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SHRI ANNAMACHARYA ARADHANA

Saturday, May 17, 2008

4:00pm to 7:00pm

A musical homage for the great Saint Shri Tallapakam Annamacharya by artists from PA and MD, followed by Aarti and Dinner Prasad

Dinner Prasad Sponsored by HARI Devotees

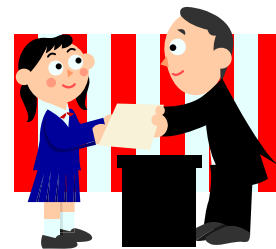


HARI SCHOOL GRADUATION

Sunday, June 08, 2008

10:00am to 12:00pm

Variety of programs by HARI Sunday School Students
Followed by Aarti & Lunch Prasad



Please contact Mrs. Geena Modi (717-600-1599) for Lunch sponsorship.

HARI ANNIVERSARY DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, July 20, 2008

5:00pm to 7:00pm

Felicitation of past Chairpersons and Presidents of HARI
Grand Bharathanatyam performance with live orchestra from India.

Live performance by Ms. Lavanya Rathi Ramesh &
Students of Ramaa Ramesh, Director of Nardhana Academy of Arts Philadelphia, PA.

Followed by Aarti and Dinner Prasad.



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION	
Priest Service Requests for outside of HARI & Hall Rentals	Pallav Bhonde 717-266-9195
Dinner Coordinator for HARI Programs	Ravi Venkatasubramanian 717-651-0620
Lunch Coordinator for HARI Sunday School	Geena Modi 717-600-1599
HARI Times Editors	Hiten Amin 717-732-0513 Ashok Shukla 717-737-1919 Executive Committee
HARI Trust Fund Coordinator	Dr. Ray Kathiresan 717-790-0786

EKADASHI, PURNIMA, AMAWASYA		
May 2008		
02	Friday	Krishna Ekadashi
05	Monday	Amawasya
15	Thursday	Shukla Ekadashi
19	Monday	Purnima
31	Saturday	Krishna Ekadashi
June 2008		
03	Tuesday	Amawasya
14	Saturday	Shukla Ekadashi
18	Wednesday	Purnima
29	Sunday	Krishna Ekadashi
July 2008		
02	Wednesday	Amawasya
14	Monday	Shukla Ekadashi
18	Friday	Purnima

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- ✚ **EKAL Vidyalay Presents Bollywood Hangama** - Sunday, July 13, 2008, 2:00pm to 5:00pm
Presented by EKAL-USA, Central PA Chapter For participation and more information, please contact Hiten Amin, Hasu Shah, KD Patel or Deep Gupta.
- ✚ **India Day 2008** - Saturday, August 16, 2008, 4:00pm to 6:30pm at The FORUM Harrisburg. Presented by Area's Local Asian Organizations. For participation and more information, please contact teamindiaday@yahoo.com or haritemple@gmail.com. Free Admission and Free Participation.

DONATION RECOGNITION

(Received from February 1, 2008 to April 21, 2008)

We would like to acknowledge the following devotees for their recent generosity.

DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	DONATION TYPE
Amar B. & Taru D. Garala Patel	\$1,001.00	Donation
Andrew & Payal Loser	\$303.00	Donation
Ashok & Maya Shukla	\$2,500.00	HARI Trust Fund
Ashutosh & Usha Bhargave	-	Glass Panels for Deities
Dhiru & Bhanu Naik	\$125.25	Donation
Hasu & Hersha Shah	-	Diamond-tone garlands & jewelries
Hema Shah & Mehul Sanghani	\$251.00	Donation
Insurance Dealey, Renton & Associates	\$100.00	Donation
IoHU Institute of Higher Understanding	\$300.00	Donation
Ken Kendre (Global Enterprise LLC)	\$1,100.00	HARI Trust Fund
Mukul & Neelima Parikh	-	Stage Curtain
Neerai D. Pai	\$100.00	Donation
Nishith & Meena Bhatt	\$101.00	Donation
Padmani & Natasha Kumar-Dhar	\$500.00	HARI Trust Fund
Parul Krishnamurthy & Krishna Subramanian	\$500.00	HARI Times Sponsorship
Samir & Bina Parikh	\$200.00	HARI Trust Fund
Satish & Taru Upadhyay	\$2,500.00	HARI Trust Fund
Venkatesh & Suganthi Nadar	\$1,000.00	Donation-Food
Vinod & Anjana Kanabar	\$200.00	Donation-Food
Yogindra & Sonia Balhara	\$201.00	Donation

IMMEDIATE NEEDS AT THE TEMPLE

We thank you 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.

