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***Wishing You A Happy & Prosperous New Year!***

***\* Make your first check of the year payable to HARI \*  
(Donate online @ <http://www.haritemple.org/membership.html>)***

Regular Membership: Annual \$51.00, Lifetime \$600.00

Seniors: Annual \$25.00, Lifetime \$300.00

***Our sincere thanks to lifetime members for their continued support.***

**NEW YEAR HAVAN**

Sunday, January 1, 2017

10:30am Havan

12:00pm Aarti, Lunch by committee members



**VAIKUNTH EKADASHI**

Sunday, January 8, 2017

6:00am-8:15am Uttara Dwara Darshanm, Archana  
(A token donation of \$21 per family is recommended)



**MAKAR SANKRANTI / PONGAL**

Saturday, January 14, 2017 (actual day)

8:00am - 8:45am Lord Surya Narayan Puja



**TYAGRAJA ARADHANA**

Saturday, January 14, 2017

12:30pm Tyagaraja Aradhana by local artists

7:00pm Aarti, Dinner by South Indian families



**VASANT PANCHAMI**

Sunday, February 5, 2017

11:15am Goddess Saraswati Puja

12:00pm Aarti, Lunch by Bengali families



**MAHA SHIVARATRI RUDRABHISHEK**

Friday, February 24, 2017 (actual day)

7:15pm Rudrabhishek

(A token donation of \$21 per family is recommended)



**MAHA SHIVARATRI CELEBRATIONS**

Saturday, February 25, 2017

5:00pm Puja & Cultural Program

7:00pm Aarti, Dinner by York area devotees

**INFORMATIONAL**

<p><b>HARI Temple Hours</b></p> <p>Monday – Friday: 8am-1pm, 3pm-9pm</p> <p>Saturday &amp; Sunday: 8am to 9pm</p> <p>Daily Aarti: 8am, 12pm, 7pm</p>	<p>Request HARI President for Priest Services and Hall Rentals: (717) 437-1014 * <a href="mailto:president@haritemple.org">president@haritemple.org</a></p> <p>Priest Service request form is available at <a href="http://haritemple.org/hari/pdf/PriestServiceRequestForm.pdf">http://haritemple.org/hari/pdf/PriestServiceRequestForm.pdf</a></p> <p>Hall rental agreement is available at <a href="http://haritemple.org/hari/pdf/temple_hall_use_agreement.pdf">http://haritemple.org/hari/pdf/temple_hall_use_agreement.pdf</a></p>
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- **HARI CALENDAR:** Dates of actual and scheduled events, priests’ availability, and hall rentals are available online at [www.haritemple.org](http://www.haritemple.org). Please verify it *before* planning priest services and/or hall rentals.
- **CLOSING / CANCELLATION ALERTS:** Temple closings are announced on HARI’s website and, when feasible, over local TV channels. Such closings include HARI School and HARI sponsored events cancellations due to adverse weather conditions. The TV Channels are ABC27, CBS21, FOX43 and WGAL8. Note: Look for HARI Temple under “York County Closings” and/or “Churches.”

**USE FOR MEMBERSHIP / DONATIONS OR TO PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last Name First Name MI*

Spouse’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Name MI Maiden Name (optional)*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Tel.: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues are: Annual: \$51.00; Lifetime: \$600.00 (seniors age 65 & up: Annual: \$25.00, Lifetime: \$300.00)

Membership: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

HARI Trust Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Capital Projects: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

At the General Body meeting on Saturday, November 5, 2016, the following were declared elected:

### 2017 Executive Committee:

President: Mrs. Kalpana Sheth

Sr. Vice President: Mr. Atreia Sindiri

Secretary: Mr. Sashidhar Jasty

Treasurer: Mr. Harish Patel

### Vice Presidents:

Mrs. Minoo Amin

Mr. Laxman Buddineni

Mr. Raj Das

Mr. Sam Reddy Ellanki

Mr. Sandeep Gupta

Mr. Raj Sathanur

Ms. Amita Shah

Mr. Sunil Sharma

Mr. Harit Trivedi

### 2017-2019 Board of Trustees (three year term):

Mr. Basava Sankar

Mr. Sadanandam Bharatha

Dr. Yogesh Parikh

2017 Chairman of the Board: On December 20, 2016, the Board of Trustees unanimously elected Mr. Kirit Shah as the BOT Chairman.

