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NEWSLETTER

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* Om asato maa sadgamaya, tamaso maa jyotirgamaya, mrtymormaa amrtam gamaya.....Om Saantih,Saantih,Saantih *

HTS PROGRAM UPDATES

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ALMANAC (Panchang)	JAIN ALMANAC Veer Samvat 2549 Vikram Samvat 2079	AUGUST PROGRAMS
<p>Aug 1: Pournami SatyaNarayan Puja</p> <p>Aug 4: Sankatahara Chathurthi Puja</p> <p>Aug 11: Ekadashi Puja</p> <p>Aug 13: Pradosha Puja</p> <p>Aug 21: Sukla Sashti Puja</p> <p>Aug 27: Ekadashi Puja</p> <p>Aug 28: Pradosha Puja</p> <p>Aug 30: Avani Avittam; Pournami SatyaNarayan Puja</p>	<p>Aug 5 : Shravan Vad Pancham</p> <p>Aug 8 : Shravan Vad Aatham</p> <p>Aug 15: Shravan Vad Chaudas</p> <p>Aug 21: Shravan Sud Pancham</p> <p>Aug 24: Shravan sud Aatham</p> <p>Aug 30: Shravan Sud Chaudas</p> <p>Aug 30: Shravan sud Aatham</p>	<p>Aug 12: Sai Bhajan</p> <p>Aug 30: Avani Avittam / Rig_Yajur Upakarma</p>

**bandhur atmatmanas tasya yenatmaivatmana jitah
anatmanas tu shatrutve vartetatmaiva shatru-vat**

Of him, by whom has been conquered his very self by the self, his self is the friend of his self.
But, for one who has not conquered his self, his self itself acts inimically like an enemy.

- Bhagavad Gita 6.6

EVENT	DATE & TIME	DETAILS
Sai Bhajan	Aug 12, 5:00pm - 6:00pm	Flyer on Page 4
AvaniAvittam / RigYajur Upakarma	Aug 30, Different Time Slots	Flyer on Page 4
Krishna Janmashtami	Sep 7, 8:45pm - 12:00am	Flyer on Page 8
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TEMPLE ADMINISTRATION

Please remember!



We all share the Temple. Let us work together to keep it safe & clean. Remember to tidy rooms when finished using them. Please refrain from horseplay on temple property.



!!NO PARKING ON THE CURB!!

Note the yellow "no parking" lines next to the curbside of the temple. Violations will be strictly enforced by the local police.



!! No Eating in the Temple Sanctorum!!

Only small quantity of dry Prasad is allowed in the temple sanctorum. No plates and cutlery allowed. Please exit out of the temple sanctorum into the main lobby area to eat more Prasad.



Please refrain from bringing unused items from your home and leaving it at the temple in boxes labeled "FREE".

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Send the check payment (made out to Hindu Temple Society) directly to the Temple address. Please note the purpose of the check in the memo field.

RENTAL DONATIONS FOR THE TEMPLE (EFFECTIVE FROM JANUARY 2019)

Temple Hall & Lower Level	0 - 3 hours	\$350; Each additional hour \$150
Temple Hall	0 - 2 hours	\$200; Each additional hour \$100
Lower Level	0 - 3 hours	\$300; Each additional hour \$150
Sadhana Sayujam Hall 4220 Airport Road	Daily Charges	\$150 \$200 (includes night stay)

The above rates are for Paid Members only. Non-Member rate is total bill + 20%. Charges are based on current (or) prior year Membership.

A refundable deposit of \$100 is required to make the above reservations. Deposit will be returned in entirety if temple is left in the same condition as prior to the rental.

Payment in full is required two weeks prior to the rental day. Payment can be made online or with a check payable to HTS given to Temple Management.

Lower Level, Stage only	0 - 2 hours	\$30
Upper Level, Krishna Room	0 - 2 hours	\$20
Upper Level, Yamuna Room	0 - 2 hours	\$20
Upper Level, Ganga Room	0 - 2 hours	\$30
Folding Chairs	Each	\$1

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TEMPLE BULLETIN BOARD



**Hanuman Chalisa every
Tuesday @ 5:00-6:00 PM
Aarati @ 6:00 PM**

**For more details call
Anandji: (484) 616-9001 or
Nirmala: (610)909-7865**

PUBLIC DARSHAN TIMINGS

Weekdays

Morning 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Evening 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Weekends

9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Evening Arati 7:00 PM

Evening Arati on Tuesday 5:30 PM

Vahana Puja/Archana ends at 7:30 PM



***Tulsi Plants
available to buy
in Temple***



Sai Bhajan



Saturday, August 12th 2023

**From: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
In Temple Main Hall**

Program: Namavali, Bhajans, Harati

**Contact: Padma Mokkalpati
(610)-504-4837**

Rig/Yajur Upakarma at The Hindu Temple

Avani Avittam (Thread Changing Day)

