



GANEŠĀNJALI



Temple Newsletter

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CANTEEN & CATERING SERVICES of The Hindu Temple Society of NA

143-09 Holly Ave. Flushing, NY 11355



Temple Canteen is currently offering the following dining options
Daily from 8:30 AM to 9:00 PM

Take-Out - for info see: canteen.nyganesh temple.org

Indoor Dining - Face Mask recommended

We request you to please cooperate and wear a mask for your safety, the safety of our staff and others. Thank you for helping keep the community safe!

Temple Canteen also offers **delivery services** with
UberEats, Grubhub and DoorDash from 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM all days

With the grace and blessings of Sri Maha Vallabha Ganapati, the Temple canteen was started in 1993 - mainly to prepare "naivedyam" (food offering) to the deities in accordance with agama sastras. The authentic South Indian food at the canteen was a great appeal to devotees as well, who enjoyed the traditional flavor and taste of idli, dosa, pongal, upma, sambar, chutney, etc., Thanks to the encouragement of devotees, the canteen grew rapidly and moved in 1998 to the current, spacious location in the community center.

Please visit the Temple Canteen's website: canteen.nyganesh temple.org

email: canteen@nyganesh temple.org

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A Letter From the President

Dear Fellow Devotees,

Namaste. We hope, having been almost released from the grip of the pandemic, you had enjoyable *Śri Ganeśa Chaturthi*, *Deepāvali* and *Śri Devi Navarātri* festivals. All major festivals including the 45th Anniversary of the Temple, *Śri Sudarśana Mahā Yajnam*, *Śri Rāghavendra Swāmy Ārādhana*, *Deepāvali* and *Śri Devi Navarātri* festivals were celebrated as usual with more number of devotees participating after relaxation of two year long pandemic-related restrictions (except masking). The most important festival celebrated was *Mahā Kumbhābhishekam*, 5th consecration of the *Devasthānam* performed from August 31st thru September 7th (previously postponed in 2020 due to the unfortunate pandemic) and the annual *Śri Ganeśa Chaturthi* celebrations August 29th & 30th and continued September 8th thru September 11th.

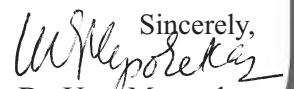
In order to celebrate the once-in-12-year religious event, consecration of the *Devasthanam* was performed strictly according to *Āgama śāstra* with the addition of 33 priests, from other Temples within the US and from India. In addition to the main *homa kunda* dedicated to *Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati*, *homa kundas* were erected where elaborate services followed by simultaneous *Poornāhuti* were performed daily to the delight of the devotees present. The 108 *Kanya* and 108 *Sumangali poojas*, the procession of all the priests in their colorful silk dress chanting *veda mantras* both in mornings and evenings on two days, the procession of beautifully decorated *panchamoorthy vigrahas* (*Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati Śri Siva*, *Śri Shanmukha*, *Śri Venkateśwara* and *Śri Hanumān*) devotedly carried by our Temple's dedicated volunteer force to the accompaniment of mellifluous *nagaswara* music were some of the highlights of the event. The simultaneous *mangala hārati* on the last day at all the *homa kundas* was a soulful sight. The *Kumbhābhishekam* of all the *vimanas* including that of Lord *Ganeśa* performed by all the priests simultaneously on the last day (September 7th) was very pleasing both to the eyes and heart of all. Thousands of devotees witnessed this grand sight thronging in front of the Temple. *Śri Ganeśa Chaturthi* festival was also celebrated with usual grandeur on August 29th & 30th and continued September 8th thru September 11th. This concluded with grand *Ratha Yātra* in which *Śri Mahā Ganapati* was taken in the beautiful silver *Ratha* (chariot) around the streets of Flushing. In addition to many dignitaries and elected officials, NYC Mayor, Mr. Eric Adams also participated in this event. All the events were live-streamed for the benefit of absentee-devotees.

The dedicated service of the *Devasthanam* staff, the sincere volunteers, security staff and last but not the least the cooperation of devotees need special mention. Excellent arrangements for the continuous distribution of food *prasadam* to devotees were made to the satisfaction of the devotees.

I thank you for your support through your valuable and generous contributions in the past and I appeal to you for your continued patronage and we will do our best to serve you and the Temple.

