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NEWSLETTER

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SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM GREATER BALTIMORE TEMPLE



HAPPY NEW YEAR! PEACE PROSPERITY & GOOD HEALTH IN THE COMING YEAR

2010 NEW YEAR PUJA

Friday, January 1, 2010



The Temple will celebrate the coming of the New Year with the following program:

9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Sarva Devata Nitya Aradhana
All day long Group Archana (as needed)
3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sri Ganesh Abhishekam and Puja
5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Bhajans & Kirtans
7:30 p.m. Aarti and Mahaprasad

The Temple will remain open from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on New Year's Day. Devotees may sponsor the puja individually for a donation of \$35, or as a group for \$101. Archana will be performed throughout the day for a donation of \$11. Devotees are encouraged to bring fruits and flowers. Following the evening Aarti, dinner will be served. Thanks to Preeti Malviya & family for sponsoring Mahaprasad. Anyone interested in sponsoring the puja is welcome. *Please contact, the Temple (410-861-8387).*

HOLY SCRIPTURES OF DIFFERENT RELIGIONS

Hinduism: Vedas, Bhagavad Gita
Jainism: Tattvartha Sutra
Buddhism: Dhammapada
Christianity: Bible
Islam: Quran
Judaism: Tanakh (Hebrew Bible)
Sikhism: Guru Granth Sahib

PONGAL/SANKRANTI CELEBRATION

Saturday, January 9, 2010



At the Greater Baltimore Temple Community Center

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Entertaining Cultural Program
6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Aarti, Haldi/ Kumkum Offerings
6:30 p.m. Home Cooked Dinner (nominal charge)

Bring your family and friends and enjoy!

For further information, contact Padma Vanguri (410-252-4440), Geetha Raja (410-825-6414), Chandra Madhiraju (410-252-4622), Shila Ramaiah (410-252-3723), Nandini Mouli (410-308-8883), Bhuvana Anba (410-663-8316), Saraswathi Narayan (443-895-4367), Lakshmi Chetty (410-252-2670), Anusuya Swami (410-581-9161), Arundhati Sarpatwari (410-561-5148), Geetha Ramaratnam (410-529-7051), Nirmala Sanka (410-922-3793), Meeta Raikar (410-321-0503), Usha Karne (410-956-3225), and Priya Aloor (410-252-5212).

2010 TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP APPEAL

We are beginning a new year and we would like to request your much needed support for your Temple in the form of membership. In 2009, a large number of devotees sent in their membership dues of \$ 121 per family per year as their commitment for the Temple maintenance expenses. We would like to see the membership grow in 2010. Please encourage your friends and families to become GBT members, each one, tell one!

You will receive the membership appeal letter in the mail soon. Please complete the form or use the Donation form in this Newsletter and renew your membership for 2010. As always we thank you for your commitment to the GBT! Happy 2010!

For information email, bhupenmehta@comcast.net or sraja12345@gmail.com

VASANT PANCHAMI
Wednesday, January 20, 2010



6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saraswati Puja
7:30 p.m. Aarti & Prasad

This is one of the first festivals of the year in North India and it celebrates the coming of spring. The yellow flowers of *Sarson* (mustard) can be seen everywhere in the fields. Women wear yellow dresses, and yellow and red bangles. Men and children also dress in yellow. It is also the festival of kites in the North. People, especially children, fly kites (*patangs*) from the rooftops and in open fields. Kite "fights" and competitions are the order of the day. Yellow *barfi* and *kheer* (with saffron) is served to family and friends. In the evening, puja is performed to the Goddess Saraswati. She is the consort of Brahma, the creator, and the Goddess of learning. Saraswati is also dressed in a yellow sari and adorned with yellow flowers. This puja is done especially for the children. Please come to the Temple with your children, family, and friends to pray and pay homage to the Goddess of learning - and, if possible, come dressed in yellow. Bring yellow sweets for prasad.
For further information, contact the Temple (410-861-8387).

