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Pu. Naranji D.Pandya (Pu.Shastriji)  
774-7750

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## Shri Krishna Janmashtami

**Saturday, August 23, 2008**

5:00pm to 5:30pm - Special Krishna Pooja

5:30pm to 7:00pm - A Grand Bharata Nrityam Recital  
(Please Refer to [page 4](#) for more program details)  
followed by Aarti and Dinner Prasad

**Sponsored by Naresh & Kamini Patel, Paresh & Jigna Patel and families.**



**Note:** Special Pooja by Pu.Sastriji will be performed on the actual Janmashtami day, Sunday, August 24 from 10:30pm - Midnight followed by Aarti.

## Paryusan - A festival of forgiveness

Wednesday, **August 27 to** Wednesday, **September**

**3 – 7:30 - 9:30PM. on Sunday, August 31 –**  
**Noon to 7:00pm Bhavna**



## Shri Ganesh Chaturthi

**Saturday, September 6, 2008**

5:30pm to 6:45pm - Thematic Devotional Music  
program by Dr. Arun R. Anjaria, Mrs. Priyambada  
Mishra. Accompanied on Tabla by Mr. Hemu Bapat

Followed by Aarti & Dinner Prasad

Please refer to [page 4](#) for more program details.

**Sponsored by Passage to India**



## Kolu Puja

**Friday, October 3, 2008 at 7:15pm.**

## Navratri Mahotsav

**September 30 to October 8**

8:00pm to 10:00pm - Garba & Raas

Followed by Aarti and Prasad



## Dashera Celebration

**Sunday, October 12, 2008**

**11:15am - Durga Puja and Durga Havan**

Followed by Arti & Lunch Prasad -

To sponsor the lunch, please contact any EC Members.



## Karva Chauth

**Friday, October 17, 2008**

**6:30pm – Puja**

For further details, please contact any EC Members.



| IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION                              |   |
|--|---|
| Priest Service Requests for outside of HARI & Hall Rentals | Pallav Bhonde<br>266-9195   |
| Dinner Coordinator for HARI Programs                       | Ravi Venkatasubramanian<br>651-0620                                 |
| Lunch Coordinator for HARI Sunday School                   | -   |
| HARI Times Editors   | Executive Committee<br>Hiten Amin 732-0513<br>Ashok Shukla 737-1919 |
| HARI Trust Fund Coordinator                                | Dr. Ray Kathiresan<br>790-0786                                      |

| EKADASHI, PURNIMA, AMAWASYA |           |                  |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| <b>August 2008</b>          |           |                  |
| 01                          | Friday    | Amawasya         |
| 12                          | Tuesday   | Shukla Ekadashi  |
| 16                          | Saturday  | Purnima          |
| 27                          | Wednesday | Krishna Ekadashi |
| 30                          | Saturday  | Amawasya         |
| <b>September 2008</b>       |           |                  |
| 11                          | Thursday  | Shukla Ekadashi  |
| 15                          | Monday    | Purnima          |
| 25                          | Thursday  | Krishna Ekadashi |
| 29                          | Monday    | Amawasya         |
| <b>October 2008</b>         |           |                  |
| 11                          | Saturday  | Shukla Ekadashi  |
| 14                          | Tuesday   | Purnima          |
| 24                          | Friday    | Krishna Ekadashi |
| 28                          | Tuesday   | Amawasya         |

## OUR SINCERE APPRECIATIONS

We would like to acknowledge the following devotees for their recent donations:  
Donation Recognition (Received from April 21, 2008 to August 4, 2008)