May the blessings of *Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati* be always with you and your families.

Sarve Jana Sukhino Bhavanthu

Sincerely,

Dr. Uma Mysorekar
President

KUMBHĀBHISHEKAM 2022

(Highlights of some of the Preliminary Preparations)

The much awaited 5th consecration of the Temple was successfully performed on September 7th, 2022. Even though the ceremonial rituals took place from August 31st through September 7th, the preliminary and preparatory work commenced 2 years ahead and with the combined team effort all the planned activities were executed meticulously.

Several renovations were performed before the 5th consecration such as beautification and enrichment of all the *vimānams* of the *Parivāra Devata Sannidhis*, *Śri Pārvati*, *Śri Kāmākshi*, *Śri Hanumān* and *Dwajasthambam*. All the *gopurams* were renovated, painted and covered with nets to prevent damage from the birds. New *kalaśams* were installed on all the *gopurams* and *vimānams*. The 32 shrines of *Ganeśa* around the outer circle of the Temple were beautified by fixing an artistic altar on each made of reinforced fiberglass material. *Rajata* (silver) and *Swarna* (gold) *bandhanam*, a metallic binding installed tightly over the *ashtabandhana* as the topmost layer for *Śri Śiva*, *Śri Pārvati*, *Śri Kāmākshi*, *Śri Shanmukha Valli Devasena*, *Śri Venkateśwara*, *Śri Mahā Lakshmi* and *Śri Hanumān*. Similarly, *Rajata* (silver) *bandhanam* were installed for *Śri Mooshika-Balipeetam*, *Śri Nandi-Balipeetam* and *Śri Mayura-Balipeetam*.

New granite stone-carved *Kumbha Chandikeśwara* and *Dwani Chandikeśwara* were installed and consecrated in the *koshtam* of *Śri Ganeśa* and *Śri Śiva Sannidhis*. New *panchaloha* (alloy of five metals) *moorthies* were also installed and consecrated for *Chandikeśwara*, *Triśula Devar* and *Sudarsana Chakra*. A new copper with gold electroplating sheet engraved with the *pranava mantra OM* was installed inside top ceiling of the *Śri Ganeśa Sannidhi* replacing the old one.

As part of the ceremonial rituals, Temple had arranged 108 *Sumangali Pooja* and *Bāla Pooja*. There was an overwhelming response and the whole *yāgaśāla* was filled with *sumangalis* and children. Several devotees appreciated it and suggested that the Temple should arrange these kinds of *poojas* on an annual basis. Installation of a big LED TV in the food section to view all the ceremonies live was a big attraction and much appreciated by the devotees.



108 Sumangali Pooja and Bāla Pooja

Finally, the temple wishes to place on record, the appreciation to all concerned in this project, Board members, Committee members, Devotees, Donors & Sponsors, Priests, Cooks, Staff members, Volunteers, Suppliers, Vendors, Service providers, Print & Social medias and many others. Our *Pranāms* to all the *Devatas* of the Temple for blessing us with strength and confidence in conducting this mega event successfully.

MAHĀ KUMBHĀBHIŠHEKAM 2022



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FESTIVALS



*Šri Devi Khodiyār Māta Pooja
Sunday, June 5th, 2022*



*Šri Venkateśwara Mahotsavam
Friday, June 10th - Sunday, June 19th, 2022*



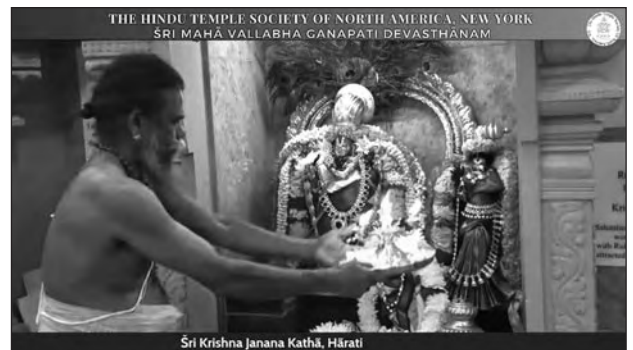
*Šri Venkateśwara Mahotsavam
Friday, June 10th - Sunday, June 19th, 2022*



