

THE HINDU TEMPLE OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

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January 2012 SCHEDULED EVENTS

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| <p>SPECIAL SERVICE Starting On Saturday December 31, 2011, 10 AM till Sunday January 1, 2012, 1:00 PM HAPPY NEW YEAR!</p> <p>Hindu Temple Cordially Invites Everyone for a Goodbye Year End & Welcome The New Year Event!</p> <p>ANNUAL AKHAND RAMAYANA PAATH</p> <p>24 Hours Non-Stop Reading of the Entire Ramayana (Bala Kaand, Ayodhya Kaand , Aaranya Kaand, Kishkinda Kaand, Sundar Kaand, Lanka Kaand, and Uttar Kaand)</p> <p>READING FOLLOWED BY BAHJAN, KIRTAN, KATHA, ARTI MAHAPRASADAM PRITI BHOJ WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE PROGRAM</p> <p>To sponsor Kalash pooja, Ramayana Kaand, Prasad and Priti Bhoj & to participate in readings, please contact: Pandit Pitamber Dutt Sharma & Ram Kumar Shastri: (301)-445-2165; (301)-434-1000 Ramand Dwidvedi (877)-847-4258; Vidya & Sudha Sagar (240)-535-2534, (301)-442-1468; Neeru & Himanshu Chaudhari (240)-330-6606; Vijay Shangari (301)-641-8741, Shukla Khanna (301)-879-9708; Ram & Rekha Agarwal 301-404-5258; Bharti & Sudhir Khetrapal Ji (301) 890-4597, (240)-476-0029 (240)-505- 4204</p> | | | | | |
| January | 1 | SUNDAY | 8 AM to 10 AM | Yoga Classes | |
| January | 1 | SUNDAY | 9.00 AM to 10:00 AM | Jain Pooja | |
| January | 1 | SUNDAY | 5:00 PM to 7.00 PM | Sunday Service | Bhajans, Katha ,Arti, Prasad, Priti Bhoj |
| January | 1 | SUNDAY | 5:30 PM to 6.30 PM | Bal Gokulam | |
| January | 2 | MONDAY | SHIV POOJA | | |
| <p>SPECIAL SERVICE MONDAY January 2 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm</p> <p>Jhulela Sai – Sindhi Association Monthly Prayer Offering. Our Puja program includes listening to Sindhi Bhajans and reciting of Guru's Shabad/or reading from Satya Narayan Katha, and Kirtan in traditional Sindhi style. Puja is followed by singing of Aarti, Palav and Prasad. Everyone is welcome to join us with family and friends for Sindhi prayer services.</p> | | | | | |
| January | 3 | TUESDAY | 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM | Hanuman Chalisa Paath & Ramayana Katha | Bhajans, Reading,Arti, Prasad |
| January | 4 | WEDNESDAY | EKADASHI - Putrada-Smarta | | |
| January | 4 | WEDNESDAY | | Laxmi Narayana Pooja | |
| January | 5 | THURSDAY | EKADASHI-Put | | |
| January | 5 | THURSDAY | 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM | Sai Baba Group | Bhajans, Reading,Arti, Prasad |
| January | 6 | FRIDAY | PRADOSHA | | |

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| January | 6 | FRIDAY | 8:00 PM | SANTOSHI MA ARTI | |
| January | 7 | SATURDAY | 9.00 AM to 10:30 AM | Jain Pooja | |
| January | 8 | SUNDAY | 8:00 AM | Yoga Classes | |
| January | 8 | SUNDAY | 9.00 AM to 10:30 AM | Jain Pooja | |
| January | 8 | SUNDAY | 5:00 PM to 7.00 PM | Sunday Service | Bhajans, Katha ,Arti, Prasad, Priti Bhoj |
| January | 9 | MONDAY | PURNIMA | SHIV POOJA | |
| January | 10 | TUESDAY | 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM | Hanuman Chalisa Paath & Ramayana Katha | Bhajans, Reading,Arti, Prasad |
| January | 11 | WEDNESDAY | | Laxmi Narayana Pooja | |
| January | 12 | THURSDAY | 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM | Sai Baba Group | Bhajans, Reading,Arti, Prasad |
| January | 13 | FRIDAY | 8:00 PM | SANTOSHI MA ARTI | |