| DONOR NAME                                | DONATION AMOUNT | DONATION TYPE            |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Ajit & Manisha Smith                      | \$1,000.00      | HARI Trust Fund          |
| Andrew & Payal Loser                      | \$303.00        | General Donation         |
| Anil & Nita Rastogi                       | \$251.00        | General Donation         |
| Atul & Smita Patel                        | \$2,501.00      | HARI Trust Fund          |
| Bhupinder & Priti Sahi (Budget Printers)  | \$2,500.00      | HARI Trust Fund - Pledge |
| Dnyanoba & Aruna Kendre                   | \$200.00        | General Donation         |
| Gopi & Renu Mehrotra                      | \$200.00        | HARI Trust Fund          |
| Hasu & Hersha Shah                        | \$5,001.00      | HARI Program Donation    |
| Kiran & Anandi Patel                      | \$101.00        | HARI Trust Fund          |
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| Narendra & Geeta Kumar                    | \$200.00        | HARI Trust Fund          |
| Navin & Mamta Verma                       | \$501.00        | General Donation         |
| Parul Krishnamurthy & Krishna Subramanian | \$1,500.00      | HARI Trust Fund          |
| Rajeev & Manjiri Pangarkar                | \$1,111.00      | HARI Trust Fund          |
| Rajendra & Jyotsna Patel                  | \$101.00        | General Donation         |
| Samir & Bina Parikh                       | \$303.00        | HARI Trust Fund          |
| Satya & Manisha Arya                      | \$201.00        | General Donation         |
| Shashirekha U. Hiregoudar                 | \$101.00        | General Donation         |
| Srinivas & Lakshmi Gamini                 |                 | Silver Petals            |
| Venkatesh & Suganthi Nadar                | \$370.00        | General Donation         |

**Current needs at the temple:** We thank all devotees for a great response to our appeal for specific donation (\$). Below are few items for which we are actively looking for donations. Please contact HARI Chairman and/or President for more information:

**Donations Sought:**

| PROJECT  | APPROX. COST   | REMARKS   |
|--|----------------|---|
| Sunday School Lunch Sponsors   | \$200.00/Lunch | Cost of providing onetime lunch to the students during Sunday school.                                 |
| HARI Times Sponsors  | \$500.00       | One time printing and mailing of HARI Times.  |
| PA system upgrade and installation of video surveillance system with CC TV | \$10,000.00    | Our current PA system has outlived its life and needs upgrade to cater to the current needs.          |
| Electronic Communication Expenses  | \$1,250.00     | Annual Recurring expenses for internet, maintaining website, & mass email communication.              |
| Guest Artists Fees   | No Limit       | For payment to the guest artists to perform at HARI sponsored events                                  |
| Parking Lot Project (adding more parking spots)                            | \$25,000.00    | Mr. Kiran Patel @ (717) 657-8607 or email at <a href="mailto:kiran@hersha.com">kiran@hersha.com</a> . |
| Vacuum Cleaners(3)   | \$250.00 each  | Needs Commercial vacuum cleaners for better performance   |

**CONGRATULATIONS**



... to Mr. & Mrs. Raj & Swati Wale, proud parents of **SOHAM**, born on Friday, May 16, 2008.



.. to Mr. & Mrs. Naranji (Pu.Shastriji) & Ilaben Pandya, proud parents of **NIDHI**, born on Tuesday, May 20, 2008.

**An Appeal to the Devotees:**

- ✚ Devotees are encouraged to car-pool during the major HARI Programs to avoid parking problems.
- ✚ Please opt your option of receiving HARI Times by email or postal mail to [haritemple@gmail.com](mailto:haritemple@gmail.com) or contact any of the Executive Committee members to plan for future printing of HARI Times.

HARI Times is a bi-monthly publication of Hindu American Religious Institute (HARI), located at 301 Steigerwalt Hollow Road, New Cumberland, PA 17070. You may send your comments, suggestions, and important announcements to HARI Times Editors using the address provided on the HARI website [www.haritemple.org](http://www.haritemple.org).

**A Grand Bharata Nrityam Recital - Sri Krishna Smriti**  
**By Bala Devi Chandrashekar**  
**(Senior Disciple of Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam)**  
**On Krishna Janmashtami Celebration Day**  
**August 23, Saturday 5:30pm – 7:00pm**

**About the artist**



**Bala Devi Chandrashekar** is an accomplished dancer, Choreographer and teacher of Bharata Nrityam. She is a senior disciple of the noted Bharata Nrityam exponent Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam. As an artist with great ability to perform and teach, Bala has performed in number of prestigious forums and has trained students and teachers of dance. She focuses on creating and consolidating awareness about the link that the ancient heritage has through classical style of dance, by imparting valuable training to motivated students of classical dance in Princeton, NJ. Bala is a panel artist with New Jersey State Council on the arts. She is an active participant in some one the prestigious dance seminars and workshops. She is involved in developing "Performance studies" in collaboration with Theater and Dance, History, Philosophy, Linguistic anthropology and South Asian departments of various universities in the USA.

