

# PUSHPANJALI



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**Hindu Temple of St. Louis**

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## Temple Staff

Manager : Satish Babu

Priests : Shri Deevi Srinivas, Shri Rameshwar Dass, Shri Vedantam  
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(Library), Ranga (Kitchen), Roop Dhimmel (Kitchen)

## PUJA COMMITTEE REPORT

The auspicious season of 2010 at the temple started with 'Sravana Masam' on 10<sup>th</sup> August. An enthusiastic group of several hundred attended 'Sri Varalakshmi Vratam' on the 20<sup>th</sup>, while 79 sumangalis performed the vratam by following directions from the conducting priests.



On Sravan Purnima day (August 23<sup>rd</sup>) Samuhika Satyanarayana Puja was performed by 75 families which included annual sponsors of Satyanarayana puja and individual sponsors. Yajurveda Upakarma was conducted on 24<sup>th</sup> when 52 changed their sacred threads as per vedic ritual with Homam.





**Lord Sri Krishna's birth was celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> September with great joy and in grand style. Hundreds of devotees joined with reverence and many participated in the jagaran till midnight with singing of bhajans.**





SwarnaGowri Vratam/Teej festival/Haritalika was performed by several ladies the day before Ganesh Chaturdhi. Devotees attended the celebration of Ganesh Chaturdhi throughout the day on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Orderly parking was maintained by county police at both times of 11am and 4pm. Adults and children performed Puja with directions from temple priests in temple-provided plates with idol, patri and other puja dravyas.



## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The plan for new land has been submitted to the county. The main purpose of the current submission is to change the zoning of the new land. After this preliminary approval, site plan will be submitted to St. Louis county before the construction starts. In this regard, we have had a meeting with the neighbors who are happy with our presentation and hopefully will not give any negative comments at the public hearing, which probably will be in the middle of next month. The current architectural plan consists of a three story structure which will have an Auditorium on the second floor, a school on the first floor and a kitchen in the basement. The details were presented at the fund raising dinner.

Regarding the north and south expansion of the temple of the temple, the plans are drawn. This expansion will add ~2400 sq ft to the temple. This expansion will give us many advantages. Firstly it will give more space for the devotees to spread on the same level of the temple. Secondly it will give two more accesses to the temple, which will greatly help the hand capped individuals. Thirdly it will allow the devotees more rapidly leave the halls of prayer with least congestion. There are two groups which are raising funds for this expansion. One is Kanyaka Parameswari group and the other Ayyappa group. While we call them groups, it is only for the convenience of fund raising. They are a part and parcel of the temple, the funds are raised for the temple. Your donations are made to the temple and not to any separate group.

These two projects are the main undertakings and any every support in this regard is appreciated.

## **PRASADAM COMMITTEE REPORT**

In the last three months, temple served annadanam for the Temple Anniversary day, Varalakshmi Vratham, Yajurveda Upakarma, Samuhika Satyanarayana Pooja, Sri Krishna Janmashtami & Ganesh Chaturthi. During Ganesh Chaturthi, temple served annadanam for more than 1000 devotees. On Gurupoornima day temple received more than 200 devotees for the evening pooja. Annadanam was not scheduled on this day, but because of large

number of devotees attended the pooja, temple prepared annadanam and served the devotees. During Navarathri (Oct 8 – Oct 16) all days temple will serve annadanam. The sponsorship for annadanam is \$150.00. Thanks to all the devotees who sponsored for these festivals..



## Donate a BRICK

*Be a permanent part of Ayyappa Temple*

*Donate online at*

*[www.AyyappaTempleStLouis.org](http://www.AyyappaTempleStLouis.org)*

*5000 BRICKS in 50 Days is our GOAL!*

### Campaign Update & Reminder

### OUR TEMPLE

Maha Sannidhanam Comprises 18 Steps, Upadevatas & Lord Ayyappa.