SPECIAL SERVICE
Friday January 13
7.30pm to 9.00pm -
 You are welcome to bring your offering and prasad - items: til, gajak, jaggery, peanuts, and popcorn

EVERYONE IS CORDAILLY INVITED FOR
LOHRI CELEBRATIONS

The Bonfire Ritual & Song & Dance: This is prayer to Agni, the fire god, to bless the land with abundance and prosperity. People circle around (parikrama) the bonfire and throw puffed rice, popcorn and other munchies into the fire and chant: (May honor come and poverty vanish!), and sing popular folk songs and dance around the bonfire. LODI - A Festival of spreading love and happiness and celebrating harvest time. Rice and til remain the two important ingredients of this festival. Sesame has a hot potency and its use in sweets is supposed to be good for health in winter. Further, til being soft, its exchange means exchange of love and tender feelings. **To sponsor pooja or priti bhoj, please contact:**
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| January | 14 | SATURDAY | 9.00 AM to 10:30 AM | Jain Pooja | |
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SPECIAL SERVICE
Saturday January 14
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
 You are welcome to bring khichari prasad, lentils and rice for offering.

EVERYONE IS CORDAILLY INVITED FOR
MAKAR SANKRANTI

Makar Sankranti marks the beginning of the auspicious time of sun's northern course. Falling on the 14th of January every year, this day has another special significance. Makar Sankranti also marks the harvesting of the winter crops .Makar Sankranti is celebrated as a harvest festival which is dedicated to Lord Indra. It is a way of giving thanks to the elements of nature that help mankind. This is the period when the winter recedes, paving the way for the summer. In North India, a ritual bath in the river Ganges is important on this day. Khichiri is eaten and given away as charity, and People also distribute rice and lentils to the poor and needy. Lodi & Makar Sankranti, both festivals conveys the message that the bond of brotherhood and the spirit of oneness should prevail despite all odds. **To sponsor Kalash pooja or priti bhoj, please contact:**
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| January | 15 | SUNDAY | 8:00 AM | Yoga Classes | |
| January | 15 | SUNDAY | 9.00 AM to 10:30 AM | Jain Pooja | |
| SPECIAL SERVICE | | | Every Other Sunday of the Month Trinidad Hindu Group | | |
| Sunday January 15 | | | Sing bhajans , Participate in religious discourse & Arti Followed by Prasad & Priti Bhoj | | |
| 10 am to Noon | | | | | |
| January | 15 | SUNDAY | 5:30 PM to 6.30 PM | Bal Gokulam | |
| January | 16 | MONDAY | ML KING JR - DAY | | |
| January | 16 | MONDAY | | Shiv Pooja | |
| January | 17 | TUESDAY | 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM | Hanuman Chalisa Paath | Bhajans, Reading,Arti, Prasad |
| January | 18 | WEDNESDAY | | Laxmi Narayana Pooja | |
| January | 19 | THURSDAY | EKADASHI | | |
| January | 19 | THURSDAY | 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM | Sai Baba Group | Bhajans, Reading,Arti, Prasad |
| January | 20 | FRIDAY | PRADOSHA | | |
| January | 20 | FRIDAY | 8:00 PM | Santoshi Mata Arti | |
| January | 21 | SATURDAY | 9.00 AM to 10:30 AM | Jain Pooja | |
| January | 21 | SATURDAY | | Serva Deva Pooja | |
| SPECIAL SERVICE | | | Jagannath Organization for Global Awareness (JOGA) 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM -- Bhajan, Kirtan, Religious Discourse, Arti - Followed by priti bhoj - | | |
| Saturday January 21 | | | | | |
| 6:00 pm to 9 pm | | | | | |
| January | 22 | SUNDAY | 8:00 AM | Yoga Classes | |
| January | 22 | SUNDAY | 9.00 AM to 10:30 AM | Jain Pooja | |
| January | 22 | SUNDAY | 5:00 PM to 7.00 PM | RAM KATHA | Bhajans, Katha ,Arti, Prasad, Priti Bhoj |
| January | 22 | SUNDAY | 5:30 PM to 6.30 PM | Bal Gokulam | |
| January | 23 | MONDAY | AMAVASYA | NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE JAYANTI | |
| January | 23 | MONDAY | | Shiv Pooja | |
| January | 24 | TUESDAY | 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM | Hanuman Chalisa Paath | Bhajans, Reading,Arti, Prasad |
| January | 25 | WEDNESDAY | | Laxmi Narayana Pooja | |
| January | 26 | THURSDAY | INDIA - REPUBLIC DAY | | |
| January | 26 | THURSDAY | 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM | Sai Baba Group | Bhajans, Reading,Arti, Prasad |
| January | 27 | FRIDAY | 8:00 PM | Santoshi Mata Arti | |
| January | 28 | SATURDAY | | Serva Deva Pooja | |
| January | 28 | SATURDAY | 9.00 AM to 10:00 AM | Jain Pooja | |

