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Shanti Yagnam (Oct 15th - Nov 24th, 2002)

The whole universe is with a planned base and it always goes according to the plan. That is the plan of the Gods as per the spiritual teachers. Sometimes, human life is disturbed and is in a state of confusion. The more disturbed it is, there will be frustration. Now we are facing this situation in the form of a bad economy, jobless situations, mental distress, misunderstanding in the families and alike.

The Shiva-Vishnu temple management wanted to do some spiritual Yagna for world peace and prosperity. The priests were consulted and they suggested a Shanti Yagna program of 41 days starting from Vijaya Dasami day i.e., October 15th till Nov 24th 2002.

The Yagna is for 1 hour every day from 7 PM to 8 PM for this 41 day period (except on Tuesday, Nov 19th when it will be held from 8PM to 9PM due to a lunar eclipse occurring that day). Everyone is invited to participate and involve in this Yagna and be benefited by the grace of the Lord of Shiva-Vishnu temple and the presiding deities of the mantras, which the priests would be chanting.

The Significance of Mantras used in the Shanthi Yagnam

The following is a brief explanation of the Mantras used in the Yagnam.

1. Dhatha Dadatu: These are sixteen Mantras in Black Yajus (Krishna Yajur Veda) with different presiding Deities for each one. One who prays with sincere devotion and concentration will accrue benefits like the wealth, health, peace of mind, prosperity, recognition and good progeny. These are the basic things which a human needs for the development of harmony in the society that leads to peace in the country and the world. Some of the Devathas invoked in these Mantras are Dhatha, Anumathi, Raka, Kuhu, and Sinivali. They can bless and grant boons to the Yajamanas that worship them through sacred fire (Homa), with sincerity and devotion.

2. Jaya Mantras: These are 12 in total. When Indra was unable to overcome the Demons, who were trying to disturb the World Peace, He urged the creator (Brahma) to grant Mantras to make him victorious and establish world peace. Then Brahma graciously presented these 12 Mantras. Indra achieved his goal by oblations. These are also in Krishna Yajurveda – To become victorious and plentiful one has to chant and meditate with these Mantras.

3. Abhyathanas: These are 18 in total. Abhyathathi means Vasikarana i.e. to win the hearts of others through the behavior, sincerity, amicability, and truth etc. Many principal Devathas are invoked with these Mantras. All presiding deities are mentioned in the Mantras. For example, Indra has Jyesta – Adhipatya, Vayu Anthariskha – Adhipatya etc. One can receive the protection in that area by worshipping that particular Devatha through oblations. The Devathas mentioned are Agni, Indra, Yama, Vayu, Surya, Chandrama, Bhrihaspathi, Mithra, Varuna, Samudra, Anna, Savitha, Soma, Rudra, Thwasta, Vishnu, Maruth, Pithru. The main theme in these Manthras (Karma Samruddhi) are Devathas' Activation and Motivation in the respective areas.

4. Rashtra Bhrith Manthras: These are 12 Mantras in total. In each Mantra, there is one Gandharva and one Apsara, making a total 24 Devathas and 24 Oblations. The Yajamana can oblate in the sacred fire by invoking these devathas and accrue the benefits like Dhana, Dhanya, Pasu, Gruha, Children and others which include all materialistic needs. The hidden meaning in this is - one who acquire these benefits, has to think about spirituality and has to try for world peace through his spiritual progress.

