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HINDU PATRIKA

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Hindu Temple & Cultural Center of Kansas City

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

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Why seVak?

seVak - A Volunteer Drive by HTCC
SErVice to mAnKind - SErVice to All Knowing

Ever wonder how everything is always in its place at the temple? Well, we may not consciously realize it, but what we sometimes take for granted is the fruitful result of numerous hours of selfless service by our seVaks.

Our Temple is run by those who have devoted countless volunteer hours in temple doing Seva. As our community has expanded, so has our need for seVaks. By volunteering your time and effort you can make a significant difference to the temple.

Volunteering helps meet people and make new like minded friends;
Helps the temple increase and improve services; and
Brings a feeling of satisfaction and inner peace in the individual.

What can you do? It depends upon what would you like to do and what you enjoy doing.

Organize Youth programs and Fun activities for little kids

Prepare and / or serve Prasad?

Facilitating maintenance activities in temple

Decorate temple during festivities

Maintaining cleanliness in the temple

Teach regional languages and Balvihar

Make a difference by volunteering only a few hours a week / month!

Alternatively, tell us how much time you can devote to the temple and we will try to match up the opportunity for you. Make it a friend and family activity by volunteering as a group or for your favorite festivals.

- **HTCC SEVAK**

President Message to the Community

Dear devotees and fellow community members,

On behalf of the Executive Committee (EC), I would like wish you all a very Happy and a Prosperous New Year.

It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of February. This year, we have planned for several events touching upon religious, spiritual and cultural sides of Indian heritage. There will be several activities for our Youth Group as well to give them value added exposure and understanding of the true meaning of voluntary services. We will continue to collaborate with local Indian regional groups to promote the rich cultural and religious practices of various regions as an effort to expose others to the rich diversity of our heritage. Our ultimate goal is to provide you a place where you can cultivate your spiritual aspirations, practice your religious beliefs and experience the richness of our heritage with a sense of belongingness and pride.

We strongly believe that HTCC belongs to the community; hence we will try to make our operations as transparent as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

To make our Temple successful in its mission, we need you to be involved in every possible way. We want your suggestions, participation and patronage to enrich the activities, sustain and grow this sacred institution. This is one of the rarest places where each one of us has something in common.

Please check out the patrika and e-communications about the upcoming events. We look forward to your continued support to make it a successful year for everybody.

Thanks

Devotionally Yours

R.B.Mohapatra, President, HTCC

& HTCC Executive Committee – 2013

president@htccofkc.org

HTCC Purpose Statement

The purpose of HTCC organization is “To promote the ideals of Hinduism & to develop and promote among all persons goodwill, understanding, and devotion to the principles and ideals of Hinduism”

Members of HTCC Executive Committee for 2013

President: Rambollabha (RB) Mohapatra

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Priest Committee:

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Email:

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

BAL VIHAR Every Sunday 10am to 11am.

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 Feb 25th. Every Last Monday

Contact Suma Hegde @ 913-491-1969

SUNDAY LUNCH Please contact Manager for sign-up. The sign-up sheet is open to public at the HTCC bulletin board.

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

Current Charges for Puja and Priest Services

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

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

Priest's Travel form

Please check applicable item, sign and return this form to Priest upon completion of the scheduled puja services at your home.

[] Priest was picked up from the Temple/home at a.m. /p.m. and was dropped off at a.m. /p.m. at the temple/home.

[] Priest drove to my home in his car for puja and we paid mileage @\$0.51 per mile

[] We arranged for a taxi for the priest and paid the taxi charges

Name:

Address:

HTCC Sponsored Monthly Salvation Army Soup Kitchen Program

In order to give back to the local Kansas City community about 22 years ago, the Hindu community under the umbrella of the Hindu Temple and Cultural Center started supporting the Soup Kitchen of the Salvation Army at 3013 E. 9th St., Kansas City, MO 64124 .

In the beginning HTCC supported Salvation Army on the last Monday of every other month. But for the last 15 years, HTCC is helping Salvation Army on last Monday of **EVERY** month.

The grocery for a very healthy & fulfilling meal is delivered on the Friday before the last Monday of the month to Salvation Army by one of the community member. On the last Monday of the month, a group of 8-10 people, ladies and gentlemen from the community go to Salvation Army to serve the food for the less fortunate 125 or more people from the KC community every month.

