

**PLEASE NOTE THE SCHEDULES**

**Monday Through Thursday:** 9 am to 12 noon  
and 6 pm to 8 pm  
**Friday, Weekends & Holidays:** 9 am to 8 pm

# PASCHIMAVANI

**DIRECTIONS**

**From Freeway 580 in Livermore:**  
Exit North Vasco Road, left on Scenic Ave,  
Left on Arrowhead Avenue

## NEWS FROM THE HINDU COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER, LIVERMORE

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### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Devotees,

On behalf of the Hindu Community and Cultural Center (HCCC), I wish you and your family a very Happy New Year. New Year is our biggest function every year and New Year's Day 2011 will be the first one since the City's approval of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) on May 10th, 2010. We are working hard to make this function very successful following all of the City's rules imposed for this event.

HCCC has conducted several functions including Adhika Masa Brahmotsava, Ganesha Nimajjanam, Navaratri Brahmotsavam, Saraswathi Pooja, Durgashtami, Karva Chauth, and Vaikunta Ekadasi. Currently, we are celebrating Andal Abhishekham (daily during Dhanurmasa) until the middle of January 2011. We thank all the volunteers, coordinators, and sponsors for making these functions a grand success.

HCCC has acquired a 20 foot strip of land from the City. This strip is required to provide a buffer zone in the future for Phase 1 construction of the east parking lot. This project was started in 1998. The deed was signed by both HCCC and the City in the 2nd week of December 2010. We are receiving the final deed and Lot Line Adjustment Certificate of Compliance from the title company.

Silver Mantapa preparation has resumed. Making very good progress and expected to complete within the next few months for Samprokshana. The Silver Mantapa project was started in 2002 and has had multiple design revisions. The completed Silver Mantapa arrived about a year ago. There were two silversmiths that provided advice on the implementation. There has also been lots of input coming from devotees on the best use of the Silver Mantapa. Please contact me if you are one of the sponsors of the Silver Mantapa.

Last year, the HCCC submitted a Master Plan to improve the facilities, such as, extend the assembly hall so that devotees can eat indoor, relocate the kitchen to the south of the assembly hall to minimize noise to the neighbors, build an administration building replacing the trailer, and a provide a paved parking lot & landscaping to eliminate dust. The City of Livermore approved the plan on May 10th 2010 with some conditions. We request devotees to maintain silence outdoors before 8 AM and after 8 PM on temple premises and also request cautious driving which results in a safer neighborhood for residents. There are new traffic signs posted inside and around the temple. HCCC's Master Planning Committee (MPC) has submitted fourth round of detail designs to the city for the final construction permit. I request devotees to strictly follow the temple timings and traffic rules.

Drawings for phase 1 of the Kanaka Durga Prayer Hall (Temple) building were not approved when we submitted them a couple of months ago. The Board of Directors and Master Plan Committee worked with the city and spent an enormous amount of time to redesign the Kanaka Durga building plans and fit them into the city requirements. Finally, the city approved the Kanaka Durga Prayer Hall (Temple) building permit. This is the first major mile stone for our future phase I construction.

The Annual Fundraising Dinner was planned to be on December 11th, 2010 and later was moved to an early part of next year (Please check the temple web site for the actual date and venue). A team of volunteers are working on this assignment. We are planning to have a standing fundraising committee to continue efforts to raise the required funds to support phase one construction. We depend on your generous donations so that the master plan can become a reality.

Volunteers and function coordinators are instrumental in conducting all HCCC functions successfully. We thank devotees, sponsors, volunteers, youth ambassadors, and youth volunteers for their continued support in providing quality services to all devotees at HCCC facilities. Please visit the temple web-site, [www.livermoretemple.org](http://www.livermoretemple.org), for up-to-date information.

Prasuna Reddy Dornadula, *Chairman, Board of Director, 2010-11, HCCC*

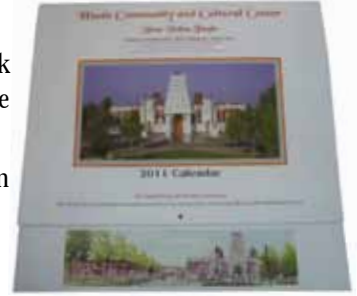
## FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Dear devotees,

Your favorite and ever popular Calendar for the year 2011 are available in temple office for you to pick up. Generously donate when you pick up your copy on your next visit to the temple. In this edition, we have included an article on the process to bring out the calendar every year.

We are looking for volunteers to distribute the Newsletter. If you would like to help with the distribution in your area, please contact temple front office or me by email at Janakiram.kaki@gmail.com.

