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HOLI PUJA & HOLIKA DAHAN
 Sunday, March 12, 2017 @ 6:00pm (actual day)
HOLI CELEBRATION
 Sunday, March 19, 2017



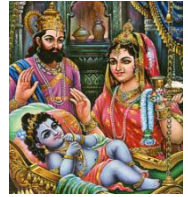
10:00am Variety Program by HARI School
 12:00pm Aarti, Lunch by North Indian Devotees

MARATHI, KANNADA, TELUGU NEW YEAR
 Tuesday, March 28, 2017 (actual day)
 7:15pm Panchang Shravanam



GUDI PADWA CELEBRATION
 Saturday, April 1, 2017
 5:00pm Dance recital by Mrs. Ashwini Sathe & Group
 7:00pm Aarti, Dinner by Maharashtrian Devotees

SHRI RAM JANMA BADHAI
 Wednesday, April 5, 2017 (actual day)
 12:00noon Shri Ram Aarti
24-HR SHRI RAM CHARIT MANAS RECITAL
 Beginning 12:30pm, Friday, April 7, 2017
 Ending 12:30pm, Saturday, April 8, 2017
 Sat. 12:30pm: Aarti, Lunch by Mrs. Hersha Hasu Shah



SHRI HANUMAN JAYANTI
 Tuesday, April 11, 2017 (actual day)
 12:00noon 108 Recital of Shri Hanuman Chalisa
 7:00pm Aarti, Dinner (details on page 3)



TAMIL, MALAYALAM, BENGALI NEW YEAR
 Wednesday, April 12, 2017 (actual day)
 7:00pm Panchang Shravanam



SHRI MAHAVIR JAYANTI CELEBRATION
 Saturday, April 15, 2017
 3:00pm Jain Puja
 7:00pm Aarti, Dinner by Jain Samaj of South Central PA



MATA KI CHOWKI
 Saturday, May 6, 2017
 3:00pm Mata Ki Chowki (details on page 3)
 7.00pm Aarti, Dinner by Mata Devotees



MOTHERS DAY HAVAN
 Sunday, May 14, 2017 11:15 am
 12:00pm: Aarti, Lunch by Sunday School families



SHRI ANNAMACHARYA ARADHANA
 Saturday, May 20, 2017 12.30pm to 7:00pm
 A musical homage to the great Saint Shri Tallapakam Annamacharya – 13th Annual event at HARI
 7:00pm Aarti, Dinner by South Indian families



INFORMATIONAL

<p>HARI Temple Hours</p> <p>Monday – Friday: 8am-1pm, 3pm-9pm Saturday & Sunday: 8am to 9pm Daily Aarti: 8am, 12pm, 7pm</p>	<p>Request HARI President for Priest Services and Hall Rentals: (717) 437-1014 * president@haritemple.org</p> <p>Priest Service request form is available at http://haritemple.org/hari/pdf/PriestServiceRequestForm.pdf</p> <p>Hall rental agreement is available at http://haritemple.org/hari/pdf/temple_hall_use_agreement.pdf</p>
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- **HARI TIMES** is mailed to all HARI devotees however if you wish to “*go-green*” (read online @ <http://haritemple.org/hari/HARITimes.aspx>) then inform the HARI office accordingly. Also, if you would like to share the news of births, deaths, marriages, etc. with the community, then please send a detailed request to president@haritemple.org.
- **HARI emails:** Update your email at www.haritemple.org – OR – drop it in the Hundi (donation box) at the temple – OR – send a request to haritemple@gmail.com.
- **HARI CALENDAR:** Dates of actual and scheduled events, priests’ availability, and hall rentals are available online at 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.”

DONATIONS TO HARI

Following SEVA-Requests list provides HARI devotees yet another way to serve HARI directly. Devotees are encouraged to sponsor one or more Seva Items for a week, month, or quarter. Please contact HARI President or HARI Treasurer for further details (contacts are listed on the first page).

Seva Item...	Seva Item...
Puja-Items / Supplies ...	Utilities ...
Paper Products ...	Landscaping ...
HARI Times Printing ...	Snow Removal ...
School lunch / books...	Sponsor an event ...