HOLI CELEBRATION
Sunday, February 28, 2010



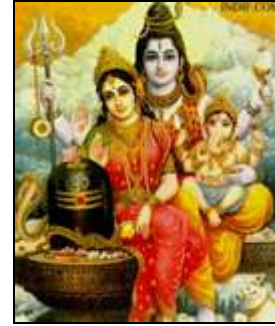
7:00 p.m. Aarti
7:30 p.m. onwards Holi Celebration

People in India and other countries with large Hindu populations celebrated Holi, the Festival of Colors. Holi is celebrated as a welcoming of spring and a celebration of the triumph of good over evil. What that translates to in action is an enthusiastic dropping of inhibitions, as people chase each other and playfully splash colorful paint, powder and water on each other. People also attend bonfires to commemorate the story of Prahlada, a Hindu figure and devout follower of Lord Vishnu who prevailed over his father and the demoness Holika with the power of his devotion.

Donation for the Satyanarayan Puja - \$51
For further information, please contact the Temple (410-861-8387).

Colors will be available at a nominal charge.

MAHA SHIVRATRI CELEBRATION
Friday, February 12, 2010



Please bring your family and friends to join in the *Maha Shivaratri* celebration at the Temple. The puja will be performed on a grand scale starting at 6 p.m. sharp and will continue until 6 a.m. in the next day morning. The ceremonies will be as follows:

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Pratham Kala (Prahara) Puja & Bhajans
9 p.m. to Midnight Dviteeya Kala (Prahara) Puja
12 Midnight to 3 a.m. Triteeya Kala (Prahara) Puja
3 a.m. to 6 a.m. Chaturtha Kala (Prahara) Puja

Devotees are requested to sponsor and participate in the Pujas, bring fruits and flowers. The donation for each Prahara (Kala) Puja is \$51, for all four Prahars \$151. All devotees are encouraged to stay at the Temple and participate in this sacred event.

All over India, on a moonless night the Maha Shivaratri is celebrated. This is the night when Shiva is said to have performed the *Tandava*, the dance of primordial creation, preservation, and destruction. Devotees of Shiva fast during the day and maintain a long vigil during the night. In temples all across the country, bells ring and sacred texts are chanted, and traditional offerings of leaves and milk are made to the Shiva lingam, the symbol of the God Shiva.

Devotees keep a fast (vrata) on Shivaratri and observe rules to gain good karma. Special celebrations are held at Shiva temples at Chidambaram, Khajuraho, and Varanasi. Worship of Shiva is said to release the worshipper from the cycle of birth and rebirth.

Please bring fruits, dry fruits and prasad.

THANK YOU FOR CARING!

The Greater Baltimore Temple participated in two service projects during the holidays. It was heart warming to see many of you generously donating coats for the "WBAL coats for kids campaign" and other items for the Carroll County "Neighbors in need Gift program". The Public Relations Committee thanks all of you for opening your hearts even during these difficult times.
If interested in helping in future service projects email to kalinallik@yahoo.com, and sraja12345@gmail.com

DONOR LISTS & PLAQUES

Temple Management is in the process of updating the donor-lists in various categories, and then getting the appropriate plaques made for display in the Temple lobby. If anyone notes any of their donations are unacknowledged, they should contact Magan Sureja at Temple (410-861-8387) or send an e-mail to tkbasu@verizon.net or gbt101@yahoo.com

UGAADI/ GUDI PADVA/ VAISHAKHI

A New Year of the Kannada, Telegu, Marathi, and Thulu Communities

Saturday, March 20, 2010



10:30 a.m. to 12 noon
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

Lord Venkateswara Abhishek
Cultural Program
Mahaprasad (dinner) (\$5/person)

Donation for Abhishek - \$31 and for Archana - \$11per family

Come and welcome the New Year with Family and Friends. Ugaadi is celebrated with festive fervor in Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. It is believed that Lord Brahma, the creator in the Hindu pantheon, started creation on this day. The calculations of the great Indian mathematician, Bhaskaracharya, proclaimed Ugaadi day as the beginning of the New Year, New Month, and New Day. Ugaadi marks the beginning of a new Hindu lunar calendar and the onset of spring, the first season of the year.