**Outgoing Members:** We recognize the following outgoing committee members for their service:

Board Of Trustees: Mr. Srinivas Gamini, Dr. Jeffrey Long, Mr. Ramesh Parmar, and Mr. Kishor Sheth

Executive Committee: Mr. Ayyappan Ganesan, Mr. Ravi Venkatasubramanian, Mrs. Manjiri Pangarkar, Mr. Prakash Kolandra, Mr. Manoj Yadav, and Mr. Sunil Singh

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## OUR HEARTFELT THANKS

**TO** HARI volunteers and the members of the Executive Committee and the Board who helped with the Annakut arrangements and Diwali celebrations.

**TO** all HARI devotees and area restaurants for sponsoring the Annakut Prasad and dinner at the 2016 Diwali celebrations.

**TO** the parents of HARI School for sponsoring lunch on every Sunday at the HARI School.

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## Receipt of your 2016 Donations

**Donations** to HARI are tax deductible under the IRS code 501 (c) (3). HARI sends a donation receipt to all who have donated \$250 or more in a calendar year.

If you do not receive a receipt of your 2016 donations by January 31, 2017 then please contact HARI Treasurer or HARI President. Their contact information is as provided on the first page of this HARI Times. You may also send an email using the contact information provided at [www.haritemple.org](http://www.haritemple.org)

## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEES

Dear HARI Devotees,

We wish you and your loved ones a very Happy & Prosperous New Year.

First and foremost, we thank you for giving us an opportunity to serve HARI for the year 2017. Our temple has witnessed tremendous progress under the guidance of our founding members and HARI Advisory Board. As the community has grown, so has the services and programs at the temple. Now, we challenge, and invite, our community youth to bring in their talent to the temple. We will certainly welcome HARI youth's suggestions to improve / add services that are geared towards the future generations, the future of our community and the country at large.

We are fortunate and blessed to have two very knowledgeable and qualified priests, Pu. Shastri ji and Pu. Swamy ji. Both priests are continuously providing religious services to all HARI devotees at the temple as well as at their homes. Their services are much appreciated.

Finally, we are lucky to have a very dedicated team of volunteers serving the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees (BOT) in 2017. The team is committed to improve temple's infrastructure and services. We are also very thankful to scores of volunteers who serve selflessly at the temple without holding any position. Please continue to guide us and bring your suggestions to improve temple services. We pray Lord Rama to shower his blessings on all of us for a successful 2017 and beyond!

Mrs. Kalpana Sheth  
HARI President



**... OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY ...**



... on passing away of Mrs. Sudhaben Sureshbhai Shah, Mechanicsburg, PA, on October 14, 2016 at the age of 68. Mrs. Shah is survived by her son Mr. Sanjay Shah, daughter-in-law Mrs. Anita Shah, and granddaughters Shreya and Esha.

... on passing away of Mrs. Rukmani Varadavenkatarajulu, Mechanicsburg, PA, on November 15, 2016 at the age 88. Mrs. Rukmani is survived by her son Mr. Varada Krishnamurthy, daughter-in-law Mrs. Beena Krishnamurthy; grandson Rajith; daughters Mrs. Radharani Rajakrishnan and Mrs. Banumathy Surendran & their families; seven grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.

... on passing away of Shri Manilal Ramabhai Patel on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the age of 79. Shri. Manilalji is survived by his wife Kamlaben Patel, son Ulpesh Patel, daughter-in-law Sonal Patel, daughters Daxa Patel and Surbhi Patel.

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



## YES! HERE IS MY FIRST CHECK OF THE YEAR...

**HARI** is a great achievement and an asset of Hindu community in South Central PA. Your contribution helps the organization to serve the community better. You can reaffirm your commitment by writing your first check payable to HARI. Use this form and the enclosed envelope to send your donation...

