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Weekly Bulletin

Namaste!

### Administrative News

**BHOOMI PUJA IS LESS THAN A WEEK AWAY** - Come and participate in this unique event and join hands and take part in the construction of a beautiful temple! Click [here](#) for more details. We anticipate a large turnout that day and hope all of you can be part of it.

**Hindi Classes** No Hindi classes on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Those wishing to join please contact [Shobhabhojwani@gmail.com](mailto:Shobhabhojwani@gmail.com).

**Tamil Classes** No Tamil classes on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2018. For additional information, please contact Kannan Krishnan at [kannkris@gmail.com](mailto:kannkris@gmail.com)

**Reminders:**

- **Year 2018 Membership:** We request the temple community to **renew** their annual membership. Being a member, you will have voting rights in the general body meetings and will be allowed to serve on any committee. Furthermore, your donation for the membership will help us to pay general operational expenses. We also encourage all devotees to consider life membership and sustaining membership categories. These levels of membership bring added benefits and sustain the general operations of the temple. Please see our membership form at <http://www.springfieldtemple.org/MembershipForm.pdf> for further details
- **Seeking Volunteers:** Help your temple grow by doing divine service at least 2 to 3 hours per month. If you are interested to help us, please email [manager@SpringfieldTemple.org](mailto:manager@SpringfieldTemple.org)

### Annadatha

**Menu :**

**Baisakhi Special and includes: Chana, Bhatara, Baingan/Alu/Mattar, Pulao, Raita, and Kheer.**

**Volunteers: Ketki Arya, Digisha Agarwal, Asha Chopra, Supriya Gupta, Manjula Mehta, Swati Pathak, Richa Pandey, Isha Toki, and Tanvi Sharma.**

**Annadatha signup:** 2018 Annadatha sign-up sheet is available on the website now. Please sign up and support this program. **Divya Paranjhi Srirama is the Program coordinator for**

Annadatha program. If you have any questions regarding this program or would like to [Sign-up](#), please contact Divya at [divya.paranji@gmail.com](mailto:divya.paranji@gmail.com) , PH: 217 503 3816

## PUJA Committee News

We have so many important festivals in April, starting with the Solar new year, followed by Akshaya Trutiya and Acharya Jayanthi. Akshaya Trutiya is a special day for HTGS as it was on this auspicious day in 2008 that our temple began at the current location. We are celebrating both Shankaracharya Jayanthi and Ramanuja Jayanthi together as “Acharya Jayanthi” for the first time to pay our respects to both the great Acharyas.

### Souramana Ugadi

Souramana Ugadi is the Hindu New Year observed as per the Souramana Panchangam (Solar calendar). It is celebrated on Mesha Sankranthi day. The solar New Year is celebrated in Assam, Bengal, Orissa, Manipur, Kerala, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Tripura. Also is celebrated on the same day in Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Nepal and Thailand.

### Akshaya Trutiya

Akshaya Trutiya is observed on Vaisakha Shukla Trutiya. It is considered a highly auspicious day and no Muhurat is needed for work started on this day. It is believed to be the day Treta Yuga started. Lord Vishnu and Goddess Lakshmi are worshipped. The day also coincides with the birth anniversary of Lord ParashuRama. The word “Akshaya” means never diminishing. Hence the benefits of doing any Japa, Puja, Dana remain with the person forever.

### Shankaracharya Jayanthi

Shankaracharya Jayanthi is observed, on Vaisakha Shukla Panchami, as the birth anniversary of the great JagathGuru AdiShankara. AdiShankara was born in Kalady, Kerala during the 8<sup>th</sup> century. He was the one who revived Hinduism when it was on the decline. During that period he did what is known, as *digvijaya* (conquest of the quarters), carrying the banner of Advaita Vedanta, the supreme non dualistic philosophy, into the four, corners of India and overcoming all lesser schools of philosophy through his convincing, irrefutable arguments. He established the four Peethams/Mutt at Puri, Dwaraka, Badri and Shringeri.

### Ramanuja Jayanthi

Ramanuja was born in 1017 AD in Tamil Nadu. He was a Hindu theologian, philosopher, and one of the most important exponents of the Sri Vaishnavism tradition. He is famous for his Vishishtadvaita philosophy of Vedanta. Ramanuja travelled throughout the length and breadth of India to disseminate the path of devotion.

## **Bhoomi Puja Mahotsav**

HTGS is planning the historical event of Bhoomi Puja/Groundbreaking ceremony for the new temple on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Temple is accepting donations for the Bhoomi puja expenses. Please embrace this unique opportunity and donate generously.

The next major event that we are looking forward to with great excitement is our new temple Ground Breaking ceremony on April 21<sup>st</sup>. We have planned all the religious rituals and look forward to your enthusiastic participation in this milestone event of our new temple. Please sponsor ahead of time, or at least before the start of the Puja, if you wish your names to be included in the puja. Click [here](#) for Puja Sponsorship Opportunities. Bhoomi Puja will be followed by cultural program and Mahaprasadam (free lunch).

## **SAVE THE DATES**

- **Sat April 14th = Baisakhi – Tamil New Year**
- **Sat April 21<sup>st</sup> Bhoomi Puja – New Temple groundbreaking at 11:30 am**

Devotees who wish to perform any rituals at home may contact Mridula Mara at [calendar.htgs@gmail.com](mailto:calendar.htgs@gmail.com) or 732-325-5335. Follow / Like / Share us on Facebook at [HTGS](#)

## **PUJA Announcements**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Upcoming Puja Events for April 2018</b>
Fri, Apr 13	Masa Shivaratri 5:30 pm
Sat, Apr 14	Souramana Ugadi/Tamil New Year 11:00 am - Ganesh Puja
Wed, Apr 18	Akshaya Trutiya 6:30 pm - Lakshmi Kubera Puja
Fri, Apr 20	Acharya Jayanthi 9:30 am
Sat, Apr 21	Sarva Devatha Sametha Bhoo Varaha Homam 9:00 am Bhoomi Puja - New Temple 11:30am
Thu, Apr 26	Maha Lakshmi Abhishekam 5:30 pm
Sun, Apr 29	SatyaNarayana Katha/Vratham 10:30 am

**Temple Hours:** Monday – Friday except Wednesdays: 9 AM to 10 AM and 5:30 pm to 8 pm;  
Wed: 6 PM to 8 PM; Sat. 9am to 2pm and Sunday: 9 am to Noon

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**Please be aware that on non-festival days, although the temple is open on Wednesdays, the priest is off that day.**

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