



GANEŠĀNJALI

Daily Poojas & Special Services



ŚRI MAHĀ VALLABHA GANAPATI

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OUR TEMPLE DEVATĀS

PRADHĀNA (MOOLAVAR) DEVATĀS

Šri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati
Šri Śiva
Šri Pārvati
Šri Kāmākshi & Mahā Meru
Šri Shanmukha & Valli, Devasena
Šri Venkateśwara
Šri Mahā Lakshmi
Šri Hanumān

PARIVĀRA DEVATĀS:

Šri Siddhi-Buddhi sameta Šri Mahā Ganapati (utsavar)
Šri Mahā Lakshmi (utsavar)
Šri Saraswati
Šri Rāmā, Sita, Lakshmana & Hanumān
Šri Krishna & Rādhā
Šri Gāyatri
Šri Devi Khodiyār Mātā
Šri Ayyappa
Šri Agastiyar & Lopa Mudra
Šri Durga
Šri Chandrasekaraswamy / Ānandavalli (utsavar)
Šri Atma Linga
Šri Valli Devasena sameta Subramanya (utsavar), Arunagirinathar
Šri Dakshinamoorthy
Šri Natarāja, Sivakāmi & Mānikkavāchakar
Šri Swarna Bhairavar
Šri Kāmākshi (utsavar) & Ankuṣam - Astradevas
Šri Sudaršana & Narasimha
Šri Satyanārāyana & Ramā Devi
Šri Hanumān (utsavar)
Šri Dhanvantari & Šri Garuda
Šri Venkateśwara, Śridevi & Bhudevi (utsavar)
Šri Nāgendra
Šri Navagraha
Šri Rāghavendra & Prahalāda Rāja

KOSHĀ DEVATĀS

Around Śivā Sannidhi: Dakshināmoorthy, Lingodbhava, Brahma
Around Shanmukha Sannidhi: Subrahmanya, Guha, Dandāyuthapāni
Around Venkateśwara Sannidhi: Vishnu, Paravasudeva, Narasimha
Around Mahā Lakshmi Sannidhi: Mahā Lakshmi on all three Koshtas
Around Ganeśa Sannidhi:(3) forms of Ganeśa - Uttara, Paschima, Dakshina

Everything in Hinduism starts with the worship of Lord Ganeśa. Being the first major authentic Temple built in this Continent in accordance with Āgama and Śilpa Śāstrās, our Temple's presiding Deity is Mahā Vallabha Ganapati.

Other Deities and Sages also worshiped on a regular basis in the Devasthānam are listed above. Most major Hindu religious festivals are observed.

DAILY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

- Temple Hours -

Weekdays: 8:00 am to 9:00 pm • Weekends: 7:30 am to 9:00 pm

Monday

- 8:00 am Mahā Ganapati Suprabhātam, Ushah Kāla Pooja
8:15 am Venkateśwara Suprabhātam
8:15 am Mahā Ganapati Homam / Śiva Abhishekam
9:00 am Mahā Ganapati Abhishekam / Veda Pārāyanam
5:00 pm Veda Pārāyanam
6:15 pm Parivāra Pooja
7:00 pm Sarva Devata, Hārati
7:15 pm **Śiva Abhishekam**
8:50 pm Ardha Yāma Pooja for Mahā Ganapati & Venkateśwara

Tuesday

- 8:00 am Mahā Ganapati Suprabhātam, Ushah Kāla Pooja
8:15 am Venkateśwara Suprabhātam
8:15 am Mahā Ganapati Homam / Śiva Abhishekam
8:15 am **Hanumān Abhishekam**
9:00 am Mahā Ganapati Abhishekam, Nāgendra Abhishekam
9:00 am Veda Pārāyanam
10:00 am **Kāmākshi Abhishekam**
5:00 pm Veda Pārāyanam
5:30 pm **Hanumān Sahasranāma Pooja**
6:00 pm **Hanumān Chalisa Pārāyanam**
6:15 pm Parivāra Pooja
7:00 pm Sarva Devata, Hārati
7:15 pm **Shanmukha Abhishekam**
8:50 pm Ardha Yāma Pooja for Mahā Ganapati & Venkateśwara