### OUR MISSION

To Build Ayyappa Maha Sannidhanam with Grass Root Level Contributions

### UPCOMING TEMPLE FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Devi Navarathri Prarambam (DAY 1)	October 8 <sup>th</sup> Friday (Temple open till midnight) Sri Chakra Pooja – 9.00 AM & 7.00 PM Sri Parvati Alankarna, Durga Jagaran
Devi Navarathri (DAY 2)	October 9 <sup>th</sup> Saturday Sri Chakra Pooja – 9.00 AM & 6.30 PM Sri Bal Tripura Sundari Alankarna
Devi Navarathri (DAY 3)	October 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Sri Chakra Pooja – 9.00 AM & 7.00 PM Sri Mahalakshmi Alankarna
Devi Navarathri (DAY 4)	October 11 <sup>th</sup> Monday Sri Chakra Pooja – 9.00 AM & 7.00 PM Sri Gayathri Alankarna, Gayathri Homam
Devi Navarathri (DAY 5)	October 12 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday Sri Chakra Pooja – 9.00 AM & 7.00 PM Sri Annapurna Alankarna
Devi Navarathri (DAY 6) SARASWATHI POOJA	October 13 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Srichakra Pooja – 9.00 AM & 7.00 PM Sri Saraswathi Alankarna Aksharabhyasam – 5PM

	<b>Sarawathi Pooja for children – 6PM</b>
<b>Devi Navarathri (DAY 7) DURGASHTAMI</b>	October 14 <sup>th</sup> Thursday SriChakra Pooja – 9.00 AM & 7.00 PM Sri Durga Alankarna, Durga Homam
<b>Devi Navarathri (DAY 8) MAHA NAVAMI</b>	October 15 <sup>th</sup> Friday Sri Chakra Pooja – 9.00 AM & 7.00 PM Sri Mahisasura Mardini Alankarna
<b>Devi Navarathri (DAY 9) VIJAYA DASAMI</b>	October 16 <sup>th</sup> Saturday Sri Chakra Pooja – 9.00 AM & 7.00 PM Sri Raja Rajeshwari Alankarna ** County police will help in parking **
<b>Karva Chowth</b>	October 26 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday Pooja – 4.00 PM
<b>Deepavali</b>	November 5 <sup>th</sup> Friday Dhanalakshmi Pooja 5.30 PM & 7.30 PM
<b>Kartika Somavara – 1</b>	November 9 <sup>th</sup> Monday Rudrabhishekam – 6.45 PM
<b>Skandashashti</b>	November 11 <sup>th</sup> Thursday Valli Kalyanam – 7.00 PM
<b>Kartika Somavara – 2</b>	November 15 <sup>th</sup> Monday Mahajothirlingarchana – 6.00 PM
<b>Kartika Savalaya Deepam</b>	November 20 <sup>th</sup> Saturday Kartika Poornima Pooja – 6.00 PM
<b>Kartika Somavara – 3</b>	November 22 <sup>nd</sup> Monday Samuhika Rudrabhishekam – 6.45 PM
<b>Girija Kalyanam</b>	November 27 <sup>th</sup> Saturday Girija Kalyanam – 7.00 PM
<b>Kartika Somavara – 4</b>	November 29 <sup>th</sup> Monday Mahanyasapurvaka Rudrabhishekam
<b>Vaikunda Ekadasi</b>	December 16 <sup>th</sup> Friday Pooja – 7 PM
<b>Datta Jayanthi</b>	December 20 <sup>th</sup> Monday Datta Pooja - 11AM
<b>Anaghashtami Vratham</b>	December 27 <sup>th</sup> Monday 7PM
<b>Ayyappa Mandala Pooja</b>	December 25 <sup>th</sup> Saturday Abhishekam – 11.00 AM Srivalli – 7.00 PM

### **SPONSORSHIP DETAILS**

October 8th-10th: Gayatri Mantra chanting from 6-7pm.  
 One day Sri Chakra puja - \$25.00 \* All days in Navaratri - \$151.00.  
 One day Garland for Sri Durga - \$60.00 \* All days - \$400.00.  
 One day flowers - \$25.00 \* All days in Navaratri - \$151.00.  
 Kumkum archana on Viajaya Dasami Day - \$11.00.  
 Both Gayatri and Durga Homam - \$25.00 each.  
 Aksharabhyasam on Saraswati Puja day - \$25.00.  
 Saraswati Puja for children no sponsorship.