4200 Airport Road, Allentown, PA 18109

Wednesday, Aug 30, 2023



Session 1: 6:30am - 7:30am

Session 2: 8:00am - 9:00am

Session 3: 9:30am - 10:30am

**Please bring Panchapatram, Uddharini & Plate
Temple will provide the rest
(You could also bring Fruits & Flowers)**

***\$31 minimum donation to HTS &
Acharya Sambhavana***

**For Details Contact,
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Please become a paid member or renew your membership. Start every January by mailing your membership check of \$151 per family. For your convenience, we accept all major credit cards at our secure website <https://www.hindutemple-lehighvalley.org/> (Click on Make a Donation) OR mail your check to the temple address payable to “Hindu Temple Society”.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Membership: \$151 _____ Gift for a Day: \$401 _____

Patron: \$5000 _____ Gift for multiple days: \$1000 _____ \$2000 _____ Other \$ _____

Total Donation: \$ _____

Comments: _____

Please mail your Tax Deductible Donation to HTS to the address

The Hindu Temple Society, 4200 Airport Road, Allentown, PA 18109

OR visit <https://www.hindutemple-lehighvalley.org/> to pay by credit card.

HTS EXPANSION PROJECT

Dear HTS Community,

Greetings, and Namaskar. Many of you know that our Hindu Temple is expanding the temple hall and basement and adding another sanctum with 5 new Murtis; Ganesha, Ram Parivar, Bhoga Srinivasar, Gayatri Devi and Kashi Viswanath. We are also adding Navagraha and Abhishek Shiv Ling Parivar to meet our community needs. The total cost of the project is approximately \$2 million, and the temple plans to borrow \$1.5 million in mortgage loans. Our goal is to raise \$1.5 million in pledges from the temple community and payoff the loan in 5 years. The Ground Breaking Ceremony will be in early fall 2023.



Donors pledging \$100,000 + (spread over 5 years) can direct their donation to any of the following 7 facilities in honor of their loved ones - Havan Room, Jain Room, Temple Seva Kitchen, Basement Stage, and 3 Balvihar Rooms.

Donors pledging \$25,000+ (spread over 5 years) can designate their donation toward any of the seven sanctums given above. Devotee families pledging \$5,000, \$10,000 and so on will also be recognized suitably. All above donors will be honored on a plaque in the front lobby of the newly expanded temple.

The HTS Management requests families, who are part of the temple community to pledge approximately 1% of their family income for 5 years so that our Krishna's Home is loan-free soon.

Indian Americans are the richest ethnic group in the U.S. with an average family income of over \$100,000/year. So, an annual pledge of 1% is just \$80/month. You know that most families spend over \$200/month for cell phone plans and another \$200+ toward cable TV/internet. Yes, we all value our cell phones and cable TV. Please take a moment to think how empty our lives will be without our Hindu Temple in the Lehigh Valley. So, please be generous.

If you need more details, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Executive Council or Board of Trustees members.



Neela Bera
President, E.C.

Pattabi Neelakantan
Chairman, Board



PLEDGE FORM—HTS EXPANSION PROJECT

Donor Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount Pledged over 5 years:

2023: _____ 2024: _____ 2025: _____ 2026: _____ 2027: _____

Comments: _____

Please mail this form with your Tax Deductible Donation to HTS address
The Hindu Temple Society, 4200 Airport Road, Allentown, PA 18109

THANK YOU!

Ganesha Ram Parivar Bhoga Srinivasar Gayatri Devi

Kasi Viswanath

Navagraha

Abhishek
Shiv Ling





Online Registration for 2023-2024 is now open !

Please spread the word with your friends and other Lehigh Valley families who are interested in joining Balvihar.

Please click the link for registration : <https://forms.gle/DTp6fpxcfKNMX1G37>

Aug 20th Sunday is the last day to register without incurring a late fee.

Orientation Day: HTS Balvihar will conduct an open house on September 8th (Friday) at 6:30pm at Hindu Temple Society for all families. Classes start on September 10th.

Calendar is posted on Balvihar website <http://www.balviharallentown.org/>

Fee Structure

\$150 = HTS Membership for the year 2023

\$150 = First Child Fees

\$100 = per each additional sibling

\$65 = Prasad & Festival celebration

\$15 = Bowling Trip

We suggest you pay fee using Zelle. If you would like to pay via Zelle, please follow these instructions:

- 1) Email ID to use: HTSTreasury@gmail.com
- 2) You have to make sure that you fill "Balvihar" in the memo.
- 3) Send an email the receipt to htsbalvihar@gmail.com and htstreasury@gmail.com

FAQs :

1) **Can I register online?** Yes. Our Google form on Balvihar website, HTS Balvihar Facebook, HTS Website and emailed to all current Balvihar families is currently available on these portals.

