


# Greater Baltimore Temple Newsletter



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 **Greater Baltimore Hindu-Jain Temple**  
in the auspicious Adhik Purushottam month, invites all the devotees to

## SHREEMAD BHAGAVAT KATHA

**In Hindi & English**

  
**Pujyashree  
Bhupendrabhai Pandya ji**



**Monday, June 8 to Sunday, June 14, 2026**


Timings : Monday, June 8 to Saturday, June 13  
Pooja & Mahaprasad : 5pm 🌸 Katha : 6 to 9pm  
Sunday, June 14, Pooja : 9am 🌸 Katha : 10am to 1pm  
Yagnya : 2pm followed by Mahaprasad

**Interactive Youth Seminar**  
Saturday, June 13 @ 11am

For further information, please contact :

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## Shreemad Bhagvat Katha Sponsorship Levels

(Multiple sponsors are encouraged for all sponsorship levels)

### **Mukhya Yajman, (Grand Sponsor) Sponsor for the Shreemad Bhagvat Katha & associated activities - \$10,000**

Sponsor will be recognized on a donor plaque. Participates in a daily Pooja-Archana & Aarti in memory of his/her swargvasi parent/close relatives. The photos will be displayed on the table. Photos shall be provided by the Yajman. Maximum size 6x8 (Frame will be provided by the temple). Mukhya Yajman participates in Purnahuti Yagna on the last day. Sponsors' names will be displaced on the board and will be announced daily.

### **Pramukh Yajman, Sponsor for the Seven days Katha: \$5,000**

Participates in a daily Pooja-Archana; & Aarti in memory of his/her swargvasi parent/close relatives. The photos will be displayed on the table. Photos shall be provided by the Yajman. Maximum size 6x8 (Frame will be provided by the temple). Pramukh Yajman participates in Purnahuti Yagna on the last day. Sponsors' names will be displaced on the board and will be announced daily.

### **Saha Yajman, Sponsor for the one day Katha: \$1,000**

Participates in a one-day Pooja-Archana & Aarti in memory of his/her swargvasi parent/close relatives. The photos will be displayed on the table. Photos shall be provided by the Yajman. Maximum size 6x8 (Frame will be provided by the temple). Pramukh Yajman participates in Purnahuti Yagna on the last day. Sponsors' names will be displaced on the board and will be announced daily.

### **Mahaprasad Yajman: Monday to Thursday: \$ 501 (Multiple sponsors) Friday, Saturday & Sunday: \$1,001 (Multiple sponsors)**

The above sponsor's names will be displayed on the board and announced during the program.

Annadanam/ Mahaprasad Sponsor: Any amount

### **Havan/ Yajna Yajman (Final day): \$101**

Devotees can register and participates in the afternoon yagna on the final day.

Complimentary: School students under the age of 22 can register and participate in the yagna.

### **Samuhik Yajman (Group Sponsor): Donate any amount and be part of a Samuhik participation.**

Flowers and fruits for the Pooja/Katha  Shringar sponsor  Decorations  Havan  Daily Tea-Coffee service for the devotees  
 Daxina to Katha Vakta Shree Bhupendrabhai Pandya  General donation toward all misc. expenses required by the temple.

**Thank you for your seva and dedication. Your service is an offering to the Divine.**

## President's Message

Namaskar,

As spring arrived, we celebrated the Bharteeya New Year. I wish a joyous and prosperous New Year to all of the volunteers, contributors, and members of our Hindu and Jain communities.

We celebrated a number of festivals over the past four months, including Hanuman Jayati, Pongal, Makar Sankranti, Vasant Panchami, Maha Shivratri, Holi, Ugadi, Gudi Padwa, Sri Rama Navami, Mahavir Janma Kalyanak, and Sita-Rama Kalyanam.

These celebrations drew significant numbers of devotees of all ages. In addition, over 100 individuals took part in the Ugadi/Holidi/Vaishakhi and Pongal/Makar Sankranti cultural events, showcasing their talents in singing, dancing, and playing a range of musical instruments. Additionally, our Bal-Vihar's celebration of Holi, a festival of color, delighted kids and their parents.

