrary, because it makes no such exclusive claims. “India alone was to be, of all lands, the land of toleration; we accept all religions as true.”

This sounded odd to orthodox Christians who considered gods other than theirs as ‘falls gods’ and Hindus as primitive idol worshipers. But after his famous address to the Parliament of World Religions in Chicago in 1893, he got a rousing welcome in America and many among his audience were curious and eager to learn about Vedanta and Hinduism. During his stay in America, he spread the Vedanta message of ‘Oneness’ to numerous people, many of whom became his disciples and opened centers of their own to teach this new spiritual knowledge to Americans. Yoga as a spiritual disciplines got acceptance in America.

Since then there has been numerous teachers, gurus, and yogi’s who brought various forms of yoga from India in the last hundred years. Notable among them were Swami Yogananda in the early 1920’s, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, and Bhaktivedanta Prapupada in the 1960’s and many others after that. There were also important American gurus who went to India and took lessons on ‘Eastern spirituality’ from Indian yogis and came back to this country to spread the movement.

There is an underlying history of Vedanta concepts being silently accepted in American culture for more than hundred years. One of the greatest American poets, reformer and writer Ralph Waldo Emerson composed a poem “Brahma” with the following lines:

“If the red slayer think he slays Or if the slain think he is slain
They know not well the subtle ways I keep, and pass, and turn again”....

The above shows his deep understanding of ‘Bhagvat Gita’. Ralph Emerson, Henry Thoreau and many other notable philosophers founded ‘transcendentalism’ movement which considered spiritual experience as the highest truth, much superior than empirical and scientific knowledge. These ideas have parallels in Vedanta. Thoreau spoke of his debt to Vedanta thoughts in his composition as follows:

“I lay down the book and go to my well for water, and lo! there I meet the servant of the Brahmin, priest of Brahma, and Vishnu and Indra, who still sits in his temple on the Ganges reading the Vedas, or dwells at the root of a tree with his crust and water-jug.” --- *continued on in the next page*

In the sixties, Ravi Shankar brought the music of the soul to the West which got instant acclaim through the enthusiastic support of the ‘Beatles’. Many western musicians found deep spiritual experience in Indian classical music.

Yoga is a household name in America now, thanks to hundreds of teachers who are responsible for popularizing the discipline. Today there are more than sixteen million yoga practitioners in America and items such yoga mat, incense and other yoga accessories constitute billion dollar industry. Yoga techniques have been incorporated well into western medicine and millions of people are getting benefit everyday by its practice.

Along with yoga, many eastern concepts got accepted in American culture as well. Words such as karma, pundit, nirvana, vegetarianism etc. are familiar in America now showing assimilation of Indian concepts. A history of American assimilation of Vedanta and Hindu spirituality has been well documented in a recent book “American Veda” by Philip Goldberg. Such a scholarly book is rare on this subject.

Although yoga as a physical fitness discipline is so visible and popular, the spiritual component of it, which raises the human consciousness to higher level, is not always understood as the main goal of yoga by majority. Many yoga practitioners even do not know its Indian origin. We often encounter the term ‘Christian Yoga’ as if to deny its true origin which is very unfortunate.

Shri Vishnu Sahasranamam Recital by kids

Vishwam Vishnur Vashatkara...

....the recital of which had proved to be an enriching experience for all devotees!

Bhishma Ekadasi is an auspicious occasion, observed on Shukla Ekadashi of Maagh (Jan-Feb) month. It is the birth day of “Shri Vishnu Sahasra Nama Stothram”. The Vishnu Sahasranama Stothram was revealed to Pandavas by Bhishma in the presence of Lord Krishna, who is an incarnation of Lord Vishnu.

Mark your calendars for another upcoming event on Saturday March 2nd 5-7 p.m. where our own community kids will chant Sri Vishnusahasranamam under the guidance of Sri Ganesh Thiagarajan. Special thanks to dear Ganeshji for patiently teaching the Sahasranamam to the kids and inspiring several others to learn the sacred stotram.

