

## April 2023 ISKCON of Arizona Newsletter



**Abhisheka of Gaura Nitai during  
Gaura Purnima Festival**

### Best April Days for Meditation and Fasting



**Kamada Ekadasi**  
Saturday, April 1st  
Fasting from grains & beans

**Purnima - Full Moon**  
Wednesday, April 5th

**Easter Sunday**  
Sunday, April 9th

**Varuthini Ekadasi**  
Sunday, April 16th  
Fasting from grains & beans



Lalita Priya, Suresvara, and  
Narahari Prabhus assisting  
sacred bathing at Gaura  
Purnima festival.

Greetings & Namaste,

Now that spring has finally sprung our enthusiastic volunteers are having fun planting and weeding in our expanded garden. If you'd like to join them, please call (520) 250-0299, or drop us an email at the address below.

April's warmer temps will also bring everyone out to our patio to dine. A good day to treat your friends and family will be April 9th, Easter Sunday, so scroll down to our vegan brunch menu and bring your appetite!

Yours in service,  
Sandamini Devi  
[sandamini108@gmail.com](mailto:sandamini108@gmail.com)

P.S. As always, we welcome your feedback on this newsletter, or how we may serve you better.

### Recent Activities





### Imago Dei Middle School visits Temple

#### Expanding the Family

On Sunday, March 5th, the eve of our Gaura Purnima festival, we held a formal initiation ceremony.

Two older gentlemen, who had been following the principles of Krishna consciousness for many years, received initiation from Jivananda Prabhu, who blessed them with the names Jahnava Priya dasa and Narada Sevita dasa. We wish them all success on the path of devotion!

Every year Reverend Susan Smith acquaints her middle school class with the prayers, songs, and chants of various spiritual cultures.

When she brought her students to our Krishna temple, we gave them a tour of the grounds, showed them the animals, spoke to them about Krishna, taught them how to chant, and rounded out their visit with some blessed food.

Rev. Susan then invited us to to attend her students year-end presentation about what they learned here and at other spiritual communities. Looking forward to that!

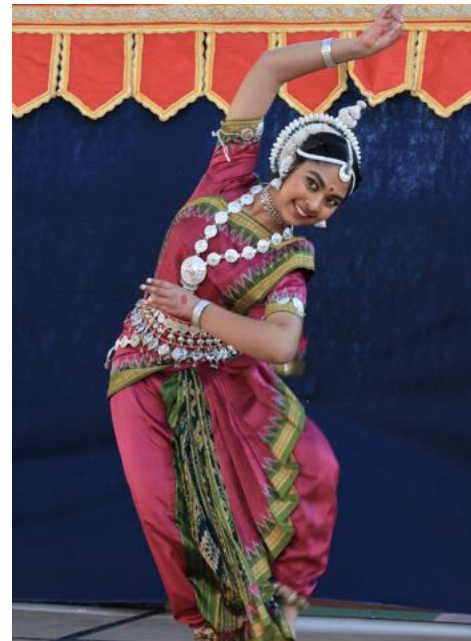
### Preaching Center by Arizona State University

Four years ago Radha Pran Prabhu & his family made a leap of faith by trading their peaceful home in Phoenix's suburbs for a hectic life on Tempe's Mill Avenue, directly across from the main entrance to ASU's large urban campus.

Every Saturday they hold a three-hour-plus program with chanting, class, arati, and sacred food for their eager guests.

Their two children both attended ASU and are very involved in assisting their parents with singing sacred songs and serving and befriending some of ASU's 70,000 students.

## Rama Fest in Review - a great time for all!



Our heartfelt thanks to Vasanta and Savitur, Urvashi, Kakoli Basue and her dance troupe, and all our volunteers and performers who put on a great festival for

Lord Rama.





Our next major festival is Sri Krishna Janmastami Krishna Fest in early September.



Lord Nrsimha's Advent Day Coming Soon!