Note: Donations to HARI are tax deductible under the IRS regulation 501.c.3. HARI acknowledges all monetary donations of \$250 or more. Please contact HARI President or Treasurer for clarification.

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Shri Hanuman Jayanti



Actual Day: Tuesday, April 11, 2017

108 repetitions of Shri Hanuman Chalisa

From 12:00noon to 7:00pm, Followed by Dinner Prasad

Sponsors: Minoo Hiten Amin, Pragnya Piyush Gandhi, Shobha Durla Lathia, Kiran Madhu Menon, Jyotsna Harish Patel, Udita Vijay Patel, Raji Kumar Piraviperumal, Leena Shenoy (Passage To India), Pramita Anil Shenoy, Kalpana Ketan Sheth, Roshni Virendra Trivedi

MATA KI CHOWKI

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

Spiritual Bhajans: 3:00pm TO 7:00pm

AARTI AT 7:00 PM FOLLOWED BY DINNER PRASAD

This is a Temple facilitated event, open to all HARI devotees.

Seek Mata's blessings and listen to spiritual bhajans by accomplished artists.

ANIL DUA & MANDLI is a renowned group from the New York/ New Jersey area. Their orchestra music and divine bhajans will enlighten your soul. They have done a number of Jagrans, Mata ki Chowkis, and religious events in many cities.

DR. USHA BHARGAVE is our local artist who will bless us with her beautiful voice by singing Mata ki Bhente.

***** DURGA POOJA, KANJAK POOJAN, MATA CHUNNI CEREMONIES *****

NOTE: Due to the nature of the Chowki bhajans, music will be loud.

EVENT AND DINNER PRASAD SPONSORS

ROHIT & SHABNAM SACHDEVA, UJJWAL & RENU MITTAL, VIPIN & SUMAN GOEL, HITESH & PARAM SURI, RAMESH & ALKA PARMAR, RAVI & ALKA ANAND, RAMAN & CHARU LUTHRA, RANJIT & SANGEETA MALIK

Message from HARI School

Namaste, Students and Parents,

What a way to welcome the warmth of spring in our culture! Happy Holi to you all.

As we celebrate Holi, please explain to your child the beautiful significance of this colorful festival at all three levels – social, spiritual, and religious. I am told Central Penn Parent will feature ‘Hinduism and Holi’ as their March cover story. Do check it out.

Next couple of months are exciting period for the school, especially for our children. They will get an opportunity – to participate in the Holi program; go on a field trip to the beautiful Sringeri Temple, Stroudsburg, and Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Saylorsburg; invite their teachers for the Guru Vandana celebrations; perform a Yagna on Mother’s Day; and, of course, exhibit all that they have learned in the school year during Graduation Program. Encourage your child to participate in these activities with full vigor. These activities, in addition to providing cultural mooring, also provides them with an opportunity to become leaders.

On February 5, we celebrated Vasant Panchami. Our students performed Saraswati puja with utmost devotion and love, which was dulcet and a sight to watch. They were dressed in traditional and colorful grandeur, and conducted themselves with equal splendor.

So far, it has been a wonderful year, which was largely possible due to the perseverance of our hardworking teachers and the cooperation of the parents and, of course, our inquisitive students! Thank you all for you cooperation and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Dinesh R. Pai (HARI School Director)

Vijay Varadhrajan (HARI Youth Forum Director)

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS

TO the members of the Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, and HARI Times editors for sponsoring lunch at the New Year Havan.

TO area South Indian families for sponsoring dinner at the Tyagaraja Aaradhana.

TO area Bengali families for sponsoring lunch at the Vasant Panchami / Devi Saraswati Puja.

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

Receipt of 2016 Donations

HARI is a 501.c.3 non-profit organization and monetary contributions made to HARI maybe tax deductible under the existing IRS regulations. HARI acknowledges all donations over \$250. If you have not received the receipt of 2016 donations, then please contact HARI Treasurer or President.