Wednesday

- 8:00 am Mahā Ganapati Suprabhātam, Ushah Kāla Pooja
8:15 am Venkateśwara Suprabhātam
8:15 am Mahā Ganapati Homam / Śiva Abhishekam
9:00 am Mahā Ganapati Abhishekam / Veda Pārāyanam
5:00 pm Veda Pārāyanam
6:00 pm **Saraswati Abhishekam**
6:15 pm Parivāra Pooja
7:00 pm Sarva Devata, Hārati
7:15 pm **Saraswati Sahasranāma Archana**
8:50 pm Ardha Yāma Pooja for Mahā Ganapati & Venkateśwara

Thursday

- 8:00 am Mahā Ganapati Suprabhātam, Ushah Kāla Pooja
8:15 am Venkateśwara Suprabhātam
8:15 am Mahā Ganapati Homam / Śiva Abhishekam
8:30 am **Rāghavendra Swāmy Abhishekam**
9:00 am Mahā Ganapati Abhishekam
9:00 am **Dakshināmoorthy Abhishekam**
9:00 am Veda Pārāyanam
5:00 pm Veda Pārāyanam
6:00 pm **Rāghavendra Swāmy Sahasranāma Pooja**
6:00 pm **Dakshināmoorthy Rudra Triśati Nāma Archana**
6:15 pm Parivāra Pooja
7:00 pm Sarva Devata, Hārati
7:15 pm **Rāghavendra Swamy Guru Pāduka Pooja**
7:15 pm **Gāyatri Japam**
8:50 pm Ardha Yāma Pooja for Mahā Ganapati & Venkateśwara

Friday

- 8:00 am Mahā Ganapati Suprabhātam, Ushah Kāla Pooja
8:15 am Venkateśwara Suprabhātam
8:15 am Mahā Ganapati Homam / Śiva Abhishekam
9:00 am Mahā Ganapati Abhishekam
9:00 am Veda Pārāyanam
10:00 am **Pārvati Abhishekam, Lalita Sahasranāma
Kumkuma Archana**
10:30 am **Mahā Lakshmi Sahasranāma Archana**
5:00 pm Veda Pārāyanam
6:15 pm Parivāra Pooja
7:00 pm Sarva Devata, Hārati
7:15 pm **Mahā Lakshmi Abhishekam, Mahā Lakshmi Stothram**
8:50 pm Ardha Yāma Pooja for Mahā Ganapati & Venkateśwara

Saturday

- 7:30 am Mahā Ganapati Suprabhātām, Ushah Kāla Pooja
8:00 am Venkateśwara Suprabhātām
8:15 am Mahā Ganapati Homam / Śiva Abhishekam
8:30 am **Vishnu Sahasranāma Pārāyanam**
9:00 am Veda Pārāyanam
9:00 am Mahā Ganapati Abhishekam
9:00 am **Rāghavendra Swāmy Abhishekam**
9:00 am **Navagraha Abhishekam**
11:00 am **Venkateśwara Abhishekam**
5:00 pm Veda Pārāyanam
6:00 pm **Venkateśwara Sahasranāma Pooja**
6:15 pm Parivāra Pooja
7:00 pm Sarva Devata, Hārati
8:50 pm Ardha Yāma Pooja for Mahā Ganapati & Venkateśwara

Sunday

- 7:30 am Mahā Ganapati Suprabhātām, Ushah Kāla Pooja
8:00 am Venkateśwara Suprabhātām
8:15 am Mahā Ganapati Homam / Śiva Abhishekam
9:00 am Veda Pārāyanam
11:00 am **Mahā Ganapati Abhishekam**
4:30 pm **Durgā Abhishekam, Durga Sahasranāma Archana**
5:00 pm Veda Pārāyanam
6:00 pm **Mahā Ganapati Sahasranāma Pooja**
6:15 pm Parivāra Pooja
7:00 pm Sarva Devata, Hārati
8:50 pm Ardha Yāma Pooja for Mahā Ganapati & Venkateśwara

(Please Note : All service schedules are subject to change during festival dates - please contact the Temple Counter directly at (718) 460-8484 ext. 112 for any inquiries)