To help facilitate planning, please RSVP to Smt. Sowjanya Rao (sowjanyarao@yahoo.com) or Smt. Rajashree Shankar (rajashree_shankar@yahoo.com)

Hindu Temple & Cultural Center of Kansas City

All are invited – Sunday, April 7, 2013

For A Program honoring the 150th Birth Anniversary of

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA

"Blessed is the country in which he was born, blessed are they who lived on this earth at the same time, and blessed, thrice blessed are the few who sat at his feet." -Sister Christine, an American Disciple of Swami Vivekananda.



3:00PM – 5:00 PM : CULTURAL PROGRAMS AND DEVOTIONAL MUSIC.

5:30 PM – SPEECH ON “EAST MEETS WEST – THE REMARKABLE INFLUENCE OF INDIAN SPIRITUALITY”



Guest Speaker: Philip Goldberg

Mr. Goldberg is an Interfaith Minister and a best selling author. His latest book is 'American Veda: – How Indian Spirituality changed the West'. Copies of this book will be available for purchase and signing.

Venue: Hindu Temple and Cultural Center
6330 Lackman Road, Shawnee, KS, 66217

For further information contact: RB Mohapatra – (913) 226-0100,
Deb Bhaduri – (913) 897-5823, Arvind Khetia –(913) 381-0896

The program will conclude at 7:30 pm and will be followed by a light dinner.
RSVP Contact Hindu Temple: (913) 631-7519 or Email: manager@htccofkc.org

Current Charges for Puja and Priest Services

	At temple	At home ³
Abhishekam	\$ 75	--
Abhishekam with kalasa puja	\$101	--
Aksharabhyasam (beginning of writing)	\$75	--
Anna Prasana (first feeding)	\$51	\$101
Any other Puja (< 2 hours duration)	\$65	\$151
Archna (fruits provided by Temple)	\$11	--
Atma Shanti/Tarpanam	\$31	\$101
Baby shower.	\$151	\$201
Barsi/Annual Ceremony	\$251	\$301
Grihapravesham & Sri Sathyanarayana Puja/Katha	—	\$301
Grihapravesham (house warming) only	—	\$151
Havan	\$101	\$151
Hiranyasradham	\$75	\$101
Kalyanutsavam (Kanyadan) – Individual	\$151	—
Mundan (Hair offering) ¹	\$75	\$151
Namakaranam (naming of baby)	\$51	\$101
Navagraha Archna- One Graha only	\$21	—
Navagraha puja.	\$101	\$201
Sahasranama Archna (1000 names of God)	\$51	—
Sri Sathynarayana Puja/Katha	\$75	\$151
Samohika Satyanaryana Puja/Katha	\$31	—
Sashti poorthi shanti (60th birthday)	\$201	\$251
Satyanarayana Puja & Basement Rental	\$175 (4 hours)	—
Upnayana Sanskara (Sacred thread ceremony)	\$251	\$351
Vahan puja	\$31	—
Vivah (Wedding) ²	\$701	\$501

Sponsor Puja (check with priest/manager) Call Temple Manager
Cremation services Call Temple Manager

Above suggested charges do not include Dakshina (donation) to the priest and it should not be less than 25% of suggested service charges.

All pujas booked in Advance must be paid in advance. We do allow for up to one cancellation or postponement. For more than one cancellation/postponement 50% charges will be deducted before any refund is made.

¹ HTCC is not responsible in arranging a hair stylist.

² Charges are inclusive of Basement Hall rental.

³ Submit the Priest Travel Form after the puja.

