

Greater Baltimore Temple

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Spring

Summer

May - August 2023



GBT 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH



10:30-1 Sarva Deva Aaraadhnam
and Homan
12:30 pm Cultural Programme by
Janki Sivaraman Group
Mela: All Day

We will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Pranapratishta. Please join us with your family and friends. If anyone is interested in renting a Stall for Mela please contact Janaki Sivaraman at 410-736-8720 or send an email to gbt101@gmail.com or call the temple at 410-861-8387.

Sponsor (Havan) \$ 101
Donor \$ 51

PRIEST SERVICES

Priest services are available for poojas and ceremonies at the Temple and outside locations. Please call 410-861-8387 for availability and charges.

CALANDER OF EVENTS

MAY

07 SUN—Srinathji Patotsav
19 FRI-- Kritika-Murugan Abhishekam, 6pm
28 SUN—Navgraha Homan, 11am

JUNE

10 SAT—Balvihar Annual Day
15 THU—Kritika-Murugan Abhishekam

JULY

SUN JULY 16 to SUN AUG 13—Adhik Maas Utsav
SAT JULY 22 to SUN JULY 30—Shrimad Bhagvat Katha by
Pandit Padmanabha Joshi

AUGUST

19 SAT--- Shri Balaji Kalyanam
25 FRI---- Vara Laxmi Vratam
29 TUE--- Rig Upakarma

RECURRING MONTHLY EVENTS

1. Sri Lalitha Sahasranama Archana - Every 1st Friday - May 5th, Jun 2nd, Jul 1st, Aug 4th
2. Murugan Abhishekam Kritika Nakshatram - May 19th, Jun 15th, Jul 12th, Aug 8th
3. Jain Bhavana - May 13th, Jun 3rd, Jul 16th, Aug 26th (picnic in the park)
4. Sri Satyanarayana Puja - Purnima - May 4th, Jun 3rd, Jul 2nd, July 31st, Aug 30th
5. Sri Ganesh Abhishekam - Sankashti Chaturthi - May 8th, Jun 7th, Jul 6th

Promotional Rates for Community Hall Rental

Rates	Member	Non-member	Non-profit
Monday thru Thursday (5) hrs.	\$800	\$1000	\$700
Friday thru Sunday (5) hrs.	\$1000	\$1200	\$800
Wedding /Reception (8) hrs.	\$1200	\$1400	\$1000
Additional Hour	\$150	\$200	\$100
Lobby (5) hrs.	\$400	\$500	\$250
Additional Hour	\$75	\$100	\$50
Gazebo	\$250	\$350	\$200
Sound System			

Option 1 On Stage 2 Speaker w ith Mic.	\$100	\$100	\$100
Option 2 Hall Sound System w ith tw o big TVs for Display	\$250	\$300	\$250
Option 3 YouTube Streaming (Up to 4 Hrs.)	\$150	\$150	\$150
Library	\$75	\$100	\$60
Dandiya Per Pair	\$1	\$1.25	\$1.25

Note: Promotional Rates are valid only till December 31, 2023, if booked by October 15, 2023.

PAST EVENTS AT TEMPLE

MAHA SHIVRATRI — FEB 18

It was great celebration at Greater Baltimore Temple on the eve of MahaShivaratri. More than 400 devotees visited the temple.

SHRI RAMNAVMI — MAR 30

Temple celebrated Ram Navami with Bhajans and Prasad.

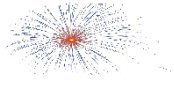
SANKASHTI CHATURTHI — APRIL 9

Devotees pray to Vighna Harta Ganeshji with Abhishek and Prasad.

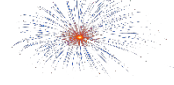
SHRI HANUMAAN JAYANTI — APRIL 9

AVINASHI PAVANSUT HANUMAAN JI KI JAY. Temple celebrate Hanuman Jayanti with puja and chanting of Hanuman Chalisa followed by Bhajans, Aarti and Prasad.





NAGANNA COMMUNITY EVENT HALL



The renovated Temple community hall was dedicated to Dr. Chitrachedu Naganna for his devotion to the community and the temple by his wife Dr. Vimala Naganna and family on April 29th, 2023, in their vision for utilizing the hall for religious ceremonies, social gatherings, cultural events, educational promotions, conducting competitive events for children and adults in various areas.

The Naganna family has been a great supporter of the temple ever since its founding. Dr. Chitra Naganna has served as the President of the Board of Trustees and also as the Chairman of the Board of Governors. With the magnanimous donation of Naganna family, the hall has been upgraded to include a number of state-of-the-art features, such as, upgraded stage, decor, electronic displays, modern sound and lighting systems.