2) **How do I pay online?** In order to pay the fees, please make sure to go to HTS website <https://www.hindutemple-lehighvalley.org/> and click on the donation Orange tab, make the payments with the correct amount. Pick Balvihar option in the drop down list.

This is important : Once you make the payment, you will receive an email from Hindu Temple Society, Please take a screen shot of your payment and send it to HTSBalvihar@gmail.com for processing.

3) **What is the Balvihar Calendar for 2023-2024 looking like?** Please visit www.balviharallentown.org for more information or email htsbalvihar@gmail.com

4) **What is the last day to register?** Aug 20th is the last day to register without incurring a late fee. A late registration of \$50 is applied for registrations from August 21st onwards. Online registration will close on Sept 10th. All registrations after September 10th will pay late registration fee of \$100.

You are welcome to spread the message to all your friends who might be interested to join HTS Balvihar.

Thank you for your continued support in making our Dharma traditions strong!

HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY

Krishna Janmashtami

Thursday, September 7th 2023
8:45pm - 12:00am

HTS invites all to celebrate our beloved Krishna's birthday by offering
his favorite Makhan Mishri Thali
(Delectable Butter and Sugar Candy Plate)

~ Please join in large and receive the blessings of Baby Lala Ji ~

Program Details

8:45pm-9:45pm Sri Krishna Janma Puja

10:00pm-11:30pm Open Mic Rendering of Krishna Bhajans

11:30pm-12:00am Sri Krishna Janmotsav & Maha Aarti

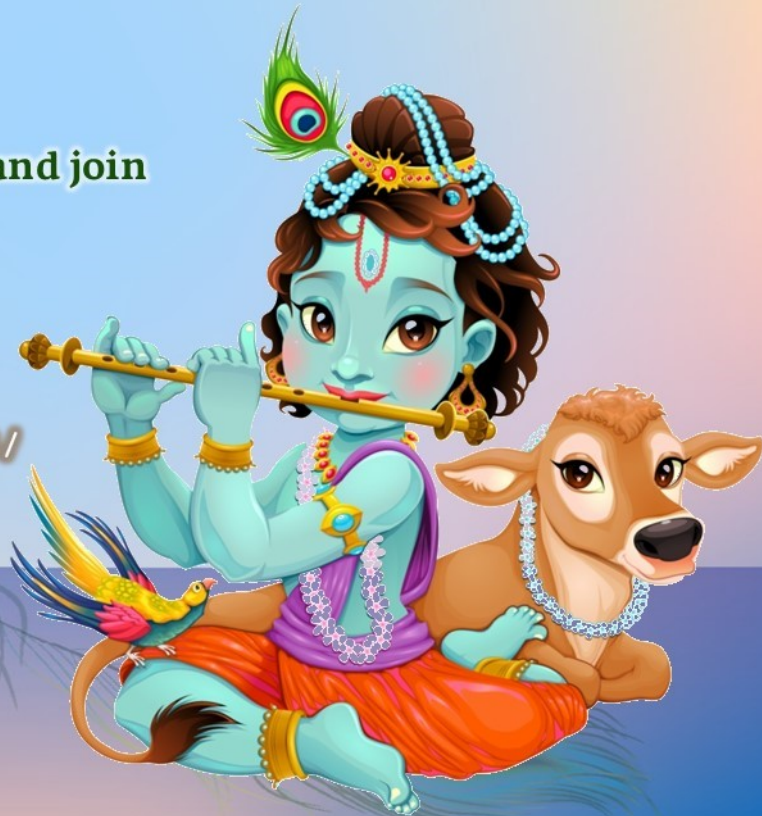
Puja Sponsorship (\$151)

Please sponsor the Makhan Mishri Thali and join
the Krishna Janma Puja @ 8:45pm

For more information - contact

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HAPPY
Janmashtami



Hindu Temple Society Invites You



Ganesh Chaturthi Maha Utsav

The essence of Ganesha is brought out beautifully by Adi Shankara.

Ganesha is the formless divinity. Though Ganesha is worshiped as the elephant-headed God, the form (swarup) is just to bring out the formless (parabrahma roopa). He is 'Ajam Nirvikalpam Niraakaaramekam'. This means Ganesha is Ajam (unborn), he is Nirvikalpa (attributeless), he is Niraakaar (formless) and he symbolizes the consciousness which is omnipresent. Ganesha is the same energy which is the reason for this universe, from which everything manifests and into which everything will dissolve.