Message from the Committees

Dear HARI Devotees,

We started the year 2017 with the New Year Havan which was attended by more than 400 devotees. This was followed by Makar Sankranti/Pongal celebration. Despite inclement weather, more than 400 devotees enjoyed this classical music program. We thank the devotees for their constant support and devotion to our temple. Many students participated for Saraswati Pooja on Vasant Panchami. The students also participated in dress competition with traditional Indian Attire. For the next three months, we are celebrating several programs at HARI. Please continue to attend these programs which are listed in the current edition of HARI Times.

Most of the projects for infrastructure improvement initiated by the previous committee are now completed and we will try to continue to add to it. Your suggestions are welcome. Thank you for your generous donations to the temple. In addition, a list of *Seva Items* is included on Page 2 of this HARI Times (page 2). A monetary contribution can be made towards any of these *Seva Items*. We plan to send receipts of donations via emails. Please make sure to update your email address on HARI website if that has changed.

We also seek a volunteer pool in various areas of expertise in the community (such as construction/Architectural, HVAC, electrical, Landscaping, Health and safety, art/exhibition, finance, legal, education, food preparation etc.) which can help the executive committee and BOT to execute various projects at the temple.

We are very grateful to get this opportunity to serve our temple and we constantly seek your guidance and suggestions which can be directed to either chairman@haritemple.org or president@haritemple.org.

Mrs. Kalpana Sheth
HARI President

Mr. Kirit Shah
HARI Chair

Message from the PR Committee

January is when the World Religion Day is celebrated. It involves bringing many religions under one roof for unity is a job the Harrisburg Inter-religion Forum from Harrisburg is helping accomplish. This year it was all about celebrating different religions with music. World Religion Day is an interfaith observance initiated in 1950 by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahai's of the United States, celebrated now worldwide on the third Sunday in January each year. Though initiated in the United States, World Religion Day has come to be celebrated internationally.

Members of nine different faith groups shared their music and singing at the event. The afternoon was joyful event in the glory of God with the people from all walks of life and religions. Representing the Hindu religion, Pujya Swami ji performed chanting for peace, followed by two devotional songs by Dr. Usha Bhargave's group, with Dhaval Pandya accompanying on tabla. This was an afternoon well spent listening to some great songs and music in the fellowship of people from other faiths with a packed audience at the Penbrook United Church of Christ in Harrisburg. This is an event worth attending in 2018! We will keep you posted.

We are also getting ready to launch the 2017 scholarship applications in early March. If you have a graduating senior in your home, please stay tuned for more information.

Best regards,
Deep Tewari (PR Committee Coordinator)

Message from “ANANDAM” (HARI Seniors Forum)

HARI Seniors Forum, Anandam, consists of paid HARI members, age 60 and up. The group meets regularly each month at HARI and also organizes various activities outside of HARI few times a year; such as field trips, hiking, picnic, entertainment events, etc.

On behalf of HARI community, we thank Mr. Kirit Shah for coordinating the Anandam Group activities for the past two years. During the calendar years 2015 and 2016, the Anandam Group organized Picnic, Hiking, Diwali Dinner, entertainment events, presenting a folk dance at the 40th anniversary event “Sanskriti” and another at the Diwali event, bus trips to Swaminarayan temples in NJ and PA, a visit to Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Ground-Zero & World Trade Tower and watching a Christmas show in NY, a visit to Annapolis Harbor, etc.

For the year 2017, we welcome Dr. Yogesh Parikh as the new coordinator for the Anandam Group. One may contact Dr. Parikh at (717) 979-8886 for any information regarding Anandam group’s planned activities or with your suggestions and ideas.

Best regards,

Visiting HARI Temple

HARI welcomes all visitors during temple open hours. Also, upon request, HARI volunteers are made available to provide guided tours to visitors at a mutual convenient time. Some of these volunteers also pay visit to schools and churches outside of HARI to present basics of Hinduism.