DONATION SOUGHT

PROJECT	APPROX. COST	REMARKS
Sunday School Lunch Sponsors	\$200.00/Lunch	Cost of providing Pizza 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.
Installation of Fire alarm system	\$1,500.00	Added to the existing Security System
Guest Artists Fees	No Limit	For payment to the guest artists from India to perform at HARI
Washer & Drier for Temple	\$1,500.00	Replacement of current equipment
Generator for the Priest's residence	\$1,500.00	Needed to keep essential appliances up during the extended period of power outage.
Parking Lot Project (adding more parking lots and repaving already completed)	\$40,000.00	Mr. Kiran Patel at 717-657-8607 or email at kiran@hersha.com.

CONGRATULATIONS

... to Dr.Ray & Meena Kathiresan, proud grand parents of **Deavan Kathiresan**, born on Monday, March 3, 2008 to Dr.Sekar and Mrs.Neela in Boston, MA.



... to Athreya & Sangeetha Sindiri, proud parents of **Arya Sindiri**, born on Friday, April 18 ,2008.

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 information provided on the HARI website at www.haritemple.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEBSITE UPDATES: Devotees can now donate on-line, pay membership dues, donations and make other payments through our web site. Up to December 31, 2008, there will be a 10% discount if you book the temple hall thru on-line for your private functions. Please check the website for latest HARI Calendar for the programs, hall availability for rentals, and priest availability for the services outside of the temple.

PROJECTOR & SCREENS: We have installed screens at the main stage and at the lower level for audio/visual presentations. Please contact our president for reservation and usage for private/HARI functions.

HARI PRIEST: We are glad to announce that the Green card for our previous Priest Shri Seetha Rama Swamy (Pu. Punditji) has been approved by the US Immigration. He is expected to return to HARI soon. In addition, following on the recommendations of the HARI Priest Committee, the BOT has approved to begin the green card process for the current Priest, Shri Naranjibhai D. Pandya (Pu. Shastriji) in July 2008. HARI will have two priests with extended temple hours and more priest services at the temple and at the devotees' homes.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- ✚ **Weekly Bhajans & Bhagawad Gita Study:** Each Friday from 6:30pm to 9:00 pm, followed by prasad. Institute of Higher Understanding (IoHU) conducts the Bhajans & Bhagawad Gita study in collaboration with HARI. Contact 717-791-9138 or HbgVedic@yahoo.com for more information.
- ✚ **Satyanarayan Puja:** HARI observes the Satyanarayan Puja on each full moon day (Purnima) from 7:15pm to 9:00pm, seeking Lord's blessings for good health, peace, and prosperity of all HARI devotees.
- ✚ **Gita Pravachans:** Second Saturday of every month from 4:00pm to 5:00pm by Swadhyay Pariwar. Contact Chandu Patel at 717-581-5163 or karmajam@gmail.com for more details.
- ✚ **Hanuman Chalisa Recital:** Every Saturday between 7:15pm and 8:15pm by Pujya Shastriji. Join 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 11:00am to Noon. Any changes to this schedule will be communicated in advance. Devotees are encouraged to participate and sponsor the Monthly Havan. Please Contact Mr. Satya Arya at 717-329-7933.
- ✚ **Jain Swadhyay / Puja:** First Sunday of every month from 2:00pm to 4:00pm by Jain Samaj. Please contact Jain Samaj President Mr. Bipin Shah at 717-741-9550 for more details.

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

... to the families of Mr. Ramesh H. Patel & Mr. Pramod H. Patel, who lost their beloved mother Mrs. Kamalaben H. Patel on Saturday, March 22, 2008 in Harrisburg, PA.

... to the families of Vinod Vasistha, Subodh Sharma, and Shushil Sharma who lost their beloved father Mr. C. D. Sharma on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 in Mechancisburg, PA.

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

March and April were filled with events and festivals. Starting with Maha Shivratri celebration on the auspicious day of March 6, Pu Shastriji along with more than 100 devotees performed the Shiva Puja, and Rudrabhisheka in invoking the blessings of Lord Shiva.

Over 350 devotees joined to celebrate Maha Shivratri on March 8th. Usha Bhargave sang devotional songs on a stage flanked by blue curtains, courtesy of Mukul & Neelima Parikh. Devotees had a rare treat when they were taken by Mukul to a vicarious Kailash Yatra with his travelogue to the majestic and mythical abode of Lord Shiva.

Holi was celebrated on March 23. The day was filled with a variety of cultural items put together by Sunday school students and teachers. Befitting the occasion, devotees had a good time playing the colorful Dhuletti. The month concluded with a presentation of Vedic Mathematics by V. Unkalkar, a visiting scholar from India.