Janakiram Kaki, *Publicity Chair – HCCC*



## PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS

| DATE/DAY           | EVENTS   | TIME      | ACTIVITIES  |
|--------------------|--|-----------|---|
| Jan 1st Saturday   | New Years Day                                  | 7:00am    | Shiva & Vishnu Suprabhatam                            |
| Jan 1st Saturday   | New Year Day 2010 Special Schedule Temple Open | 7:00 am   | Single Line Darsanam Start 9:00 AM                    |
| Jan 1st Saturday   | New Years Day                                  | 7:30am    | Shiva & Vishnu, Hanuman, Navagraha Abhisheka          |
| Jan 1st Saturday   | New Year's Day                                 | 7:30am    | Maha Ganapathi Homam                                  |
| Jan 1st Saturday   |  | 8:00am    | Nitya Pooja & Harathi for All Deities                 |
| Jan 1st Saturday   | Pradosham                                      | 5:00pm    | Shiva Abhisheka                                       |
| Jan 1st Saturday   | Shani Trayodasi                                |           |   |
| Jan 1st Saturday   | New Years Day                                  | 8:00pm    | Ekantha Seva  |
| Jan 2nd Sunday     | Masa Shiva Ratri                               | 5:00pm    | 108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva                  |
| Jan 3rd Monday     | Hanuman Jayanthi                               | 10:00am   | Sundarakanda Homa                                     |
|                    |  | 6:00pm    | Anjaneya Abhisheka & Archana                          |
| Jan 4th Tuesday    | Partial Solar Eelipse (Not Visible)            |           |   |
| Jan 6th Thursday   | Sravana  | 6:00pm    | Balaji Sahasranama Archana                            |
| Jan 8th Saturday   | 2nd Saturday of the Month                      | 11:00am   | Muttangi Alamkaram For Lord Shiva                     |
| Jan 8th Saturday   | 2nd Saturday of the Month                      | 12:00noon | Thomala Seva For Lord Balaji                          |
| Jan 10th Monday    | Shasti   | 6:00pm    | Murugan Sahasranama Archana                           |
| Jan 13th Thursday  | Dhanurmasa puja ends                           |           |   |
| Jan 13th Thursday  | Bhogi  |           |   |
| Jan 13th Thursday  | Sunenters Makara 06:05                         |           |   |
| Jan 14th Friday    | Makara Sankranti                               |           |   |
| Jan 14th Friday    | Thai Pongal, Uttarayana Punyakalam             |           |   |
| Jan 15th Saturday  | 3rd Saturday of the Month                      | 11:00am   | Rajatha alamkaram For Lord Shiva. Sahasranama Archana |
| Jan 15th Saturday  | 3rd Saturday of the Month                      | 12:00pm   | Thiruppavada Seva , Ekadasi Abhisheka For Lord Balaji |
| Jan 15th Saturday  | Ekadasi  | 10:00am   | Balaji Bhogamurthi Abhisheka                          |
| Jan 15th Saturday  | Andal Tirukkalyanam                            | 3:00pm    | Detailed Program at the End                           |
| Jan 15th Saturday  | Krittika                                       | 5:00pm    | Murugan Abhisheka                                     |
| Jan 16th Sunday    | 3rd Sunday of the month                        | 11:00am   | Sahasra Namarchana for Lord Shiva                     |
| Jan 16th Sunday    | Rohini   | 5:00pm    | Sri Krishna Usthavamurthy Abhisheka & Archana         |
| Jan 16th Sunday    |  | 4:30pm    | Makara Vilakku for Lord Ayyappa(Week end Function)    |
| Jan 16th Sunday    | Pradosham                                      | 5:00pm    | Shiva Abhishekam                                      |
| Jan 17th Monday    | M L K Day                                      |           | Weekend Timings                                       |
| Jan 18th Tuesday   | Poornima                                       | 6:00pm    | Lalitha Sahasranama Parayana                          |
| Jan 19th Wednesday | Punarvasu                                      | 6:00pm    | Sri Rama Abhishekam                                   |
| Jan 19th Wednesday | Tai Poosam                                     | 6:00pm    | Abhisheka for Lord Karthikeya, Mayura Vahana          |
| Jan 22nd Saturday  | 4th Saturday of the Month                      | 11:00am   | Mukhavada & Vastra Alankara for Lord Shiva            |
| Jan 22nd Saturday  | 4th Saturday of the Month                      | 12:00noon | Pushpa Seva For Lord Balaji                           |
| Jan 22nd Saturday  | Sankatahara Chaturdhi                          | 5:00 pm   | Ganesha Abhisheka                                     |
| Jan 23rd Sunday    | Uttara Phalguni                                | 5:00pm    | Ayyappa Abhisheka                                     |
| Jan 24th Monday    | Shasti   | 6:00pm    | Murugan Sahasranama Archana                           |
| Jan 26th Wednesday | Swati  | 6:00pm    | Lakshmi Narasimhaswamy Abhisheka                      |
| Jan 29th Saturday  | 5th Saturday of the Month                      | 11:00am   | Vastra Alamkara For Lord Shiva                        |
| Jan 29th Saturday  | 5th Saturday of the Month                      | 12:00noon | 108 kalasha Abhishekam for Lord Balaji                |
| Jan 29th Saturday  | Ekadasi  | 5:00pm    | Balaji Bhogamurthi Abhisheka                          |
| Jan 30th Sunday    |  | 4:30pm    | Kala Bhairava Abhisheka                               |
| Jan 30th Sunday    | Pradosham                                      | 5:00pm    | Shiva Abhisheka                                       |
| Jan 31st Monday    | Masa Shiva Ratri                               | 6:00pm    | 108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Lord Shiva                  |
| Feb 5th Saturday   | 1st Saturday of the Month                      | 11:00am   | Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva                       |
|                    |  | 12:00noon | Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji                      |
| Feb 7th Monday     | Vasantha Panchami                              |           | Detailed program at the end                           |
| Feb 9th Wednesday  | Shasti   | 06:00pm   | Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana                         |
| Feb 10th Thursday  | Ratha Saptami                                  | 09:30am   | Suryanamaskarams                                      |
| Feb 11th Friday    | Bhishma Ashtami                                |           |   |
| Feb 11th Fridayday | Krittika                                       | 06:00pm   | Kartikeya Abhisheka                                   |
| Feb 12th Saturday  | Sun enters kumbha 19:04                        |           |   |

## PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS (contd.)

| DATE/DAY           | EVENTS                         | TIME      | ACTIVITIES  |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|---|
| Feb 12th Saturday  | Rohini                         | 05:00pm   | Sri Krishna Abhisheka                                   |
| Feb 12th Saturday  | Madhwa Navami                  |           |   |
| Feb 12th Saturday  | 2nd Saturday of the Month      | 11:00am   | Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva                       |
| Feb 12th Saturday  | 2nd Saturday of the Month      | 11:30am   | Tomala Seva for Lord Balaji                             |
| Feb 13th Sunday    | Ratha saptami Weekend Function | 09:30am   | Suryanamaskarams  |
| Feb 14th Monday    | Bhishma Ekadasi                |           |   |
| Feb 14th Monday    | Ekadasi                        | 06:00pm   | Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka                           |
| Feb 15th Tuesday   | Punarvasu                      | 06:00pm   | Sri Rama Abhisheka                                      |
| Feb 15th Tuesday   | Pradosham                      | 6:00pm    | Shiva Abhisheka   |
| Feb 17th Thursday  | Poornima                       | 06:30pm   | Lalitha Sahasranama Parayana                            |
| Feb 18th Friday    | Masi Magham                    |           |   |
| Feb 18th Friday    | 3rd Saturday of the Month      | 11:00am   | Rajatakavacha Alankara for lord Shiva                   |
| Feb 19th Saturday  |                                | 12:00noon | Tiruppavada Seva for Lord Balaji                        |
| Feb 20th Sunday    | 3rd Sunday of the Month        | 10:30am   | Sahasranama Archana for Lord Shiva                      |
| Feb 20th Sunday    | Sankatahara Chaturdhi          | 5:00pm    | Ganesha Abhisheka                                       |
| Feb 20th Sunday    | Uttara Phalguni                | 5:00pm    | Ayyappa Abhisheka                                       |
| Feb 21st Monday    | President's Day                |           | Weekend Timing  |
| Feb 22nd Tuesday   | Swati                          | 06:00am   | Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka                       |
| Feb 25th Friday    | Shiva Brahmothsavam Day 1      |           | Detailed Program at the End                             |
| Feb 26th Saturday  | Shiva Brahmothsavam Day 2      |           | Detailed Program at the End                             |
| Feb 26th Saturday  | 4th Saturday of the Month      | 11:00am   | Vastra Samarpana and Mukhavada Alankara for Lord Shiva  |
|                    |                                | 12:00noon | Pushpa Seva for Lord Balaji                             |
| Feb 27th Sunday    | Last Sunday of the month       | 04:30pm   | Kalabhairava Abhisheka and Archana                      |
| Feb 27th Sunday    | Shiva Brahmothsavam Day 3      |           | Detailed Program at the End                             |
| Feb 27th Sunday    | Ekadasi                        | 5:00pm    | Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka                           |
| Mar 1st Tuesday    | Pradosham                      | 6:00pm    | Shiva Abhisheka   |
| Mar 2nd Wednesday  | Maha Shivaratri                | 6:00am    | Shiva & Vishnu Suprabhatam                              |
| Mar 2nd Wednesday  | Maha Shivaratri                |           | Detailed Program at the end (Temple opens at 6:00am)    |
| Mar 2nd Wednesday  | Sravana                        | 06:00pm   | Balaji Sahasranama Archana                              |
| Mar 5th Saturday   | 1st Saturday of the Month      | 11:00am   | Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva                         |
|                    |                                | 12:00noon | Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji                        |
| Mar 10th Thursday  | Shasti and Krittika            | 6:00pm    | Kartikeya Abhisheka and Sahasranama Archana             |
| Mar 11th Friday    | Rohini                         | 6:00pm    | Sri Krishna Abhisheka                                   |
| Mar 12th Saturday  | 2nd Saturday of the Month      | 11:00am   | Muttangi Alamkaram for Lord Shiva                       |
|                    |                                | 11:30am   | Thomala Seva for Lord Balaji                            |
| Mar 13th Sunday    | Day Light Savings Starts       |           | Day Light Saving Begins                                 |
| Mar 14th Monday    | Sun enters Meena 15:54         |           |   |
| Mar 14th Monday    | Karadayar Nombu                | 6:30pm    | Lakshmi Sahasranama Archana                             |
| Mar 15th Tuesday   | Ekadasi                        | 06:00pm   | Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka                           |
| Mar 15th Tuesday   | Punarvasu                      | 06:00pm   | Sri Rama Abhisheka                                      |
| Mar 17th Thursday  | Pradosham                      | 06:00pm   | Shiva Abhisheka   |
| Mar 18th Friday    | Poornima                       | 06:00pm   | Lalitha Sahasranama Parayana                            |
| Mar 19th Saturday  | 3rd Saturday of the Month      | 11:00am   | Rajatha Alamkara for Lord Shiva                         |
| Mar 19th Saturday  |                                | 12:00noon | Tiruppavada Seva for Lord Balaji                        |
| Mar 19th Saturday  | Uttara Phalguni                | 5:00pm    | Ayyappa Abhisheka                                       |
| Mar 19th Saturday  | Panguni Uthiram                |           | Sri Sooktha Homam - Detailed Program at the End         |
| Mar 19th Saturday  | Holi                           |           |   |
| Mar 20th Sunday    | 3rd Sunday of the Month        | 10:30am   | Shiva Sahasranama Archana                               |
| Mar 22nd Tuesday   | Sankatahara Chaturdhi          | 06:00pm   | Ganesha Abhisheka                                       |
| Mar 22nd Tuesday   | Swati                          | 6:00pm    | Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka                   |
| Mar 26th Saturday  | 4th Saturday of the Month      | 10:30am   | Vasta and Shiva Swarna Mukhavada Alankara               |
| Mar 26th Saturday  |                                | 12:00noon | Pushpa Seva for Lord Balaji                             |
| Mar 27th Sunday    | Last Sunday of the Month       | 4:30pm    | Kala Bhairava Abhisheka and Archana                     |
| Mar 29th Tuesday   | Ekadasi and Sravana            | 06:00pm   | Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka and Sahasranamama Archana |
| Mar 31st Thursday  | Pradosham                      | 06:00pm   | Shiva Abhisheka   |
| Apr 1st Friday     | Masa Shivaratri                | 06:00pm   | 108 Kalasa Abhisheka                                    |
| Apr 2nd Saturday   | 1st Saturday of the Month      | 11:00am   | Swarna Alamkaram for Lord Shiva                         |
|                    |                                | 12:00noon | Vastra Samarpana for Lord Balaji                        |
| Apr 4th Monday     | Chaitra (Khara) Ugadi Asthanam | 06:00pm   | Ugadi Asthanam; Panchanga Sravanam Telugu and Kanada    |
| Apr 4th Monday     | Vasanta Navaratri Begins       |           | Srimad Valmееki Ramayana Parayanam Starts               |
|                    |                                |           | Detailed Program at the End                             |
| Apr 7th Thursday   | Krittika                       | 6:00pm    | Kartikeya Abhisheka and Archana                         |
| Apr 8th Friday     | Rohini                         | 6:00pm    | Sri Krishna Abhisheka                                   |
| Apr 8th-15th       | Parvathi Abhishekam            | 10:00am   | Meenakshi Kalyanam. Detailed program at the end.        |
| Apr 9th Saturday   | 2nd Saturday of the Month      | 11:00am   | Muttangi Alamkara for Lord Shiva                        |
|                    |                                | 12:00noon | Thomala Seva for Lord Balaji                            |
| Apr 9th Saturday   | Shasti                         | 6:30pm    | Kartikeya Sahasranama Archana                           |
| Apr 11th Monday    | Punarvasu                      | 6:00pm    | Sri Rama Abhisheka                                      |
| Apr 12th Tuesday   | Sri Rama Navami                |           | Detailed Program at the End                             |
| Apr 13th Wednesday | Sun enters Mesha 24:21         |           |   |

**PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS (contd.)**

| DATE/DAY   | EVENTS  | TIME  | ACTIVITIES   |
|--|---|---|--|
| Apr 14th Thursday<br>Apr 14th Thursday   | Ekadasi<br>Tamil New Year (Khara)Vishu Baishakhi  | 06:00pm<br>06:00pm  | Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka<br>Lord Murugan Archana & Panchanga sravana in Tamil   |
| Apr 15th Friday<br>Apr 16th Saturday   | Pradosham<br>3rd Saturday of the Month  | 06:00pm<br>11:00am<br>12:00noon                               | Shiva Abhisheka<br>Rajathakavacha Alankara for lord shiva<br>Tiruppavada Seva for Lord Balaji  |
| Apr 16th Saturday<br>Apr 16th Saturday<br>Apr 16th Saturday<br>Apr 17th Sunday | Sri Rama Navami Weekend Function<br>Parvathi Abhishekam<br>Uttaraphalguni<br>Chitra Poornima Meenakshi Kalyanam | 7:00am<br>7:30am<br>05:00pm<br>7:00am                         | Shiva & Vishnu Suprabhatam. Detailed program at the end.<br>Meenakshi Kalyanam. Detailed program at the end.<br>Ayyappa Abhisheka<br>Shiva & Vishnu Suprabhatam<br>Detailed Program at the End                     |
| Apr 17th Sunday<br>Apr 18th Monday<br>Apr 20th Wednesday<br>Apr 23rd Saturday  | Chitra Poornima<br>Swati<br>Sankatahara chaturdhi<br>4th Saturday of the Month                                  | 6:30pm<br>6:00pm<br>06:00pm<br>11:00am<br>12:00noon           | Lalitha Sahasranamarchana<br>Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka<br>Ganesha Abhisheka<br>Vastra and Shiva Swarna Mukhavada Alankara<br>Pushpa Seva for Lord Balaji   |
| Apr 24th Sunday<br>Apr 25th Monday<br>Apr 28th Thursday<br>Apr 30th Saturday   | Last Sunday of the Month<br>Sravana<br>Ekadasi<br>5th Saturday of the Month                                     | 4:30pm<br>06:00pm<br>06:00pm<br>11:00am<br>11:30am<br>04:30pm | Kalabhairava Abhisheka and Archana<br>Balaji Sahasranama Archana<br>Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka<br>Vishesha Alankara for lord Shiva<br>108 Kalasha Abhishekam lord Balaji<br>108 kalasa Abhisheka for lord Shiva |
| Apr 30th Saturday  | Masashivaratri and Pradosham  |   |  |

**Hanuman Jayanthi**

| DATE/DAY    | TIME  | EVENTS   |
|-------------|---|--|
| Jan 3rd Mon | 9:00am to 5pm<br>5:30am<br>6:30pm<br>7:30pm | Sundara Kanda Homa<br>Hanuman Abhisheka<br>Sahasra Kadaliphala Archana<br>Theertha Prasada |

**Andal Kalyanam**

|              |                            |   |
|--------------|----------------------------|---|
| Jan 15th Sat | 3:00pm<br>4:00pm<br>6:30pm | Edurukola Utsavam<br>Kalyana Utsavam<br>Kalyana Bhajanam for all Devotees |
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**Special Pooja for Fundraiser Participants and Volunteers**

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| Jan 23rd Sat | 2:00pm to 4:30pm | Ganapathi Homam<br>Sri Sukta Homam |
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**Shiva Brahmotsavam**

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| Feb 25th Fri | 5:00pm  | Anujna, Ganapati Pooja, Punyahavachana, Deeksha Dhaarana, Panchagavya Sudhi, Ankurarpnam, Vaastu Homa, Nandi Dhawaja Arohana, Bali, Arati, Teertha Prasadam  |
| Feb 26th Sat | 9:00am<br>9:30am<br>10:30am<br>11:30am<br>12:30pm<br>4:00pm<br>5:00pm<br><br>7:00pm<br>7:30pm | Shiva and Vishnu Suprabatham<br>Lord Shiva Abhisheka<br>Nava Kumbha Sthapana<br>Agni Pratishta, Rudra Homa and Bali Arati<br>Rudra Trishathi Archana<br>Sadyojatadi Homa, Siva Sahasra Nama Homa, Parivara Devata Homa<br>Laghu Poornahuti<br>Nitya Aradhana, Bali<br>Arati, Mantra Pushpam and Rajopachara Seva |
| Feb 27th Sun | 8:00am<br>8:30am<br>10:30am   | Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu Suprabatham<br>Lord Shiva, Ganapati & Kartikeya Abhishekam<br>Nitya Homa, Bali  |

**Shiva Brahmotsavam (contd.)**

| DATE/DAY | TIME   | EVENTS   |
|----------|--|--|
|          | 11:30am<br>12:00noon<br><br>2:00pm to 3:30pm<br>4:00pm<br>6:00pm to 7:30pm | Parvati Parameshwara Utsava Murthy Abhisheka<br>Avabrutha Snamam, Maha Poornahuti, and Arathi<br>Lord Shiva-Parvathi Kalyanam<br>Nandi Vahana Seva for Lord Shiva<br>Mouna Bali, Dwaja Avarohanam, Deeksha<br>Visarjanam, Asheervachanam |