Please support and donate for this noble cause. You can sponsor the whole event or part of it by donating towards it.

We also NEED VOLUNTEERS every month at 11:15 AM to SERVE FOOD at the Salvation Army station at 3013 E. 9th Street, Kansas City, MO. for this WONDERFUL CAUSE.

Please contact temple manager or Suma Hegde at 913-491-1969 for information.

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).

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

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.

For more details, contact: Pravin Tayal 913-469-0516; Sharad Sharma 913-526-4322; Sanjay Kohli 913-327-1086; Ravi Mehra 913-894-6596; Atul Agarwal: 913-579-3637; Ajay Parsai: 816-518-8191; Rajiv Mittal: 913 851 8519; Purnima Bansal: 9138140130; Rajesh Gupta: 9136632142; Temple Managers/Priests: 913 631 7519

Importance of Getting a Real Guru

(The Story of Narada)

In Dakshinamurti stotra there is a beautiful verse

*Ishvaro guroratmeti murtibhedo bibhagine
vyomavat vyaptadehaya shri dakshinamurtaye namah*

It means “God, Guru, and indwelling Self or Soul, although appearing as three different manifestations, are in reality one and the same. Like an endless sky, the Guru is the formless God. Prostration to the Guru!”. To reach the divine goal spiritual students must follow their Guru and do the homework, like meditate, pray, and change the bad habits.

Sage Narada was in the constant company of Lord Krishna, chanting ‘Krishnaya namo, Krishnaya namo’ (I bow to Krishna, I bow to Krishna). He had developed spiritual pride of himself being the greatest devotee of Lord Krishna. He would often ask Lord Krishna “Oh Lord, who is your greatest devotee?” Needless to say that he would expect his name to be pronounced by Lord but Lord Krishna never answered. One day, Sage Narada came to know that every time he leaves his seat, Lord Krishna orders the soil under Narada’s seat to be removed and filled with new soil. Surprised and hurt, Narada asked Krishna the reason of this act.

Lord Krishna answered that there are two reasons. First reason is ‘You have developed a big ego of spirituality. Because of this you are still not initiated and have not found a Guru yet. You are just passing your days chanting.’ Second reason is ‘Even when you are with me you continue chanting my name which is madness. When food is in front of you why chant delicious food, delicious food, instead of enjoying the food?’ Narada admitted: “Undoubtedly this has been my great mistake. Now I see it.” But Narada still had doubts. He thought who can be more advanced and educated than me?

Knowing Narada’s mind, Lord Krishna continued “You have no idea who Krishna is - all you know is chanting your mantras the whole day long. If you really want to know God seek it from the first person you will meet tomorrow morning. Accept him as your Guru. Do not judge anyone – they are more spiritual than you.” Narada expressed his gratefulness and obeyed Lord Krishna’s instruction to get initiated by a Guru.

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

Kriya Yoga Center Kansas:

Contact : Anjana Devi Nandipati (913) 991-5190

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Schedule for next two months

| FEBRUARY 2013 | MARCH 2013 |
|--|--|
| 10 th Sun – Amavasya 15 th Fri – Shri Panchami 17 th Sun – Krittika, Radhasaptami, Surya Jayanti 18 th Mon – Bheeshma Navami 21 st Thu – Bheeshma Ekadasi 23 rd Sat – Shani Trayodasi 25 th Mon – Magha Poornima | 09th Sat - Shani Trayodasi 10th Sun - Maha Sivaratri 11th Mon - Amavasya 17th Sun - Krittika 27th Wed - Holi Poornima 30th Sat - Sankatahara Chathurthi 30th Sat - Holi Celebration |

Important Events February 2013 – April, 2013

Sri Panchami - Friday, Feb 15

Maha Sivaratri Celebration at HTCC - Sunday, March 10

Celebrating Festival of Colors – HOLI at HTCC - Saturday, March 30

Celebrating 150th Birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda
(Sunday April 7 thru Friday, April 12)

Sunday, April 7th - Cultural activities and lectures by Dr. Richard
Goldberg

Friday, April 12 – Lecture by Swami Yuktatmananda from the Vedanta
Society of Providence, RI

Sriram Navami - Friday, April 19

10th Akhand Ramayan Path at HTCC
Saturday April 20 – Sunday April 21

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

TAX ID 48-0950562

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