**Grand Devotional Music Program**  
**By Dr. Arun R. Anjaria,**  
**Mrs. Priyambada Mishra and Mr. Hemu Bapat,**  
**On Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration Day**  
**September 6, Saturday 5:30pm – 7:00pm**

**About the artists**

**Dr. Arun R. Anjaria** from Baltimore, MD is a Sangeet Praveen in Hindustani Classical Music. He had performed several Bhajan programs at Hari Temple since last 30 years. His first program was arranged in 1978.

**Mrs. Priyambada Mishra** has a Masters in Hindustani Classical Music from A.B.G.M. Mandal, Mumbai. Upon securing the national first position for her M. Mus performance, she was awarded the "Hari Om Trust Pratham Puraskar" and "K. Madhukar Gadgil Puraskar." Mrs. Mishra has been an All India Radio artist in Hindustani Classical (Kheyal) and Hindi Bhajan since 1994. She currently resides in the Harrisburg area where she is actively involved in imparting her knowledge of Hindustani vocal music to youngsters.

**Mr. Hemu Bapat** is a professional tabla player from Philadelphia, PA.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

It is hard to believe that we are now in August as the last three months went by so fast inundated with multi-textured events. First there was the homage, by local youth and artists, to the great composer Annamacharya attended by more than 200 music lovers. For the graduation ceremony, all the Sunday school students put on a wonderful variety show on a stage, which had lighting newly, installed.

The contribution of all past chairs and presidents was remembered on the anniversary day, celebrated on July 20, with a great dance recital to the accompaniment of live orchestra, a first for our beloved organization. The more than 250 devotees gathered had a rare treat that evening. As patrons observed, it was the first time that the stage, flanked by blue and saffron curtains, was sparkling with so many who had for so long become part of the institution.

The three days of lectures in early July, on *Shri Suktam* rendered by the scholar Pujya shree Bhupendrabhai Pandya concluded with *Havan* and drew enormous interest. *Mahavir Jayanti* program, a spiritual perspective on *Vastu Shasthra* by Manjul Kant Dwivedi, a religious discourse by Sri Sri Siddheswarananda Bharati Swami and a great recital by Hindustani classical vocalist and humanist Damodar Hota were all enthusiastically attended.

The August 2, bus trip - *pilgrimage* - to Shri Balaji temple, Bridgewater, Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Edison and Anoopam Mission, Coplay was the satisfying culmination of desire to have the elders in the community visit these places with tranquility. We are planning to arrange a similar tour this fall.

The processing of *Green Card* for Pu. Shastriji is underway. Our previous priest, Pu.Punditji is awaiting conclusion of final formalities in India and expected to arrive here before long.

On August 23, coincident with celebrating Krishna Janmashtami celebration, there will be a grand Bharatanatyam program. A live thematic program is planned for September 6, to observe Ganesh Chaturti. During these functions we hope to raise funds to meet the expanding needs of improving and maintaining temple services and thereby furthering the mission of our beloved institution. Your patronage in this effort is earnestly solicited.

We are delighted to inform you that our membership roster, for the very first time, has exceeded our own target of **500** and sure to be much more before the year is out. We are grateful to you for your endorsement and look forward to your continuing patronage.

May Lord Rama bless us all with peace and prosperity!

**Yours in service,**

**Chairman, HARI Board of Trustees  
Mr. Jagannath Yedatore**

**President, HARI Executive Committee  
Mr. Ravi Venkatasubramanian**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Nominating Committee Year 2008

We are in the last part of this calendar year and it is time to start the process for selecting the HARI office bearers to serve HARI Community for the year 2009.

