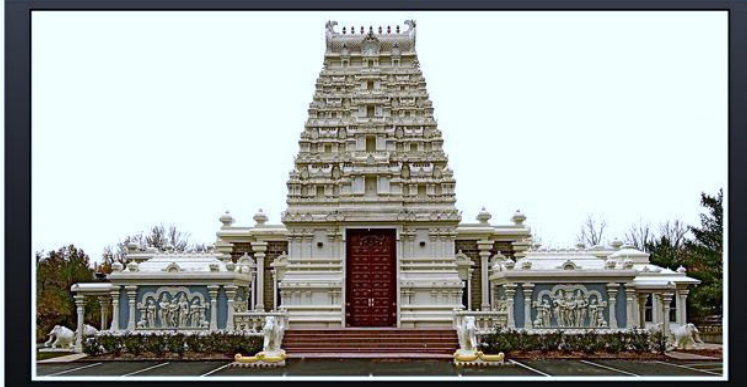


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### **Temple Staff**

**Manager** : **Satish Babu**

**Priests** : **Shri Deevi Srinivas, Shri Rameshwar Dass, Shri Vedantam  
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**THE HINDU AMERICAN FOUNDATION  
(HAF)  
INVITES YOU TO ITS ST. LOUIS  
AWARENESS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Join the HAF team to learn how you can be an advocate to ensure the Hindu American voice is heard by leaders in public policy, media, academia, and the public at large.

All are welcome to attend!

**Date: Saturday, July 10, 2010  
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Location: Hindu Temple of St. Louis.**

Keynote Speaker : Mihir Meghani, M.D. Member, Board of Directors  
Local Contacts : G.V. Naidu — (314) 229-8761  
RSVP: HAF Office  
office@hafsite.org  
(301) 770-7835

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**FUND RAISING DINNER**

**SEPTEMBER 25**

**Saturday - 7PM**

**Donation - \$50**

**Look for announcements in the temple  
noticeboard and in the website.**



## **PUJA COMMITTEE REPORT**

Large groups of devotees attended both Ganesha Puja of Souramna Ugadi and the Acharya Jayanti puja. Acharya Jayanti was also celebrated with the enthusiastic rendering of Pancha Ratna Krutis, which has now become an annual tradition. Vaikasi Visakham and Hanuman Jayanti were festive and devotees participated with great reverence. The mandatory kavadis were carried by young and older devotees in a procession prior to Murugan Abhishekam.

This year Mother's day was celebrated with a special Samuhika Puja for Sri Kanyaka Parameshawari Devi. In order to conduct monthly and annual pujas for the Devi on a regular basis, a special shrine is being built as part of the temple expansion. Please contact the temple manager either to donate or to get additional information on this project.



**(Devotees participating in the Ugadi festival)**

In the next quarter, Temple Anniversary in July, Vara Lakshmi Puja, Yajurveda Upakrama and Samuhika Satyanarayana Puja in August and Krishna Janmashtami and Ganesha Chaturdhi in September are coming up. Please plan to attend these festivals with your family and friends.



(Devotees taking Kavadi's with different pooja materials for Vaikasi Vishakam)

The following actions were approved by the Puja and Executive Committees in the last two months and will be effective immediately.

1. Gajamala charges reduced to:-  
Balaji-\$60 one, \$55 for 10 or more. For other Dieties-\$45 for one, \$40 for 10 or more.
2. Poolangi Seva charges can be shared by more than one family.
3. Private Utsavam for any Deity can be performed as long as it is scheduled without interference to other scheduled pujas of the temple. Charges will be \$151 if utsavam is performed by one priest and \$300 if 2 priests are performing.
4. Kalyana Mandap will be available for rent in the temple and Gandhi center only. Charges will be \$350 with assembly by a temple custodian. Silk flower garlands will also be available for rent for \$100. Volunteers will help in decorating the Mandap with these flowers.

Puja committee respectfully urges you to provide suggestions for improvement of the temple puja services through the Manager.

## **HEALTH FAIR REPORT**

The Annual Health Fair organized by the Hindu Temple of St Louis was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May this year. It was well attended with a total of 260 registrants. The event was free and open to the public. Some of the services that were offered were General physical examinations, basic screening lab tests ( sponsored by St Anthony's medical center), EKGs, Bone density measurements, Dental screenings, Ophthalmology consultations and various other specialty consultations like allergy, asthma, gastroenterology, Urology etc. This community event could only be held due to the dedication of the Physician and non physician volunteers of the community and the continued support of the Hindu temple and the Gandhi Center.



### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**This annual event will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May next year, 2011.**

## **Hindu Temple Youth Group Reflection of the year 2009-2010**

Youth members started the year with a Bone Marrow Drive to help a priest's daughter who was suffering from leukemia. They managed to register over 50 members.



**Bone Marrow Drive, 2009**

Maha Kumbabhishekam was the next major occasion where the youth mainly helped at the reception area. The members once again, volunteered at the Mother Teresa Center during their Christmas party for local children. In addition, three speakers, Dr. G.V. Naidu, Dr. Ayyagari Rao and Dr. Santanam, were invited to learn about the deities in the temple and also the importance of Kumbabhishekam.