April was also a busy month humming with activities. Early in the month there was Gudi Padva, and visit by Balvihar students of Allentown, to know about our Sunday school programs. Devotees heard the week-long recital of Ramayan Katha by Pu. Chandra Prakash Kaushikji. It culminated on the traditional day of observation of Ramnavami with this year's 24-hour Rama Charit Manas recital. Pu Kaushikji blessed all the worshippers. On this occasion, devotees graciously pledged more than \$60,000.00 to HARI. The month concluded with the celebration of Mahavir Jayanti and Sri Hanuman Jayanti.

We are pleased and gratified to observe that thus far in 2008, there was very good attendance at the temple for all events. As always, HARI volunteers are working together to provide all the facilities and services, to make HARI a welcoming place for all occasions.

We have planned for the coming months many cultural programs, lectures and seminars. We hope, besides offering variety, these will have lasting values as well to the community. Please look for these events in our communications. In appreciating and thereby promoting the artists and scholars, your presence would also encourage more volunteer participation to continue hosting such events. We are in the process of arranging trips for elders, to other religious and cultural places. All those interested, please leave your names and availability at the temple.

We are planning to celebrate HARI's anniversary on July 20th, to acknowledge the contributions of past board chairpersons, presidents and the community. For this special event, young artists will give a grand performance of Bharatanatyam to the accompaniment of live orchestra by visiting artists from India. Please mark your calendar and attend the program to enjoy and encourage our heritage.

Besides many ongoing works, BOT and EC have already embarked on projects aimed at enhancing the facility for broader usage. Among them are, expansion of parking areas, video surveillance system with closed circuit TV, lightings and front curtains for the stage, and upgrading of the audio systems.

Concluding on a happy note, our membership roster currently stands at 450 and may well exceed our target of 500 for the year. We would like to thank you for your wonderful support and look forward to your continuing association.

May Lord Rama bless us all with peace and prosperity!

Yours in service

**Chair, HARI Board of Trustees
Jagannath Yedatore**

**President, HARI Executive Committee
Ravi Venkatasubramanian**

HARI SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is hard to believe that we are in the last few weeks of Sunday school! Students are eagerly looking forward to the much awaited graduation program at the temple. Our HARI School graduation is scheduled for June 8th 2008. The program starts at 10:30 a.m. Please join us on this day as we celebrate our students' success with their performances.



The Piano/Instrumental music classes will continue during the summer. So if you are looking for your child to learn something new this summer, please contact one of our school directors for more information.

Our youth group continues to meet every Sunday. At present they are also involved in community service where they are earning community service hours. This is an excellent way to accrue service hours for high school.

Thank you and have a safe summer!

HARI School Directors

TRUST FUND UPDATES

In response to **HTF Steering Committee's** (Thanks to Kiran Patel's Leadership) appeal at the Ramnavami celebration, we have received the pledges from the following devotees. Our heartfelt thanks go to these devotees for their financial support. Please continue to send in your donations to HARI.

Please, contact any current Board of Trustees or Executive Committee members to participate in the HARI Trust Fund. For additional information on various Gift Instruments, please contact Dr. Ray Kathiresan, HARI Trust Fund Coordinator at 717-790-0786 or e-mail raykathiresan@yahoo.com.

PLEDGEE NAME	PLEDGED AMOUNT (Payable in 5years)
Anil & Nayna Parikh	\$2,500
Atul & Smita Patel	\$7,500
Deep and Rani Gupta	\$1,000
Gautam & Mridula Mishra	\$2,500
Gopi & Renu Mehrotra	\$1,000
Jagdish & Parul Shah	\$5,000
Jeffery & Mahua Long	\$1,000
Jitu & Vasanti Parekh	\$5,000
Mohan & Sudesh Singhal	\$1,000
Mohit & Madhu Parikh	\$1,000
Mukund & Prabha Kulkarni	\$2,500
Narendra & Geeta Kumar	\$1,000
Nathu & Aruna Dandora	\$1,000
Parul Krishnamurthy & Krishna Subramanian	\$15,000
Rajeev & Manjiri Pangarkar	\$1,000
Rajkumar & Swati Wale	\$1,000
Shailesh & Krutika Patel	\$7,500
Satish & Taru Upadhyay	\$2,500
Subodh & Deepa Patil	\$1,000
Yogesh & Renuka Parikh	\$2,500

2008 HARI PROGRAM CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	Sponsored by
Aug 23, Saturday	Krishna Janmashtami	Paresh & Jigna Patel, Naresh & Kamini Patel
Aug 27-Sep 3 Wed-Wed	Paryushan	N/A
Sep 6, Saturday	Ganesh Chaturthi	Passage to India
Sep 30-Oct 8, Tue-Wed	Navaratri	N/A
Oct 3, Friday	Kolu Puja	N/A
Oct 9, Thursday	Dasherra	N/A
Oct 17, Friday	Karva Chauth	N/A
Nov 1, Saturday	Diwali Annakut	HARI Devotees & Area Indian Restaurants
Nov 8, Saturday	Tulsi Vivah	Open