In accordance with the requirements of HARI Bye-laws and the amended (09-08-2002) addendum to Policies and Practices, the BOT will be appointing the Nominating Committee that will come up with a slate of officers of the 2009-Executive Committee and three (3) Trustees to serve in the HARI Board from 2009 through 2011. The BOT is in the process of finalizing the nomination committee; per HARI policies and practices, the past year President, Mr. Sunil Desai will chair the nomination committee. Once formed, the nomination committee will convene on a regular basis to recommend the 2009 HARI committee to the BOT. The Nominating Committee being formed will consist of the following:

|                             |                |                             |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Mr. Sunil Desai             | (717) 792-4661 | Nominating Committee Chair  |
| Mr. Ravi Venkatasubramanian | (717) 651-0620 | 2008 HARI President         |
| to-be named                 |                | General Body representative |
| to-be named                 |                | General Body representative |
| to-be named                 |                | General Body representative |

Serving HARI is an honorable cause and we encourage everyone to participate in the process. In order to be considered to be selected to serve as an office bearer of HARI, nominees must be paid-members of HARI as of September 15, 2008 and must commit to continue their paid-membership throughout their term in office. A list of all HARI members as of September 15, 2008 will be posted on the premises for devotees' reference. Please send in your nominations to the current Secretary/Treasurer on or before Friday, October 10, 2008 for the following positions:

1. Senior Vice-President (one year term, one position)
2. Secretary (one year term, one position)
3. Treasurer (one year term, one position)
4. Vice-President (one year term, five positions)
5. Board of Trustee (three-year term, three positions)

In accordance with our tradition, the Sr. Vice-President of the current year will assume the duties of the President next year subject to general body approval.

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### REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

- ✚ **Weekly Bhajans & Bhagawad Gita Study:** Each Friday from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm, followed by Dinner Prasad. Institute of Higher Understanding (IoHU) conducts the Bhajans & Bhagawad Gita study in collaboration with HARI. Contact (717)791-9138 or [HbgVedic@yahoo.com](mailto:HbgVedic@yahoo.com) for more information.
- ✚ **Satyanarayan Puja:** HARI observes the Satyanarayan Puja on each full moon day (Purnima) from 7:15 pm to 9:00 pm, seeking Lord's blessings for good health, peace, and prosperity of all HARI devotees.
- ✚ **Hanuman Chalisa Recital:** Every Saturday from 7:15pm to 8:15pm by Puja Shastriji. Join Pu.Shastriji for Satsang and Hanuman Chalisa recital.
- ✚ **Monthly Havan:** HARI Devotees Mrs. Aruna Lal and Mr. Satya Arya conduct Monthly Havan on the **first Saturday of each month from 11:00 am to Noon**. Any changes to this schedule will be communicated in advance. Devotees are encouraged to participate and sponsor the Monthly Havan. Contact: Mr. Satya Arya (717) 329-7933.

- ✦ **Jain Swadhayay / Puja:** First Sunday of every month from 2:00 pm to 4:00pm by Jain Samaj. Contact Jain Samaj President Mr. Bipin Shah @ 741-9550 for more details.
- ✦ **Swadhayay Pravachans : Second Sunday of every month from 5:00pm to 6:00pm**  
Contact Chandu Patel: 717-581-5163 or karmajam@gmail.com for more details.  
The word **Swadhayay** literally means "study and discovery of the self". Delving deeper, we find that it is actually a life-changing experience. It is a philosophy intended to uplift human life – a Vedic concept revitalized by revered Pandurang Shastri Athavale, affectionately called Dadaji, the spearhead and inspirer of *Swadhayay Pariwar*. Dadaji, the recipient of the Templeton award for Progress in Religion, 1997; the Ramon Megsaysay award for Community Leadership, 1996 and the Padma Vibhushan, 1999 among numerous recognitions, says, "We do not want a philosophy which is purely theoretical and which merely discusses Utopian ideas and theories. We do not want a philosophy which is merely otherworldly; instead, we want a philosophy which is practical, one that can be useful in our daily lives, i.e. we want a philosophy that can be lived."

In **Swadhayay**, the sacred becomes more personal while satisfying individual and community needs. These are not simply material needs; rather, they are basic human needs like love, identity, self-acceptance, and self-esteem. Though *Swadhayay* is an inwardly focused spirituality, it is life-oriented. With implementation of Gita-endorsed concept of indwelling God, Dadaji has revealed a revolution in all facets of human life, and proved that *Bhakti* is a social force. Today thousands of *Swadhayayee* villages in India are living with the understanding of divine brotherhood under the fatherhood of God.

