

Greater Baltimore Temple

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SEPTEMBER to DECEMBER 2023

Shri Krishna Janmashtami

Wednesday, September 6th



Temple will be open 9am to 12:30pm & 5pm to 12:30am

10:30 am – Shri Radha-Krishna Abhishek

6:00 pm – SriNathji Abhishek & Aarti

8:00 pm – Pravachan, Bhajans & Kirtans

10:00 pm - Raas Garba

12:00 mid-night Sri Krishna Janmotsavam followed by Aarti & Prasad

Mahaprasad for individuals not fasting will start at 7:30pm

Mukhaya Manorathi \$1,001 (Will have an honor to be a Vasudeva to carry Bal-Krishna)

Sponsors for Mahaprasad \$251/ each

Puja sponsor \$151, Abhishek \$51 & Archana \$31

Contact: Rita Ghodasara 410-807-2073, Sanjeev Gholap 240-381-6122, Pankaj Grover 410-419-0336, Priti Parikh 410-419-3393, Atul Patel - 410-978-6472, Temple 410-861-8387

Facing Life with Inner Peace and Strength Through Meditation

Saturday, September 9th

Speaker – Dr. Saraswati Sukumar, Ph.D.

Visit website for additional information.

Followed by Vegetarian Meal

Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration

Tuesday, September 19th



6:00 pm - 6:30 pm - Ganesh Aagman, Atharvashirsha

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Abhishek, Archana, Bhajans

7:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Maha Aarti, Miraunuk (Procession) with Dhol-Tasha

Followed by Mahaprasad

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Gauri Trithiya Vrat

Sunday, September 17th

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Puja sponsor: \$21

Ganesh Idol Making 2023

Sunday, September 17th

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

For children 6 years to 14 years old, children 10 years and younger must be accompanied by a parent. Material to make the idol and decorate it will be supplied
Bal Vihar students - free

Others - \$5 per child. Sponsor: \$101

Contact information - Ashwini Nagarkar 443-812-1548, Temple 410-861-8387.

Ganesh Chaturthi Cultural Program

Sunday, September 24th

10:30 am – 2:00 pm

Singing, dancing, instrumental performance items accepted, they should relate to Lord Ganesh.

Solo - 3 mins/ each, Group - 5 mins/ each

Sponsor: \$101

Contact information - Sanjeev Gholap 240-381-6122, Prachi Patel - 443-708-6585, Temple 410-861-8387

Gandhi Jayanti

Be the change you wish to see in the world!

Sunday, October 1, 2023

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm



Speech on the topic “Influence of Gandhi” by Mr. Garrett Hoover, CEO, Carroll Hospital Center followed by Questions & Answers and Prayers.

Refreshment will be served during the program.

Attendees have the opportunity to attend the Bhajans in the temple hall followed by Aarti & Mahaprasad.

Donation: Grand sponsor \$251,
Sponsor \$101

FOR MORE INFO: Kali Mallik: 410 252 4865 |
Bhupendra Mehta: 410 771 0251 |
Dhaivat Maharaja: 410 526 8387

“*Sarva Dharma Sama Bhava*” is a concept coined by [Mahatma Gandhi](#) that embodies the equality of the destination of the paths followed by all religion. (Jeffrey Haynes)

Sharad Navaratri celebrations

***Sunday, October 15th to
Monday, October 23rd***



Daily puja & Chanting at 6:30 pm

Shree Mahakali (Durga) puja - Sunday to Tuesday

Shree Mahalakshmi puja – Wednesday

Shree Saraswathi puja - Thursday

Lalitha Sahasranamam – Friday

Puja sponsor: \$101, Archana: \$ 31

Mata Ki Chowki

Saturday, October 21st



Celebration starting at 5pm

followed by Aarti & Mahaprasad

Contact: Pankaj Grover 410-419-0336, Atul Patel 410-978-6472

Navratri/ Sharad Purnima
Raas Garba

***Sunday, October 15th &
Friday, October 20th &
Friday October 27th***



Navratri Raas Garba - 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm
Friday, October 27th, Sharad Purnima
Raas Garba: 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm
Raas Garba fee: \$5 per person

Shree Durga Ashtami Puja

Sunday, October 22nd



Chandi Homan: 11am
Homan Sponsor: \$101/ couple
Shree Durga Puja: 5:30 pm
Puja Sponsor: \$ 101
Aarti: 6:30 pm followed by Mahaprasad.