With divine blessings, you are warmly invited to attend the sacred Shreemad Bhagwat Katha by Shree Bhupendrabhai Pandya from Monday June 8th through Sunday June 14th. Join us and immerse yourself in devotion and wisdom through the soulful discourse.

Infrastructure Projects: (Long Term Maintenance/ replacement)

1. HVAC project. (Completed November 2025)
2. Roofing replacement (Schedule to be completed early May 2026)
3. Driveway/ Parking pavement. (Scheduled to be completed by the end of May 2026)

For these infrastructural initiatives, we began raising \$500,000 last year, and as of right now, we have raised \$275,000. We urge our members to make a donation to support the preservation of our temple structure for future generations.

I would like to ask you to become a vital component of our temple by volunteering your time and providing sponsorship for a range of initiatives across the temple, including religious ceremonies, the kitchen, outreach, religious and cultural events, and the Balvihar.

Thanks.



Atul Patel, President

## Upcoming Events



### Shrinathji Patotsav

**Sunday May 3, 2026**

4:30 pm - Bhajan  
6:30PM - Aarti followed by  
Mahaprasad  
Please deliver annakut &  
samagri by 4PM

#### Sponsorships:

**Grand Sponsor:** \$501;

**Mukhya Manorathi:** \$151;

**Sevak Manorathi:** \$101

**Manorathi:** \$51



### Annamacharya Aradhana

**Sunday May 17, 2026**  
**1:00PM**

Greater Baltimore Hindu-Jain Temple, in association with Raganidhi School of Music, will present Annamacharya Aradhana. Annamacharya, a Telugu composer, composed over 30,000 samkirtanas (songs). His Keertanas will be sung by Guru Sravantiji and her students.

**Contact: Temple** 410-861-8387



### Bhakti Sangeet Program Dr. Monica Shah

**Sunday May 31, 2026**  
**10:00AM**

Dr. Monica Shah is a well-known classical & semi-classical singer from Ahmedabad, India. She has a Ph.D. in Music with a Gold Medal, a prominent student of Padma Vibhushan Girija Devi, a founder of Aradhana Sangeet Academy, winner of several awards.

Followed by Aarti, Mangal Divo, Mahaprasad / Langar

#### Contact:

Nikhil Sheth (443)904-4661

Bhupendra Mehta (410)-241-0673



### 25th Annual Graduation Puja

**Sunday June 7, 2026**  
**11:00AM**

All 2025 High School, College & Postgraduates are invited to celebrate their graduation with their family & friends at the Greater Baltimore Temple. There is no charge to attend the graduation puja.

Please visit the temple website to register.

[www.baltimoretemple.org](http://www.baltimoretemple.org)



### GBT 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**Sunday, June 14, 2026**

10:00 am Sarva Deva Poja  
11:00 Sarva Deva Homam &  
Mahamrityunjaya Homam  
Followed by aarti & Mahaprasad

Please join us with your family and friends.

**Grand Sponsor:** \$ 1,001

**Mahaprasad sponsor:** \$ 501

**Puja & Havan sponsor:** \$ 151

**Havan Sponsor :** \$ 101

**Donor:** Any amount



### Guru Poornima

**Sunday July 28, 2026**

5 PM Guru Puja

6 PM Sai Bhajan  
Followed by Aarti &  
Mahaprasad

#### Sponsorship

**Grand Sponsor:** \$501

**Mukhya Manorathi:** \$151

**Sevak Manorathi:** \$101

**Manorathi:** \$51

**Contact: Temple** 410-861-8387

## Upcoming Events



### Grand Murugan Krithigai Abhishekam

Sunday, August 2

10:30 AM—Abhishekam and  
Alankaram  
11:30 AM—Devotional singing &  
Cultural Program  
12:30 PM—Archana, Aarti &  
Mahaprasad

#### Sponsorship

**Grand Sponsor:** \$501  
**Maha Prasad Sponsor:** \$251  
**Sponsor:** \$151  
**Abhishekam & Archana:** \$51  
**Contact:** Temple 410-861-8387