Issues of social responsibility, inequality, education and healthcare are not unique to this country or this time period. Rather than entering into endless academic debate, Dadaji practically illustrated a bottom-up approach of empowering and educating people to take responsibility for governing themselves; offering an alternative solution to various global challenges. The most fascinating of his contributions, is that he has conceptualized and realized a number of experiments that integrate capitalism's rewards with communism's compassion for the "have-nots".

Dadaji has given pravachans on Ved, Upanishad and Bhagvad Gita well over 50 years at Shrimad Bhagvad Gita Pathshala, Mumbai. He has also given insight into contemporary Utsavs (festivals) as the philosophical understanding and spiritual values of the festivals are generally deeply rooted in Vedic scriptures. His thought provoking video pravachans, planned at **HARI Temple**, bring about and enhance educational, moral, philosophical and spiritual development of individual and community at large by way of true understanding and exemplifying those holistic Vedic values. This development is of vital importance to enjoy and appreciate not only the metaphysical but material life of modern times as well.

### **OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY**

... to the family of Mrs. Sushmita Amin, who lost her beloved brother Mr. Gautam Patel on Monday, May 12th, 2008 in York, PA

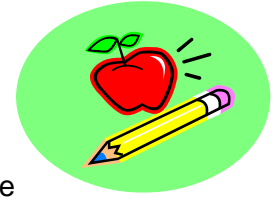
... to the family of Mr. Hasmukh Lathia who lost his beloved mother Mrs. Rukhsamani M. Lathia on Monday, May 19,2008 in Piscataway,NJ

... to the family of Dr. Navin Verma who lost his beloved father Mr. Harish C Verma on Tuesday, July 29,2008 in Hershey,PA

**\*\*\* MAY THE DEPARTED SOULS ATTAIN PARAM SADGATI \*\*\***

## HARI SUNDAY SCHOOL

### HARI School opens Sunday, September 07, 2008



HARI Sunday School is starting another school year on September 7th, 2008 and we are looking forward to yet another fun and culturally rich experience at the temple this year. We added many new classes last year. Please do check the website for the latest news or feel free to contact our school directors for more information.

The school registration will occur on Sunday, September 7th, 2008. Details for registration shall be available at the temple between 10:20AM and 12:00 noon the same day or at the HARI temple website ([www.haritemple.org](http://www.haritemple.org)).

Students can now also take credit for volunteer service hours put in at the temple.

Hope you all had a great summer and are ready for the classes on Sundays!

Thank you.  
**HARI School Directors**

## WEEKLY THOUGHTS

Dr. Ray Kathiresan

Dr. Ray kathiresan, is a seeker and practices yoga daily. He runs **Integral Yoga** classes for the past twenty five years. Integral Yoga techniques cover **Asanas** for the body, **Pranayam** for the mind and the **Meditation** for the spirit to develop a Healthy Body, Happy Mind and a Holy Spirit. With **Body, Mind and Spirit** in harmony, one can find **peace within** and become **Super Performer** and a **Source of Happiness** and spread it at home, work and community. At the beginning of his classes, Ray uses weekly thoughts to have **Satsang** to raise the awareness of the fellow seekers. Few sample weekly thoughts are provided here for your reflection:

✚ As you "**Eat**" .....So is your "**Body**"!  
 As you "**Think**" .....So is your "**Mind**"!!  
 As you "**Meditate**" .....So is your "**Spirit**"!!!

✚ The Fish swims; There is no end to the water.  
 The Bird Flies; There is no end to the sky.  
 When Human appears, there seems to be **scarcity** in everything.

✚ "**Threes...**" from Yoga Universe

|                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Three Things to be in Harmony:    | Body, Mind, Spirit      |
| Three Actions to be Synchronized: | Thinking, Saying, Doing |
| Three Gunas to be Transcended:    | Tamas, Rajas, Satwic    |
| Three Malas to Overcome:          | Ego, Karma, Maya        |
| Three Awareness to Recognize:     | Jagarat, Swapna, Turiya |
| Three Goals to Achieve:           | Sat, Chit, Anandam      |
| Three Syllables to Remember:      | A U M                   |



✚ Do you know that you can burst your daily "**Stress**" by taking the following "**Pill**" daily?