**Maha Navami puja &
Vijayadasami / Dussehra**

Monday, October 23rd

Puja & Aarti: 6:30 pm
Dussehra Utsav & Ravan Dahan: 7:30pm

We will celebrate Dusshera utsav by burning the effigy of Ravan to symbolize the destruction of evil. Please bring your children and enjoy the event.

Karva Chauth

Tuesday, October 31st



Karva Chauth is observed by married women for ensuring wedded bliss and for wishing long life for their husbands and children. Married women, who observe the Karva Chauth Vrat, acquire saubhagya, progeny and lasting prosperity.

Group Puja starting at 5:30 pm and every half hour until 7:30 pm

Sponsor \$21 per person. Boxed prasad will be provided at \$5/box

PRIEST SERVICES

Priest services are available for Pujas and ceremonies at the temple and outside locations. Please visit the temple website at www.baltimoretemple.org and click under Services and fill in the form to request a service. Also, call temple at 410-861-8387 to discuss with priest.

Annual Fundraising Dinner

Saturday, November 4th

INVITATION

The Boards of Governors and Trustees of
Greater Baltimore Temple
Invite you to attend
the Annual Fundraising Dinner
On Saturday, Nov 4th
From 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
@ Greater Baltimore Temple
2909 Bloom Road, Finksburg, MD 21048
Live entertainment, music & dance
Donation for the Dinner: \$75/ person
(students: \$50)
To make reservation visit temple website, or
contact Nikhil Sheth (443-904-4661), Atul
Patel(410-978-6472), Sanjeev Gholap (240-
381-6122), Kali Mallik (410-252-4865),
Kanan Shah (410-676-6611), Jitender Sidh
(410-456-1512) Pankaj Grover (410-419-
036), Srinivas Mallampalli (410-294-0652) or
the Temple (410-861-8387).

Diwali Cultural Program

Sunday, November 5th

4:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Singing, dancing, instrumental performance
items accepted, they should relate to Diwali
Celebration.

Solo - 3 mins/ each, Group - 5 mins/ each

Sponsor: \$101

If interested in participating, please contact:
Sanjeev Gholap 240-381-6122, Prachi Patel -
443-708-6585, Temple 410-861-8387

Diwali Celebrations



***Friday, November 10th: Dhanteras
(Dhan trayodasi)***

***Saturday, November 11th:
Narakachaturdasi (Kali Chaudas)***

Sunday, November 12th, Deepavali

Maha Lakshmi Puja at 4:00pm

Group puja: \$51/ couple followed by Aarti &
Mahaprasad

Govardhan Puja and Annakut

Monday, November 13th



Please deliver Samagri by 4 pm
Bhajans & Puja 6:30 pm to 7:30pm
Aarti & Mahaprasad 7:30 pm
Mukhya Manorathi: \$151 (Participates in
group aarti)

Saha Manorathi: \$101

Sevak: \$51

For Annakut prasad, feel free to bring in any
kind of food items for prasad. However, it is
preferred that you contact for information
and list of prasad items, Priti Parikh (410-
419-3393), Anuradha Patel (410-833-1375),
or Rita Patel (410-807-2073), Bhanuben
Patel (410-833-1330),

Navsmaran

Jain New Year's Day Celebration

***Tuesday Nov 14 at 11:00 AM.
to 2:00 PM.***



The Greater Baltimore Hindu Jain Temple will celebrate the Jain New Year. The Jain New Year begins on the day after Shri Mahavirswami's Nirvana in the lunar month of Ashwin on Amavasya Day (New Moon Day).

We will chant Navsmaran, Aarati and then Swamivatsalya.

For further information & sponsorship please contact, Bhupendra Mehta (410-241-0673), Sadhana Shavdia (410-952-7526), or Kanan Shah (443-676-6611).

Haripravodhini Ekadasi/ Dwadashi/ Tulasi Vivah

Friday, Nov 24th



at 6 pm followed by Mahaprasad.