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OFFERING OF MANGAL SUTRAS

A group of GBT devotees offered Gold Mangal Sutas to Goddess Lakshmi and Goddess Padmavathy in a function on Saturday, December 5th. It is believed that offering Mangal Sutas and performing weddings of Gods and Goddesses brings prosperity and good tidings of marriages in the community. With the remaining donations collected the devotees plan to offer similar Mangal Sutas to the Utsava moortis of Sridevi and Bhudevi in the Temple shortly. Our thanks to the following devotees who donated to the Mangal Sutas: Chandra Madhiraju, Geetha Ramaratnam, Padma Vanguri, Geetha Raja, Shila Ramaiah, Nirmala Sanka, Vatsala Srinivas, Hema Varadhan, Lakshmi Prabhakar, Rani Garg, Krupa Kannan, and Nandini Mouli.

DIWALI CULTURAL PROGRAM

The Diwali Cultural Program on Sunday, October 25th was very successful. There were a total of 30 performances by very talented artists, ranging in age from small children to young adults. More than 250 people attended the program. After the program, a delicious Diwali Dinner sponsored by India Forum was served. The GBT Board of Trustees thanks all for participating in the program and to India Forum for sponsoring the dinner.

DONATION IN KIND

Madanbhai Natali, Deepti Natali, and Tejash Natali have donated a 32" LCD video display TV to the Temple, in loving memory of Hemlata Natali. Thanks to them for their generosity.

HINDU SCRIPTURES

Hinduism has one of the oldest and longest list of scriptures among the world's major religions. The Vedas are among the oldest sacred texts believed to be dating back more than 1500 BCE. The Hindu scriptures are divided into several layers:

Shruti: Shruti denotes a category of texts that were traditionally transmitted orally down the generations by learned people before writing came into existence. The preeminent literatures in Shruti are four Vedas: **Rig-Veda, Yajur-Veda, Sama-Veda, and Atarva-Veda**. These are supplemented by commentaries on each text by: **Brahmanas, Aranyakas, and Upanishads**. These seven scriptures belong to Shruti canon.

Smriti: Smriti literally means that which is remembered. The texts under this category are considered secondary in authority to Shruti. Following scriptures belong to Smriti:

--**Itihasa (History):** Indian epic poetry like Ramayana, and Mahabharata. Though **Bhagavad Gita** is included in Mahabharata, it is considered an Upanishad. Thus it has authority of Shruti canon.

-- **Puranas:** These texts describe the religious history in story form, usually about a particular deity, like Bhagavat Purana.

--**Tantras:** Tantra scriptures refer to techniques for achieving a result, which in most cases is self-realization.

--**Sutras:** They are collection of aphorisms in the form of a manual, for example Yoga sutras, Nyaya sutras, etc.

--**Stotras:** They are hymns of praise like Vishnu Sahasranama.

Purva Mimamsa: They enquire into Vedic rituals.

Uttar Mimamsa (Vedanta): They enquire into Vedic philosophy.

Schools of Thoughts: Yoga, Sankhya, Nyaya, Vaisheshika.

Then there are several layers of texts specifically for Vaishnavism, Shaivism and for several Panths.

Most of these scriptures are translated into many of the Indian languages, and in several foreign languages. The Bhagavad Gita which comprises 700 verses is one of the most translated and most commented on Hindu scriptures.

SELFLESS SERVICE

In Chapter 3 of the **Bhagavad Gita**, Krishna talks to Arjuna about the importance of Selfless Service, *karma yoga*, in spiritual enlightenment. Here are some excerpts:

At the beginning of time I declared two paths for the pure heart: *jnana yoga*, the contemplative path of spiritual wisdom, and *karma yoga*, the active path of selfless service.

He who shirks action does not attain freedom; no one can gain perfection by abstaining from work. Indeed, there is no one who rests for even an instant; every creature is driven to action by his own nature.

Those who abstain from action while allowing the mind to dwell on sensual pleasure cannot be called sincere spiritual aspirants. But they excel who control their senses through the mind, using them for selfless service.