On behalf of the Board and Temple Community, a heartfelt "Thank you" to the Naganna family. Also, thanks to all the volunteers that helped make the ceremony a grand success, including Bhavesh Patel for photographs and Chaya Balisa for creating the cute flyer.



BAAL VIHAR



From Bal-Vihar's humble origins more than 22 years ago of just a handful of kids to its now current level of more than 50 kids, Bal-Vihar has blossomed significantly and has continued to grow substantially. Students from the ages of 4 to 14 are eligible for enrollment and can enroll in Bal Vihar 2023-2024 program by signing up here https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1B0Q_TF6Bdzt-hyibXG6pcKeNYGPT4CzfVwvF-Dm85gk/edit

Application and Payment details can be found here - <https://www.baltimoretemple.org/education/>

The most recognizable attribute of this success is you, the parents, who devote their time & effort in nurturing our children with so many facets of volunteering. As you are well aware, the Indian Community comprises of highly successful first- and second-generation parents who have fortitude, diligence, professional and financial success par excellence, and the gusto to provide the best for our children. This core has allowed us to join hands at BalVihar in order to provide a unique blend of our positive Identity, a sense of Community, and a touch of our Hindu religion and the various Languages. Unlike in India, where the mainstream breathes Hinduism, our children grow up in a diverse U.S. Community. Because of this, we need to teach our children what it means to be Hindu. Bal-Vihar is comprised of a vibrant group of children and parents with an ever-evolving curriculum that varies according to age. It includes Shlokas and prayers, an introduction to gods, meaning of Hindu symbols, the history of India through the stories of saints and leaders, the epics Ramayana and Mahabharata, and the overarching Vedic values, principles, and practices of the Hindu religion. Children also learn and enjoy performing pujas and celebrating festivals such as Diwali, Holi, Vasant Panchami and many others. This not only inculcates them with the pride & joy of celebrating Hindu festivals, but also gives them a meaningful and religious perspective behind them. Thus, the annual day program is simply a joy for children and a source of pride for Bal-Vihar parents. It is a show case of the students have learned through songs, dramas, and dance, and is a must see for our entire community. Bal-Vihar program offers learning opportunity for various Indian languages such as Hindi, Gujarati, Telgu, Sanskrit, Tamil and Marathi. While we continue to strive in providing a secure, meaningful, and enriched environment with a flair for religion and language to our children, we also request you to please spread the word to your friends and urge them to avail of this unique platform of nurturing the lives of these youngsters during the "formation" years of their lives. You can visit the temple's website to get additional information.





Membership Registration Form

Names (with Spouse): First and Last Name	1.	
	2.	
	3.	
Gotram:	(Please note that we will use this information while performing free Archana on your behalf)	
Address:	Street Address:	
	City:	
	Zip Code:	State:
Contact Information:	Phone Number1:	Email Address:
	Phone Number2:	
Membership Details: QR Code for \$121: 	Please indicate if your membership is New or Renewal. <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <i>Member benefits:</i> 1. Eligibility for GBT board membership (Annual membership payment for two consecutive years is required) 2. Discounts for GBT community hall rentals and at home pujas by GBT temple priests 3. <i>With this year membership archana will be performed on the day of your choice (Birthday, Wedding Anniversary etc) and on one major festival on your name</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Membership \$121 I will pay with <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> PayPal/Credit card Check: Please Mail the check along with this form in the enclosed return envelope Paypal/Credit card: Scan the QR code on the left with your cell phone	
I agree to receive messages about temple events <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
I/we hereby, contribute for the amount shown above (checked) in support of the Greater Baltimore Temple, Inc. (GBT). I/we have been made aware that GBT accepts cash, check, credit card, PayPal, stocks, and property. I/we understand that all donation amounts (except amounts for which GBT provides services) are tax-deductible. I/we may consult a tax advisor, if necessary.		
Name: _____		Date: _____
Signature: _____		
Please return your membership application form by email: gbt101@yahoo.com		

Please cut and mail with your donation

GBT DONATION FORM

YOUR NAME: _____ SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ e-mail: _____

Please accept our contribution and/or pledge for the amount shown below in support of the Greater Baltimore Temple:

() \$21 () \$5 () \$ 121 Annual Membership () \$ 501 () \$1,001 () Other _____

Kalpataru Tree Donation: () \$351 - Silver Leaf, () \$501 - Gold Leaf, () \$2,001 - Stone

Temple Niches Quotes & Prayers: () \$2,501. For the deity () \$5,001 _____ (Name of Deity)

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

Please make check payable to GBT. Mail the form & the check to Greater Baltimore Temple, P.O. Box 690, Finksburg, MD 21048