**Maha Shivaratri**

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|-------------|---|--|
| Mar 2nd Wed | 6:00am<br>6:30am<br>10:00am<br>1:00pm<br>3:30pm<br>5:00pm<br>5:00pm<br>6:00pm | Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu Suprabatham<br>1st Yaama - Lord Shiva Abhisheka<br>2nd Yaama - Lord Shiva Abhisheka<br>3rd Yaama - Lord Shiva Abhisheka<br>4th Yaama - Lord Shiva Abhisheka<br>Jyothirlinga Archana<br>Mahanyasa Parayanam<br>5th Yaama - Ekadasa Rudra Abhisheka, Pushpa Alankaram, and Rajopachara Seva<br>6th Yaama - Lord Shiva Abhisheka<br>7th Yaama - Lord Shiva Abhisheka<br>8th Yaama - Lord Shiva Abhisheka |
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**Panguni Uttiram**

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|--------------|--|---|
| Mar 19th Sat | 3:00PM<br>5:00pm<br><br>6:00pm<br>7:30pm | Sri Suktha Homam<br>Gadya Traya Parayanam, Mahalakshmi Utsavam<br>Sethi Seva<br>Ekanta Seva for Lord Balaji |
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**Sri Rama Navami Celebrations**

|                     |                     |                              |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Apr 4th To Apr 12th | 8:00am to 12:00noon | Srimad Ramayanana Parayana   |
| Apr 4th To Apr 11th | 6:30pm to 7:30pm    | Sri Rama Sahasranama Archana |

| <b>Sri Rama Navami (Week Day Function)</b> |                  |  |
|--|------------------|--|
| DATE/DAY                                   | TIME             | EVENTS   |
| <b>Apr 12th Tue</b>                        | 10:00am          | Sri Rama Abhisheka                                     |
|  | 11:00am          | Sri Rama Shadakshari Homa and Namakarana Samskara Homa |
|  | 12:00noon        | Theertha prasadam                                      |
|  | 5:00pm to 7:00pm | Sri Seeta Rama Kalyanotsavam                           |
| <b>Sri Rama Navami (Weekend Function)</b>  |                  |  |
| <b>Apr 16th Sat</b>                        | 7:00am           | Lord Shiva and Lord Balaji Suprabatham                 |
|  | 7:30am           | Abhisheka for Lord Shiva, Balaji, Navagraha & Anjaneya |
|  | 9:30am           | Seeta Rama Edurukolu Utsavam                           |
|  | 11:00am          | Sri Seeta Rama Kalyanam                                |
|  | 12:00noon        | Sumuhurtam   |
|  | 12:30pm          | Akshataropanam, Asheervachanam and Theertha Prasadam   |
|  | 1:30pm           | Sri Seeta Rama Sankeertanam                            |

| <b>Sri Rama Navami (Weekend Function) (contd.)</b> |           |  |
|--|-----------|--|
| DATE/DAY   | TIME      | EVENTS                                       |
|  | 2:00pm    | Sri Rama Pattabhishekam                      |
|  | 4:00pm    | Hanumad Vahana Utsavam with Rama Sankeertana |
|  | 6:00pm    | Maha Mangala Arati                           |
|  | 7:30pm    | Ekanta Seva for Lord Balaji                  |
| <b>Meenakshi Kalyanam</b>                          |           |  |
| <b>Apr 8th-15th</b>                                | 10:00am   | Parvathi Abhishekam                          |
| <b>Apr 16th, Sat</b>                               | 7:30am    | Parvathi Abhishekam                          |
| <b>Apr 17th, Sun</b>                               | 7:00am    | Shiva and Balaji Suprabhatam                 |
|  | 7:30am    | Shiva, Ganesh, karthikeya, Abhishekam        |
|  | 9:00am    | Parvati(Mula Murthy) Abhishekam              |
|  | 10:30am   | Meenakshi Sundareswara Edurukolu Utsavam     |
|  | 12:30noon | Thiru mangalya Dharanam                      |
|  | 1:30pm    | Thiru Kalyana Bhojanam                       |
|  | 4:00pm    | Nandi Vahana Seva                            |
|  | 5:00pm    | Rashtriya Aseervadam                         |

## Announcements

### Fundraising Dinner & Entertainment

Fundraising Committee & HCCC Management invites you and your family to join us for an exciting evening of fun and entertainment, and to raise funds for HCCC construction projects on

**Saturday, January 29, 2011 from 6:30 PM – 11:00 PM**

Robert Livermore Community Center

4444 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94551

| Time               | Tentative Program        |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 6.00 PM – 7.00 PM  | Reception & light snacks |
| 7.00 PM – 7.45 PM  | Cultural entertainment   |
| 7.45 PM – 8.00 PM  | Brief HCCC presentation  |
| 8.00 PM – 9.30 PM  | Dinner                   |
| 9.30 PM – 11.00 PM | Music and Dance          |

Day care will be provided during the fundraising dinner event, please RSVP [smalladi\\_us@yahoo.com](mailto:smalladi_us@yahoo.com)

**Fundraising Initiative Kickoff - Religious Function all are Welcome**

**Maha Ganapathi Homa & Mahalakshmi Homa**

**On Sunday, January 23, 2011 at 2 PM**

**Please contact the following for additional details: Srinivasa Malladi 408 203 4418 (Fundraising event coordinator)**

**Sri. Venkatadri Bobba 510-432-5492 • Sri.Prasuna Reddy Dornadula 925-698-0501**

**Smt. Raghavamma Gullapalli 925-580-2600 • Sri. Ramani Aiyer 408-470-7850 • Dr. Peraiah Sudanagunta 209-769-2111**

**Sri Anand Gundu ,209-832-9539 • Sri Srinivasa Reddy 408-569-3159 • Sri Sambasiva Rao Gullapalli 925-580-2500**

**For donating, please call 925 449 6255 and choose option 3. • For donating on-line, log-in to temple web-site, choose “Donate”, Purpose of donation “Fundraising – Donations”, enter donation amount, please fill-in comments, provide credit card information to complete transaction.**