## WEBSITE

**THE HINDU TEMPLE OF ST. LOUIS** 725 Weidman Rd. St. Louis, MO. 63011  
Phone: (636) - 230 - 3300

HOME TEMPLE ORGANIZATION PROJECTS COMMUNITY GALLERY

You are here: Home Register | Login

**Announcements**

Used clothing donation - Updated on - Thursday, June 17, 2010  
Clothing donation box is arranged in the temple premises. Please put your used useable clothes, shoes in the kitchen bag and tie up and drop it in this donation box.

**Poojas & Events (Register in the site and set email reminders for the events)**

Categories: All

Event Start	Event End	Title	Category	Location
8/25/2010 9:00	9/25/2010 10:30	Misheeba Thiruni Datta		Baltimore Temple

Temple website has new look and features now. Please checkout the following features in the website ([www.hindutemplestlouis.org](http://www.hindutemplestlouis.org))

- Register in the website to get all the features.
- Donate, Sponsor for Annual Pooja, Annadanam sponsorship online using paypal links.
- Look for announcements in the home page
- Religious/cultural events in the home page. Set email reminders for the selected events.
- Daily pooja calendar, copy the calendar to your google calendar (if you have account) and set SMS text reminders for your cell phone.
- Check the “what is new?” section to find out newly modified content.
- Learn about the expansion projects and new land construction project.
- Community section to show what Humanitarian committee is doing every month.
- “Take a Quiz” for the adult and children.
- Hundreds of slokas in audio format and listen while you are connected with the site.
- Picture galleries of the events – Mahakumbabhishekam and the events in 2010.
- Monthly electronic newsletter.
- Online library catalog.
- Feedback form to contact temple.



## **HINDU TEMPLE YOUTH GROUP**

**Gardening:** Youth Group is involved in cleaning up the temple grounds by pulling weeds and moving perennials that had overgrown under the supervision of Dr. Nillima Ghosh.



The Youth Group will participate in packaging over 200,000 meals for people on the brink of starvation in sub-Saharan Africa at the Danforth Plant Science Center on October 15th-16th. Regular activities of the Hindu Temple Youth Group include 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](mailto:hindutempleyouthgroup@gmail.com) to join.

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### **Announcement**

**Special Needs:** The Hindu Temple of St. Louis fully complies with the legal requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act rules and regulations. We have handicap parking lot near yagashala (north side entrance). Please park the car and take handicap ramp to the main entrance of the temple, leave the shoes outside of the temple (under the bench) get manager's attention to open main entrance to get inside the temple.

**Clothing Drive:** Please donate used clothes and shoes to raise money for the temple. Pack these in the 13 gallon kitchen bag and drop it in the clothing donation box located on the new land.

## 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  
Tuesday Rudra Abhishekam  
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

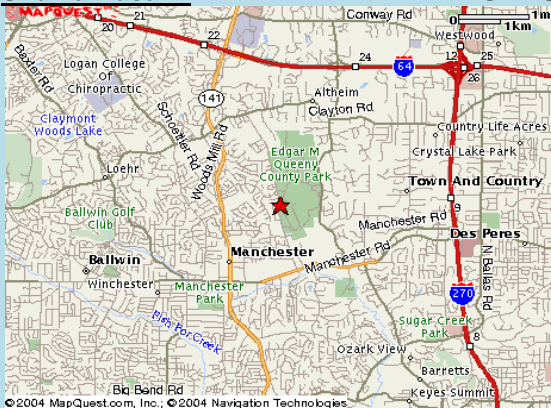
Shri Rama Abhishekam

## Every Rohini Nakshatram

Shri Krishna Abhishekam

## Shukla Dasami

Shri Sai Vratam



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