Note 1: Minimum charges for any puja performed outside Hindu Temple - \$ 101

Note 2: Any puja performed outside KC Metropolitan area: \$251

Please pay your membership due for the year 2013

Tax ID **48-0950562**
Membership Information

Date: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Last Name: _____ First: _____

Spouse: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

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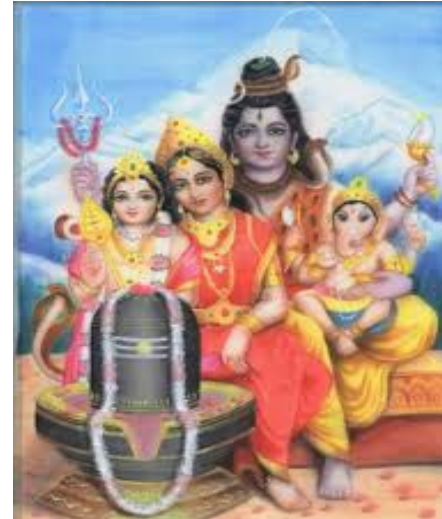
- Fellow Member \$7,500 One Time
- Life Member \$1,500 One Time
- Regular Member \$25 Per Year

We encourage you to be a Fellow Member of the Hindu Temple. YOUR DONATION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Please mail your check **Payable** to HTCC to:
HTCC, 6330 Lackman Road, Shawnee, KS 66217-9739

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO “HTCC” TO THE TEMPLE ADDRESS OR IF YOU ARE AT THE TEMPLE YOU CAN GIVE IT TO MANAGER

MahaSivaRatri Mahotsavam



Maha Shiva Ratri is the night when Lord Shiva appeared as a infinite column of shining Light (Lingodbhava)

Ardent devotees - please attend the HTCC Sponsered Event on Sunday, March, 10th, 2013 at the Hindu Temple starting at 10 AM and culminating in Lingodbhava and Mahamangalharthi at midnight.

Schedule Of Events:-

- 10 AM – 11 AM : Samoohika (Community event) abhishekam
- 11AM – noon : Bala Shiva Abhishekam performed by children .
Pooja followed by bhajans by all children.
- Noon : Aarhi and Mahaprasad
- 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm : Continuous abhishekam and aarhi.
- 6.00 pm – 6.30 pm : Abhishekam followed by bhajans by all temple devotees.
- 7.00 pm : Aarhi
- Midnight : Lingodbhava and Mahamangalaarhi followed by Mahaprasadam

Fees : Samoohika Abhishekam - \$21.00 ** Rudrabhishekam - \$51.00**

Abhishekam offering	Interpretation
Milk	Bestows long life
Ghee	Bestows Moksha State
Rice	Frees from debts
Panjamrutham	Bestows wealth
Sandal	Goddess Lakshmi’s blessings

For More Information, Contact HTCC at Managers@htccofkc.org

Worship of Lord Shiva and Shiva Tattwa

The festival of *Maha Shivaratri* is highly auspicious for Hindus all over the world. People fast (*upavasa*) the whole day and remain alert (*jagrat*) to worship Lord Shiva. Hindus worship idols, they instill breath or life (*prana*) and truth into these idols, by which the idols are transformed into divinity and godhood. One name of Lord *Shiva* is *Ashutosha*. *Ashu* means quick, *Tosha* means satisfied. *Ashutosha* means 'he who is quickly satisfied.' Lord Shiva quickly fulfills all the desires and aspirations of the devotees.

Spiritual practice or *sadhana* is needed to understand the subtle and deeper aspects of worship. In the worship (*puja*) tradition eight *Shivas* (or *astambhu*) are worshipped. They are expressions of living *Shivas*. In our body there are seven chakras or energy centers. These seven chakras, described below, inside the spine are known as *Shiva chakras*.

Astambhu within

Muladhara chakra - *Muladhara*, located in the bottom of the spine, represents earth element or *kshiti tattwa*. The name of the *Shiva* in this chakra is *Sarva*. The mantra recited is *Sarvaya kshitimurtaye namah*.