### Suggested Donations

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| \$125  | For one guest   |
| \$400  | For family of 4 guests  |
| \$1101 | For 2 guests + Weekly Abhisheka sponsorship to one deity of choice for 1 year                 |
| \$1201 | For family of 4 guests + Weekly Abhisheka sponsorship to one deity of choice for 1 year       |
| \$1400 | Table sponsorship for 8 guests + Weekly Abhisheka to sponsor's family choice deity for 1 year |

## Donation Opportunities for Construction

| Sponsorship              | Project                          | Donation Applied to  |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| \$301+                   | Goddess Kanaka Durga Prayer      | 1 Sq. ft. of construction + Monthly abhisheka for Goddess Kanaka Durga for 1 year – No specific name recognition                     |
| \$501+                   | Hall Renovation/new construction | 1 Sq. ft. of construction + Dinner for couple + Monthly abhisheka for Goddess Kanaka Durga for 1 year – No specific name recognition |
| \$5000+                  | Kitchen                          | Donors are listed on the donor wall – Granite Plaque as per donor + dinner per couple + weekly abhisheka sponsorship for 9 deities   |
| \$5000+                  | Dakshina Bhumi Parking space     | Recognized on parking isle + dinner per couple + Weekly abhisheka sponsorship to one deity of choice for 1 year                      |
| \$10,000+                | Temple Hall Pillars decoration   | Donor plaque as per donor recognition policy + For table of 8 guests + Sponsorship for all temple functions for 1 year               |
| \$100,000 or 4x \$25,000 | Class room(s)                    | Name recognition in the room + pooja sponsorship as per donor policy + For table of 8 guests   |
| \$250,000 or 5x \$50,000 | Library                          | Name recognition in the library + pooja sponsorship as per donor policy + For table of 8 guests                                      |
| \$1,000,000              | Admin Building                   | Name recognition on the Admin Building + pooja sponsorship as per donor policy + For table of 8 guests                               |

Donors of \$10,000 or above in a calendar year are eligible for HCCC Steering Committee Membership, as per By-laws. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. All donors are eligible for donor recognition according to Temple's Donor Recognition Policy. Please contact Temple office for further details.

### Sesha Vastra Event

HCCC Religious Inventory and Procurement committee is conducting the Sesha Vastra and Abharana event with a suggested donation on Saturday, February 26, 2011 and Sunday, February 27, 2011 from 10.30 am to 4.00 pm during Shiva Brahmotsavam.

## Key Events Celebrated

### Skanda Shashti



VetriVel Muruga VeeraVel Muruga. The eight day Skanda Shashti function was started on Nov 6 and concluded on Nov 14. It was conducted really well with great enthusiasm by the organizing volunteers and the temple priests. The Abhishekam and Alankarams were very spiritual. Vibhuthi, Chandanam, Rajatha, Muthangi, Pushpa Alankarams were great and majestic. The beauty of the Lord Murugan was so powerful all along.

The Tamil song, "Ayirum kan vendum unnai kana" was true to its meaning "one needs 1000 eyes to see your majesty". Thirukalyanam was done in a grand scale followed by a sumptuous feast, Kalyana Bhojanam. Kavadi Puja, Mayura Vahana Seva, Pushpa Alankaram, and Subrahmanya Homam were thrilling and went very well. Music

and daily songs by many devotees was also pleasing to the ears. HCCC thanks all the Murugan devotees who have guided and supported through this entire program. Kavadi preparation is a long involved process and Murugan devotees came on Thursday and Sunday at 7AM to complete this task. HCCC thanks all volunteers who helped in preparation and serving of Kalyana Bhojanam on Nov 14. Thanks to all the ladies who helped with Mala volunteering and those who helped with Bakshanam preparation.

The Soorasamharam performance by kids on Nov 20 during the Children's day program was great. Twenty six Children took part in the performance. Over 100 children learnt about Lord Subrahmanya. HCCC thanks all donors, participants, priests, staff, and management team for supporting this year's Skanda Shashti event.



## Govardhana Puja and Ras Garbha



Human Services, Youth and Education, Cultural Committee, and Religious Committee of HCCC have jointly conducted Govardhan Puja and Ras Garbha on Nov 7. It was a spectacular event. About 50 people witnessed Govardhan Puja. Govardhan Puja was performed for the first time in temple history. Everyone was very excited about the celebration. Several seniors helped with making Govardhan Parvath and Annkut. Display was just spectacular. Four of our temple priests performed Puja. They explained to devotees the significance of the Puja. At Arthi time, the temple was full with devotees who enjoyed and admired the display.

Gujarat's most famous folk dance known as Ras Garbha and Dhandia was performed by Kriti Bavishi's group on Nov 7. Group consisted of seven fantastic musicians who presented fabulous live music for people to dance Dandia/Garbha. About 125 people were present at Garbha. People whether they knew the dance or not, participated and enjoyed it alike. Participants included children, youth, young adults, and seniors. Dhandias were provided to some people. HCCC management and priests were dancing Garbha/Dhandia non-stop for hours.



## Lakshmi Kubera Puja



Sri Lakshmi Kubera Puja was performed amidst of hundreds of devotees on the evening of Deepavali day. Pdt. Sridharan and Pdt. Subramanya Sharma performed the Puja. Several hundred devotees participated and performed Samoohika Puja and received blessings from the almighty. Theerdham and Prasadam were distributed after the Puja.

HCCC would like to thank to Smt & Sri. Anil Kumar and Meena for coordinating all aspects of this function and making it a memorable event.



## Navarathri Celebrations



This year's Navarathri celebrations started on Friday, October 8th with great devotee participation. During nine days of Devi Navarathri festivities, Goddess Kanaka Durga was adored with different Alankarams following the tradition of Vijayawada Kanaka Durga temple.

Turmeric, Vibhudhi, Pushpa, Swarna Kavacha Alankarams along with Sri Maha Lakshmi Alankaram, Saraswati Alankaram, Shakaambari (all vegetables) Alankaram, Mahishasura Mardhini, and Kamakshi Alankarams were truly celestial and devotees were spiritually elated participating and getting the Darshan of Goddess Kanaka Durga.

Sahasra Nama Archana was performed every day and Abhishekam with all Sungandha Dravyas was also performed. Sumangali Puja was performed each day. Pdt. Chandra Mouli and Pdt. Chintapalli Venkateswara Sarma along with all temple priests performed Puja with great dedication.



Bay Area Sumangalis performed Kumkumarchana and were sanctified witnessing special Alamkaram for Goddess Kanaka Durga.

Chandi Homam was also performed with great devotion and several devotees felt blessed with the divine opportunity to participate in this function.

On Vijaya Dasami day, Goddess Kanaka Durga Utsava Murthy was taken in procession to Dessara Asthanam where Veda Parayanam and Panchayudha Puja were performed. Devotees participated in great numbers throughout nine days and received blessings from

Goddess Kanaka Durga.

HCCC would like to express gratitude to Smt. Jyothi Sarma and Smt. Nirmala Reddy for coordinating all aspects of this function and making it a memorable event. The event would not have been possible without help from a number of volunteers and HCCC would like to thank each and every one of them for their participation, help, and volunteering. As always, HCCC sincerely appreciate the generosity of the sponsors.

## Seniors Day and Health Fair

Human Services celebrated the third Annual Seniors Day on October 2, Gandhi Jayanthi Day, with a large number of senior devotees actively participating in the event. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Elect, Mr. Tom Torlakson, was one of the participants. Our seniors did an amazing job and loved to show case their talent. Seniors showed a lot of energy and wanted to play more games, sing, or talk about something.

Human Services completed another very successful Health Fair on September 18. It benefited over 300 devotees. Over 55 doctors and medical staff volunteered and offered their services. Bone Marrow drive got an additional 75 registrations. There were long lines outside certain booths like Ophthalmology. People have started coming in for the health services till the very end of the fair.

## Articles

### Annual Temple Calendar

*Compiled by Janakiram Kaki, Publicity Chair, EC*

HCCC brings out an authentic and beautiful calendar every year. It is considered authentic by many priests and devotees in Northern California and elsewhere in US. The calendar has been prepared for North America based on San Francisco timings (PST/PDT). The festivals and special Puja days are based on this timing and may differ from the respective dates in India and elsewhere in the USA. It provides the readers variety of information such as month (lunar and solar), Thithi, Nakshatra, sun rise, sun set, Rahu Kalam, festivals, temple functions, periodic Pujas performed in the temple, Vratas, list of key events, Azhwar birthdays, years per Hindu tradition, key to read the calendar, and terminology used in the calendar. For easy reading, symbols are used to designate the days when Vratas will be performed.

In the western calendar, the day begins past midnight, whereas in the Indian Panchang, the day begins at sunrise. The Nakshatra (star) and Thithi prevailing at sunrise for the day are given followed by the ending times. For this reason, the timings are given in a 30 hour format. For example, a time of 24:00 on Jan 1 is equal to 12:00 AM on Jan 2, a time of 27:00 on Jan 1 is equal to 03:00 AM on Jan 2, and a time of 30:00 on Jan 1 is equal to 6:00 AM on Jan 2.

For every month, on the top it shows beautiful picture of god or goddess. Most of the pictures you see in the calendar are the pictures of temple's Utsava Moorthys in various Alankarams taken during various events conducted in the temple. It is a feast to watch the temple deities in beautiful Alankarams done by our creative priests.

For accuracy, computer program is used to calculate Rahu Kalam start and end times for each day of the year. Rahu Kalam calculations are performed using sun rise time, sun set time, and the day of the week.

The work on next year's calendar starts in Aug of every year. It takes 4 months to complete the work. The calendar is available for devotees in middle of December every year. It is estimated that several hundreds of hours of time of Panchanga Kartha, priests, experts, publicity team, layout designer, volunteers who proof read, staff, and printer goes in to making the calendar every year.

A brief explanation is given below of some commonly used terms such as Panchang, Solar and Lunar month, Nakshatra, and Thithi. The explanation is to help better understand the calendar and is not meant to be a complete description of the Panchang.

Panchang means the Pancha Anga or five attributes to a day. These 5 attributes are Vara (Day), Thithi (Lunar Day), Nakshatra (Star), Yogam (Luni Solar day) and Karana (semi lunar day). The month is either the Lunar (Chandra Mana) or Solar (Soura Mana). Once the Panchang for a particular day is known, festivals and functions can be determined based on the conditions necessary for the particular event. The Panchang is also used to determine auspicious days and Muhurthas for performing various functions. The Panchang is based on the positions of the Sun, Moon, and Earth in the backdrop of galaxies. It is also based on the rotation of the earth around the sun and moon around the earth. At the end of one year, the relative positions of the sun, earth, and the stars will be the same as at the beginning of the year. Note that the location of the Sun and the moon relative to the earth is the same irrespective of your location on the Earth.

The Solar month begins when the sun leaves one Rasi (Zodiac sign) and moves into the next. The exact beginning of the solar month depends just on the location of Earth and Sun in the backdrop of galaxies and not on the self-rotation of the earth i.e. day or night. The names of the Solar months follow the names of the 12 signs of the Zodiac - Mesha, Vrishaba, Mithuna, Karkataka, Simha, Kanya, tula, Vrishchika, Dhanur, Makara, Kumbha and Meena.

