



VANDANA

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Mission

To inform, socialize and invite everyone to Hindu Temple of KY activities, upcoming events, community resources and to promote discussion about our rich culture, religion and traditions.



From the Board Chairman



Dear Temple Community,

I am thrilled to connect with you as we embrace an exciting chapter under our new leadership. The transition has been smooth, thanks to our dedicated predecessors, allowing our new Board, Executive Officers, and Executive Committee to quickly make impactful contributions.

Our recent Maha Shiv Ratri celebration, which welcomed 1500 visitors despite the rain and soft grounds, highlighted the strength and spirit of our community. This event not only tested our temple's infrastructure but also showcased our collective resilience and dedication.

In response to our growing community, we are exploring ways to enhance our facilities, including expanding parking and improving overall visitor management. These efforts aim to ensure a welcoming and sacred space for all who seek spiritual guidance and fellowship in our temple.

Moreover, we are excited about the forthcoming upgrades to our main temple area, with a new roof and carpeting soon to be installed. These enhancements are part of our commitment to preserving the beauty and sanctity of our sacred space.

Our Safety Team is working on multiple projects to ensure a secure environment for our devotees. At the same time, the Pooja and Digital Committees are innovating to enrich the devotee experience through spiritual services and digital engagement, reflecting our temple's blend of tradition and modernity. We stand on the shoulders of those who led before us, grateful for their support and guidance. Their legacy fuels our commitment to continuous improvement and innovation.

Thank you for your unwavering faith and support. Your dedication is the backbone of our temple community, inspiring us to strive for excellence and nurture a vibrant, inclusive atmosphere.

With gratitude,

Purna Veer,
Chair, Board of Regents

Daily parayanam Schedule

Sunday 10.00 am - Rudram & Chamakam
Monday 6.30 pm - Rudram & Chamakam
Tuesday 6.30 pm - Lalitha Sahasranamam
Tuesday 7.15 pm - Skanda Shasthi Kavacham
Wednesday 6.30 pm - Achyutashtakam, Madhurashtakam
Thursday 6.30 pm - Ganesha Atharvaseersham
Friday 6.30 pm - Sri Ashtalakshmi Sthotram
Saturday 9.00 am - Suprapatham, Vishnu Sahasranamam

Daily Aarti - 7.00pm (Daily Aarti timing subject to change during major events)
 All devotees are welcome to participate

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Puja Calender

April

Apr 09 Tuesday - Chandramana Ugadi,
 Chaitra Navaratri Begins
Apr 09 Tuesday - Apr 17 Wednesday
 - Navprayan Ramayan
Apr 16 Tuesday - Sri Rama Navami
Apr 21 Sunday - Mahavir Jayanti
Apr 06 Saturday - Pradosham (Lord Shiva Abhishekam)
Apr 23 Tuesday - Purnima (Shri Satyanarayana Katha Puja)

May

May 05 Sunday - Pradosham (Lord Shiva Abhishekam)
May 22 Wednesday
 - Purnima (Shri Satyanarayana Katha Puja)
May 26 Sunday - Jun 01 Saturday
 - Temple Anniversary

June

Jun 03 Monday - Pradosham (Lord Shiva Abhishekam)
Jun 21 Friday - Purnima (Shri Satyanarayana Katha Puja)

Event Highlight:

April: Sri Rama Navami - Apr 16 Tuesday
May: Temple Anniversary - May 26 Sunday
 - Jun 01 Saturday

Sponsorship

Monthly Abhishekam 2023

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Annual Abhishekam 2024

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Schedule: *subject to change depending on circumstances.

1st	Sunday	10:00am	Ganesh
1st	Monday	06:00am	Shiva
1st	Tuesday	09:30am	Durga
1st	Friday	09:00am	Saraswathi
1st	Saturday	10:00am	Balaji
2nd	Tuesday	09:30am	Navagraha
2nd	Friday	09:30am	Lakshmi
2nd	Saturday	09:30am	Subramanya
2nd	Sunday	10:00am	Rama
3rd	Friday	09:30am	Bhudevi
3rd	Saturday	11:00am	Anjaneya
3rd	Sunday	05:30pm	Ambaji
4th	Tuesday	09:30am	Visalakshi
4th	Sunday	10:00am	Krishna

Garland Sponsorships

Balaji/Shiva/Ganesha	All Other Deities
Yearly: \$2500	Yearly: \$1250
Monthly: \$250	Monthly: \$125
Weekly: \$75	Weekly: \$40

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Rama Navami

Ram Navami is celebrated to mark the birth of Lord Rama, who is considered a 7th avatar or incarnation of Lord Vishnu. Lord Rama, the scion of Ikshvaku dynasty was born in Ayodhya to King Dasharatha and Queen Kaushalya on the 9th day of Chaitra, the first month of the Hindu Calendar.