### Sri Srinivasa Balaji Kalyanam

Sunday August 23, 2026  
9:00 AM

**9:00 AM** – Sri Venkateswara  
Abhishekam, Archana & Aarti  
**11:30 AM** – Kalyanotsavam,  
Bhajans, Cultural Program, Aarti  
& Mahaprasad

#### Sponsorship

**Grand Sponsor:** \$1,001  
**Maha Prasad Sponsor:** \$251  
**(Total \$1,001)**  
**Sponsor:** \$101  
**Abhishekam & Archana:** \$51

## Bal Vihar Registration for 2026-27 School Year

10% DISCOUNT if Registered  
by June 15, 2026

- Religion
- Cultural Electives
- Experiential Learning

Refer to  
[www.baltimoretemple.org](http://www.baltimoretemple.org)  
for the school  
program details and  
registration.

Scan the QR code to  
register



## Bal Vihar Corner

Bal-Vihar has grown remarkably over the past 25+ years—from a small group of children to a thriving community of motivated young learners. Open to ages 4–14, enrollment for the 2026–27 program is now available. Application and payment details, including an early bird discount ending June 15, 2026, can be found here:

<https://baltimoretemple.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/baltimoretemple/eventRegistration.jsp?event=186>

This success is driven by dedicated parents who volunteer their time and effort to nurture children and build a strong sense of identity, community, and connection to Hindu values and languages. In the diverse U.S. environment, Bal-Vihar plays a vital role in teaching children about Hindu traditions, culture, and philosophy through an age-appropriate curriculum that includes prayers, stories, epics like the Ramayana and Mahabharata, and core Vedic principles.

Children also celebrate festivals such as Diwali, Holi, and Vasant Panchami, gaining both joy and understanding of their significance. The annual day showcases their learning through performances, while language classes (Hindi, Gujarati, Telugu, Sanskrit, Tamil, Marathi) and a growing yoga program further enrich the experience.

We encourage you to spread the word and invite others to join this unique platform that supports children during their formative years. Your feedback and involvement are always welcome as we continue to grow together.

## Sunday Bhajan Sandhya

**Every Sunday 5:00PM followed by Arti and Mahaprasad**

Singing bhajans as a group can help to quieten the mind so that the heart can open to the divine, . 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. 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 coordinator Pandit Joshiji by calling temple - 410-861-8387

**For Mahaprasad Sponsorship,** contact Temple 410-861-8387 or email at [info@baltimoretemple.org](mailto:info@baltimoretemple.org)

## Recurring Events

### **Sri Venkateshwara Abhishekam**

**10:30AM** – Every Saturday

### **Sri Shiva Abhishekam**

**6:00PM** - Every Monday

### **Murugan Abhishekam**

**6:00PM** - May 16<sup>th</sup> ,Jun 13<sup>th</sup> ,Jul 12<sup>th</sup> ,Aug 6<sup>th</sup>

### **Navagraha Abhishekam**

**11:00AM** - May 3<sup>rd</sup> ,Jun 7<sup>th</sup> ,Jul 5<sup>th</sup> ,Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Sri Satyanarayana Puja -**

**6:00PM** - May 1<sup>st</sup> ,May 30<sup>th</sup> ,Jun 29<sup>th</sup> ,Jul 28<sup>th</sup> ,Aug 27<sup>th</sup>

### **Sri Ganesh Abhishekam -**

**6:00PM** - May 5<sup>th</sup> ,Jun 3<sup>rd</sup> ,Jul 3<sup>rd</sup> ,Aug 1<sup>st</sup> ,Aug 31<sup>st</sup>

### **Hanuman Chalisa –**

**3:00PM**– May 2<sup>nd</sup> ,Jun 6<sup>th</sup> ,Jul 3<sup>rd</sup> , Aug 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Jain Bhavana**

**11:30AM** – May 17<sup>th</sup> ,Jun 20<sup>th</sup> ,Jul 18<sup>th</sup> , Aug 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Weekly Geeta Discourse and Discussion**

**4:15PM** - Every Sunday

## Community Hall - Facility Rental

Community hall is available for private functions. Visit the temple website or stop by temple office and temple manager Magan Sureja will provide additional information.