Fulfill all your duties; action is better than inaction. Even to maintain your body, Arjuna, you are obliged to act. Selfish action imprisons the world. Act selflessly, without any thought of personal profit.

Strive constantly to serve the welfare of the world; by devotion to selfless work, one attains the supreme goal of life. Do your work with the welfare of others always in mind.

Those who live in accordance with these divine laws without complaining, firmly established in faith, are released from karma. Those who violate these laws, criticizing and complaining, are utterly deluded, and are the cause of their own suffering

RESULTS OF FUND-RAISING DINNER

The 2009 Fund-Raising Dinner was held at the Greater Baltimore Temple Community Hall on Saturday, November 14. The Temple raised \$65,880, including \$7,478 from sale of Dinner tickets, \$33,385 in cash donations, and \$25,017 in pledges.

The evening featured two outstanding programs: Aarti & dance by Balvihar children, and live entertainment: Karaoke singing by the Hemanth Group. Anil Uberoi and Usha Jain, the two Masters of Ceremony, did an outstanding job of conducting the program. The Akbar Palace Restaurant served very tasty and sumptuous appetizers and dinner at the program. We would like to thank the Fund Raising Committee & volunteers for coordinating and arranging the function, and selling the tickets. Most importantly we would like to thank the donors and the devotees who attended the Dinner and made it a grand success.

A total 152 guests attended the dinner. They made following donations:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dinner tickets (\$50 each)	\$7,478
General Donation	\$22,219
Kalpataru Donation Tree	\$15,719
Temple Niches	\$2,501
Community Hall Extension	\$1,500
Education Fund	\$16,463
TOTAL	\$65,880

After subtracting the Fund Raising Dinner expenses, approx. \$7,223, for the catering, entertainment, printing & mailing, etc. the Temple raised a net amount of \$58,657.

KALPATARU - THE WISHING TREE



You can recognize your loved ones and your family members by carving their names on individual leaves, gold or silver, or on apples on the Tree, or on the stones at the base of the Tree. The total number of leaves, gold & silver, available for subscription are 405. The donation for each gold leaf is \$501 and for silver leaf is \$351. There are 30 apples and 20 stones available for subscription. The donation for each apple is \$1,001, and for each stone \$2,001. The numbers of leaves, apples, and stones that can be installed is limited, and are going fast. **Only 12 out of 20 Stones and 11 out of 30 Apples are left now.** So please submit your subscriptions early to avoid disappointment. Please call the Temple (410-861-8387) or send an e-mail (gbt101@yahoo.com) for subscription information.

GREATER BALTIMORE TEMPLE

Financial Statements

(Unaudited & Preliminary)

Balance Sheet

(As of September 30, 2009)

Assets

Current Assets

Bank Accounts/Petty Cash	\$ 293,777
Pledges Receivable	45,406
Prepaid Expenses	6,286
Total Current Assets	\$ 345,469

Fixed Assets

Furniture & Fixture	\$ 50,502
Machinery & Equipment	13,822
Office Equipment	2,580
Leasehold Improvement	90,674
Building	2,229,025
Land	201,598
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(843,517)
Work-in-progress	25,245
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 1,769,929

Total Assets \$ 2,115,398

Liabilities & Equity

Total Liabilities \$ 4,246

Equity

Net Worth	\$ 975,870
Retained Earnings	1,135,282
Total Equity	\$ 2,111,152

Total Liabilities & Equity \$ 2,115,398

Profit and Loss

(January 1 to September 30, 2009)

Ordinary Income/Expense

Revenues

Donations	\$143,701
Hall Rental	11,870
Bal Vihar	27,088
Education	9,765
Tree	12,857
Total Revenues	\$205,281

Expenses

Employee Payroll & Benefits	\$89,056
Puja & Other Supplies	7,831
Repairs & Maintenance	22,368
Utilities, Telephone	16,458
Office Expenses, Printing	8,568
Insurance	688
Bal Vihar	7,440
Food Catering	8,400
Professional & Other Fees	7,451
Other Expenses	2,183
Total Expenses	\$170,443