Svadhithana chakra - *Svadhithana*, located behind the genitals, represents water element or *jala tattwa*. The name of the *Shiva* in this chakra is *Bhava*. The mantra recited is *Bhavaya jalamurtaye namah*.

Manipura chakra - *Manipura*, located behind the navel, represents fire element or *Agni (Tej) tattwa*. The name of the *Shiva* in this chakra is *Rudra*. The mantra recited is *Rudraya agnimurtaye namah*.

Anahata chakra - *Anahata*, located behind the heart, represents air element or *Vayu tattwa*. The name of the *Shiva* in this chakra is *Ugra*. The mantra recited is *Ugraya vayumurtaye namah*.

Visuddha chakra - *Visuddha*, located behind the neck, represents ether element or *Akasha tattwa*. The name of the *Shiva* in this chakra is *Bhima*. The mantra recited is *Bhimaya akasha murtaye namah*.

Ajna chakra - *Ajna* is located above the upper end of the spine, behind the brain above the atlas bone. As the five elements (*tattwas*) join together to form living beings, insects, animals, trees, birds, and the entire creation, similarly, the five *Shivas* conglomerate to form *Mahashiva* as life (*prana swarupa*). Here the name of the *Shiva* is *Pasupati*. The mantra recited is *Pasupataye yajamanmurtaye namah*. ... continued on in the next page

Sahasrara chakra - The softest place on the head of a child is known as the thousand-petal lotus or *sahasrara chakra*. The name of the *Shiva* is *Mahadeva*. The mantra is *Mahadevaya somamurtaye namah*.

Through practice of Kriya Yoga, the latent cosmic energy is awakened. The practitioner forgets his sense of body, realizes Lord *Shiva* in the seven skies as an effulgence of all-radiant light, as a ceaseless flow of divine sound of *Aum* or *Vam*. He realizes that he has become Lord. He realizes that everything, starting from the tiniest to Brahman, is empty space or sky. This is the last *sambhu* or *Shiva* known as *Ishana*. The mantra recited is *Ishanaya surya murtaye namah*.

Through regular spiritual practice hidden *Shiva Tattwa* is revealed to a spiritual seeker. Through practice of Kriya Yoga one can worship and realize *astambhu* within.

(The above article is a compilation from teachings of Kriya Yoga guru Paramahansa Hariharananda (1907-2002))

Contact

Kriya Yoga Center Kansas

Anjana Devi Nandipati. Phone - (913) 991-5190

2013 Regional Contests - NSF Kansas Chapter

Date: April 27, 2013 (Day 1) & April 28, 2013 (Day 2)

**Venue: Hindu Temple & Cultural Center of KC
6330 Lackman Road, Shawnee, KS**

For more details please visit www.northsouth.org

Vocabulary:

JVB (Grades 1-3) and IVB (Grades 4-8) DAY 1

Math:

MB1 (Grades 1-2) MB2 (Grades 3-5) & MB3 (Grades 6-8) DAY 1

Geography:

JGB (Grade 1-3) and SGB (Grade 4-8) DAY 1

Science:

JSC (Grades 1-3) ISC (Grades 4-5) & SSC (Grades 6-8) DAY 1

Spelling:

JSB (Grades 1-3) and SSB (Grades 4-8)

Spread the word to your friends and neighbors about the NSF contests and online registration.

Bal Vihar

Balvihar students are highly regarded and their participation solicited in important events at HTCC. They started the year with Maha Kalyanam and Republic day.

Maha Kalyanam:

BalVihar – Advanced class students participated in Maha Kalyanam. Students chanted Sri Venkateswara Suprabhatam and Ganesh Atharvashirsham.



Republic Day: BalVihar students participated in Republic Day celebrations.



They sang Daya Kar Dhan, Sare Jahan Se Acha & Hey Ram. Intermediate and advanced class students narrated India's freedom struggle and Preamble to the constitution.

Common Class: Common classes are held on first Sunday of every month. Apart from Bhastrika, students have been learning few other yoga poses during the monthly common class.