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| SPECIAL SERVICE Saturday - January 28 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm | | | EVERYONE IS CORDAILLY INVITED FOR Monthly Sunderkaand Paath - Join us for Sunderkaand reading, bhajan, kirtan, arti, prasad with Rama ji, Pandit Pitamber Dutt Sharma & Ram Kumar Shastri | | |
| FOLLOWED BY: | | | | | |
| SPECIAL SERVICE Saturday - January 28 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm for Mata's blessings -- Come with your children and family. Wear yellow color and bring yellow color prasad in honor of Saraswati Ji. - Priti Bhoj will be served | | | EVERYONE IS CORDAILLY INVITED FOR VASANT PANCHAMI - SARASWATI POOJA Vasant Panchami (Devnagari:वसन्त पञ्चमी), sometimes referred to as Vasant Panchami or Shree Panchami (Devnagari:श्रीपञ्चमी), is a Hindu festival celebrating Saraswati, the goddess of knowledge, music and art. It is celebrated every year on the fifth day (Panchami) of the Indian month Magh (January-February), the first day of spring. Traditionally during this festival children are taught to write their first words; brahmins are fed; ancestor worship (Pitr-tarpan) is performed; the god of love Kamadeva is worshipped; and most educational institutions organise special prayer for Saraswati. The color yellow also plays an important role in this festival, in that people usually wear yellow garments, Saraswati is worshipped dressed in yellow, and yellow sweets are consumed within the families. Pandit Pitamber Dutt Sharma & Ram Kumar Shastri: (301)-445-2165; (301)-434-1000 Bharti & Sudhir Khetrpal Ji (301) 890-4597, (240)-476-0029 (240)-505- 4204 | | |
| January | 29 | SUNDAY | 8:00 AM | Yoga Classes | |
| January | 29 | SUNDAY | 9.00 AM to 10:30 AM | Jain Pooja | |
| SPECIAL SERVICE Sunday January 29 10 am to Noon | | | Every Other Sunday of the Month Trinidad Hindu Group Sing bhajans , Participate in religious discourse & Arti Followed by Prasad & Priti Bhoj | | |
| January | 29 | SUNDAY | 5:30 PM to 6.30 PM | Bal Gokulam | |
| January | 29 | SUNDAY | 5:00 PM to 7.00 PM | RAM KATHA | Bhajans, Katha ,Arti, Prasad, Priti Bhoj |
| January | 30 | MONDAY | | Shiv Pooja | |
| January | 31 | TUESDAY | | BHISHMA ASHTAMI | |
| January | 31 | TUESDAY | 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM | Hanuman Chalisa Paath & Ram Katha | Bhajans, Reading,Arti, Prasad |