The Haiti earthquake triggered a fundraising thought that led to a fundraising dinner that generated a generous donation from the local community.

In addition to maintaining monthly soup kitchen and sandwich making, the youth members organized a successful annual Food Drive and volunteered at the annual Health Fair in May.



**Donation of funds from Haiti Fundraising to the American Red Cross**



**Food Drive, 2010**



### **Soup Kitchen volunteering**

The year will be wrapped up by a picnic where we recognize the graduating members. We request all the youth of the hindu community to join the youth group to participate in activities of the temple. Please send an email to [contact@hindutemplestlouis.org](mailto:contact@hindutemplestlouis.org) & [hindutempleyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:hindutempleyouthgroup@gmail.com)

### **CLOTHING DRIVE**

Useable clothing of all sizes and seasons for men, women and children including hats, belts, shoes purses etc. and small household items such as blankets, linens, towels, pots, pans, toys. Please pack these items in kitchen size (13 gallon) trash bag and drop in the clothing drive box located in the temple campus.



## UPCOMING TEMPLE FESTIVALS & EVENTS

<b>Srinivasa Kalyanam (TEMPLE 13<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY)</b>	<b>July 6<sup>th</sup> 2010 Tuesday 7.00 PM (Annadanam at the end of pooja – Sponsorship \$150)</b>
<b>Prodosham Rudrabhishekam</b>	<b>July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010 Thursday 6.45 PM</b>
<b>GuruPoornima Satyanarayana Pooja</b>	<b>July 25<sup>th</sup> 2010 Sunday 7.00 PM</b>
<b>Rigveda Upakarma Samuhika Satyanarayana Pooja</b>	<b>August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010 Monday 7.00 PM (Annadanam at the end of pooja – Sponsorship \$150)</b>
<b>Yajurveda Upakarma Sravana Poornima</b>	<b>August 24<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 6.00 AM</b>
<b>Krishna Janmastami (temple open till midnight)</b>	<b>September 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 Wednesday 7.00 PM (Annadanam at the end of pooja – Sponsorship \$150)</b>
<b>Samaveda Upakarma Swarna Gowri Vratam</b>	<b>September 10<sup>th</sup> 2010 Friday 7.00 PM</b>
<b>Ganesh Chathurthi</b>	<b>September 11<sup>th</sup> 2010 Saturday 11 AM 4 PM</b>
<b>Pradosham Rudrabhishekam</b>	<b>September 20<sup>th</sup> 2010 Monday 6.45 PM</b>
<b>Satyanarayana Pooja</b>	<b>September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010 Wednesday 7.00 PM</b>
<b>Devi Naravarathri Prarambam (DAY 1)</b>	<b>October 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 Friday 7.00 PM</b>



**Sri Dattatreyaabishekam is performed every Wednesday 6.45 PM in the temple.**

**Parvati Abhishekam is performed every Tuesday 10.00 AM in the temple.**

### Temple Hours

**Monday-Friday** 9AM – 12:00 noon, 5PM - 8PM  
**Week-ends & major Festivals** 9AM – 8 PM  
**Daily Services** 9:00AM – Nitya Pooja

### Other scheduled Services

**Sunday, Monday** Rudra Abhishekam  
**Tuesday** Parvathi Abhishekam  
Durga Puja  
Hanumaan Puja  
Ramayan Paath  
**Wednesday** Dattatreya Abhishekam  
**Thursday** Shri Saibaba Abhishekam & Sai bhajans  
**Friday** Shri Mahalakshmi Abhishekam  
**Saturday:** Shri Venkateswara Subrabhatham  
Balaji Abhishekam  
Vishnu Sahasranamam

### First Saturday of Every Month

Poolangi seva of Shri Venkateswara

### Second Saturday of the Month

Ayyappa Abhishekam

### Fourth Sunday of Every Month

Navagraha Abhishekam

### Every Chaturthi

Ganesha Abhishekam

### Shukla Trayodasi Pradosham

Rudra Abhishekam

### Every Krittika Nakshatram

Murgan Abhishekam

### Punarvasu Nakshatram

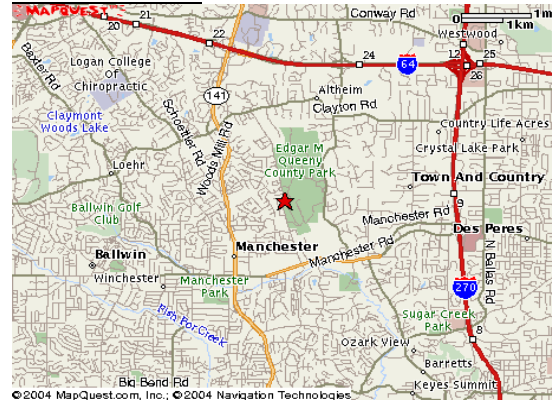
Shri Rama Abhishekam

### Every Rohini Nakshatram

Shri Krishna Abhishekam

### Shukla Dasami

Shri Sai Vratam

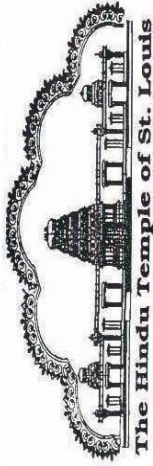


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