Annual Day: BalVihar annual day will be held on Sunday, April 21st, 2013. There will be dance & skits related to Lord Shiva. We invite each and every one of you to come and join us. Details will be posted on the temple website sooner.

Minimum age to enroll in the Balvihar program is 4 years. Classes are conducted every Sunday from 10:00 – 11:00 AM at the temple. Please contact siruvalure@gmail.com for more info.

YGKC: Upcoming Events

Volleyball Tournament

Who: Teams of 6 (register online ygkc.us)

What: Volleyball tournament with at least 2 rounds, winner gets a CASH PRIZE!!!

When: Saturday, March 9, 9:30AM-2:30 PM

Where: Oxford Middle School

Quiz Prep

Who: Students who want to get an edge for the NSF competition, or on the ACT

What: Spelling coaching for junior and senior level, math levels 1-3, ACT prep for Middle/High School students

When: Saturday, April 6, time TBD

Where: Temple

Talent Show

Who: All kids 3-18 who want to showcase their talents!

What: A fun filled evening with lots of dance and music! With special Performances by College Dance Teams!!

When: Saturday, April 20, 4-9PM

Where: Blue Valley West High School

Contact:

(913) 568-5439

(913) 748-1221

For more information

Republic day Celebration by Hindi class

By
Dr. Shveta Grover

The 64th Republic day of India was celebrated in the Community Hall of HTCC on Jan 27th in communion with Hindi Class and other local regional organizations.

Ceremony started with American national anthem followed by flag hoisting by temple priest and temple Manager Mr. Goyal and Usha Saha. Hindi class students proudly rendered the Indian National Anthem, “*Jana Gana Mana*”.

These kids also presented patriotic songs “*Vande maataram*” and “*Yeh desh hai veer Jawanon ka*” prepared by Mr. Lok Sharma and Mr. Dwarka Gupta. The steps in “*Yeh desh hai veer Jawanon ka*” were choreographed by parent volunteer Ms. Shyamaly.

This was followed by a skit prepared by Mrs. Priyamvada, advanced group teacher. Nikita performed as the reporter of *Aajtak* interviewing the freedom fighters. Jhanvi portrayed as Madam Bhikaji Cama, Sayan as Udhm Singh and Aakriti as Jhansi Ki Rani. Jhanvi said, she was unhappy with the freedom of India due to crimes going on in India, especially against the women. Sayan and Aakriti on the other hand were happy with the freedom of India as freedom is the birth right of any individual, quoting the famous lines said by Indian freedom fighter “Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak”.

The students then presented a dance on the Bollywood movie song, “*Rang de Basanti*” that was brilliantly choreographed by Mr. Ram and Mrs. Shilpa. Mr. Ram, despite not connected directly with Hindi class, is giving his invaluable time preparing the kids for the dances for last one year for different events. His contribution is greatly appreciated.

Despite some recent personal setbacks for our Hindi Class coordinator, Swapnam ji, she ensured that the Hindi class students participated in this community event. Unmatched commitment! She strongly believes that events like this and the subsequent efforts put in by everyone linked to the class, serves for the betterment of our kids and community. Long time volunteers and friends with Swapnam ji, Mrs. Chandra Gupta and Mrs. Neelam Kumar, share this vision and left no stone unturned in preparation of this event.

AKHAND RAMAYAN PATH 2013

Saturday April 20th at 10am thru Sunday April 21st 11am

It is a pleasure for HTCCofKC to announce the **10th anniversary of Akhand Ramayan** path being held at our temple. Those who will read and listen to this epic will receive from Lord Sri Rama all the boons they desire.



HTCCOFKC and KCSunderkand Group of Kansas City are organizing an AKHAND (non-stop) Ramayan Path to celebrate Sri RAMA NAVAMI. It will start on Saturday April 20th @ 10 am and will be concluding with Sri Hanuman Chalisa & Aarti on Sunday April 21st @ 11 AM. This is a 24- hour recital of the complete Ramayan.

