

# PUSHPANJALI



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**The Hindu Temple of St. Louis**  
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**Devi Navaratri Schedule**  
**September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 9<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Devi Pooja</b> 	<b>Everyday</b> <b>Mon, Sept 29<sup>th</sup> – Wed, Oct 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Sri Chakra Pooja</b> 	<b>Everyday</b> <b>Mon, Sept 29<sup>th</sup> – Thurs, Oct 9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> (Dasami)</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b> <b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Durga Jagaran</b>	<b>Saturday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 pm –</b> <b>12:00 am</b>
<b>Gayatri Mantra Chanting</b>	<b>Thurs, Sept 29<sup>th</sup> – Fri Oct, 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>Gayatri Homam</b> 	<b>Saturday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(Panchami)</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
<b>Aksharabhyasam and Saraswathi Puja For Children (Included in Annual Pooja Sponsorship)</b>	<b>Monday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Homam (Durgastami)</b> 	<b>Tuesday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Sai Homam (Vijaya Dasami)</b> 	<b>Thursday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00am</b>
<b>Samuhika Kumkuma Pooja (Included in Annual Pooja Sponsorship)</b>	<b>Thursday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

**For further information call the Temple @ (636) 230-3300**

## Navarathri Sponsorship

SPONSORSHIP	FOR ONE DAY	FOR ALL 11 DAYS
Sri Chakra Puja	\$15	\$116
Kum Kum Puja	\$15	To perform Kumkuma Pooja in front of Durga \$116/Person/Day (Only 4 people allowed/Pooja)
Samuhika Kumkuma Pooja	\$25	To perform Kumkuma Pooja in front of Durga \$116/Person/Day (Only 4 people allowed/Pooja)
Archana for Devi Navaratri	\$15	\$116
Gayatri Homam	\$15	\$51/couple To participate in Homam
Durga Homam	\$15	\$51/couple To participate in Homam
Sai Homam	\$15	\$51/couple To participate in Homam
Gajamala for Navarathri Durga	\$75	(Please sponsor Gajamalas a week before)
Garland for Durga	\$25	\$175
Garland for Parvathi	\$50	\$350
Garland for Lakshmi	\$50	\$350
Loose Flowers	\$25	\$175

**Durga Jagran** - Geeta Ramayan group celebrates Ma Durga Jagran on October 4, Saturday from 9 PM to midnight at Hindu Temple. Prayer and bhajans will be performed in Hindi as done in many parts of India.

**Karva Chowth** - a pooja performed by Ladies from North India, for the long life of their husband and peace and prosperity for their family. This year this puja will be performed on October 17 Friday at 4 PM at Hindu Temple. Geeta Ramayan Group will make the arrangements and coordinate this function.

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**Invites you to the  
Annual Fund Raising Dinner  
On  
Saturday October 11, 2008  
at the Hindu Temple**

**Program**

6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.	Social Hour
7.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Presentations & Announcements
7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Dinner
9.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.	Cultural Program



Please mark your calendar for fund raising dinner

**Donation  
\$50.00 per person  
(Payable to "Hindu temple of St. Louis")**

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## TEMPLE ANNIVERSARY

July 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday morning Pushpa Yagotsavam was celebrated in the temple. In the evening temple anniversary was celebrated and Srinivasa Kalyanam was performed. Devotees in large numbers attended the festival.



Every first Saturday of the month Poolingiseva is being performed for Lord Venkateshwara.



## **VARALAKSHMI VRATAM**

August 15<sup>th</sup> Friday evening Varalakshmi Vratam was observed in the temple. Annual pooja sponsors, devotees in many numbers attended the pooja and received the divine blessings.



## **UPAKARMA**

August 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday morning Upakarma was celebrated in the temple. Around seventy devotees took part in the celebration.



## **SAMUHIKA SATYANARAYANA POOJA**

August 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday afternoon Samuhika Satyanarayana Pooja was celebrated in the temple. Annual pooja sponsors and devotees in large numbers participated in the pooja and received the divine blessings.



## **JANMASHTAMI**

August 23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday evening Krishna Janmashtami was celebrated in the temple. Annual pooja sponsors and devotees in large numbers attended the pooja and celebrated the birth of Lord Krishna. Temple was open until mid night. Devotees sang bhajans.



Every Wednesday between 10 AM to 2 PM laddus are prepared by number of volunteers in the temple kitchen.



At the same time the volunteers are preparing Gajamalas for the deities. Million thanks to the volunteers who are devoting their time to do this event. If you want to become a volunteer in any of these events, please give your name and telephone number to the temple manager.



## Youth Group: Past, Present, Future



How do we see the temple 20 years into the future? Will it remain the same? Will it thrive and increase its recognition in the St. Louis community? Or will it quickly dissolve into some forgotten, lifeless architectural masterpiece?

Regardless of how much strife the adults of the Hindu community put toward the welfare of the temple, it is imperative to realize that their efforts are trivial without a strong youth foundation to retain the Hindu culture. This reality is especially significant in the context of the modern world—a world where more and more American born Hindus elect to abandon their rich heritage and foster a self-inflicted ignorance of their culture. To counteract this trend, there must be a genuine effort to attract youth to the temple and instigate interest in the Hindu culture. The Hindu Temple Youth Group was formed specifically around these ideals.