**Govinda's Natural Foods**  
**Easter Sunday Brunch**  
 April 9th - 11 am to 2:30 pm

**Easter Menu**

**ALL VEGAN MENU**  
 Seitan Roast with Cashew Gravy  
 Thai Chili Tofu+  
 Butternut Squash Fritters+  
 Plum Chutney+  
 Veggie Basmati Rice+  
 Savory Vegetable Soup+  
 Veggies & Organic Tempeh+  
 Dinner Rolls  
 Chocolate Glazed Donuts  
 Fresh Fruit & Fruit Salads+  
 Salad Bar+  
 Chips & Dips +

Special Feature - Live Music on the Patio from 11:30 to 2 pm

Carry Out, Dine in, or Patio Dining

**\$19.95 adults**  
**kids 4 to 11 years \$8.95**  
**3 years and under eat free**

for more info call 792-0630 or www.GovindasOfTucson.com



**Appearance Anniversary of Krishna's Protective Avatar, Lord Nrsimhadeva**

**Coming Thursday May 4th!**

**Join us on Sunday, April 9th, for a Vegan Easter Sunday Brunch**  
**Live Music on the Patio**  
**See Menu [HERE](#)**

**Schedule of events**

- 5:30 pm - Bhajans in the temple
- 6 pm - Slideshow of Lord Nrsimhadeva's pastimes with musical accompaniment
- 6:30 pm - Deity bathing ceremony (everyone welcome)
- 7 pm - Arati & kirtan





7:30 pm - Feast served under the stars

Sponsor the festival for \$51 [HERE](#), get a Mayapur Nrsimha garland!

## Sponsor the Sunday Feast



Feeding guests *prasadam* (food offered to God) benefits everyone!



### Sunday Feast Sponsorship

Sponsoring our Sunday feasts is a wonderful way to receive the blessings of Sri Sri Gaura Nitai. Your sponsorship may honor a loved one, mark a birthday, an anniversary, or some other special occasion.

To make an offering, use the link below to identify who or what you're honoring plus the date of your sponsorship. Your donation is tax deductible.

[Click Here To Sponsor the Sunday Feast](#)

## The Sunday Feast & Festival



Join us each Sunday for an evening of musical meditation, topical philosophy, an ancient worship ceremony, and an 8-course vegetarian feast.

**ALL FREE!**

5:30 pm - Bhajans

6 pm - Topical talk

6:30 pm - Worship ceremony

7 pm - Announcements

7:10 pm - Feast



### April Sunday Talk Lineup

April 2nd - Kirtanesvara Prabhu

April 9th - Kirtan Yajna Prabhu

April 16th - Balarama Prabhu

April 23rd - Jivananda Prabhu

April 30th - Dhiro Datta Prabhu

## Support Your Temple

### Maintain Your Temple with a Monthly Tithe



"The question is not how much of our money



we should give to God, but how much of God's money we should keep for ourselves.”

Your tithing dollars help maintain your temple and pay regular monthly expenses:

- electric
- gas
- water
- bhoga expenses (produce)
- flowers for Deities & vases
- yard & property maintenance

When you come to the temple any day of any week and see the beautiful darshan, the refreshing gardens, breakfast, lunch, and feast prasadam, understand that this is possible because of our generous regular monthly tithing donors.

It is our privilege and responsibility to support Krishna's temple! Become a tither today. Choose an amount you feel comfortable giving each month.

**Set up your monthly contribution at Pledge 2023!  
Or give a one-time donation through PayPal HERE.**

If you are not in a position to become a sustaining member, a one-time donation is also a big help. All donations are much appreciated and tax deductible!

## New Service Offered



**Let us make your Wedding Garland!**  
Made by our pujari at the temple for your special ceremony. Any kind of flower, color combination, or technique.

Prices vary by length and style.  
Flower cost plus \$30 and up  
for each garland.

