

PUSHPANJALI



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ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Fellow Devotees:

Namaskar, on behalf of the Executive Committee it is my privilege and pleasure to wish you and your family a Very Happy New Year. It has been a privilege and great Blessings from the God to serve our temple in the past years in various responsibilities and as a President for the year 2010.

This year has been a glorious one in many respects just like the years in the past. Certainly every year in the future will be more glorious. Listed below are few highlights of 2010.

Pooja: As usual the year 2010 started with Ganesh pooja. All the poojas and celebrations through Maha Sivarathri, Sri Rama Navami, Ugadi, Sri Krishna Janmashtami, Sri Vinayaka Chaturthi, Navarathri, Deepavali, and Karthika Somavaram festivals were attended by record number of devotees. In addition to the regular poojas, this year we started celebrating Guru Peyarchi (Jupiter Transit). Annavaram Satyanarayana Swamy temple priests visited our temple and conducted two days of Satyanarayana Vratha Mahotsavam. The 2009 Mahakumbhabhishekam event has been released in DVD for the devotees.

Prasadam: Annadanam was distributed to the devotees who attended the poojas on the major festival days. Next year Guru Poornima and Mothers day Pooja will be added in the list of annadanam days. Thanks to all the devotees who has sponsored the annadanam on these days.

Operations: Health insurance premiums are increasing every year. To help the employees and their families, Temple has increased its contribution towards their health insurance premium to 60%. Temple is hiring a new custodian effective Jan 1st 2011 to maintain the cleanliness and to help the day to day operations of the temple.

Publication: Pushpanjali was issued every 3 months as per the schedule. Temple website is completely redesigned with new features like email/SMS reminders, audio player for slokas, monthly newsletter, electronic payment options for poojas. Galleries of pictures, videos are uploaded right after the poojas/festivals.

Cultural: Various speakers were invited in this year to give lectures on religious topics.

Library: Library catalog is now available through the temple website. Devotees can check the availability of books and video materials which is on stock in the library.

I take this opportunity to invite all the members to the upcoming general body meeting on Jan 30th Sunday 1PM.

I am greatly blessed to be associated with a wonderful team of volunteers. This team comprising of the Executive Committee/ Board of Trustee members, all dedicated committee chairs, members and volunteers. My sincere thanks and appreciation to all of them, for their unconditional generosity, support, encouragement and cooperation. Let me take this opportunity to thank manager, all the priests, resident shilpi, and all the part time employees for their hard work and commitment to the temple.

TIME OF THE YEAR TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL POOJA SPONSORSHIP

Sendil K. Rathinasabapathy, President

GENERAL BODY MEETING AND ELECTIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

DATE & TIME: Sunday, January 30, 2011 at 1.00 PM

Elections for three (3) vacant positions in the Executive Committee for the period of three years (from Feb 1, 2011 thru Jan 31, 2014) will be conducted during the General Body Meeting. Update of temple activities and other important items will be discussed at the meeting. Nominations should be filed before December 31st 2010. Per Article VI, Section 1 of the By-Laws of the temple, the following members have been appointed as the Election Committee: 1. Jai R. Rao – Chairperson, 2. M. K. Sateesha, 3. Nilima Ghosh

Agenda

- Prayer
- Welcome address - President of the Executive Committee
- Treasurer's report – Treasurer of the temple
- Report – Chairman of the Board of Trustees
- Questions & Answers
- Vote of thanks - Secretary
- Elections – Election Committee

PUJA COMMITTEE REPORT

In October 2010, Devi Navaratri festival was celebrated for nine days on a specially erected stage for the different 'Amsas' of Devi.



Sri Chakra Pujas were performed both morning and evening.



During this festival many sponsors performed 'Homams' with the temple priests in the adjoining yagashala for both Sri Gayatri and Sri Durga.



Karvachouth was performed by more than hundred ladies who brought oil lamps and the traditional puja material to obtain blessings for their husbands. Diwali was celebrated with Dhana Lakshmi puja at both 5.30 and 7.30 pm to accommodate the hundreds of devotees.



To see more pictures and videos of the poojas in the temple, visit gallery page in the temple website (www.hindutemplestlouis.org)



Each Monday of the Kartika month was celebrated with Rudrabhishekams. Jyotirlingarchana was especially beautiful with lamps lit in the shape of a lingam. More than 50 devotees participated in the Samuhika Rudrabhishekam which was performed in the main shrine and on a stage in the main worship hall of the temple. Skanda shashti was also performed in Kartika month with Valli kalyanam.





