

SRI KUNJ BIHARI TEMPLE

(SHREE KRISHNA TEMPLE)

(Under The Hindu Endowments Board, Penang)

224, Penang Road, 10000 Penang



SHREE NAV DURGA MATAJI

MAHA NAVRATRI MAHA MOHOTSAV 2014

The Management Committee of the Sri Kunj Bihari Temple
invites you, your family & friends to join us in celebrating

MAHA NAVRATRI SHREE NAV DURGA POOJA

From: 25th Sept 2014 to 5th Oct 2014 & 8th Oct 2014

PROGRAMME

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| 25-09-2014 | Thursday | 7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. | Navratri Arambha Avahan Pooja, Kalash Sthapna |
| 25.09.2014 | Thursday | 8.00 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. 8.45 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. | Daily Path, Pooja conducted by Dr P K Das, PKT Aarti Bhajan & Kirtan – Prasad |
| To | | | |
| 04.10.2014 | Saturday | 9.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. | Garba & Dandiya Raas |
| 28.09.2014 | Sunday | 10.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. | SUNDAY PROGRAMME Usual Temple Prayers & Aarti Priti Bhojan (Lunch) |
| 02.10.2014 | Thursday | 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. | DURGA – ASHTAMI – HAVANASHTAMI Durga Saptasati Havan, Kanya Pooja Saraswati Pooja |
| 03.10.2014 | Friday | | Maha Navami |
| 04.10.2014 | Saturday | 7.30 p.m. | Vijaya Dashmi – Dashera - Burning of Ravan |
| 05.10.2014 | Sunday | 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 12.00 noon to 2.00 p.m. 4.00 p.m. to 2.00 a.m. | SUNDAY PROGRAMME / Usual Temple Prayers Aarti Priti Bhojan (Vegetarian Lunch) RATH YATRA' (Chariot Procession) commencing from Temple, 224 Penang Road, Penang. (Subject to Police Permit) |
| 08.10.2014 | Wednesday | 8.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. | SHARAD PURNIMA / Garba & Dandiya Raas |

ROUTE:

Penang Road, Campbell Street, Carnarvon Street, Chulia Street, Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling, Bishop Street, King Street, Light Street, Penang Street, Bishop Street, Beach Street, Church Street, Queen Street, China Street, Beach Street, Market Street, Queen Street, Chulia Street, King Street, Bishop Street, Penang Street, Chulia Street, Penang Road and returning to the starting point at about 2.00 a.m. the following day.

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MAY GODDESS SHREE NAV DURGA MATAJI
BLESS YOU ALWAYS**



JAI DURGA MAA!!

**ALL DONATIONS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO
THE TREASURER OF SRI KUNJ BIHARI TEMPLE
AND OFFICIAL RECEIPTS WILL BE GIVEN**

(Donations above RM 50/- a Tax Exempt Receipt will be issued)

**Cheques to be drawn in the name of
LWHNPP – KUIL SRI KUNJ BIHARI**



**for and on behalf of
The Management Committee of
Sri Kunj Bihari Temple
&
The Organising Committee
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JAI MATAJI

The Maha Navratri will be celebrated with pomp and splendour at the Sri Kunj Bihari Temple from **25 September 2014 to 05 October 2014 and on 7 October 2014** (Sharad Purnima).

We invite you to join us with your family and friends to make the Maha Navratri celebrations a grand event. The Sri Kunj Bihari Temple needs your whole-hearted cooperation and support to make this celebration a success.

The Maha Navratri Celebrations Committee has drawn up the following guidelines for devotees to observe to facilitate the smooth flow of events during the celebrations.

1. OFFERINGS TO SHREE NAV DURGA MATAJI FOR DAILY PRASHAD

All devotees are requested to note that offerings to **MATAJI** for daily prashad are to be from the following categories only:-

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| a) WHOLE FRUITS | Apples, Pears, Bananas, Plums, Grapes |
| b) DRY FRUITS | Raisins, Almonds, Cashew Nuts, Ground Nuts (peeled), Cut Coconut pieces, Dates, Figs, Pistachios & Rock Sugar |
| c) MILK PRODUCTS | Barfi, Peda, Kalakand |

Please note that all the offerings that contain FLOUR, BESAN, DHALL OR RICE e.g. JELEBI, BOONDI, LADU, ETC. WILL NOT BE OFFERED TO MATAJI FOR DAILY PRASHAD.

Devotees wishing to offer the above category of prashad are requested to bring the same by 7.30 p.m. All devotees are requested to seek further clarifications regarding offerings for daily prasad by contacting Shri Murlidhar Duhlanomal (012- 486 0710) & Shri Hiralal Chandulal (012- 439 5857).

