



# HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

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

## HTS PROGRAM UPDATES

Priest Anandji (512) 545-9657

### ALMANAC (Panchang)

Jan 1: New Year Puja  
Jan 7: Ekadashi Puja  
Jan 9: Pradosha Puja  
Jan 15: Pongal Surya Puja /Makara Sankranti  
Jan 16: Sukla Sashti  
Jan 21: Ekadashi Puja  
Jan 23: Pradosha Puja  
Jan 25: Pournami  
Jan 29: Sankatahara Chaturthi

### JAIN ALMANAC

Vir Samvat 2550 - Vikram Samvat 2080  
Magshar - posh

Jan 1 : Magshar Vad Pancham  
Jan 4 : Magshar Vad Aatham  
Jan 10: Magshar Vad Chaudas  
Jan 15: Posh Sud Pancham  
Jan 18: Posh Sud Aatham  
Jan 24: Posh Sud Chaudas

### JANUARY PROGRAMS

Jan 1: New Year Puja  
Jan 6: Thiruppavai / Thiruvempavai Celebration  
Jan 7: Balvihar Class  
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Jan 28: Balvihar Class



Happy New Year  
**2024**

EVENT	DATE & TIME	DETAILS
New Year Puja	Jan 1, 5:00pm-6:00pm	Flyer on Page 3
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Pongal Surya Puja	Jan 15, 9:30am-10:30am	Contact Priest for details
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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 @ 4:30-5:30 PM  
Followed by Aarati**

**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 6:30 PM**

**Evening Arati on Tuesday 5:30 PM**

**Vahana Puja/Archana ends at 7:30 PM**



# New Year Puja



**HTS cordially invites you  
for New year Puja**

**TIME: 5-6:00PM**

**DATE; 1ST JANUARY 2024**

**VENUE:4200 AIRPORT RD,  
ALLENTOWN, PA 18109**

**SPONSORSHIP \$51**

**FOR SPONSORSHIP PLEASE CONTACT:**

**NEELA BERA:**

**610-417-1068**

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**610-909-7865**

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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

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

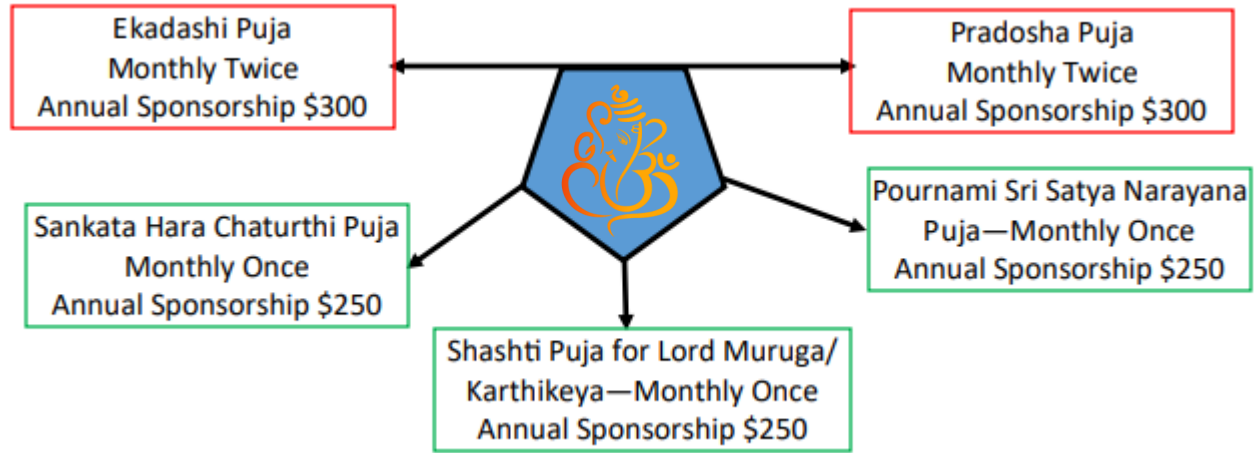


## An Appeal from HTS for Yearly Sponsorship of the Following Pujas

Dear HTS Devotees,

**The Hindu Temple is requesting its devotees Annual Sponsorship Program for biweekly/monthly pujas.**

The Hindu temple is requesting devotees to consider sponsoring one or more of the following pujas of your *Ishta Devata* for the whole year (family deity). For the sponsored puja/pujas, Priest Anandji will include your family details like *Gothram*, *Nakshatram* etc. during *Sankalpa* for the entire year for that puja/pujas. Please see details below.