**"Positive Stress Management Pill": TREADMILL**

It represents:

- T ----- Time management
- R ----- Relaxation
- E ----- Exercise
- A ----- Attitude (positive)
- D ----- Diet (proper)
- M ----- Meditation
- I ----- Interpersonal relationship ( watch out grahastas!)
- L ----- Learning (new things, everyday- this keeps you ever Young)
- L ----- Learning (emphasized)

✚ "Act out of **Happiness**; not for happiness."

✚ "We see the world **AS WE ARE**, not **AS IT IS** !."

✚ "**Pure Love** is to feel a deep sense of **Oneness** with a person or thing without any trace of **lust** or **expectation**!."

✚ "**LIFE is**: All Fun. A Present. An Eternal Celebration. For Self Realization!"

**Take it easy and enjoy every moment!**

**2008 HARI PROGRAM CALENDAR**

| DATE                 | EVENT                 | Sponsored by                            |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Saturday, November 1 | <b>Diwali Annakut</b> | HARI Devotees & Area Indian Restaurants |
| Sunday, November 9   | <b>Tulsi Vivah</b>    | <b>Open</b>                             |

| ACTUAL DATES OF MAJOR FESTIVALS<br>(AUGUST – SEPTEMBER) |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| 08-16-2008, Saturday                                    | Raksha Bandhan           |
| 08-24-2008, Sunday                                      | Krishna<br>Janmashtami   |
| 09-03-2008, Wednesday                                   | Ganesh Chaturthi         |
| 09-15-2008, Monday                                      | Pitr-Paksha<br>(Shraddh) |

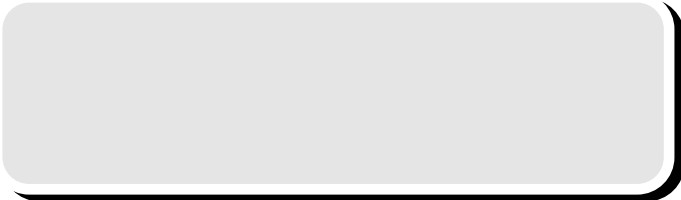
| ACTUAL DATES OF MAJOR FESTIVALS<br>(OCTOBER - DECEMBER) |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| 10-09-2008, Thursday                                    | Dasherra                           |
| 10-17-2008, Friday                                      | Karva Chauth<br>Deepavali (Diwali) |
| 10-28-2008, Tuesday                                     |                                    |
| 10-29-2008, Wednesday                                   | Vikram Samvat<br>2065              |

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 Make left at the STOP for Route 114 West  
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 Go 1/2 mile to HARI Temple on right  
 Phone: (717) 774-7750



**Satyanarayan Katha**

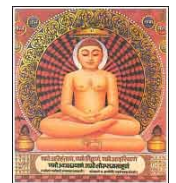
Fri., Aug. 15 at 6:00pm  
 Mon., Sept. 15 at 7:15pm  
 Tue., Oct. 14 at 7:15pm

Satyanarayan Puja is performed on a full moon (Purnima) day to seek Lord's blessings for good health, peace, and wealth. The puja is performed with total devotion, offering fruits, flowers, ghee, milk, yogurt, butter, wheat flour, sugar, and honey to Lord Satyanarayan. After the puja, the story of Lord Satyanarayan is read and the Prasad is distributed to all attendees. The puja thus performed brings in fulfillment of one's wishes and prosperity.



**Jain Swadhayay / Puja**

Sunday, October 5 at 2:00pm



**Monthly Havan**

Saturday, September 6 at 11:00am  
 Saturday, October 4 at 11:00am

HARI observes a monthly Havan on the first Saturday of each month, followed by Aarti and Prasad. Devotees are invited to attend the Havan with their friends and family members.



Devotees who wish to sponsor the monthly Havan and/or Prasad at the monthly Havan are requested to contact Mr. Satya Arya at 717-732-8079.