The program details are as follows:

Saturday April 20th

10:00am Kalsh Sthapana – Sankalpa, Archana

11:00am Akhand Ramayan Path Parayan 2013 Reading Begins

Sunday April 21st 11:00am 12:00pm

Akhand Ramayan Path 2013 Reading Concludes with Hanuman Chalisa, Archana, Aarati, Ashirvachanam, Mahaprasadam (Sponsored by KCSunderkand Group).

The organizing committee humbly requests your participation in the Akhand Ramayan parayan. Please come with family and friends to read RAMAYAN for any amount of time as per your convenience. Copies of Sri Ramcharit Manas(Tulsidas RAMAYAN) in Hindi will be provided to participants in the Mandir (if you have one please bring with you).

Contact:

Please RSVP for the time suitable to you: One hour slot starting on April 20th at 10am to April 21st at 11am.

(913) 568-5439

Saturday Lunch & dinner prasadam will be offered to GOD & distributed to all the visitors & devotees. Light snacks & juice, tea, water, etc., will be offered all through the night for participants & devotees.

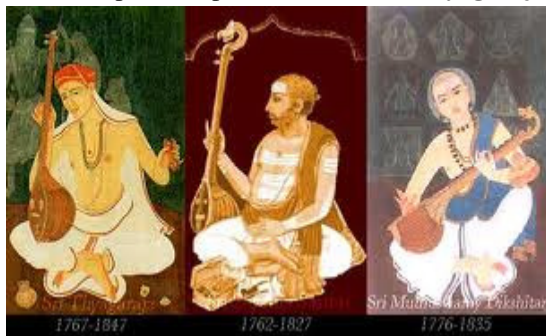
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TYAGARAJA ARADHANA 2013

HTCC is proud to present 15th Annual Tyagaraja Aradhana 2013 on Friday,



April 5th and on April 6th.

Thyagaraja Aradhana is a Traditional Carnatic Music festival held during the month of January in India, and during the Month of April and May in North America.

Saint Thyagaraja was a

great composer of Carnatic Music. He was a prolific composer and highly influential in the development of the South Indian classical music tradition. Thyagaraja composed thousands of devotional compositions, most of them in praise of Lord Rama — most of which remain very popular even today. Of special mention are five of his compositions called the Pancharatna Kriti (English: 'Five Gems'), which are often sung in Carnatic music programs in his honor. Carnatic Musicians in India have been performing this wonderful Pancharatna Kriti at the Saint Samadhi located in Tiruvaiyaru in Tamilnadu as homage to this great composer every year on Pushya Bahula Panchami, the day the Saint attained Samadhi.

Carnatic Group of HTCC along with local Carnatic Musicians will be presenting the Thyagaraja Aradhana this year at the Hindu Temple on Friday April 5th 2013 @ 6pm. We request all Music lovers to come and enjoy the Musical Evening!

April 6th Saturday Evening 2pm - 7pm - Carnatic Music Rendition by Carnatic Music Students followed by Adult Singing & Instrumental Performance.

VOCALISTS: Hema Mukundan, Hema Sharma, Jyoti Tata, Latha Venkatesh, Lekha Menon, Nirmala Muralidharan, Pameena Galler, Pavithra, Preethi Rao, Rama Neelakantan, Renuka Muralidharan, Sudha Rao, and Shyamala Krishna
ACCOMPANIMENTS:

VIOLIN: Mukundan Srinivasan

MRIDANGAM: Shivananda Narasimhamurthy, Ajay Subramaniam & Arjun Prakash.

Program on Friday April 5th 2013

Welcome address @ 6pm.