The Youth Group was founded in order to establish a core youth involvement in temple affairs. Currently, the group is undergoing a complete transformation intended to ensure its permanency and future influence. Our organization presents a perfect opportunity for parents who want to ensure their children's involvement with the temple and with Hinduism is general. This coming year, our group aims to educate its members through a series of discussions, lectures, and participation in temple functions. Furthermore, the Youth Group participates in a variety of community service projects. These projects include services at our own temple, such as sandwich making, as well as projects in the greater St. Louis

community, such as volunteering at the soup kitchen. We strongly encourage all new membership to our group. The future of our temple, Hinduism, and an entire culture rests on the shoulders of the current generation. So please, encourage your children to attend the next Youth Group Meeting. We promise to do all we can to guarantee the longevity of the Hindu culture.

By Abhi Kanakadandila, Hindu Temple Youth Group Co-President

### UPCOMING FESTIVALS AND POOJAS

<p><b>Devi Navaratri Prarambham</b></p>	<p><b>September 29<sup>th</sup> Monday through October 9<sup>th</sup> Thursday everyday</b>  <b>Devi Pooja – 9.00 AM</b>  <b>Srichakra Pooja – 7.00 PM</b></p>
<p><b>Durga Jagaran</b></p>	<p><b>October 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 9PM through Midnight</b>  <b>October 6<sup>th</sup> Monday 6:00 PM</b></p>
<p><b>Aksharbyasam and Children Pooja</b></p>	<p><b>October 6<sup>th</sup> Monday 6:30 PM</b></p>
<p><b>Saraswati Pooja for Children</b></p>	<p><b>October 7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 5.30 PM</b></p>
<p><b>Durgastami Utsavam</b></p>	<p><b>October 7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 6.00 PM</b></p>
<p><b>Durgastami Homam</b></p>	<p><b>October 8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7.00 PM</b></p>
<p><b>Mahanavami Sri Chakra Pooja</b></p>	<p><b>October 9<sup>th</sup> Thursday 6.00 PM</b></p>
<p><b>Vijaya Dasami</b></p>	<p><b>October 13<sup>th</sup> Monday 7.00 PM</b></p>
<p><b>Satyanarayana Pooja</b></p>	<p><b>October 17<sup>th</sup> Friday 4.00 PM</b></p>
<p><b>Karva Chowth</b></p>	<p><b>October 28<sup>th</sup> Tuesday</b></p>
<p><b>Deepavali</b></p>	<p><b>5.00 PM and 7.30 PM</b></p>
<p><b>(Dhanalakshmi Pooja)</b></p>	<p><b>(Temple open all day)</b></p>
<p><b>Karthika Somavaram - 1</b></p>	<p><b>November 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday</b></p>
<p><b>Skanda Shashti</b></p>	<p><b>10.00 AM</b></p>
<p><b>Valli Kalyanam</b></p>	<p><b>7.00 PM</b></p>
<p><b>Girija Kalyanam</b></p>	<p><b>November 8<sup>th</sup> Saturday 7.00 PM</b></p>
<p><b>Karthika Somavaram - 2</b></p>	<p><b>November 10<sup>th</sup> Monday 6.45 PM</b></p>
<p><b>Mahajothir lingarchana</b></p>	<p></p>
<p><b>Pradosham</b></p>	<p></p>
<p><b>Karthika Somavaram - 3</b></p>	<p><b>November 17<sup>th</sup> Monday 6.45 PM</b></p>
<p><b>Samuhika Rudrabhishekam</b></p>	<p></p>
<p><b>Karthika Somavaram – 4</b></p>	<p><b>November 24<sup>th</sup> Monday 6.45 PM</b></p>
<p><b>Mahanyasapoorvaka</b></p>	<p></p>
<p><b>Rudhrabishekam</b></p>	<p></p>
<p><b>Satyanarayana Pooja</b></p>	<p><b>December 11<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7.00 PM</b></p>
<p><b>Anaghashtami</b></p>	<p><b>December 18<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7.00 PM</b></p>
<p><b>Ayyappa Mandala Pooja</b></p>	<p><b>December 25<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7.00 PM</b></p>

## From food committee chairperson

Temple kitchen provided prasadam for devotees who attended poojas during Chandramana Ugadi, Souramana Ugadi, Srirama Navami, Tyagaraja Aradhana, Vaikasi Visakam. Many thanks to devotees who sponsored prasadam. The sponsorship for prasadam is \$150 for each occasion, Devotees who are willing to sponsor prasadam can pick their festival and contact the manager. Temple kitchen will prepare and serve Prasadam during festivals. Temple kitchen is providing food for visiting devotees on the weekends. Thanks to all the food committee volunteers helping to prepare this delicious food and raising money for the temple.

## Request to Devotees

### Undelivered Mail/Change of Address

Each undelivered pushpanjali (news letter) costs us \$1 (printing, postage and returned postage). Every month we receive about 10 to 20 newsletters undelivered. Last month we got an unusually high number of undelivered newsletters. In all those cases either there was no forwarding address or forwarding address has expired. Please help us giving forwarding address to Hindu Temple.

### Did you visit [www.hindutemplestlouis.org](http://www.hindutemplestlouis.org)?

- View pushpanjali online
- Access to the events and calendar
- Access to the pooja schedule and rates
- Download necessary forms



### • Temple Annex:

To meet the increased demand for meeting and parties, temple has renovated the additional space in the building behind the temple building which was previously used for priest accommodation.

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