**Annual sponsorship of any of the pujas given above will automatically cover your Annual Membership of \$151.**



**To sponsor or for additional details, please contact**

**Anandji (512) 545-9657; Neela (610) 417-1068;**

**Nirmala (610) 909-7865; Heena (484) 437-3638**



# BRICK SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



The Hindu Temple is expanding the temple hall and basement.  
The Bhoomi Pujan was held on Thursday, November 16, 2023.

The temple embarked on the Pledge Drive during 2022 Temple Anniversary Program, and we are thankful for all the devotees, who made a financial pledge of support payable over the next 5 years.

As part of the fundraising efforts, the HTS is initiating a new "**Sponsor A Brick**" program. We request devotees to sponsor as many bricks as they can afford.

The donation for each brick is \$151. A devotee can write his/her name on the brick and handover the brick to Priest Anandji or Neil. Of course, you can sponsor additional bricks for your family members.

All these bricks with your names will be kept safely and used during the temple expansion. These bricks will be placed below the various sanctum areas including the two main sanctums, the Navagraha and Abhishek Shiv Ling Sanctums.

**PLEASE BECOME PART OF OUR TEMPLE HISTORY.**

**PLACE A BRICK WITH YOUR NAME SUPPORTING OUR DEITIES.**



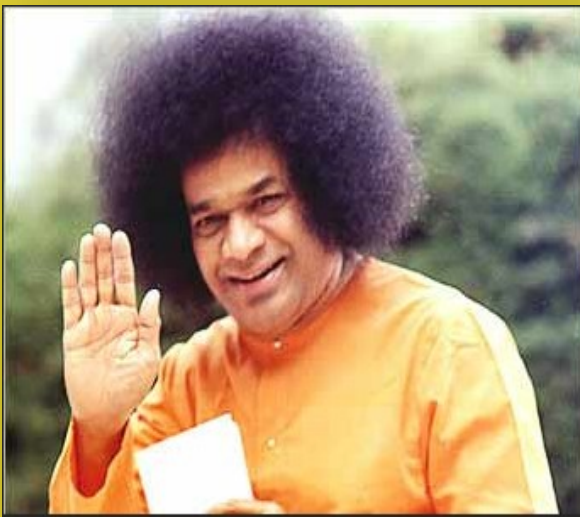
## **HYA Update**

In December, the HYA and HTS Baluihar had a Diwali to Christmas toy drive, where toys were donated to the Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital. The purpose of this was to give a little cheer to hospitalized children not being able to spend the holidays with their families. After the December 17 Baluihar class, the Baluihar kids and members of the HYA went to the hospital to donate the toys. Mantras were also chanted to wish the hospitalized kids a quick recovery.

Also in December, the HYA had a meeting to plan its annual get-together, date TBD. Along with that, plans for a coat drive were also discussed.



## **Sai Bhajan**



**Saturday, January 13th, 2024**

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

**Program: Namauli, Bhajans, Harati**

**Contact: Padmasri Mokkaapati, Bhajan Coordinator: 610-504-4837**



HTS Wishes  
Our Wonderful Community  
Happy New Year 2024



*May the radiant blessings of  
Lord Krishna illuminate the  
lives of all!*



HTS PRESENTS THIRUPPAVAI AND  
THIRUVEMPAVAI CELEBRATIONS ON  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

FROM 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

FOLLOWED BY  
PRASADM LUNCH

# Andal Thiruppavai

JOIN IN THE CHANTING AND  
ENJOY A SHORT CULTURAL  
PROGRAM FOLLOWED BY  
PRASAD LUNCH.

**PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY**  
To Sponsor, contact  
Priest Anandji at 5125459657 or  
Vindya at 6107094066

## PROGRAM AGENDA

**10:00 AM -12:00 PM**

SUPRABHATAM  
THIRUPALLIEZUCHI  
THIRUPPAVAI  
THIRUVEMPAVAI AND SHIVA THIRUPALLIEZUCHI  
GODA STUTI  
aNganmA Jnaalathu PASURAM  
SATRUMURAI

**1:00-2:00 PM**

CULTURAL PROGRAM  
FOLLOWED BY PRASADAM LUNCH

Select [www.acharya.org](http://www.acharya.org) for the Thiruppavai, Thirupalliezuchi, Goda Stuti verses to chant along  
Link to [www.shaivam.org](http://www.shaivam.org) for the Thiruvempavai verses.