NEW KITCHEN/CAFETERIA

Our New Kitchen has been in use for over 6 months. The entire Kitchen Committee is busy organizing & streamlining the weekend operations of the Kitchen. Vijayaji & Vinetaji are working hard to cook authentic & fresh 'Temple Food'. 'Thank You' to both ladies for their dedication & hard work. Slightly Expanded Menu with Maha Prasad for every Sunday as well as 'Sponsored Maha Prasad' details will be soon posted on the Temple website. All Devotees are encouraged to make good use of our new Kitchen Facilities. Be a Volunteer in the Kitchen. We thank Rambhai & Nimuben Javia, Nikhil & Sheila Sheth, Mukund & Shailaja Didolkar, Bhupendra & Kokila Mehta and Sai Bachu for their pledge of \$1,000 per year for (3) years toward New Kitchen/Cafeteria expenses. If anyone is interested in supporting our New Kitchen/Cafeteria related expenses, please email at gbt101@gmail.com or call the temple at 410-861-8387 or make a donation online by visiting a temple website.

APPEAL FOR BHAJAN SINGERS

The Greater Baltimore Temple would like to invite and encourage talented singers and musicians to actively participate in the bhajans held on all Sunday evenings from 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm, followed by dhun and Aarti at 6:30 pm.

Singing bhajans as a group can help to quieten the mind so that the heart can open to the divine, allowing us to taste the blissful reality. It is a participatory spiritual practice in which everyone is encouraged to sing and express their inner joy. Attending Bhajan is also a form of meditation, brings peace tranquility in Individual and family. Please consider joining with family and children.

Children keep this memory in years to come!

Groups or individuals interested in singing on a specific deity or an assortment of deities can feel free to come up with their own list of bhajans to sing. Families and friends interested in organizing bhajans in memory of their beloved ones can also think of organizing special pujas followed by singing bhajans during this time slot.

Interested individuals and families can reach out to the Bhajan coordinators as below.

Pundit Joshiji/Pundit Muraliji/Temple - 410-861-8387

Also, if you are planning for sponsoring Mahaprasad – Please contact following representatives. (Details for Mahaprasad are available on our website

@ <https://www.baltimoretemple.org/>)

Nikhil Sheth – 443-904-4661

Atul Patel - 410-978-6472

A PRESENTATION BY MULTIPLE FAITH MEMBERS HOSTED BY THE GBT INTERFAITH OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Interfaith Outreach Committee (IOC) of Greater Baltimore Hindu Jain Temple (GBT) held a presentation by members of multiple faiths on April 15 at the Temple Lobby on April 15. About 50 people attended the presentation the names of the presenters were as follows:

Jane Porter spoke about Bahai Faith, Steve Harvey spoke about Buddhism, Chris Hostetter spoke about Christianity, Ram Sanka spoke about Hinduism, Salim Khatib spoke about Islam, Vaibhav Parekh spoke about Jainism, Tina Gianci spoke about Judaism and Amy Williams Clark spoke about Unitarian Church. Geetha Raja, Chairperson of IOC was the principal organizer, and she presented the program to the assembled audience. Several members of the Outreach Committee introduced the presenters before each presentation.

TAMASA MALLIK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Calling all High School Graduates!

TAMASA MALLIK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The GBT & Mallik family has established a scholarship in memory of Tamasa Mallik in recognition of her outstanding leadership and selfless service to the community. The scholarship will be awarded to one student graduating from high school and going to college this fall. It will be awarded at the Annual Graduation Pooja on Sunday, June 04th-2023, at Greater Baltimore Temple. The application and details are available at the GBT web site and at the Temple.

All students graduating from high school are encouraged to apply at the earliest (Deadline May 20th-2023).

Application to apply for TAMASA MALLIK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is available on GBT's website.



ANNUAL GRADUATION POOJA AND CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH 2023

All 2023 High School and College Graduates (Undergraduates & Postgraduates) are invited to celebrate their graduation at the Greater Baltimore Temple. GBT has been conducting the Annual Graduation Pooja for several years now. We pray for our graduates and celebrate their success. A distinguished speaker is invited to address the graduates. All graduates are encouraged to attend with family and friends. Graduates who attended previously are welcome. Please call one of the organizers or the priests and give the name and contact information of the graduates. There is no charge for the pooja. Donations to GBT are always welcome.

10:30 am to 11:15 am: Pooja
11:15 am to 12:45 pm: Celebration & GBT-
Tamasa Mallik Memorial Scholarship Award
12:45 pm to 1:30 pm: Lunch

Please contact: Geetha Raja (410-825-6414), Meeta Raikar (410-321-0503), Deepti & Raj Razdan (410-560-0597), Kali Mallik (410-252-4865), Hem and Saroj Shukla (410-667-6796), Lilly Engineer (443-622-3264), Sanjeev Gholap (240-381-6122) or Pandits Joshiji or Muraliji (410-861-8387), for participation and details.

Deadline for participation: Sunday, May 27th 2023.