SCHEDULED RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT THE TEMPLE

First & Third Tuesday of every month

9:30 AM Sundara Kāṇḍam Pārāyanam

First Thursday of every month

9:00 AM Guru Homam

First Saturday of every month

8:00 AM Navagraha Homam

6:00 PM Ayyappa Abhishekam, Pooja & Bhajans

Second Saturday of every month

6:00 PM Sudaršana Abhishekam

7:15 PM Sudaršana Sahasranāma Pooja

7:15 PM Saneśwara Sahasranāma Pooja

Third Saturday of every month

7:15 PM Ayyappa Sahasranāma Pooja

7:15 PM Dhanvantari & Garuda Abhishekam

First Sunday of every month

3:00 PM Devi Khodiyār Mātā Pooja

On Poornima days

(when it falls on a Sunday at 11:00 AM)

9:00 AM Agastya & Lopamudra Abhishekam

(performed when it falls on a Friday ONLY)

9:00 AM Maha Lakshmi Homam

10:00 AM Kāmākshi Abhishekam,
Sahasranāma Pooja

6:00 PM Mahā Meru Navāvarana Pooja

6:00 PM Satyanārāyana Abhishekam

7:15 PM Satyanārāyana Pooja

On Pradosham *(when it falls on a Monday at 7:15 PM)*

6:00 PM Śiva & Nandikeśwara Abhishekam

On Krittika

9:00 AM Shanmukha Sahasranāma Pooja

7:15 PM Shanmukha Abhishekam

SCHEDULED RELIGIOUS SERVICES - CONT'D

On Šukla Shashti (*when it falls on a Tuesday Homam at 6:00 PM and Abhishekam at 7:15 PM*)

9:00 AM Subrahmanya Homam
10:30 AM Subrahmanya Abhishekam

On Šukla Chaturthi

8:15 AM Mahā Ganapati Homam
9:00 AM Mahā Ganapati Abhishekam (utsavar)

On Krishna (Sankata Hara) Chaturthi

*(*After morning Abhishekam and if it falls on a Sunday at 6:00 PM)*

*Sahasranāma Pooja
7:15 PM Mahā Ganapati Abhishekam

On Punarvasu Nakshatra

9:00 AM Rāma Abhishekam, Sahasranāma Pooja

On Rohini Nakshatra

9:00 AM Krishna Abhishekam, Sahasranāma Pooja

On Ardra Nakshatra

6:00 PM Siva Sahasranāma Pooja

On Moola Nakshatra

9:00 AM Hanumān Abhishekam

On Šravana Nakshatra

9:00 AM Dhanvantari Sahasranāma Pooja

On Amāvāsyā

6:00 PM Bhairavar Sahasranāma Pooja

On Krishna Ashtami

7:15 PM Bhairavar Abhishekam

Six times a year -

9:00 AM or 7:15 PM Natarāja Abhishekam

(for exact dates & times please see Temple Calendar)

UTSAVAR ABHISHEKAMS

First Sunday of every month at 6:00 pm

- Šiva-Parvati Utsavar Abhishekam

Second Sunday of every month at 6:00 pm

- Shanmukha Utsavar Abhishekam

Third Sunday of every month at 6:00 pm

- Venkatešwara Utsavar Abhishekam

Fourth Sunday of every month at 6:00 pm

- Maha Lakshmi Utsavar Abhishekam

COMBINED TARIFF FOR SPONSORED RELIGIOUS SERVICES & DRAVYAS

The tariff given below is for Priests' services and the cost of *dravyas* (other than food *prasādam* & garland) required for the sponsored religious services, except for the religious services sponsored on "scheduled days" or if indicated otherwise. Sponsors have the option of providing on their own all the required *dravyas* and/or bringing their own food *prasādam* and/or garland, in which case appropriate credit for *dravyas* / food *prasādam*/garland as the case may be, will be allowed from the Combined Tariff indicated below:

	<u>Temple</u>	<u>Outside***</u>	<u>Schedule</u> <u>Day</u>
Abhishekam	\$131	\$155	\$ 51
Annaprāsanam	\$101	\$131	
Ashtottara Archana	\$ 9		
Ekādaśavara			
Rudrābhishekam	\$375	\$425	
Griha Praveśam		\$235	
Guru Paduka Pooja	\$ 51		\$ 31
Hair Offering	\$101	\$131	
Harati	\$ 2		
Homams:			
Ganapati	\$131	\$181	\$ 51
Navagraha	\$161	\$211	
Chandi	\$251	\$301	
All Others	\$131	\$181	
Kanaka Abhishekam	\$301		
Kālyāna Utsavam	\$201*	\$501¶	
Last Rites (Funeral)		\$151	
Apara Kriya (other than Funeral)	\$101	\$131	
Lighting of Lamps			
- with oil	\$ 1		
- with ghee	\$ 2		
Nāmakaranam	\$101	\$131	
Navāvarana Pooja	\$125	\$201	\$ 31
Poojas with Kalaśa (without Homam)	\$101	\$131	
Punyāhavāchanam	\$101	\$131	
Sahasranāma Archana	\$ 25		\$ 11
Satyanārāyana Pooja	\$125	\$181	\$ 31
Satyanārāyana Pooja - (SAT/SUN)	\$101**		