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last Name*
*First Name*
*MI*

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Name*
*MI*
*Maiden Name (optional)*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone# (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**YES! We take pride in HARI membership:**

- Annual Membership: \$51.00 (seniors, age 65 and up: \$25.00)
- Lifetime Membership: \$600.00 (seniors: \$300.00)

**YES! Here is our special "New Year donation":**

- HARI Trust Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- Capital Projects: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- General Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

RECURRING DONATION...

Consider starting every month with a donation to HARI. HARI Treasurer can help you with the automatic monthly payment setup. You may donate \$21, \$51, \$101, or any amount of your choice...

**\*\*\* Secured online donation is the most efficient way to support HARI \*\*\***  
 \* Donate online at <http://haritemple.org/hari/Donation.aspx> \*

### HARI TRUST FUND: PROVIDING GROWTH, FINANCIAL SAFETY AND STABILITY

Your support has led to one of the most prominent Hindu landmarks in the capital of Commonwealth of PA. We thank the founders and senior members of HARI for their vision and commitment. Now, this legacy continues to be nurtured and preserved for future generations through the HARI Trust Fund (HTF).

Please refer to <http://haritemple.org/hari/Donation.aspx> for more information or contact HTF coordinator Mr. Hiten Amin at [trust-fund@haritemple.org](mailto:trust-fund@haritemple.org)



## HARI School

Namaste, Students and Parents,

Happy 2017! As we bid good bye to 2016, below we reflect on the rapid strides we have taken to make the HARI School a fun place for our students every Sunday!

On the academic front, the new religion curriculum that was introduced at the beginning of the last year has nicely ensconced. Several parents and teachers have reported that kids are thoroughly enjoying the new things being taught as part of the curriculum. We received similar feedback for several language curriculums, which were introduced in the beginning of 2016, including the one for the Hindi language.

On the cultural side, we continue to provide our students with more opportunities to immerse in the glory of our cultural heritage via the annual Holi celebrations, Ganesh puja, Saraswati puja, Ravan Dahan, and Diwali lantern making. The school also organized the maiden Guru Vandana program, a celebration of teacher' contributions, which was soaked in a rich cultural milieu.

In a nutshell, we have had a wonderful year, which was largely possible due to the perseverance of our hardworking teachers and the cooperation of the parents and, of course, the dulcet students!

Before we sign off, we thank you for your generous donations to the 'Diwali Food Drive'. The school collected 65 lbs. of nonperishable food items, which were donated to the Central PA Food Bank. It is our firm conviction that all of the above activities will make our students proud Hindus and build a strong foundation for them to become a contributor.

Sincerely,  
**Dinesh R. Pai**  
HARI School Director

**Vijay Varadhrajan**  
HARI Youth Forum Director

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## ANANDAM: HARI Seniors Forum

HARI Seniors Forum **Anandam** consists of paid HARI members, age 60 and up. The group organizes various activities few times a year, including trips to places that are of religious or historic importance.

For more information, please contact **Anandam** Chair Mr. Kirit Shah at [seniors@haritemple.org](mailto:seniors@haritemple.org) or at (717) 728-9989 or (717) 728-8900.

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## HARI TIMES

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**2017 HARI PROGRAM CALENDAR**

*To support an event financially or to sponsor lunch / dinner at an event  
please contact HARI President at [president@haritemple.org](mailto:president@haritemple.org)*