November 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
RAHU KALA 4:30 to 6:00 pm			OM NAMAH SHIVAYA OM NAMO NARAYANAYA 9:00 to 10:30 am			
					1 Dwadasi 23:21 Uttara Phalguni 23:40	2 Trayodasi 19:51 Hasta 20:56 Pradosham Masa Shivaratri Naraka Chaturdasi
3 Chaturdasi 16:14 Chitra 18:03 Deepavali	● 4 Amavasya 12:34, Swati 15:13 Gujarati Virama Saka New Years Day Govardhan Puja Skanda Shashti Starts	5 Shukla Pratipat 9:09 Visakha 12:35	6 Dwitiya 6:02 Tritiya 27:3 Anuradha 10:19	7 Chaturthi 25:36 Jyeshtha 8:85	8 Panchami 24:26 Moola 7:31	9 Shashti 24:03 Purva Shadha 7:12 Skanda Shashti Kavadi Festival
10 Saptami 24:26 Uttara Shadha 7:41	11 Ashtami 25:34 Sravanam 8:55	12 Navami 27:18 Dhanista 10:49	13 Dashami 29:29 Satabhisha 13:15	14 Ekadasi Purva Bhadra 16:02	15 Ekadasi 7:58 Uttara Bhadra 19:01	16 Dwadasi 10:33 Revati 22:02 Pradosham Vishnu Pushpayaga Ayyappa Mandala Begins
17 Trayodasi 13:05 Aswini 24:56 Tulsi Vivaha	18 Chaturdasi 15:26 Bharani 27:39	19 Purnima 17:31 Krittika Lunar Eclipse Kartik Deepotsava Sarvalaya Deepam	○ 20 Krishna Pratipat 19:16 Krittika 6:05	21 Dwitiya 20:38 Rohini 8:09	22 Tritiya 21:35 Mrigasira 9:5	23 Chaturthi 22:03 Arudra 11:04 Samkathara Chaturthi
24 Panchami 22:02 Punarvasu 11:51	25 Shashti 21:29 Pushyami 12:08	26 Saptami 20:25 Aslesha 11:55	27 Ashtami 18:51 Magha 11:12 Kala Bhairava Jayanti	28 Navami 16:49 Purva Phalguni 10:00 Thanksgiving Weekend Timings	29 Dashami 14:22 Uttara Phalguni 8:22 Day after Thanksgiving Weekend Timings	30 Ekadasi 11:36 Hasta 6:24 Chitra 28:1

December 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
RAHU KALA 4:30 to 6:00 pm			OM NAMAH SHIVAYA OM NAMO NARAYANAYA 9:00 to 10:30 am			
1 Dwadasi 8:38 Trayodasi 26:31 Swati 25:47 Pradosham	2 Chaturdasi 26:28 Visakha 23:27 Masa Shivaratri	● 3 Amavasya 23:34 Anuradha 21:17 Solar Eclipse (total)	4 Shukla Pratipat 21:04 Jyeshtha 19:26	5 Dwitiya 19:00 Moola 18:01	6 Tritiya 17:32 Purva Shadha 17:11	7 Chaturthi 16:45 Uttara Shadha 17:01
8 Panchami 16:43 Sravanam 17:36	9 Shashti 17:27 Dhanishtha 18:55	10 Saptami 18:54 Satabhisha 20:54	11 Ashtami 20:56 Purva Bhadra 23:25	12 Navami 23:21 Uttara Bhadra 26:18	13 Dashami 25:58 Revati 29:21	14 Ekadasi 28:32 Aswini Gita Jayanti
15 Dwadasi Aswini 8:18 Dhanurmasa Begins	16 Dwadasi 6:52 Bharani 11:00 Pradosham	17 Trayodasi 8:47 Krittika 13:18	18 Chaturdasi 10:12 Rohini 15:09	○ 19 Purnima 11:10 Mrigasira 16:29	20 Krishna Pratipat 11:31 Arudra 17:20 Arudra Darshan	21 Dwitiya 11:26 Punarvasu 17:44
22 Tritiya 10:55 Pushyami 17:43 Samkathara Chaturthi	23 Chaturthi 10:01 Aslesha 17:20	24 Panchami 8:46 Magha 16:38	25 Shashti 7:16, Saptami Purva Phalguni 15:41 Christmas Day Weekend Timings	26 Ashtami 27:29 Uttara Phalguni 14:30	27 Navami 25:20 Hasta 13:08	28 Dashami 23:04 Chitra 11:37
29 Ekadasi 20:45 Swati 10:01	30 Dwadasi 18:26 Visakha 8:22	31 Trayodasi 16:12 Anuradha 6:45 Jyeshtha 29:18				Ayyappa Puja ends January 14th, 2003