COMBINED TARIFF FOR SPONSORED RELIGIOUS SERVICES & DRAVYAS CONT'D

	<u>Temple</u>	<u>Outside***</u>	<u>Scheduled Day</u>
Seemantam	\$375	\$425	
Šrāddham (Hiranya)	\$ 61	\$131	
Šrāddham (Hiranya) with Homam	\$131	\$181	
Sashtiapda Purti (60 th Birthday)	\$450	\$600	
Bhima Ratha Shanti (70 th Birthday)	\$350	\$500	
Sadabishekam (80 th Birthday)	\$350	\$500	
Tarpanam	\$ 31	\$101	
Trisātināma Archana	\$ 21		\$ 11
Upanayanam	\$375	\$425	
Vada Malā (108)	\$101		
Vada Malā (54)	\$ 51		
Vada Malā (24) Archana	\$ 35		
Vahana (Vehicle) Pooja	\$ 31		
Veda Pārāyanam			
(per 1 hr session)	\$ 51	\$111	\$ 11
Vidyā-Ārambham	\$101	\$131	
Wedding Engagement	\$151	\$201	
Wedding	\$375	\$425	
All Other Services	UPON REQUEST		

NOTES FOR RELIGIOUS SERVICES (* †)

- (I) *On Saturdays & Sundays only at 1:00 pm
- (II) **On Saturdays & Sundays only at 4:00 pm
- (III) † Priests will perform this auspicious religious service at the homes of devotees bringing with them pancha loha vigrahas. Service must be booked one week in advance.
- (IV) **All services** (except Archana) must be scheduled at least **one week in advance**.
- (V) **Services on scheduled days** should also be booked at least **½ hour prior to commencement of service**.
- (VI) An **additional charge of \$51** will be levied for:
- ***Outside (above 25 miles)
 - Overnight Stay of priests(s)
 - Each additional service(s)
- (VII) Sponsors are responsible for providing transportation to assigned priests(s). Otherwise an additional charge will apply.

ALL TARIFFS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SPONSORSHIP OF SPECIAL RELIGIOUS SERVICES

1. *ONE-DAY Sarva Devata (All Deities) Abhishekam*** :
Weekday: \$2,501.00
Weekend: \$3,001.00
2. *FULL DAY Sponsor of ALL events (regular scheduled services) in the Temple:
Weekday: \$ 501.00
Weekend: \$1,001.00
3. Śankha (Conch) Abhishekam with Homam (excluding food prasādam)
108 Śankhas \$ 301.00
54 Śankhas \$ 201.00
27 Śankhas \$ 151.00
4. Satyanārāyana Pooja or Mahā Meru Navāvarana Pooja for a WHOLE YEAR performed on Poornima days: \$ 372.00
5. *ONE-DAY Sarva Devata (All Deities) Archanās**:
Weekday: \$ 125.00
Weekend: \$ 175.00
6. Sarva Devata Homam \$ 351.00***
7. Special Alankāram for Deities UPON REQUEST

In addition to the above services, the priests can perform, at the request of the devotees, any special poojas not listed above. We will make every effort to assign the priest of the devotee's choice to perform the requested services.

*Sponsors will receive a Ganeša Silver Coin/Vigraha/Picture, and Vibhooti & Kumkuma Prasādam.

**ARCHANĀS (108 Nāmas): Includes pooja sāmāgrīs, flowers & fruits.

***ABHISHEKAMS & HOMAMS: Dravyas, sāmāgrīs, garland (small) Naivedyam (small) included.

GARLANDS (orders must be placed ONE week in advance)

Small \$35.00 each
Large \$70.00 each

FOOD PRASĀDAM

At the request of sponsors the Temple can provide Food Prasādam as per the following tariff:

Small Bowl / Tray \$ 25
Large Bowl / Tray \$ 50
Other Quantities UPON REQUEST

ALL TARIFFS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

ANNADĀNAM - Annadānam is one of the best forms of “DĀNA or CHARITY”. By giving food to others, one is feeding none other than the Lord Himself and receives His blessings in bountiful measure. Devotees can sponsor towards Annadānam for any occasion. This will be offered and distributed on the selected date.