2. OFFERING OF SAREES

Those who wish to offer Saris for Mataji kindly do so in advance by handing over to Shri Om Prakash (016- 557 2089) The Management Committee will select the Sarees and decide on which day Mataji will wear which Sarees. When making the offering please do not put your names on the Sarees.

Sarees that are offered to Mataji will be used for dressing Mataji at different intervals for at least one year and therefore considered her property. The Management Committee may determine to auction these Sarees only after one year.

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3. VOLUNTERS

A group of volunteers headed by Shri Jignyasu P. Joshi (012- 489 9598) has been appointed to assist in the smooth running of the daily programmes. Such heads have been selected as per list appended below.

Kindly render your full cooperation to these volunteers. Volunteers are recommended to be at the least on vegetarian diet. Any devotee who would like to volunteer his/her services is kindly requested to contact Shri Jignyasu P. Joshi (012- 489 9598) or Shri Om Prakash (016- 557 2089).

4. DEVOTTEES DRESSING

We request all devotees to be dressed in bright coloured traditional clothings to signify the auspicious celebrations of Maha Navratri. Kindly refrain from **wearing black and any indecent apparel not befitting this religious festival**. While participating in the garbas or praying at the Altar, **please remove all leather goods from your clothes/pockets**.

Devotees are requested to refrain from munching edibles e.g. paan (sireh), sweets, chewing gum, etc. whilst participating in the garbas.

5. HAVAN POOJA

If you are taking part in the **Havan**, we request all devotees to dress traditionally i.e. Kurtas for men and Sarees for ladies. Those wishing to participate in the Havan are required to be fasting for all the days of Maha Navratri. Those fasting only on the Havan Day will be considered next and finally all those who have been on a Strict Vegetarian Diet for all the 9 days of Maha Navratri.

5.1 Navratri Arambha Havan Pooja, Kalash Sthapna is held on the 25th September 2014 at 7.30am.

5.2 Durga Ashtami – HAVANASHTMI, Durga Saptasati Havan, Kanya Pooja, etc is held on the 2nd October 2014 starting at 8.00 a.m.

After the Havan, Dampathi Puja, Suhasini Puja, Kanya Puja and Brahmachari Puja will be performed with Padma Puja i.e. (traditional foot washing ceremony) to invoke her blessings.

- a. Dampathi Puja are the prayers offered to an elderly couple.
 - b. Suhasini Puja is about worshiping an elderly married woman (whose husband is alive)
 - c. Kanya* Puja is a ritual of worshiping girls (aged 2 - 10) who haven't attained puberty, symbolizing the Kanya Kumari (prepubescent) form of Goddess Chandi or Durga. This ritual is specially performed to recognize the divine feminine power vested in a girl child. Those Kanya's* wishing to participate kindly give your names to Shri Jignyasu P Joshi. A selection by way of a draw will be held on Wednesday 1st October 2014 one night before the Havan on the 1st October 2014.
 - d. Brahmachari Puja is about prayers to an unmarried man. He is held in high esteem in the Vedas and Puranas.
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6. Bhandara (Langgar) is on 5th October 2014 with usual Sunday Program commencing at 10.30am and Aarti at 11.30am, followed by priti bhojan (vegetarian luncheon) till 1.30pm.

Kindly indicate in the list the items you wish to sponsor for the Bhandara (Langgar).

We request all lady devotees to come forward in helping to make the poori's on the morning of the 5th October 2014 at 7.00 a.m. for the Bhandara Langgar.

7. Chariot Procession is on 5th October 2014 – Prayers for starting will be at 3.00 p.m.

After fulfilling our salutations to DURGA MAA during the whole of Maha Navratri and in culminating the event, we take DURGA MAA on a grand chariot procession. Let us all join DURGA MAA and follow Mataji from the beginning till Mataji returns back to Mataji's abode. As a mark of respect, all devotees are requested to follow Mataji till return to temple and final samapti Aarti.

Please assist the Section Heads whenever necessary. All suggestions and comments in writing are welcomed. Please contact Shri Pishu Murli Hassaram (016- 452 6132) or Shri Jignyasu P. Joshi (Tel: 012- 489 9598).

**Please note that the above is a tentative programme for your information only, and is subject to change by the Organising Committee as deemed fit.*

Yours, in the service of Shree Nav Durga Mataji

Shri Pishu Murli Hassaram
Chairman
Sri Kunj Bihari Temple

Shri Jignyasu P. Joshi
Organising Chairman
Maha Navratri Celebrations