*45th Anniversary of the Temple
Monday, July 4th, 2022*



*Šri Sudaršana Mahā Yajnam
Friday, July 8th - Sunday, July 10th, 2022*



*Šri Krishna Janmashtami
Thursday, August 18th, 2022*

FESTIVALS



*Šri Ganeša Chaturthi Nava Dina Brahmotsavam
August 29th & 30th and September 8th thru September 11th, 2022*



*Šri Devi Navaratri Mahotsavam
Monday, September 26th - Tuesday, October 4th, 2022*



*Deepāvāli Celebrations
Saturday, October 22nd - Monday, October 24th, 2022*

FESTIVALS, CULTURAL & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



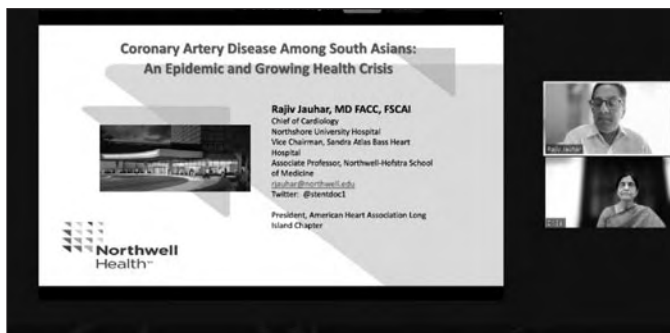
*Skanda Shashti Mahotsavam
Tuesday, October 25th - Monday, October 31st, 2022*



*Composers' Day
Saturday, May 21st, 2022*



*Interfaith Harmony Celebrations
Sunday, June 5th, 2022*



*Health & Wellness during the Pandemic - Session #6
Sunday, June 12th, 2022*



*Dance & Bhajans Program
for Sri Venkateswara Mahotsavam
Sunday, June 19th, 2022*

CULTURAL & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



*Hindustani Sitar Concert - 45th Temple Anniversary Celebrations
Sunday, July 10th, 2022*



*Mini Health Fair
Sunday, July 24th, 2022*



*Music Concert - Sri Ganesa Chaturthi & Maha Kumbhabhishekam Celebrations
Saturday, September 3rd, 2022*



*An Evening of Musical Medley
Sunday, September 11th, 2022*



*Cancer Walk
Sunday, October 16th, 2022*



*Deepavali Mela
Sunday, November 13th, 2022*

**SUGGESTED HOMAMS / POOJAS FOR PARIHARA,
GENERAL WELFARE & DURING OTHER
AUSPICIOUS EVENTS**

Mahā Ganapati Homam	
Sudaršana Homam	Removal of all obstacles
Sankata Hara Chaturthi Pooja	
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Mahā Lakshmi Homam	
Šankhābhishekam	Success in all endeavors
.....	
Mrityunjaya Homam	
Dhanvantari Homam	Recover from ill-health
Āditya Hrudaya Pārāyanam/Homam	
.....	
Nāga Śānti Homam	
Subrahmanya Homam	
Kāla Rāhu Śānti Homam	Removal of Sarpa Dosha
Nāga Pratishta	
Āślesha Homam	
Garuda Homam	
.....	
Chandi Homam	
Sudaršana Homam	Recovery from difficult times
Navagraha Homam	
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Navagraha Homam	Overcoming problems
Sudaršana Homam	
.....	
Santāna Gopala Krishna Homam	
Purusha Sookta Homam	Praying for child
.....	
Swayamvara Pārvati Pooja	
Durga Deepa Namaskaram	Praying for marriage
Srinivāsa Kalyānam	
Pārvati Kalyānam	
.....	
Bāla Mārkaṇḍeya Homam	
Āyushya Homam	Protecting child
.....	
Mahā Ganapati Homam	
Sudaršana Homam	Moving into new house
Vishnu Homam, Vastu Homam	
Rakshoghna Homam	
.....	
Āyushya Homam	First and subsequent birthdays
.....	
Āyushya Homam	
Rudra Homam	60 th , 70 th , & 80 th birthdays
Navagraha Homam	and Longevity
Mrityunjaya Homam	
Sarva Devata Homam	
Sudaršana Homam	
Dhanvantari Homam	
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Saraswati Homam	Initiating into studies
.....	
Sudaršana Homam	Business Development
.....	
Chandi Pātha Samputi	
Pārāyanam / Homam	Career Advancement
.....	
Sandhi Śānti Homam	Graha Śānti
.....	
Lakshmi Nārāyana Hrudaya	
Pārāyanam / Homam	Prosperity
.....	
Satyanārāyana Pooja	
Budha Graha Śānti Pooja	Wisdom
.....	
Tila Homam, Prāyaschitta	
Pavamāna Homam	Repentance
.....	
Satyanārāyana Pooja	General Welfare (Loka Kshemam)
.....	
Sundara Khānda Pārāyanam	For success in all efforts
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RELIGIOUS SERVICES