Net Ordinary Income \$34,838

Other Income

Interest Income \$ 1,540

Other Expenses

Depreciations	(\$ 65,537)
Mortgage Int. Exp.	(\$2,251)

Net Other Income (\$ 66,248)

Net Income (\$ 31,410)

THEORY OF KARMA

The Indian philosophy says our life's mission is to know the Reality in its true form. One life is not enough to accomplish this mission. That is the reason we keep coming back life after life. In this pursuit we adopt a physical body and do the deeds, which are called karmas. Some karmas are considered good and some not so good. All our karmas, both good and bad, come in the way of our mission. They create an obstruction in knowing the reality in its true form. So we have to work on eliminating them. According to Sankhya Philosophy, a school of thoughts to which both Hinduism and Jainism subscribe, there are 148 types of karmas resulting from all our deeds. Even our thoughts are considered deeds.

The 148 karmas are grouped into eight main categories:

1. **Gnyanavaran Karma (5):** These karmas form a layer over the faculty of knowledge and distort our true knowledge of reality.
2. **Darshanavaran Karma (9):** These karmas distort our true sense of perception of reality.
3. **Vedaniya Karma (2):** They give us pain and pleasure which divert our attention.
4. **Mohaniya Karma (28):** They create a delusion and mislead us from reality.
5. **Aayu Karma (4):** They decide the length of our mission in each life—the number of years we live in each life.
6. **Nama Karma (93):** They decide what type of physical body we get in each life.
7. **Gotra Karma (2):** They decide our Gotra in each life.
8. **Antaraya Karma (5):** They decide the degree of success resulting from our efforts in each life.

These are difficult concepts to understand. But the one which we always think and worry about is explained in little more detail: The **Aayu Karma**: According to this philosophy our Jiva is bonded to our body for a predetermined length of time by our Ayu Karma. At the end of that period the Jiva and body separate out, which we call death. We all come in this life with a predetermined length of time to live. That length is determined by our Ayu Karma accumulated up to our previous life. No one or nothing can change that length in this life. We go only when our Ayu karma is exhausted, and not a moment before or not a moment after. The philosophy says, you are like a reader of a life's book, not its writer. So don't worry where one chapter ends and the next one begins. Just live well, one chapter at a time.

MAHAVIRSWAMI BHAGWAN'S PUJA & BHAVANA

Sunday, Jan 17, Feb 21 & Mar 21

On the third Sunday of each month we have been performing Mahavirswami Bhagwan's Puja and Bhavna (Prayers). Participation in this program has been great. We are looking for sponsors for months of January, February, and March, 2010.

We are also planning to celebrate Bhagwan Mahavir's Janma Kalyanak in March. Details of the program will be announced in the coming months. *If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact Bhupendra Mehta (410-771-0251)*

JAIN TIRTHANKARS

Jainism, like Hinduism, believes it takes several births to clear all our karmas. Very rarely a special human being takes birth who has just about cleared all his karmas in previous lives and is living his last life. During this life first he completely clears four of the eight karmas, and achieves perfect knowledge of reality. The remaining four karmas are automatically cleared at the end of his current life. After achieving the perfect knowledge of reality, he then uses his remaining time to show the path of salvation to others before attaining nirvana.

These human beings are called Arihant Bhagvans or Tirthankars in Jainism. The Siddhas also eliminate all their karmas and attain nirvana, but they do not have any time left in their last life to show the path of salvation to others. That is why Tirthankars are unique and more revered than Siddhas in Jainism.