PLANNED SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE/DAY	EVENT	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Oct 15-Nov 24	Shanti Yagnam	7:00 - 8:00 PM	Vishwa Shanthi Maha Yagnam for world peace and prosperity Note: On Nov 19th, the Yagnam will be held from 8:00 - 9:00 PM due to a Lunar eclipse, see the schedule below
Nov 2nd/Saturday		12:00 Noon	Balaji Vastra Samarpana
	Diwali celebrations & Annual Fund raising Dinner	4:00 PM	Diwali program by children, Music concert by Ritee & Praveen Chadda, a leading Bay Area music team. See the Temple Website or flyers in the Temple for complete program details.
	Masa Shiva Ratri	6:30 PM	108 Kalasha Abhisheka for Shiva
	Naraka Chathurdasi	6:30 PM	Naraka Chathurdasi Snanam
Nov 3rd /Sunday	Deepavali	8:00 AM	Suprabatham
		9:00 AM	MahaLakshmi Abhisheka and Alamkara
		11:00 AM	MahaLaksmi Sahasra nama Archana
		6:30 PM	Lakshmi Kubera Pooja and Deepotsava
Nov 4th/Monday	Gujarati New Years Day Skanda Shasti festival begins Swati	6:30 PM	(Detailed program at the end) Sri Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Nov 9th/Saturday		10:00 AM	Balaji Sahasra Kalasha Abhisheka
		10:30 AM	Skanda Shasti & Kavadi festival, see details below
	Cultural Program	3:00 PM	Veena concert by Srikanth Chary, accompanied by Akhilesh Sista (Veena), Sriram Brahmanandam (Mridangam) & Ravindra Bharathy (Ghatam). Venue: Temple Assembly Hall, Admission is FREE.
Nov 10th/Sunday		3:30 PM	Shiva Kalyana Utsavam
Nov 11th/Monday	Sravanam	6:30 PM	Balaji Sahasra Nama Archana
Nov 14th/Thursday	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Nov 16th/Saturday	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Sahasra Nama Archana
			Vishnu Pushpa Yaaga (detailed Program at the end)
		11:00 AM	Tiruppavadai Seva for Balaji
	Ayyappa Mandala Puja	6:30 PM	Ayyappa Mandala Puja Begins.
Nov 17th/Sunday		11:00 AM	Nagavalli Dala Sahasra Nama Archana for Shiva
		6:30 PM	Tulasi Vivaham
Nov 19th/Tuesday	Poornima	6:30 PM	Lalita Sahasra Nama Parayana
	Krittika	8:15 PM	Karthikeya Abhisheka & Poolangi Seva Karthikeya Deepostavam and Sarvalaya Deepam.
	Lunar Eclipse	5:47 - 8:01PM	Temple open from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM Shanti Yagnam from 8:00PM - 9:00 PM
Nov 21th/Thursday	Rohini	6:30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
Nov 23rd/Saturday		12:00 Noon	Pushpa Seva for Balaji
	Sankatahara Chaturthi	6:30 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
Nov 24th/Sunday		4:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
	Punarvasu	6:30 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka
Nov 27th/Wednesday	Kalabhairava Jayanthi	6:30 PM	Kala Bhairava Abhisheka
Nov 28th/Thursday	ThanksGiving Day		Temple open from 9 AM to 8 PM
Nov 29th/Friday	Day after ThanksGiving		Temple open from 9 AM to 8 PM
Nov 30th/Saturday	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
Dec 1st/Sunday	Swati	6:30 PM	Sri Narasimha Swamy Abhisheka
Dec 2nd/Monday	Masa Shivaratri	6:30 PM	108Kalasha Abhisheka for Shiva
Dec 3rd/Tuesday	Solar Eclipse		Not Visible in U.S.A
Dec 7th/Saturday		11AM - 6PM	"25th Anniversary Celebrations of HCCC Incorporation & Donor Recognition Program"
		12:00 Noon	Vastra Samarpana for Balaii