Girija kalyanam with Sri Shiva marked almost the ending of the month of Kartika. Dhanurmasa will start on December 16th. Tiruppavai and Goda Devi stuti will be chanted at 9am and 6pm regularly throughout the month till January 13th, 2011.

UPCOMING TEMPLE FESTIVALS & EVENTS

NEW YEAR'S DAY Ganesh Pooja	January 1 st Saturday 11AM
MAHARA SANKARANTHI GODA DEVI KALYANAM	January 14 th Friday 6.30PM
SATYANARAYANA POOJA	January 18 th Tuesday 7PM
THAI POOSAM	January 19 th Wednesday 7PM
RATHA SAPTHAMI UTSAVAM	February 10 th Thursday 6.30 PM
SATYANARAYANA POOJA	February 17 th Thursday 7PM
MAHASIVARATHRI	March 2 nd Wednesday 6PM (Temple will be open all night)
NATARAJA ARADHANA	March 5 th Saturday 11AM
SATYANARAYANA POOJA	March 18 th Friday 7PM



ANDAL

From Dec 16th through
Jan 13th, every day 9AM
Thiruppavai will be
chanted by priests.

Every day 6PM Godastuti
will be chanted by priests.

Andal is one of the most extraordinary personalities in religious history. She is known in her native tongue of Tamil as an Alvar, one who is "immersed" in the depths of enjoyment of God, the omnipresent mysterious One. Tradition reckons 12 Alvars, of which Andal is the only female. Between the fifth and ninth centuries, in the Tamil-speaking region of South India, these saints revitalized the Indian religious milieu, sparking a renewal of devotional worship throughout the subcontinent.

Traveling from place to place, from temple to temple, from holy site to holy site, they composed exceedingly beautiful poetry to their Divine Beloved, Vishnu, as an expression of their love for Him. Anyone can see why their poetry was so attractive; at once both impassioned and philosophical, their words cut across all barriers of caste and class, attracting all to their faith. In doing so, they sculpted a new religious heritage of intensely emotional bhakti, or love of the Divine, whose impact is still felt today in the Indian religious life. Andal, whose life and poetry are celebrated every December-January.

Her first work is the Tiruppavai, a poem of thirty verses in which Andal imagines herself to be a cowherd girl during the incarnation of Lord Krishna. She yearns to serve Him and achieve happiness not just in this birth, but for all eternity, and describes the religious vow (pavai) that she and her fellow cowgirls will take for this purpose.

Srinivas Deevi, Priest

HINDU TEMPLE YOUTH GROUP

The Donald Danforth Plant Science Center organized a World Food Day to pack meals to feed the hungry people in Africa on Oct. 15th-16th. Our temple donated \$200.00 towards this cause and the youth members participated in bagging meals on the 16th.



World Food Day Commoration 2010: Day 2

Regular activities of the Hindu Temple Youth Group includes monthly meetings on third Sunday of the month from 4-5:30pm, Soup kitchen from 9-10:30 am on the last Sunday of the month and Sandwich preparation from 7-8pm on last Tuesday of the month. Please contact hindutempleyouthgroup@gmail.com to join.



CALENDAR 2011

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

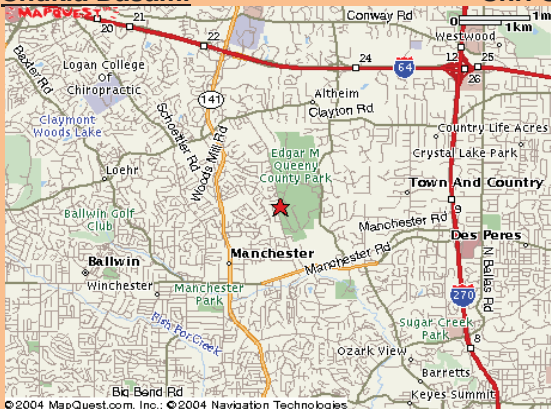
Shri Rama Abhishekam

Every Rohini Nakshatram

Shri Krishna Abhishekam

Shukla Dasami

Shri Sai Vratam



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