The story goes that Lord Rama was sent to exile for 14 years on the wishes of his step mother, Kaikeyi. Lord Rama's consort, Sita, and his younger brother Lakshmana accompany him. During the exile, demon king Ravana kidnaps Sita and takes her to Lanka. Hanuman, an ardent devotee of Lord Rama helps in finding the location of Sita. With the help of Hanuman and the vast Vanar Sena (monkey army) of King Sugriva, they lay siege on Lanka and defeat the mighty demon King Ravana and his army.

The entire story of Lord Rama's life is depicted in the great epic of Ramayana by sage Valmiki. This epic is written in Sanskrit and has been translated in many languages. Lord Rama is believed to be an ideal human being and a symbol of truth, righteousness, and virtue. He is also known for his bravery, courage, and devotion to his duty. Lord Rama is always worshiped with his consort Sita, brother Lakshmana and his devotee Hanuman.

Ram Navami celebrations include reading the great epic of Ramayana and staging plays of the Ram Lila, or the pastimes of the life of Lord Rama. The HTKY congregation celebrates Ram Navami with great fervor and joy.

News Flash:

On Jan, 22, 2024

Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust unveiled a grand temple at the site of the birth of Lord Rama at Ayodhya, which is a holy site of pilgrimage for the followers of Sanathana Dharma or Hinduism. Jai Shri Ram!

Holi Mela



• Happy •



Holi Mela



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HTKY Leadership Team – Board & Management Committee

Dear Devotees,

The Hindu Temple of Kentucky has started the year 2024 with Gusto and there is so much more to come!

We eagerly look forward to your presence and continued support in Celebration of the divine. Please let us introduce the current Board and Management committee.

Board of Regents

- ♦ Purna Veer (Chairperson)
- ♦ Chithra Ram (Vice Chairperson)
- ♦ Atul Mashruwala
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Executive Committee

- ♦ Shagun Singh (Managing Director)
- ♦ Gajanan Mudalkar (Joint Managing Director)
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- ♦ Vidhya Gopalakrishnan (Joint Secretary)

Management Committee

- ♦ Sreenivas Vemuri (Pooja Committee Chair)
- ♦ Sasidhar Sangaraju (Pooja Committee Co-Chair)
- ♦ Dileep Parthassarathi (Hospitality Committee Chair)
- ♦ Rachana Dhoot (Hospitality Committee Co-Chair)
- ♦ Vijay Kannan (Safety/Education Committee Chair)
- ♦ Aroun Kesavaraj (Safety/Education Committee Co-Chair)
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- ♦ Arun Kaiti (Fundraising Committee Co-Chair)
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- ♦ Vinayak Basavaraj (Community Outreach Co-Chair)
- ♦ Vinay Polepalli (Facilities Chair)
- ♦ Navaneet Dutt (Facilities Co-Chair)
- ♦ Srilatha Kodumuri (Hall Rentals Co-Chair)
- ♦ Samir Kulkarni (Digital Committee Chair)
- ♦ Hemanth Vajje (Digital Committee Co-Chair)
- ♦ Swati Daftary (Cultural Chair)
- ♦ Renu Mehta (Cultural Co-Chair)
- ♦ Aparna Vemuri (Cultural Co-Chair)
- ♦ Jeethendar Dhoot (Jeeth) (Volunteer Committee Chair)
- ♦ Anand Firodiya (Volunteer Committee Co-Chair)
- ♦ Mahesh Gupta (Hundi Collections Chair)
- ♦ Thirumalai Ponnappan (Hundi Collections Co-Chair)

We are always looking for new ideas and ways to further the vision and mission of our Temple. If you would like to serve the Divine in any way, Share ideas, or simply want to connect Please leave a message @front desk with your name and phone no. or email us at contactus@htky.or

**In Service of the Divine,
HTKY Board, Executive & Management Committee**



Hindu Culture & Learning

Hindu traditions: Why do we?