<b>EVENTS</b>	<b>DATES (2017)</b>	<b>EVENT SPONSORS</b>
New Year Havan	Sunday, January 1	EC and BOT members
Vaikunth Ekadashi	Sunday, January 8	N/A
Surya Puja on Makar Sankranti / Pongal	Saturday, January 14	N/A
Tyagaraja Aradhana	Saturday, January 14	South Indian Devotees
Vasant Panchami Celebration	Sunday, February 5	Bengali Devotees
Maha Shivaratri Puja & Rudrabhishek	Friday, February 24	N/A
Maha Shivaratri Celebration	Saturday February 25	York area HARI devotees
Holi Puja	Sunday, March 12	N/A
Holi Celebration	Sunday, March 19	North Indian Devotees
Telugu, Marathi, Kannada New Year	Tuesday, March 28	N/A
Gudi Padva Celebration	Saturday, April 1	Maharashtrian Devotees
Shri Ram Navami	Wednesday, April 5	N/A
24-hour Shri Ramcharitmanas Recital	Friday-Saturday, April 7-8	Mrs. Hersha Hasu Shah
Shri Mahavir Jayanti	Sunday, April 9	Jain Samaj of Central PA
Shri Hanuman Jayanti	Tuesday, April 11	Hanuman Devotees
Tamil, Bengali New Year	Friday, April 14	N/A
Discourse on Shrimad Bhagavad Gita by Shri Bhupendrabhai Pandya	Monday-Friday, June 5-9	HARI Devotees
HARI School Graduation	Sunday, June 4	HARI School Parents
Dhwajrohan / HARI Fair	Saturday, July 15	N/A
Raksha Bandhan, Upakarma, Yagnopavit	Monday, August 7	N/A
Shri Krishna Janmashtami	Tuesday, August 15	OPEN
Paryushana Parva	Friday-Friday, August 18- 25	N/A
Shri Krishna Janmashtami Celebration	Saturday, August 19	Gujarati Devotees
Shri Ganesh Chaturthi	Friday, August 25	N/A
Shri Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration	Saturday, August 26	OPEN
Navaratri Mahotsav / Raas-Garba	Thursday-Friday, September 21-29	N/A
Durgashtami Havan	Thursday, September 28	N/A
Kolu Puja	Friday, September 29	N/A
Dussehra Celebration	Saturday, September 30	Bengali Devotees
Karwa Chauth	Sunday, October 8	N/A
Diwali	Thursday October 19	N/A
Vikram Samvat 2074	Friday, October 20	N/A
Annakut / General Body meeting	Saturday, October 21	OPEN
Tulsi Vivah Celebration	Saturday, November 4	Mrs. Binta Nitin Patel, Mrs. Renuka Yogesh Parikh
Gita Jayanti	Thursday, November 30	N/A
Vaikunth Ekadashi	Friday, December 29	N/A

*There are hundreds of paths up the mountain, all leading to the peak. Therefore it does not matter which path you take to climb the peak. The only person wasting time is the one who runs around the mountain, telling everyone that their path is wrong.*

*~ A Hindu Proverb*

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 Make left at the STOP for Route 114 West  
 Go 1/3 mile; make Left on Steigerwalt Hollow Rd  
 Go 1/2 mile to HARI Temple on right  
 Phone: (717) 774-7750



**REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS**

Shri Vishnu Sahasranamam and Govinda Namalu	Every Saturday, 6:00pm to 7:00pm <i>Or from 7:30pm to 7:45pm due to priority of other events</i>
Shri Hanuman Chalisa and Satsang	Every Saturday, 7:15pm to 8:00pm <i>Or from 7:15pm to 7:30pm due to priority of other events</i>
Lord Shri Satyanarayana Puja <i>(A token donation of \$21 per family is recommended)</i>	On Purnamasi / full moon, 7:15pm to 9:00pm - Thursday, January 12, 2017 - Friday, February 10, 2017
Jain Swadhayay / Puja <i>Organized by the Jain Samaj of South Central PA</i>	First Sunday of the month, 2:00pm to 4:00pm - Sunday, January 1, 2017 - Sunday, February 5, 2017
Lord Venkateswara Swamy (Balaji) Abhishekam <i>(A token donation of \$21 per family is recommended)</i>	First Saturday of the month, 09:30am to 12:00pm - Saturday, January 7, 2017 - Saturday, February 18, 2017 ( <b>exception</b> )
Havan <i>Organized and conducted by HARI Devotees</i>	Second Sunday of the month, 6:00pm to 7:00pm - None in January - Sunday, February 12, 2017
Ramcharitmanas Sundarkand Recital <i>Organized and conducted by HARI Devotees</i>	Second Tuesday of the month 7:15pm to 9:00pm - Tuesday, January 10, 2017 - Tuesday, February 14, 2017

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