**ACTUAL DATES OF MAJOR FESTIVALS
(MAY – SEPTEMBER)**

05-07-2008, Wednesday	Akshay Tritiya
07-04-2008, Friday	Rath Yatra
08-16-2008, Saturday	Raksha Bandhan
08-24-2008, Sunday	Krishna Janmashtami
09-03-2008, Wednesday	Ganesh Chaturthi

**ACTUAL DATES OF MAJOR FESTIVALS
(SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER)**

09-15-2008, Monday	Pitr-Paksha (Shraddh)
10-09-2008, Thursday	Dasherra
10-17-2008, Friday	Karva Chauth
10-28-2008, Tuesday	Deepavali (Diwali)
10-29-2008, Wednesday	Vikram Samvat 2065

EXTENDED PRIEST SERVICES

HARI offers the following Priest Services. The policies and further information can be found at <http://www.haritemple.org/services.htm>. To schedule a priest service, please contact Mr. Pallav Bhone at 717-266-9195 or pallavbhone@hotmail.com.

Makan (House) : Bhoomi Pujan Grah Pravesh – Vastu Puja

Yagna/Havans: Any Havans (Navchandi Havan, Grahshanti Havan, Gayatri havan, Lakshmi Havan, etc.)

Pooja/Abhishek: Archana Puja, Vahan Puja (Car Puja), Sathyanarayan Puja, Randal Puja, Navgraha Puja, Any Vrat Puja (Resolution), Shiva Rudra Abhishek, Chopda Pujan/Sharda Pujan (Puja of account books)

Path (Reading or Chanting): Ganpati Atharvashirsha /Shri Sukta /Chandi /Vishnu Sahastra /Sundarkand Path

Sanskar (Ceremonies): Simant Sanskar (Baby shower), Punyahavachanam, Namakarana Sanskar (Naming Ceremony), Annaprashanam Sanskar, Chaul Sanskar (Hair Offering), Akshrarum Sanskar Upanayanam Sanskar (Scared Thread Ceremony), Vagdan Sanskar (Engagement Ceremony), Vivah Sanskar (Wedding Ceremony) Antim Sanskar (Funeral Ceremony), Utarkriya (After Death Ceremony), Hiranya Shradham Narayanbali Shradh

Janma/Lagna Din Nimitte (Birthdays and Wedding Ceremonies): Vardhapan Sanskar / Markandey Puja (Birthday Ceremony), Sashti Apatha poorthi (60th Birthday), Beema Ratha Santhi (70th Birthday) Shatabhishekam - sahasrachandra darsana santhi (80th Birthday), Lakshminarayan Pujan (Ceremony on Wedding Day), Abhishek (Ceremony on Wedding Day) Vishnu Sahastra Path (Ceremony on Wedding Day)

Life related issues or problems: Ashlesha Shanti, Jayeshtha Shanti, Mul Shanti, Vyatipat Shanti, Vaidhruti Shanti, Kalsarp Shanti, Trikprasav Shanti, Krishna Chaturdasi Shanti, Darsh Amavasya Shanti, Sinivalikuhu Shanti, Gadant Shanti, Anekan Kshatra Janan Shanti, Grahan Janan Shanti, Yamal Janm Shanti, Arkavivah kumbh vivaha, Kunyavivha

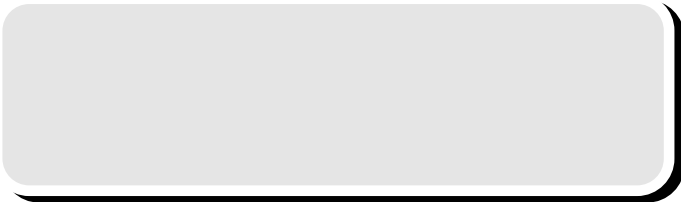
Katha (Narrative): Shrimad Bhagvat Katha, Shri Ramayan Katha, Shivapuran Kata, Devi Bhagvat Katha, Other Religious Narratives

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 Go 1/3 mile; make Left on Steigerwalt Hollow Rd
 Go 1/2 mile to HARI Temple on right
 Phone: (717) 774-7750



Shri Satyanarayan Katha

- ✚ Monday, May 19 at 7:15 pm.
- ✚ Wednesday, June 18 at 7:15pm.
- ✚ Friday, July 18 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.



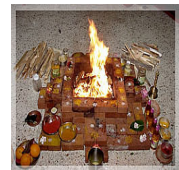
Jain Swadhayay / Puja

- ✚ Sunday, June 1 at 2:00pm.
- ✚ Sunday, July 6 at 2:00pm.



Monthly Havan

- ✚ Sunday, May 11 at 11:00am (Mother’s day Special Havan).
- ✚ Saturday, June 07 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.