Puja Dates and Times

Monday, September 18	6:00pm-7:30pm
Tuesday, September 19	6:30pm-7:15pm
Wednesday, September 20	6:30pm-7:15pm
Thursday, September 21	6:30pm-7:15pm
Friday, September 22	6:30pm-7:15pm
Saturday, September 23	6:30pm-7:15pm
Sunday, September 24	10:30am-12:00pm

Stay Tuned for Program Details

Puja Sponsorship

Grand Sponsorship (Entire Utsav): \$501

Sthapana Day (Puja & Lamp; Abhishek): \$101

Each Day Puja (Abhishek & Lamp; Archana): \$51, Archana: \$21

Visarjan Day (Puja & Havan): \$151

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Diwali Bazaar

Sunday, October 1st

12:00pm - 5:00pm



Latest Indian Fashion
Clothes, Jewelry and more!



Mehendi



Delicious Food

Dosa, Chola Bhatura, Samosa, Sweets and more!



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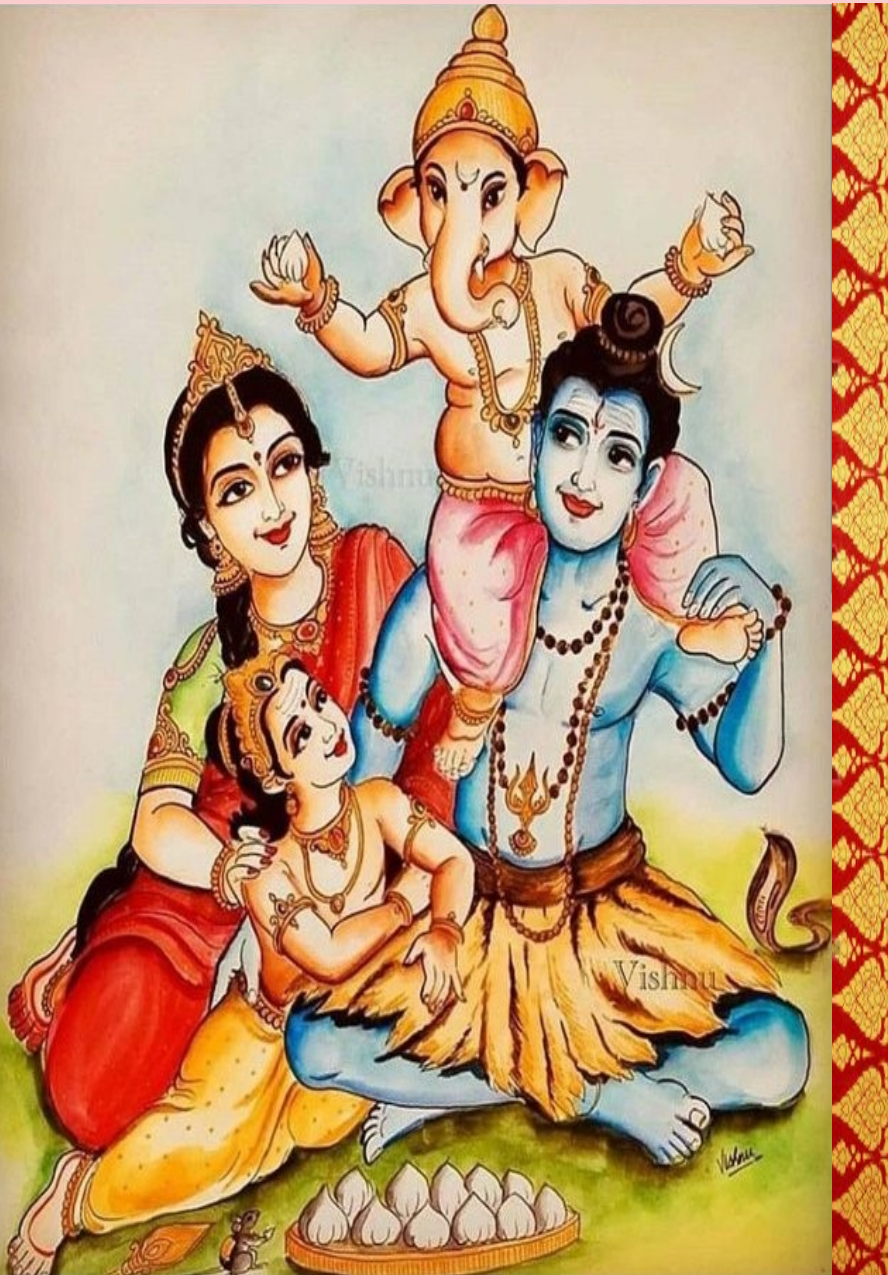
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