Minimum Sponsorship\$25.00

GARLANDS - Devotees can sponsor towards garlands for any Deity(s) as a ‘*poolangi seva*’ (flower) - in part or in full.

VASTRAMS - Devotees may offer vastras (dhotis & sarees) to any Deity(s). Offerings should be scheduled through the Temple counter at least three days in advance.

ONLY SILK VASTRAMS will be adorned on the Deity(s).
All other material will only be placed as offering.

*For Further information or sponsorship please contact the
Temple counter at (718) 460-84848 ext. 112*

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES

The Hindu Temple Society of North America (HTSNA) has a dedicated team of experienced priests with specialized knowledge in various branches of Hindu rituals such as *Rig Veda*, *Sāma Veda*, *Yajur Veda* etc. These priests are conversant with the *Śaiva Āgama Śāstras*, *Vaiṣṇava* & *Madhva Sampradāyas* and *Apara Kriyas*. As a result, HTSNA is in a position to assign the right priest for the diverse needs of the devotees. The following religious services are performed:

ABHISHEKAMS:

- Regular **Abhishekam** for all deities
- **Ekādaśavāra Rudrābhishekam**
- **Kanaka Abhishekam** for all deities
- **Śankha Abhishekam** for all deities (at the Temple only)
- **Sarva Devata Abhishekam** (at the Temple only)

ARCHANAS:

- **Ashtottara Śata Nāma** (108)
- **Sahasra Nāma** (1008)
- **Triśati** (300)

HOMAMS:

- **Ganapati Homam**
- **Sudarśana Homam**
- **Vishnu Homam**
- **Navagraha Homam**
- **Mrityunjaya Homam**
- **Āyushya Homam**
- **Rudra Homam**
- **Chandi Homam**
- **Saraswati Homam**
- **Nāga Śānti Homam**
- **Subrahmanya Homam**
- **Hanumān Homam**
- **Sarva Devata Homam**
- **Dhanvantari Homam**
- **Lakshmi Narasimha Homam**
- **Lakshmi Kubera Homam**
- **Garuda Homam**

SAMSKĀRAS:

- **Nāma Karanam**
- **Punyāhavāchanam**
- **Annaprāśanam**
- **Vidyārambham**
- **Hair Offering**
- **Vivāham (Wedding)**
- **Seemantham**
- **Griha Ārambham**
- **Griha Praveśam**
- **Upanayanam**
- **Shashti Abda Poorthi and Śathābhishekam**
- **Apara Kriyas**
- **Hiranya Śrāddham / Pitru Tarpanam**

SPECIAL POOJAS for Deities:

- **Śri Satyanārāyana Pooja**
- **Śree Mahā Meru Navāvarana Pooja**
- **Śri Guru Pāduka Pooja**
- **Kalyāna Utsavam**
- **Navagraha Śānti**

OTHER POOJAS / SERVICES:

- **New Business**
- **Travel**
- **New Vehicle**
- **New House**
- **Veda Pārāyana**
- **Saptaśati Pārāyanam**
- **Sundara Khānda Pārāyanam**

In addition to the above services, the priests can perform, at the request of the devotees, any special poojas not listed above. We will make every effort to assign the priest of the devotee's choice to perform the requested services

For sponsorship of any of these services, please contact the
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SUGGESTED HOMAMS / POOJAS FOR PARIHARA,
GENERAL WELFARE & DURING OTHER
AUSPICIOUS EVENTS