# HTS SANKRANTI CULTURAL PROGRAM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

Snow Date: Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Please come enjoy all the performances by children of all ages

## Program Details

Refreshments: 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Program: 4 PM to 7 PM

Awards Ceremony: 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Dinner: 7:30 PM to 9 PM

Please stay tuned for more info

Contact: 610-504-4837





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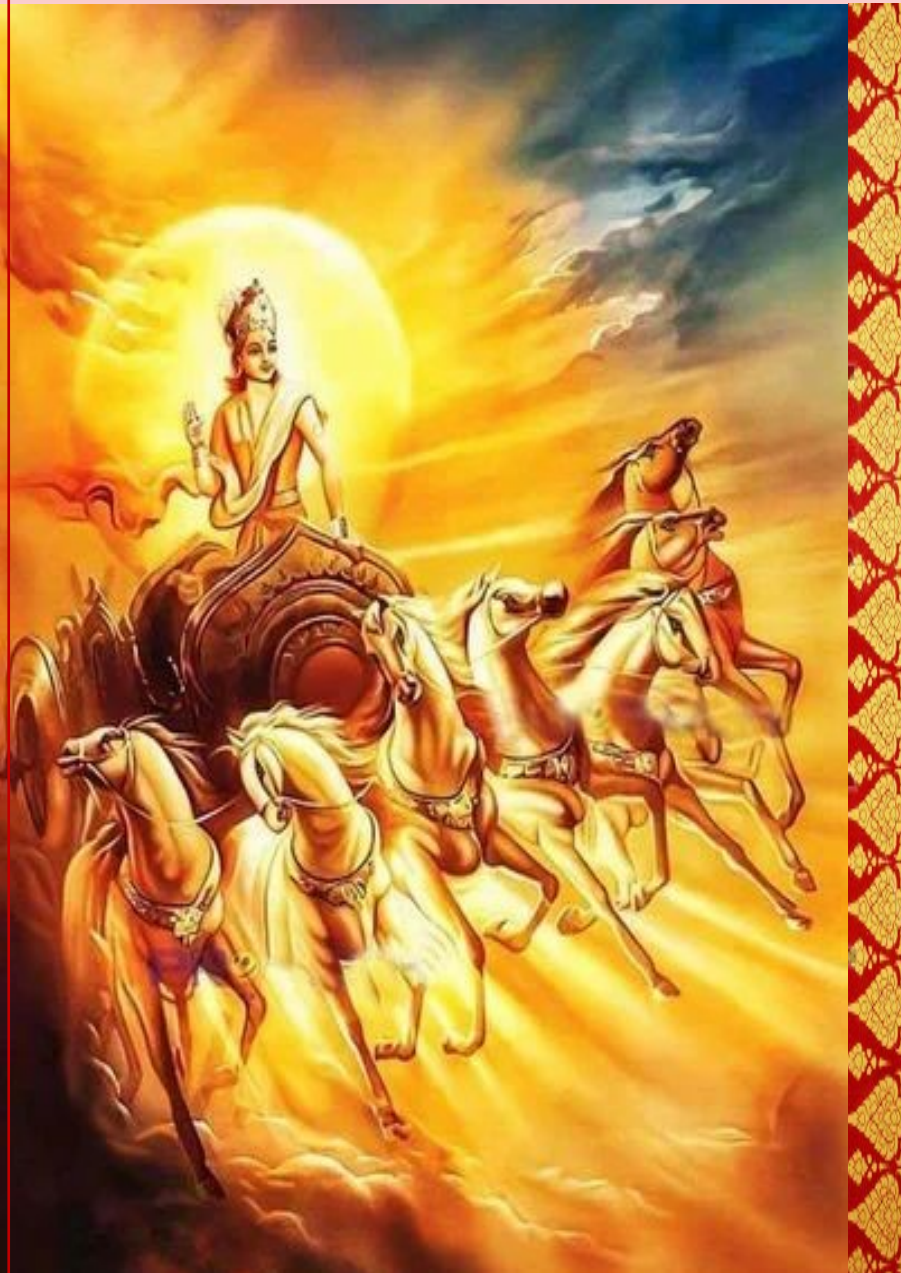




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happenings at Our Temple!