An Illuminating Tradition: Why do we light a Lamp.

शुभं करोत कल्याणमारोग्यं धनसंपदा ।
शत्रुबुद्धविनाशाय दीपज्योतिर्नमोऽस्तुते ॥

śubham karoti kalyānam-ārogyam dhanasampadā |
śatrubuddhi vināśāya dīpajyoti-namo'stute ||

**Salutations to the light of the lamp, which destroys bad feelings
and brings auspiciousness, health and prosperity;
salutations to the light of the lamp.**

In the rich tapestry of Hindu rituals, the lighting of lamps holds profound significance, both spiritually and symbolically. From humble earthen diyas to intricately crafted brass lamps, this tradition is deeply ingrained in Hindu culture, offering insights into the essence of the faith.

At the heart of lighting a lamp lies the symbolism of dispelling darkness and ushering in light. In Hindu philosophy, light is synonymous with knowledge, wisdom, and enlightenment. By lighting a lamp, devotees invoke the divine presence and seek illumination for their minds and souls. It symbolizes the triumph of good over evil, ignorance over knowledge, and darkness over light.

The practice of lighting lamps is deeply rooted in Hindu scriptures and mythology. In the ancient epic of Ramayana, the citizens of Ayodhya illuminated the kingdom with rows of lamps to celebrate the return of Lord Rama after his victory over the demon king Ravana. This tradition, known as Deepavali or Diwali, continues to be celebrated fervently across the Hindu world, symbolizing the victory of righteousness over darkness.

Moreover, lighting lamps is a gesture of reverence and gratitude towards the divine. It is a way for devotees to offer their devotion and seek blessings for prosperity, health, and happiness. In many Hindu households, the lighting of the lamp is considered an integral part of daily worship, performed during morning and evening prayers.

The lamp itself holds symbolic significance. The wick represents the individual soul (atma), the oil symbolizes the impurities (negative traits) that obscure the soul, and the flame signifies the divine light of consciousness. As the lamp burns, it serves as a reminder to devotees to strive for self-improvement, to purify their hearts, and to awaken their inner light.

Furthermore, lighting lamps is believed to purify the surrounding environment and ward off negative energies. The glow of the lamp is thought to create an aura of positivity and tranquility, making it conducive for meditation and spiritual contemplation.

In essence, the tradition of lighting lamps in Hinduism transcends mere ritualistic practice; it is a profound spiritual act that embodies the eternal quest for enlightenment and the eternal battle against ignorance and darkness. By kindling the flame, Hindus reaffirm their commitment to seeking divine grace, wisdom, and inner peace in their lives.

Hindu School Annual Function



Community Announcements



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"Giving Back to the Community" series at HTKY

1. **SAT/ACT PREP - April**
This session will provide middle and high school students information about SAT and ACT exam preparation.
2. **STOP THE BLEED - May 18**
This session will teach the participants the simple steps they can take in an emergency situation to stop life-threatening bleeding.
3. **HEALTH FAIR JUNE 15, 9 AM -1PM**
Join us for a FREE Health and Wellness Fair.
Our physicians and team members will be offering health screenings, Vaccination, eye exams, demos, education and more.

Membership.

HTKY Board and Temple Management would like to thank all the 2023 Annual members, Patron and Life members!! We kindly request you to renew your 2024 Membership.

Your Membership will help organize religious events and also maintain our temple structure in generations to come. With your membership, you will benefit from discounted hall rentals and in certain puja services. Your Annual membership of \$365 will add up along with your other donations, towards your lifetime contributions under your name.

Once you reach a total contribution of \$5000, then your name will be on a Gold leaf on The Sanjivini Tree in the temple. You will also have voting rights and the ability to impact our community! Please support our temple by becoming a member.

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Temple Timings

Weekdays

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

5:30 PM – 08:30 PM

Saturday & Sunday

9:00 AM – 02:00 PM

3:00 PM – 08:30 PM

Questions

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