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Dec 8th/Sunday	Cultural Program	3:00 PM	Vocal concert by Asha Ramesh, accompanied by Anuradha Sridhar (Violin) & Vadiraja Bhatt (Mridangam). Venue: Temple Assembly Hall, Admission is FREE.
		3:30 PM	Karthikeya Kalyana Utsavam
	Sravanam	6:30 PM	Balaji Sahasra Nama Archana
Dec 9th/Monday	Shasti	6:30 PM	Karthikeya Sahasranama Archana
Dec 14th /Saturday		10:00 AM	Sahasra Kalasha Abhisheka for Balaji
	Gita Jayanti		Program details will be announced later
Dec 15th/Sunday		11:00 AM	Nagavalli Dala Archana for Shiva Dhanur Masam Starts, Andal Pooja Begins
Dec 16th/Monday	Pradosham	6:30 PM	Shiva Sahasra Nama Archana
Dec 17th/Tuesday	Krittika	6:30 PM	Karthikeya Abhisheka
Dec 18th/Wednesday	Rohini	6:30 PM	Sri Krishna Pooja
Dec 19th/Thursday	Poornima	6:30 PM	Lalita Sahasra Nama Parayana
Dec 20th/Friday	Ardra Shiva Darshanam	6:30 PM	Sri Rudra Trishati Archana for Shiva (Week end function Details At the Back)
Dec 21st/Saturday		11:00 AM	Tiruppavadai Seva for Balaji
	Punarvasu	6:30 PM	Sri Rama Abhisheka
Dec 22nd/Sunday	SamkathaHara Chathurthi	6:30 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka
Dec 25th/Wednesday	Chirstmas day		Temple open 9:00 to 8:00 PM
Dec 29th/Sunday		4:30 PM	Kala Bhirava Abhisheka
	Ekadasi	6:30 PM	Balaji Bhoga Murthy Abhisheka
	Swati	6:30 PM	Sri Narasimha swamy abhisheka
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SKANDA SHASTI PROGRAM

Nov 4th /Monday			
10:30AMShatru Samhara Trishati Archana	6:30PMKarthikeya Abhisheka and Archana
6:30 PM	.....Karthikeya Abhisheka and Archana		
Nov 5th/Tuesday			
10:30 AM	.....Shatru Samhara Trishati Archana	6:30PM	.....Karthikeya Abhisheka and Archana
6:30 PM	.....Karthikeya Abhisheka and Archana		
Nov 6th/Wednesday			
10:30 AM	.....Shatru SamharaTrishati Archana	10:45 AM	.....Kavadi Procession by Devotees
6:30 PM	.....Karthikeya Abhisheka and Archana	11:30AM	.....Karthikeya Abhisheka and Archana
Nov 7th/Thursday			
10:30AM	.....Shatru Samhara Trishati Archana	1:00PM	.....Theertha Prasada Viniyogam
		5:00PM	.....Karthikeya Tiru Veedhi Utsavam (procession)

VISHNU PUSHPA YAAGA PROGRAM- Nov 16th/Saturday

7:00AM	.....Suprabatham	12:00Noon	.....Pushpa Yaaga Homa
8:00AM	.....Balaji Abhisheka	1:00PM	.....Poornahuti
11:00AM	.....Pushpa yaaga Starts	1:30 PM	.....Thirtha Prasada Viniyogam

ARDRA DARSHANAM FUNCTION- Dec 22nd /Sunday

Chandana Alamkaram for Shiva
Dance Performances in Assembly Hall
Other function details will be announced later.

Election schedule for next Year

- ❖ Send Letter and Nomination forms to Steering Committee members requesting for Nominations : Sunday, November 10, 2002
- ❖ Last date to receive nominations by Election committee: Friday, December 6, 2002
- ❖ Mailing of Ballots : Monday, January 20, 2003
- ❖ Last date to receive Ballots by Election committee: Friday, February 7, 2003
- ❖ Counting of Ballots & announcing the results: Sunday, February 9, 2003

EC Member for new Human Resources portfolio

Milind Korde has been appointed as an additional Executive Committee member with the new portfolio of Human Resources. Milind will be overseeing all Human Resources related activities in the Temple.

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL INFORMATION FROM JAN-SEP, 2002

YTD Revenues	\$ 1,356,000
YTD Expenses	\$ 1,061,000
(Including Construction Project)	
Construction Projects	\$ 496,000
Special projects	\$ 66,000
Current Assets	\$ 350,000
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,300,000

25th Anniversary Celebrations of HCCC Incorporation & Donor Recognition Program

This year is the 25th anniversary of HCCC's Incorporation. To mark this occasion, the Anniversary celebration of Incorporation and Donor recognition program will be held on Saturday, December 7th from 11AM till 6PM. All devotees are invited to attend the program and make it a grand success.