Maha prasad sponsor \$251

Puja sponsor: \$151/ couple.

(All sponsors will participate in puja).

Lord Ayyappa Puja

Saturday, 16th December



Lord Ayyappa is the son of Lord Siva and Lord Vishnu (in the form of Mohini). The first day of the Hindu Solar month of Vrushika marks the beginning of Ayyappa Mandala celebration.

Puja starts at 11:30 am followed by Mahaprasad.

Ganesh Puja (recitation of Ganapathy adharvaseersham)
Ayyappa Abhishekam (Recitation of Rudram, Chamakam, Purusha Sooktham)
Alankaram/ Bhajan
Ashtothara Archana
Seeveli with thaalappoli
Namaskara stotram, Padi pattu, Mangalam
Mangala Aarti, Prasadam
Devotees are encouraged to bring flowers, fruits, neivedyam
Puja Sponsorship: \$51
Annadanam (prasad) Sponsorship: \$51
Sponsorship for all events for the day: \$151

Please participate in the Puja and get Blessings of Lord Ayyappa. For additional information, contact: Geetha & Ram Ramaratnam 443 255 5946, Nandini and Ram Mouli 443-691-7664 & Janaki Sivaraman 410 736 8720

New Year Day

Monday, January 1, 2024



Temple will be open on New Year Day. Additional details will be included in the next newsletter.

RECURRING MONTHLY EVENTS

1. Hanuman Chalisa – 1st Saturday of the month - Sept 2nd, Oct 7th, Nov 4th, Dec 2nd
2. Sri Lalitha Sahasranama Archana - 1st Friday of the month – Sept 1st, Oct 6th, Nov 3rd, Dec 1st
2. Murugan Abhishekam Krittika Nakshatram – Sept 16th, Oct 2nd, Oct 30th, Nov 26th, Dec 23rd
3. Jain Bhavana – Sept 10th, Oct 15th, Nov 13th, Dec 17th
4. Sri Satyanarayana Puja - Purnima – Sept 28th, Oct 28th, Nov 26th, Dec 26th
5. Sri Ganesh Abhishekam - Sankasthi Chaturthi – Sept 3rd, Oct 2nd, Oct 31st, Nov 30th, Dec 30th

Community Hall – Facility Rental

Promotional Rates for Community Hall Rental - Promotional Rates are valid only till December 31, 2023, if booked by October 15, 2023. Visit the temple website or temple office for additional information.

PAST EVENTS AT THE TEMPLE

Sri Ramanavmi Celebration

3-30-2023

The Ramanavmi celebrations started in the evening with the grand Abhishek/holy bath of Lord Rama. The murtis were then adorned with new clothes and beautiful jewelry. The puja was concluded with aarti and mahaprasad. Many devotees who have kept fast for the entire day visited the temple to seek the blessings of Sri Rama and broke their fast. The Prayer Hall was filled with devotees who enjoyed devotional Bhajans and Kirtans followed by Mahaprasad.

Annual SriNathji Patotsav

May 7, 2023

The Srinathji Patotsav celebration started with Bhajan, Abhishek, Vastra Alankar and Darshan. Devotees brought in a variety of items for Annakut, which was displayed and offered to SriNathji as a mark of gratitude. About 75 devotees attended and enjoyed the celebration, which was concluded with a variety of Annakut items/ Mahaprasad prepared by devotees.

Grand Murugan Krithigai

Abhisekam

May 19, 2023

The Annual Grand Murugan Krithigai Abhisekam was celebrated enthusiastically with elaborate and divine Abhisekam, Alankaram and Darshan of Lord Murugan. The spiritual atmosphere was enhanced by graceful Bharatanatyam dances by students of Janaki Sivaraman and devotional singing of Murugan songs by Ellicott City Isaikuyil Bhajan Group lead by Anusha Sundar. About 75 devotees attended the celebration. The program concluded with the delicious Mahaprasad prepared by devotees.