Contact Sandamini @ 520-250-0299 or  
Sandamini108@gmail.com

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## Assisted Living Update



### Krishna's Home News Update

Please take a look at our latest **one-page April newsletter** to see the home's progress. The roof is tiled, and we have a very qualified



manager for the home. Click [HERE](#) to read.



The inside is receiving its finishing touches; the kitchen is complete; window blinds have been ordered; the bathrooms are set up with wide, open showers; the meeting room and temple area are ready.

**We are hosting a preopening for the home on Friday, April 21st.**

- 5:30 pm - Kirtan & Chanting
- 6 pm - Special Dance
- 6:15 pm - Update and home tour
- 6:45 pm - Dinner - all welcome!
- 514 E. Blacklidge Dr. (just a block

west of the temple across 1st Ave)

## Feeding the Unsheltered on Tucson's Southside



**Join us on the 3rd Monday of every month!**

For the past 10 years we've been serving Tucson's houseless folks a six-course hot meal along with a kirtan. Giving a plate of prasad is not only healthy and nourishing but it helps elevate the consciousness and brings spiritual awareness.

**Sponsor a meal here,  
\$125 serves 100 plates.**

**Come help us serve every  
3rd Monday of the month at 7am!**



## Govinda's Vegan/Veggie Restaurant



**Govinda's Self-Serve  
All-You-Care-To-Eat Hours:**

**Lunch - Wednesday through Saturday  
11:30 am to 2:30 pm**

**Dinner - Tuesday through Saturday  
5 pm to 8 pm**

**Sunday Brunch - 11 am to 2:30 pm**

***Closed Mondays***



***Join us for Easter Brunch  
Sunday, April 9th***



[April Menu Click Here](#)

Check out our web site at  
[www.GovindasOfTucson.com](http://www.GovindasOfTucson.com)

**Govinda's guest quote of the month:** "I never thought that a simple meal could turn into a spiritual journey! Namaste!"



To all our helpers & performers for Rama Fest: Vasanta & her bhajan band, the dancers, servers, and cooks--you are all amazing! Thanks to our steady crew who pull off these festivals season after season, and many thanks to all our donors. You make it happen!



**Income/expense Tracker: Please [click](#) to view our temple financial statement for the month of February 2023.**

Check out this clip by Vaisesika Das,  
"Story of Wrong Bank Account."





## Authentic Indian Cuisine Catering!

All varieties and quantities of Indian foods for parties, dinners, weddings, and banquets. All main Indian dishes cooked by Master Chef Kul Sharma. Call him at 520-891-8083

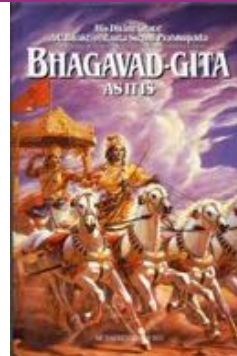


"Since the spring season is also known as Mādhava, it is understood that as soon as Lord Kṛṣṇa entered the Vṛndāvana forest, it automatically exhibited all the opulences of spring, becoming filled with flowers, breezes and a celestial atmosphere. Another reason Lord Kṛṣṇa is known as Mādhava is that He enjoys His pastimes in *madhu*, the taste of conjugal love."  
(*Srimad-Bhagavatam* 10.15.2 purport)

### From Srila Prabhupada's *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*...

"Of course spring is a season universally liked because it is neither too hot nor too cold and the flowers and trees blossom and flourish. In spring there are also many ceremonies commemorating Kṛṣṇa's pastimes; therefore this is considered to be the most joyful of all seasons, and it is the representative of the Supreme Lord, Kṛṣṇa."

(*Bhagavad-Gita As It Is*, Chapter 10, verse 35 purport)



[Visit the website](#)

## Homams, Pujas & Blessings

### Perform a sacred ceremony...

Have your home, car, business, or family blessed and protected with the help and guidance of our experienced temple priest, Kirtan Yajna Prabhu. You may call him at (520) 288-1775, or email [pkeshavraj@gmail.com](mailto:pkeshavraj@gmail.com).



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