(The Sep/Oct issue of Paschima Vani had mentioned that this function would be held in early November. The event has been postponed to Dec 7th to unavoidable circumstances. Sorry for the inconvenience).

Report on the Remembrance event on first anniversary of September 11th



PRAYERS FOR WORLD PEACE are offered by priests Venkata Sastry, foreground, and Nageshwara Sastry at the Hindu Community and Cultural Center in Livermore.

A prayer meeting was held at the Temple on the first anniversary of September 11th from 5:30 - 6 AM. An excerpt of the press coverage about this in the Valley Times of September 12th, 2002 is given below:

The day began early for some as worshippers at the Hindu Community and Cultural Center in Livermore, also called the Shiva Vishnu Temple, observed the anniversary with prayer, ancient chants for world and inner peace, and a moment of silence at 5:46 a.m. to mark when the World Trade Center's first tower was hit.

About two dozen Hindus gathered for the ceremony, which started with the Pledge of Allegiance and included the blowing of a horn to drive away evil forces.

"It's remembering the departed souls and the horrible acts that happened that day," temple Chairman Ramarao Yendluri said. "People from 80 countries were affected by this horrible attack; it was beyond race and religion."

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Let us both live together. Let us make the decisions together with good heart and with good faith. Let us bring the peace in. Let us become tolerant of each other. Let us enjoy all resources without any limitations. Let our minds and hearts work together. Let us follow the Dharma, Artha, Kama, and attain the worldly happiness through progeny, Wealth, and Health. Ultimately may we reach the level of spiritual plane.

Maharshi Valmiki's Ramayana is filled with Bija Askharas, otherwise known as life letters. The above slokas are the ending slokas in Ramayana Balakanda. How a couple should respect each other is described in these slokas. Those who read these slokas with concentration will certainly bring harmony among couples and enjoy married life like Rama and Sita.

5. Sangachadhvam: O 'Lord of Universe, make us to live together, and walk together, with Your grace we shall never forget Justice and be untruthful in our lives. May we gain strength for establishing the peace in our community which enhances our mental integration. May we live for Artha and Kama through Dharma only. May we try to enlighten our knowledge through discussions for the upliftment of our spiritual and materialistic powers. Oh God! Show mercy on us to live peacefully.

In addition to the above Mantras, Vishwa Shanti homa includes Nakshatra Homa, Sarva Devatha Homa, Navagraha Homa and Maha Santhi Patam.

QUALITIES THAT MAKE HUMANS BETTER

The world consists of variety of people wealthy, good-natured, and courageous. But they will shine only if they have certain qualities.

The wealthy person should have a natural tendency to give charity. If he does not have this quality, no matter what he earns, that money will go waste. Besides, he should give charity to the right kind of people. That alone will get him merit and comfort, both in this world and in the next.

A human with extra-ordinary qualities must have modesty. If he lacks that quality, no matter how virtuous he is, it will not produce any good. The world respects good-natured people who have modesty and it will also benefit them.

Likewise a human, who has valor and power, should not exhibit it to everyone. Because he is strong, he should not attempt to punish everyone. If he does so, it will be a great mistake. Only in cases of erring people, they may use their strength to set things right.

A Brahmin needs a lot of patience; every one will respect him because of this virtue. Similarly, a king must be righteous in ruling his kingdom. If he swerves from Raja Dharma, peoples' welfare cannot be ensured. If a nation consists of people with these qualities, Krita Yuga (Golden Age) will dawn. May everyone follow these principles and become deserving of God's grace.

"Daani Datha Guni Namraha Shuraha Shaantho Dvijaha Kshami"

"Moolam Krita Yugasya Yetath Dharmasheelascha Bhoopatihi"

-Pandit Nageswara Sastry

Guidelines for temple visit on Jan 1st 2003, New Year's day:

- ❖ In order to avoid long lines, devotees should consider coming before 10 AM or after 5PM.
- ❖ You are strongly encourage to carpool, as many devotees are expected that day
- ❖ For complete program info on temple events that day, parking info, etc. kindly refer to the temple Web site in late December. The web site will be regularly updated with the necessary information in order to make your New Year's day visit as smooth as possible.



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