There were 24 Tirthankars:

1. Rishabh Dev or Adinath	13. Vimalnath
2. Ajitnath	14. Anantnath
3. Sambhavanath	15. Dharmnath
4. Abhinandannath	16. Shantinath
5. Sumatinath	17. Kunthunath
6. Padmaprabha	18. Aranath
7. Suparshvanath	19. Mallinath
8. Chandraprabha	20. Munisuvratnath
9. Pushpadanta	21. Naminath
10. Sheetalnath	22. Neminath
11. Shreyansanath	23. Parshvanath
12. Vasupujya	24. Mahavirswami

Jain literature gives some interesting information about the 24 Tirthankars: Most, if not all, of them were born in royal families. Five of them were born in Ayodhya, three in Hastinapur, two in Banaras, and rest in various parts in North India. None of the Tirthankars were born in South India. Five of them- Vasupujya, Mallinath, Neminath, Parshvanath, and Mahavirswami- were Balabrahmcharies (were never married). All of them took sannyasa before attaining nirvana.

Twenty of them attained nirvana from Sammedshikhar in Bihar. Rishabh Dev, the first Tirthankar attained nirvana from Kailash, in Tibet; Vasupujya from Champapuri in Bengal; Neminath from Giranar in Gujarat; and Mahavirswami from Pavapuri, in Bihar. All of them except last two - Parshvanath, and Mahavirswami- are pre-historic figures dating back thousands of years.

The first Tirthankar, Rishabh Dev or Adinath is believed to have been born at the beginning of time millions of years ago. He is mentioned in Rig-Veda. According to Bhagavata Purana Rishabh Dev is also believed to be the eighth avatara of Vishnu. The twenty-second Tirthankar, Neminath (also known as Arishtnemi), is believed to be Krishna's contemporary-some books say he was Krishna's cousin- and lived towards the end of Dwapara Yuga, which is believed to have ended about 5000 years back.

The twenty-third Tirthankar, Parshvanath (872 BC to 772 BC), and the twenty-fourth, the last Tirthankar Mahavirswami (598 BC to 526 BC) are described in relatively recent history books. Though Mahavirswami did not start Jainism, as it is sometimes erroneously thought, he streamlined and relaxed some of the stringent rules of conduct for his followers to increase their numbers, the history books say.

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JANUARY TO MARCH 2010 CALENDAR

JANUARY

01 Fri **NEW YEAR CELEBRATION**
 Sankashti Sri Ganesh Chaturthi
02 Sat **PONGAL/SANKRANTI CELEBRATION**
 Shattila Ekadashi
 Bal-Vihar Classes
 12 Tue Pradosha Vrata
 13 Wed Lohadi Parva
14 Thu **Makar (Magha) Sankranti**
 15 Fri Magha Amavasya
 Annual Solar Eclipse (not visible in U.S.A.)
17 Sun **Bhagwan Mahavir Puja & Bhavna**
20 Wed **VASANT PANCHAMI/Sri Saraswati Puja**
 24 Sun Bal-Vihar Classes/Krittika
26 Tue **Republic Day of India**
 Jaya Ekadashi
 28 Thu Pradosha Vrata
29 Fri **Sri Satyanarayan Puja**
 30 Sat Magha Purnima

FEBRUARY

02 Tue Sankashti Sri Ganesh Chaturthi
 07 Sun Bal-Vihar Classes
 09 Tue Vijaya Ekadashi
 11 Thu Pradosha Vrata
12 Fri **MAHA SHIVRATRI CELEBRATION**
 Phalgun (Kumbha) Sankranti
 13 Sat Amavasya
21 Sun **Bhagwan Mahavir Puja & Bhavna**
 Bal-Vihar Classes
 22 Mon Holashtaka begins/Kritika
 25 Thu Amalaki Ekadashi
 26 Fri Pradosha Vrata

27 Sat **Falgun Purnima/Sri Satyanarayan Puja**
28 Sun **Holi Parva/ HOLI CELEBRATION**

MARCH

01 Mon Vasantotsava/Dhulaindi
 03 Wed Sankashti Sri Ganesh Chaturthi
 07 Sun Bal-Vihar Classes
 11 Thu Papamochani Ekadashi
 13 Sat (Shani) Pradosha Vrata
 14 Sun Chaitra Sankranti (Meena Sankranti)
 15 Mon Amavasya
 16 Tue Chaitra Navaratri begins
 19 Fri Nava Samvatsar Prarambha/Krittika
20 Sat **UGAADI/GUDI PADVA/VAISHAKHI CELEBRATION**
 Sri Panchami
21 Sun **Bhagwan Mahavir Puja & Bhavna**
 Bal-Vihar Classes
 23 Tue Sri Durgashtmi
24 Wed **SRI RAMA NAVAMI MAHOTSAV**
 26 Fri Kamada Ekadashi
 27 Sat Pradosha Vrata
28 Sun **Sri Mahavir Jayanti**
 Ananga Trayodashi
 Bal-Vihar Classes
29 Mon **HANUMAN JAYANTI**
 Sri Satyanarayan Puja
 Chaitra Purnima