Mahã Ganapati Homam Sudaršana Homam Sankata Hara Chaturthi Pooja	<i>Removal of all obstacles</i>
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Mahã Lakshmi Homam Šankhãbhishekam	<i>Success in all endeavors.</i>
.....	
Mrityunjaya Homam Dhanvantari Homam Āditya Hrudaya Pārāyanam/Homam	<i>Recover from ill-health</i>
.....	
Nāga Šanti Homam Subrahmanya Homam Kāla Rāhu Šanti Homam Nāga Pratishta Āšlesha Homam Garuda Homam	<i>Removal of Sarpa Dosha</i>
.....	
Chandi Homam Sudaršana Homam Navagraha Homam	<i>Recovery from difficult times</i>
.....	
Navagraha Homam Sudaršana Homam	<i>Overcoming problems</i>
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Santāna Gopala Krishna Homam Purusha Sookta Homam	<i>Praying for child</i>
.....	
Swayamvara Pārvasi Pooja Durga Deepa Namaskaram Srinivāsa Kalyānam Pārvasi Kalyānam	<i>Praying for marriage</i>
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Bāla Mārkandeya Homam Āyushya Homam	<i>Protecting child</i>
.....	
Mahã Ganapati Homam Sudaršana Homam Vishnu Homam, Vastu Homam Rakshoghna Homam	<i>Moving into new house</i>

SUGGESTED HOMAMS / POOJAS FOR PARIHARA,
GENERAL WELFARE & DURING OTHER
AUSPICIOUS EVENTS - Cont'd

Āyushya Homam *First and subsequent Birthdays*

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Āyushya Homam
Rudra Homam *60th, 70th & 80th Birthdays*
Navagraha Homam *and Longevity*

Mrityunjaya Homam
Sarva Devata Homam
Sudarśana Homam
Dhanvantari Homam

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Saraswati Homam *Initiating into studies*

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Sudarśana Homam *Business Development*

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Chandi Pātha Samputi
Pārayanam / Homam *Career Advancement*

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Sandhi Śānti Homam *Graha Śānti*

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Lakshmi Nārāyana Hrudaya
Pārāyanam / Homam *Prosperity*

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Satyanārāyana Pooja
Budha Graha Śānti Pooja *Wisdom*

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Tila Homam, Prāyaschitta
Pavamāna Homam *Repentance*

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Satyanārāyana Pooja *General Welfare (Loka Kshemam)*

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Sundara Khānda Pārāyanam *For success in all efforts*

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For additional services please contact the Temple at (718) 460-8484 ext. 112
All these services can be performed at home or in the Temple.

DAKSHINA & GRATUITY POLICY

One of the primary goals of our Temple has been and continues to be, to provide the highest levels of religious and other ancillary services to the devotees either at the Temple or at their homes. We are immensely pleased to acknowledge that, thanks to the relentless efforts of our dedicated priests and the ancillary kitchen staff, we have come a long way in this respect. In order to improve our services further, we are now informing the devotees requesting our priests' services outside and inside the Temple confirming the event indicating the name of the priest assigned for the service well in advance. We constantly evaluate feedback from the devotees with the objective wherever possible of improving the quality of our services and implement their suggestions. It is only natural that the satisfied devotees wish to express their sincere appreciation by generously giving *dakshina* to the priests and gratuity to the kitchen/community center staff.

However, due to the exigencies dictated by the needs of the Temple, it is not always possible to assign all the priests to provide outside services at all times, without impacting the quality of service provided in the Temple. Nonetheless, the *Devasthānam* strongly believes that the priests assigned to perform services in the Temple should not be deprived of the opportunity to earn *dakshina* by performing services outside.

In order to be fair to all the priests, the *Devasthānam* has established an equitable system by which the *dakshina* earned by all the priests for services rendered both inside and outside the Temple will be pooled and distributed equally among ALL THE PRIESTS so that "no priest is left behind". Likewise, a separate pool has been established for the gratuity earned by the kitchen staff and the Community Center staff and funds in these pools will be equally distributed among ALL THE KITCHEN STAFF & ALL THE COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF respectively.

This pooling system and the equitable distribution of *dakshina*/gratuity among the staff, however, will be effective only if the devotees fully understand the rationale behind it and observe the following suggestions:

- As far as possible, please DO NOT make cash payments.
- Please make your payment BY ONE CHECK payable to The Hindu Temple Society of North America or by CREDIT or DEBIT CARD.
- Please ENCLOSE the check in the envelope provided and give it to the priest.
- Please COMPLETE the form printed on the envelope or the card for the Kitchen/Community Center staff showing the allocation of your payment between services, pooja samagri, *dakshina*/gratuity etc.