## Volunteers

If you would like to join our volunteers' group, please send your name, cell phone number and email address to [info@baltimoretemple.org](mailto:info@baltimoretemple.org) or text on GBT – WhatsApp group

## 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](http://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.

## DONATE TO THE TEMPLE



**Zelle**

[info@baltimoretemple.org](mailto:info@baltimoretemple.org)



Mahaprasad / Langar / Annadanam  
Sponsorship  
Sunday Noon or Evening or Religious Event

Namaskaram,

A way to celebrate a religious event, birthday, anniversary, memorial, graduation, or any special milestone is by sponsoring Mahaprasad/ langar at the temple on Sunday noon or evening or during the temple event of your choice. Offering Annadanam is considered one of the highest forms of seva in Sanatana Dharma - nourishing both body and soul.

If you are unable to sponsor any day, you may also contribute any amount to the Annadanam Fund, helping ensure that Mahaprasad/ langar is served regularly to all who come to the temple.

Let your special occasion become a blessing for many.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all our annadanam sponsors and kitchen volunteers. Your generous support and dedicated Seva have been instrumental in the program's success and serve as beautiful services to our temple and the community.

To ensure the continued success of this program, we are reaching out to encourage you to join our sponsors and volunteers team.

For sponsorship details and available dates contact **Pankaj Grover at 410-419-0336.**



With gratitude and prayers

Cultural Program Roundup  
New Years Program



Mahashivratri



# GREATER BALTIMORE HINDU JAIN TEMPLE

## 2026 Donation/ Pledge Form



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept our ( ) contribution and/or ( ) pledge for the amount shown below:

Our goal is to raise \$250,000:

- Roofing, HVAC & Pavement Replacement: ( ) \$10,000, ( ) \$5,000, ( ) Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2026 Annual puja sponsorship for over 20 major pujas: \$ 1,001 \_\_\_\_\_
- Balvihar (support our future generation): \$ 5,000, ( ) \$1,000, ( ) Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Mahaprasadam/ Annadanam Sponsorship: ( ) \$1,000, ( ) \$500/ event on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Specify event or Sunday) (Multiple sponsors)
- Donation Tree: ( ) \$ 351 - Silver Leaf, ( ) \$ 501 - Gold Leaf, ( ) \$ 1,001 - Apple
- Flowers for Deities: ( ) \$ 500/month x \_\_\_no. of months = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Landscape Beautification (Picnic/ Playground/ Flower & Vegetable): ( ) \$5,001,  
( ) \$1,001, ( ) \$501, ( ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Interfaith Program: ( ) \$ 1,001, ( ) \$ 501, ( ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Deity: Specify Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \$5,000
- Priest benefits: ( ) \$5,000, ( ) \$1,000, ( ) Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Endowment Fund: ( ) \$ 5,000, ( ) \$ 1,001, ( ) \$ 501, ( ) Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Scholarship Fund: ( ) \$25,000, ( ) \$10,000, ( ) \$ 5,000, ( ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Wewilladd GBTas a beneficiary to our Living Will/ Trust/ Insurance account \_\_\_\_\_

Use the following link or QR code to make a payment online using a credit card or ACH payment from a bank account or make a pledge.

<https://baltimoretemple.app.neoncrm.com/forms/12>



Scan QR code above from your cell phone's photo app to make an online payment/pledge.

Paid/pledge online \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Please make a check payable to the "Greater Baltimore Temple"

(Amount Pledged \$ \_\_\_\_\_ by (date) \_\_\_\_\_)

Send donation using ZELLE at [info@baltimoretemple.org](mailto:info@baltimoretemple.org)

( ) Stock transfer: GBT will coordinate.

( ) RMD, Required Minimum Distribution

You can also email your pledge and questions to: [info@baltimoretemple.org](mailto:info@baltimoretemple.org)

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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