(The above dates and timings are preliminary and subject to change without notice)

Please cut and mail with your donation. Please cut and mail with your donation.

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Donation Form

NAME: _____
 SPOUSE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 PHONE: _____ e-mail: _____

Please accept our contribution and pledge for the amount shown below in support of the Greater Baltimore Temple, Inc.:

() \$21 () \$51 () \$ 121 Annual Membership () \$ 501 () \$1,001 () Other _____

Kalpataru Tree Donation: () \$ 351 - Silver Leaf, () \$501 - Gold Leaf, () \$1001 - Apple, () \$2001 - Stone.

Temple Niches – Quotes & Prayers: () \$2,501

() \$ 5,001 for the deity _____
(Name of Deity)

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Amount Pledged \$ _____ by _____
(Date)

Signature: _____ Date _____

Please make checks payable to Greater Baltimore Temple. Mail forms & checks to Greater Baltimore Temple, P.O. Box 690, Finksburg, MD 21048

BHAJANS & KIRTAN EVERY SUNDAY

4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

A vegetarian dinner will be served following Aarti, if the bhajan and food is sponsored by individual devotees. For further information, please contact Sushma Sidh (410-861-6533).

SRI VENKATESWARA ABHISHEKAM

Every SATURDAY FROM 9 a.m. to 12 noon

9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Sri Venkateswara Suprabhatam

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon Sri Venkateswara Abhishekam

If you wish to sponsor lunch following Abhishek for Balaji, please contact Vimala Naganna (410-876-7071) or Geetha Raja (410-825-6414) to schedule the date. The donation for sponsorship is \$31.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Please forward your e-mail address to the Temple at gbt101@yahoo.com. This will help us to keep you informed of major events at the Temple. We can also send you the Temple newsletter by e-mail, saving on paper, printing and mailing. Thanks.

SRI GANESH CHATURTHI PUJA

Every month during Sankashti at 6:30 p.m.

Every month on Sankashti, Ganesh Abhishek will be performed in the Temple at 6:30 p.m.

PRIEST SERVICES

Priest services are available for pujas and ceremonies at the Temple and outside locations. Call 410-861-8387 for availability and charges. For weddings or any other ceremonies requiring priest services that are conducted in the Temple Community Hall, the Temple priests should be used.

TEMPLE PUJAS

Weekday Pujas

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Monday to Friday Nitya Aradhana

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Monday	Rudrabhishekam
Tuesday	Hanuman Chalisa
Thursday	Gopala Sahastranam Parayan
1 st Friday of Month	Sri Durga Puja
2 nd Friday of Month	Sri Lakshmi Puja
3 rd Friday of Month	Sri Padmavathi Aradhana
4 th Friday of Month	Sri Saraswati Puja

Saturday Pujas

9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Sri Venkateswara Suprabhatam

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon Sri Venkateswara Abhishekam

Sunday Pujas

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Every Sunday	Nitya Aradhana
3 rd Sunday of Month	Sri Mahavir Swami Puja

4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Every Sunday Bhajan & Kirtan followed by Aarti & Prasad

On special occasions and festivals the above Pujas will be superseded by special Pujas.

SRI SATYANARAYAN PUJA & KATHA

Every month during Poornima at 6:30 p.m. Sri Satyanarayan puja is performed and Katha is told. On days when there are other festivals being celebrated at this time, the Puja will be performed at 7:30 p.m. or later. Please call the Temple at 410-861-8387 before coming for the puja to confirm the timings.

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