25th Anniversary & Festival

June 18, 2023

The 25th Anniversary was celebrated with Panchdevam Aaradhana Homan followed by a Cultural/ Talent program by Janaki Sivaraman's Bharathnatyam, Nrithyashala school of Indian dance & Shravanrthi' music students, Mischa Desai & Alisha Desai. Over 300 devotees attended the program and enjoyed a street food prepared by several volunteers. Temple management appreciates the devotion of over 25 volunteers, whose contribution for organizing cultural program & havan, preparing and managing food stalls, cash register and cleaning helped make this program successful. Also, thanks to Dunkin Donut Group for providing donuts.

Shreemad Bhagwat Katha by Acharya Padmanabha Joshi

July 22nd to July 30th

Our temple hosted nine-day Shreemad Bhagwat Katha narrated by Acharya Padmanabha Joshi for getting the blessing of Lord Krishna. Everyday from 60 to 150 devotees attended the program and enjoyed the Shreemad Bhagwat Katha, participated in kirtans, aarti and enjoyed mahaprasad. Temple management appreciates the devotion of over 40 volunteers, whose contribution and working in harmony in preparing Vyas pith, decoration, preparing & distributing mahaprasad, flower arrangement, bhajan-kirtan group, daily katha summary by Dhaivat in English, Youtube livecast, preparing & emailing flyers, deepotsav, managing front office & cleaning on a daily basis.

Atul Patel

BALVIHAR CLASSES 2023-24

In-person Balvihar classes are resuming from 10th September, 2023. The classes starts at 10:00 am every alternate Sunday at the temple. The most recognizable attribute of this program's success is the parents, who devote their time & effort in nurturing our children with so many facets of volunteering. Please share the information with your family and friends to register for the Balvihar Program at our temple. Visit the temple website at www.baltimoretemple.org/education for information and enrollment form. For questions, please reach out to the BalVihar Coordinators (Dhruv Bhatt and Charuta Patil) at gbtbalvihar@gmail.com.

Graduation Puja & Tamasa Mallik Scholarship

June 4, 2023

On Sunday June 4th, the Greater Baltimore Temple Celebrated its Annual Graduation Puja. The stage was filled with Talented and Accomplished Graduates. After the Puja Ceremony each graduate was recognized & honored with a token of our appreciation for their accomplishments.

This year's Tamasa Mallik Scholarship winner was Mira C. Shelat. While maintaining a 4.5 GPA, Mira represented her high schools as a starting 4 year Varsity Soccer Player. Mira earned an All County 'Honorable Mention'. Off the Soccer Field Mira has Participated on her School's Debate team, qualifying for Nationals for several years. She served on the Executive Board for National Honor Society as well as enjoyed participating in several academic honor societies.

A founding Member of Girl Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 944 G. She achieved her Eagle Rank by building organizational units for a non-profit that serves Homeless by transitioning them to permanent housing.

Mira's involvement in Civic Activities has inspired her to pursue a life of service. She will be joining the United States Military Academy at West Point NY. Congratulations once again to Mira & her proud parents. GBT Board & Devotees wish her the very best in all her future Pursuits.

On an upbeat note, Temple Board is currently pursuing expansion of our Scholarship Program. With humility Mira has been an inspiration to all of us. Will update you all in the next Newsletter about the details of the expanded Scholarship Program.

Nikhil Sheth

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Volunteer's Appreciation

Our temple has over 50 dedicated volunteers and the number is growing. During past events and upcoming events, these volunteers are contributing their time and devotion to make events enjoyable and successful. We really appreciate the time and services you give to our temple. Your support allows us to fulfill our mission of providing services to our community members. If anyone would like to join our volunteers WhatsApp Group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/E6sLzHsI1AIKi3PhhNCHd2>

Please join us with your family for Kitchen's 1st Anniversary & Volunteers' appreciation day on October 1st.

Sunday Bhajan - Kirtan & Mahaprasad

Appeal of 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 your family and children. Children keep this memory in years to come! Groups or individuals interested in singing for 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 Pundit Joshiji or Pundit Muraliji by calling temple - 410-861-8387

Mahaprasad: Sponsor a Sunday's or religious festival's mahaprasad to celebrate a birthday, an anniversary or religious festival with the family, friends & devotees. If you would like to sponsor Mahaprasad – Please contact the following representatives.

Pankaj Grover 410-419-0336, Kanan Shah 443-676-6611 or Atul Patel 410-978-6472