Thyagaraja composition on Lord Ganapathi and GURU Pancharatna Kriti Rendition

Harathi Kriti of Thyagaraja followed by Mangalam Performance by out of town Artists (IF any)

Aarthi & Prasad. ... continued on in the next page

	Song Name	Ragam	Thalam
1.	Sree Ganapathini	Sowrashtam	Adhi
2.	Gurulekha	Gowri Manohari	Jampa
3.	Jagadananda	Natai	Adhi
4.	Dudugugala	Gowlai	Adhi
5.	Sadhinchane	Arabhi	Adhi
6.	Kanakana	Varali	Adhi
7.	Endharo	Sree	Adhi
8.	Pathiki Harathi RE	Suruti	Adhi
9.	Mangalam	Nadanamakriya	Adhi

All are welcome.

Requirements for Participation:

1. All carnatic music students are welcome to participate and perform in group of minimum 3. No solos are encouraged due to number of participants. Each item should not exceed 5 -6 minutes.
2. All the participants are required to stay from the beginning till the end of the program to encourage other performing kids especially the student who would perform the last slot. The teachers are expected to share and confirm this information to their parents and encourage them to stay for the entire event.
3. The participant fee is \$5.00 per student, which should be given to their teacher.
4. The registration deadline is March 25th 2012. Local students register through your music teachers. Others Email: carnaticec@htccofkc.org.
5. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please tell your teacher in the area you can help on the day of the event.

Event Details for Saturday April 6th 2013.

1. This year again we introduce Thematic Presentation of Kriti by Teachers/Students. The presentation may be on Composers, Raga, Thala, and God etc.
2. All the students are encouraged to present a DRAWING in one page on the Theme they are singing and give to their teachers before the day of the event. The students work will be displayed at the event hall for judges will evaluate public viewing and awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes.
3. The order of the performance will be on Lottery basis on the day of event in front of the audience.
4. The event will have a short break for 15 minutes for Tea & Snacks.
5. All participants will be rewarded for their performance in the event.
6. The students who do not have a local teacher can also participate in groups. Please call other students and form group of 3.

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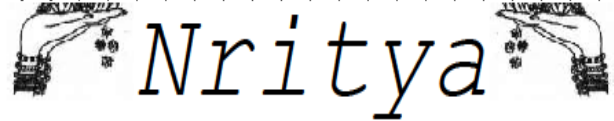
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 ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Schedule for next two months

MARCH 2013	APRIL 2013
09 Sat - Shani Trayodasi	9 Tue - Krishna Angaraka Chaturdasi
10 Sun - Maha Sivaratri	10 Wed - Amavasya
11 Mon - Amavasya	11 Thur - Ugadi/Gudi Padva
17 Sun - Krittika	13 Sat - Krittika
27 Wed - Holi Poornima	19 Fri - Sri Rama Navami
30 Sat - Sankatahara Chathurthi	25 Thur - Hanuman Jayanti, Chaitra Poornima
30 Sat - Holi Celebration	29 Mon - Sankarahara Chathurthi

Important Events – March, April & May, 2013

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Mar 27, Wednesday - Holi Poornima and Sammohik Satyanaraya puja.

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Apr 11, Thursday - Ugadi and Gudi Padwa

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All patrons of HTCC are welcome to all events at HTCC.

If I were asked to define the Hindu creed, I should simply say: Search after truth through non-violent means. A man may not believe in God and still call himself a Hindu. Hinduism is a relentless pursuit after truth... Hinduism is the religion of truth. Truth is God. Denial of God we have known. Denial of truth we have not known.

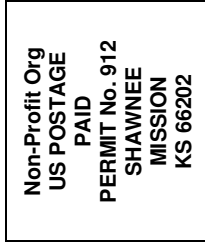
— Mahatma Gandhi

The great secret of true success, of true happiness, is this: the man or woman who asks for no return, the perfectly unselfish person, is the most successful.

— Swami Vivekananda

Should even one's enemy arrive at the doorstep, he should be attended upon with respect. A tree does not withdraw its cooling shade even from the one who has come to cut it."

— Mahabharata 12.146.5



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