We request ALL the devotees to extend their full cooperation in this respect. If you have any suggestions or questions please call (718) 460-8484 & dial any of the following extensions : Temple Counter ext. 112
Mr. G. Padmanabhan ext. 103 or Mr. Ravi Vaidyanat ext. 107

Thank you.
Temple Management

CANTEEN & CATERING SERVICES of The Hindu Temple Society of NA

143-09 Holly Ave. Flushing, NY 11355



Please visit Temple Canteen's
brand new website:
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email: canteen@nyganeshtemple.org

OPEN DAILY - 8:30 am to 9:00 pm

Freshly prepared food items {like *Idli*, *Vada*, all kinds of *Dosas*, *Uttappam*, *Upma*, Tamarind Rice, Yogurt Rice, *Laddus*, *Mysorepak*, *Jangri* & many other sweets} are usually available daily. Special items (like *Puri/Chole*, *Bonda*, *Dal Vada*, *Dahi Vada*, *Thali Meals* etc.) are prepared during weekends and certain holidays.

Catering services are also available with numerous vegetarian dishes for private parties, such as birthday celebrations, *upanayanams*, weddings, anniversaries, etc. Minimum order - 25 persons. The facility provides all accessories including Wedding *Mantapam*, Garlands, *Thāmbulam* Bags etc. and can also deliver the order within the NY/NJ/CT tri-state region whenever possible.



Wedding Services at The Hindu Temple Society of NA



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Services

Mantapams
Stages
Table Arrangements
Flower Arrangements
Candles and more...

*Additional items
Available Upon
Request



Items

Wedding Garlands
Jasmine (*Malli*) Flowers
Wedding Decorations
Balloon Decorations
Thambula Bags
Nagaswaram
Seer Bakshanam
Paruppu Thengai

Events

Weddings
Anniversaries
Bridal Showers
Engagements
Receptions
Birthdays
Upanayanams
Arangetrams

For Further Information please call (718) 460-8493 or
Wedding/Event Coordinator Jaya Sivamurthy (347) 532-2484 or (718) 460-8484 ext. 119
or email: events@nyganeshtemple.org

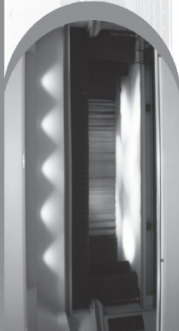
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Payable to: *The Hindu Temple Society of N.A.*
Visa & MasterCard Accepted!

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Name	Nakshatra
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City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (R) _____ (O) _____

Email: _____

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS TO THE TEMPLE

By Automobile: (A) If you are driving from **Manhattan or points West**, take I-495 East (Long Island Expressway) to Exit 24 (Kissena Blvd) and turn LEFT at Kissena Blvd.

(B) If you are driving from **Long Island or points East**, take I-495 West (Long Island Expressway) to Exit 24 (Kissena Blvd) and turn RIGHT at Kissena Blvd.

Drive about a mile on Kissena Blvd and turn RIGHT into Holly Avenue. Drive 3 blocks on Holly Avenue to Bowne Street. The Temple is on the LEFT side.

(C) If you are driving from **Connecticut or points North**, take I-95 South to I-678 South (Van Wyck Expressway). After crossing Whitestone Bridge, stay on I-678 South (RIGHT lane) and take Exit 15 to 20th Ave. At the traffic light, turn LEFT into Parsons Blvd and drive about 2.5 miles. At Flushing Hospital Medical Center (on RIGHT), turn RIGHT into 45th Ave and drive to next block. At Smart Street, turn LEFT and drive to the end of the street to Temple Parking Lot behind the temple.

(D) If you are driving from **Princeton, Philadelphia or points South**, take I-278 via Staten Island and take Exit 35 to I-495 East (Long Island Expressway) and follow directions as above (A).

By Public Transportation: Take Subway **Train No. 7** from Times Square to Flushing Main Street (the last stop on 7 train). Then take MTA **Bus Q27** from Main Street to Bowne Street on Holly Avenue. The bus runs on Kissena Blvd and turns left into Holly Ave Bus Stop. The next stop is Bowne Street near the temple. The bus ride is about 5 to 10 minutes. You may also take MTA **Buses Q17, Q25 and Q34** to Kissena Blvd and Holly Avenue and walk two short blocks to the temple.

Long Island Rail Road (**LIRR**) Trains from Penn Station / Woodside to Port Washington also stop in Flushing Main Street, adjacent to 7 train.