The Lunar month is normally the time that the moon takes to revolve around the earth (or) the period between two successive new moons. More precisely, this is the time it takes the moon to be at the same relative spot with respect to earth and sun. The names of the lunar months are Pushya, Magha, Phalgun, Chaitra, Vaishaka, Jyeshtha, Aashada, Sravana, Bhadrapada, Aswayuja, Karthika and Margasira. Because of the



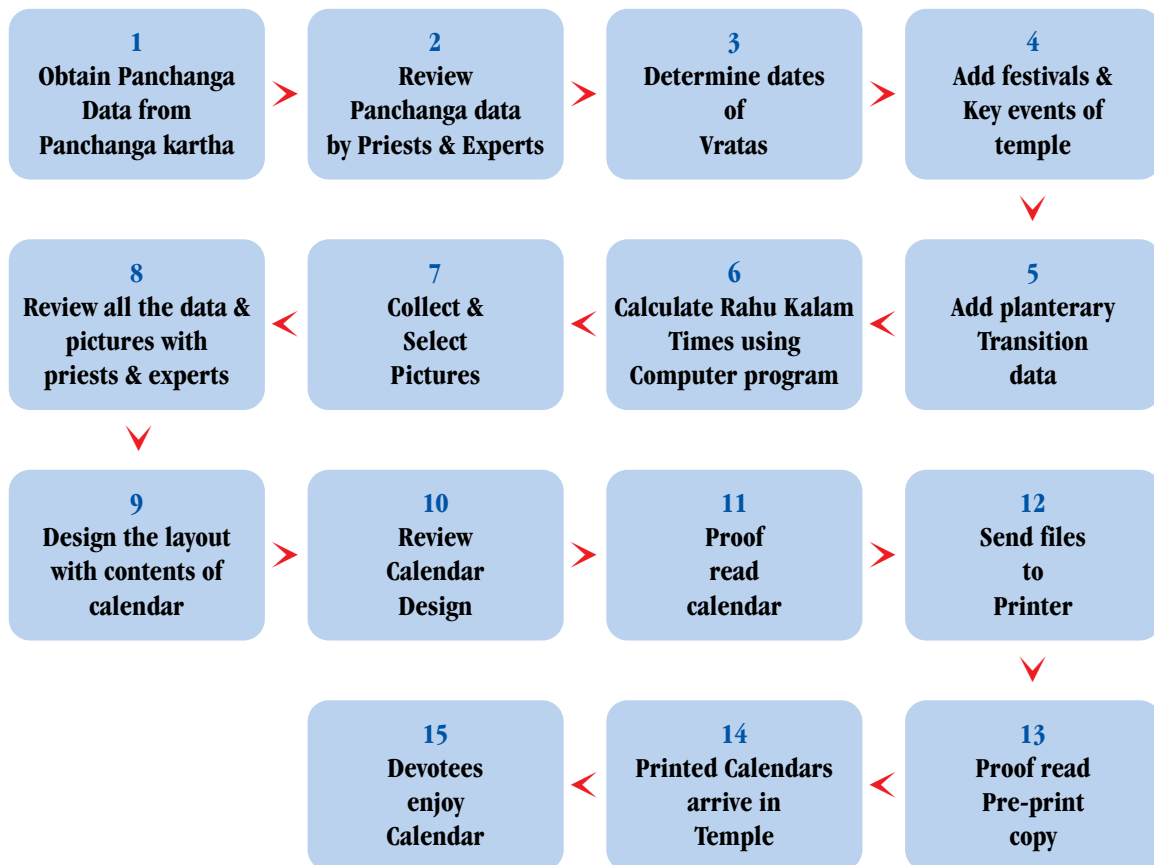
differences in the number of days in a lunar and solar month, Adhika Masa or extra lunar month occurs about once in 3 years. The actual month is called Nija masa (actual) and the extra month is called Adhika masa.

The path of the moon around the earth is divided into 27 segments or Nakshatras (Na - synonym for Moon + Kshetra - Mansion = Nakshatra). The Nakshatra changes when the moon leaves one segment and enters the next. These 27 segments or stars are Aswini, Bharani, Kritika, Rohini, Mrugasira, Arudra, Punarvasu, Pushya, Ashlesha, Makha, Poorva Phalguni, Uttara Phalguni, Hasta, Chitra, Swati, Visaka, Anuradha, Jyeshtha, Moola, Poorvashada, Uttarahada, Sravana, Dhanistha, Satabisha, Poorva Bhadra, Uttara Bhadra, and Revati. Pushya, Aslesha, Makha, Poorva Phalguni, Uttara Phalguni, Hasta, Chitra, Swathi, Visaka, Jyeshtha, Moola, Poorvashada, Uttarahada, Sravana, Dhanishta, Satabhisha, Poorva Bhadra, Uttara Bhadra and Revathi.

There are 14 Thithis between every new moon and full moon and vice-versa. The names of the Thithis are: Amavasya (New moon day), Prathama, Dwitiya, tritiya, Chaturthi, Panchami, Shashti, Saptami, Ashtami, Navami, Dasami, Ekadasi, Dwadasi, trayodasi, Chaturdasi, Poornima (New Moon day). After Poornima, these Thithis repeat and end in the next Amavasya thus completing the cycle. Also, Thithi and Nakshatra being geocentric phenomena, end at the same time in all parts of the world. The day of observance of any Thithi in the calendar is based on traditional convention for respective Thithis. The prevailing Nakshtra of a day is the Nakshtra at the time of Sun rise, with at least 2 Gathikas/Nazhikas in that day.

In this article, I would like to make the readers aware of the process to bring out this popular calendar. Picture is worth thousand words. So, let me describe the 15 step process in the form of a flow chart.

### Calendar Process



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If you wish to donate a van running in good running condition for HCCC (Shiva-Vishnu Temple), Livermore, please contact the Temple office at 925-449-6254 Extension 112.

“Errata to Calendar 2011: When you turn to March 2011 page, read the caption of the right side picture as Goddess Lakshmi.”

**PICTURE GALLERY**



Kali Puja



During Durga Puja



During Durga Puja



Saraswati Puja



Sri AyyappaSwamy Puja



Sri Rama Punarvasu Abhishekam

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Sri Vari Pushpa Yagam



Vaikunta Ekadasi



Sri Vishnu Brahmothsavam



Navarathri Celebrations



Sri Lakshmi Kubera Puja



During Skanda Shashti



During Mrs. Kamala Harris Visit



During Skanda Shashti

### California State Attorney General Visits Temple

California State Attorney General Mrs. Kamala Harris visited our temple on January 2, 2011. Chairman Sri Prasuna Reddy Dornadula and President Smt. Raghavamma Gullapalli welcomed Mrs. Harris and her family members. After Darshan at the temple, Mrs. Harris was blessed by Priests and received Prasadam. Management members felicitated Mrs. Harris with a Shawl and souvenir bag. Mrs. Harris remembering her previous visits to the temple spoke with various management members and interacted with devotees.



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