HARI sincerely thanks this group of volunteers who are excellent source of Hinduism and have been selflessly providing their services to many communities on behalf of HARI: Mr. Ashok Shukla, Dr. Mukul Parikh, Dr. Jeffery Long, Mr. Hiten Amin, Dr. Dinesh Pai, Mr. Ashutosh Bhargave, Mrs. Susmita Amin, and Ms. Amita Shah.

Our Hearty Congratulations...



... To Rani & Ajay Madduri, proud parents of **Ariya**. Baby girl Ariya was born on November 21, 2016. Proud grandparents are Pravin & Kokila Patel of York, PA.



... To Krunal and Sejal Patel, proud parents of **Prish**. Baby boy Prish was born on January 18, 2017. Proud grandparents are Bhupendra & Dipika Patel.

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*

EVENTS	DATES (2017)	EVENT SPONSORS
Maha Shivaratri (actual day)	Friday, February 24	N/A
Maha Shivaratri Celebration	Saturday February 25	York area HARI devotees
Holi Puja (actual day)	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 Hanuman Jayanti (actual day)	Tuesday, April 11	Hanuman Devotees
Tamil, Bengali New Year (actual day)	Wednesday, April 12	N/A
Shri Mahavir Jayanti	Saturday, April 15	Jain Samaj of Central PA
Shri Annamacharya Aaradhana	Saturday, May 20	South Indian Devotees
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
Bhaktotsavam	Saturday, August 12	
Shri Krishna Janmashtami (actual day)	Tuesday, August 15	OPEN
Paryushana Parva (actual dates)	Friday-Friday, August 18- 25	N/A
Shri Krishna Janmashtami Celebration	Saturday, August 19	Gujarati Devotees
Shri Ganesh Chaturthi (actual day)	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 (actual day)	Thursday, September 28	N/A
Kolu Puja (actual day)	Friday, September 29	N/A
Dussehra Celebration	Saturday, September 30	Bengali Devotees
Karwa Chauth (actual day)	Sunday, October 8	N/A
Diwali (actual day)	Thursday October 19	N/A
Vikram Samvat 2074 (actual day)	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
Sri Suktha Homam	Saturday, November 18	South Indian Devotees
Gita Jayanti	Thursday, November 30	N/A
Kruthika Deepotsavam	Saturday, December 9	N/A
Vaikunth Ekadashi	Friday, December 29	N/A

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 Go 1/3 mile; make Left on Steigerwalt Hollow Rd
 Go 1/2 mile to HARI Temple on right
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REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Shri Vishnu Sahasranamam and Govind Namalu	Every Saturday, from 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, from 7:15pm to 8:00pm <i>(Or from 7:15pm to 7:30pm due to priority of other events)</i>
Lord Shri Satyanarayana Puja / Katha <i>(A token donation of \$21 per family is recommended)</i>	On Purnamasi / full moon, from 7:15pm to 9:00pm - Sunday, March 12, 2017 - Tuesday, April 11, 2017 - Wednesday, May 10, 2017
Jain Swadhayay / Puja <i>Organized by the Jain Samaj of South Central PA</i>	First Sunday of the month, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm - Sunday, March 5, 2017 - Sunday, April 2, 2017 - Sunday, May 7, 2017
Lord Venkateswara Swamy (Balaji) Abhishekam <i>(A token donation of \$21 per family is recommended)</i>	First Saturday of the month, from 09:30am to 12:00pm - Saturday, March 4, 2017 - Saturday, April 1, 2017 - Saturday, May 6, 2017
Monthly Havan <i>Organized and conducted by HARI Devotees</i> <i>(please note date and time exceptions)</i>	Second Sunday of the month, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm - Sunday, March 5, 2017 <i>(date exception)</i> - Sunday, April 16, 2017 <i>(date exception)</i> - Sunday, May 14, 2017 <i>(time exception; see page 1)</i>
Shri Ramcharitmanas Sundarkand Recital <i>Organized and conducted by HARI Devotees</i> <i>(please note date and time exceptions)</i>	Second Tuesday of the month, from 7:15pm to 9:00pm - Tuesday, March 14, 2017 - Tuesday, April 18, 2017 <i>(date exception)</i> - Tuesday, May 9, 2017