ABHISHEKAMS:

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

ARCHANAS:

Ashtottaram (108)
Sahasra Nāma (1,008)
Triśati (300)

HOMAMS:

Ganapati Homam	Šri Rudra Homam
Sarva Devata Homam	Sudaršana Homam
Chandi Homam	Dhanvantri Homam
Vishnu Homam	Saraswati Homam
Lakshmi Narasimha Homam	Navagraha Homam
Nāga Śānti Homam	Mrityunjaya Homam
Šri Subrahmanya Homam	Āyushya Homam

SAMSKĀRAS:

Nāma Karanam	Seemantham
Shashti Abda Poorthi	Šathābhishekam
Punyāhavāchanam	Griha Ārambham
Annaprāśanam	Griha Praveśam
Apara Kriyas	Vidyārambham
Upanayanam	Hiranya Šrāddham / Pitru Tarpanam
Hair Offering	Vivāham (Wedding)

SPECIAL POOJAS for Deities:

Šri Satyanārāyana Pooja	Navāvarana Pooja
Šri Guru Pāduka Pooja	Šree Mahā Meru
Kalyāna Utsavam	Navagraha Śānti

OTHER POOJAS / SERVICES:

New Business	Veda Pārāyana
Sundara Khānda Pārāyanam	Saptasati Pārāyanam
New Vehicle/ New House	Travel

**Book Religious Services over the
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Temple Timings are as follows:

Monday thru Friday: 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM

Saturdays & Sundays: 7:30 AM - 8:30 PM

Please note: ALL DEVOTEES visiting the Temple :

- Face Masks are **recommended** to enter the Temple.
- Chanting or singing by anyone other than the Temple priests, is **strictly prohibited** while inside the Mahā Mantapam.
- Connecting and/or charging of cell phones, laptops or other portable electronic devices to any power outlets within the Temple premises is **strictly prohibited**.
- **Timings for admittance are subject to change at the discretion of the Temple Management**, before visiting the Temple please visit our website for updates or contact the Temple directly at (718) 460-8484 ext. 112.

Entry Restrictions: PLEASE DO NOT VISIT THE TEMPLE, CANTEEN OR COMMUNITY CENTER if you have recently been exposed to someone with COVID19, are feeling sick or showing any symptoms of an illness. For the safety of all devotees and our staff - MASKS ARE RECOMMENDED.

Please call the Temple at: (718) 460 8484 ext. 112 or visit the Temple website: <https://nyganeshtemple.org> for booking services, religious schedules and live streaming info.

Weekly live-streaming schedules see - nyganeshtemple.org/tv

Devotees may watch LIVE: [Facebook.com/nyganeshtemple](https://www.facebook.com/nyganeshtemple) or [YouTube.com/nyganeshtemple](https://www.youtube.com/nyganeshtemple)

Please support the Temple during these challenging times by donating online generously at - nyganeshtemple.org/donations-annadanam

Temple Canteen / Catering Services see - canteen.nyganeshtemple.org

Patasala Online Classes see - nyganeshtemple.org/patasala

Yoga Classes Online see - nyganeshtemple.org/yoga

Veda & Divya Prabhandha Classes Online - nyganeshtemple.org/divya-prabhandha-veda-classes

Akshayam (HTS Young Professionals Team) info see - nyganeshtemple.org/akshayam

Senior Center Activities Online see - nyganeshtemple.org/seniors

SUPPORT THE TEMPLE

Please join us in celebrating the religious and cultural activities of the Temple with your family and receive the blessings of Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati.