



# GA NE Š Ā NJ AL I

Daily Poojas & Special Services



ŠRI MAHĀ VALLABHA GANAPATI

---

THE HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA, NY  
*Šri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati Devasthānam*  
45-57 Bowne Street, Flushing, NY 11355-2202  
Tel: (718) 460-8484 ext.112 ♦ Fax: (718) 461-8055  
email: [hts@nyganeshtemple.org](mailto:hts@nyganeshtemple.org) ♦ <https://nyganeshtemple.org>

---

January 2025

## OUR TEMPLE DEVATĀS

### PRADHĀNA (MOOLAVAR) DEVATĀS

Šri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati  
Šri Šiva  
Šri Pārvati  
Šri Kāmākshi & Mahā Meru  
Šri Shanmukha & Valli, Devasena  
Šri Venkatešwara  
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 & Rādha  
Šri Gāyatri  
Šri Devi Khodiyār Māta  
Šri Ayyappa  
Šri Agastiyar & Lopa Mudra  
Šri Durga  
Šri Chandrasekaraswamy / Ānandavalli (utsavar)  
Šri Triśula Astradeva  
Šri Ātma Linga  
Šri Valli Devasena sameta Subramanya (utsavar), Arunagirinathar  
Šri Dakshinamoorthy  
Šri Natarāja, Sivakāmi & Mānikkavāchakar  
Šri Kāmākshi (utsavar)  
Šri Swarna Bhairavar  
Ankuša Astradevas / Ganeša Kumbha Chandikešwarar (utsavar)  
Šri Sudaršana & Narasimha  
Šri Satyanārāyana & Ramā Devi  
Šri Hanumān (utsavar)  
Šri Dhanvantari & Šri Garuda  
Šri Venkatešwara, Šridevi & Bhudevi (utsavar)  
Šri Navagraha  
Šri Nāgendra  
Šri Rāghavendra & Prahalāda Rāja

...LIST OF DEVATAS CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE

## **KOSHĀ DEVATĀS**

**Around Śivā Sannidhi: Dakshināmoorthy, Lingodbhava, Brahma,  
Śiva Dhvani Chandikeśwarar**

**Around Shanmukha Sannidhi: Subrahmanya, Dandāyuthapāni, Guha**

**Around Venkateśwara Sannidhi: Vishnu, Vasudeva, Narasimha**

**Around Mahā Lakshmi Sannidhi: Mahā Lakshmi on all three Koshtas**

**Around Ganeśa Sannidhi:(3) forms of Ganeśa - Dakshina, Paschima,  
Uttara, Ganeśa Kumbha Chandikeśwarar**

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 listed are worshiped on a regular basis in the Devasthānam. Most major Hindu religious festivals are observed.

---

### **Temple Hours**

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

---

## **DAILY RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

8:00 am	Mahā Ganapati Suprabhātām* / Usha Kāla Pooja
8:15 am	Venkateśwara Suprabhātām§
8:15 am	Śiva Abhishekam / Mahā Ganapati Homam
9:00 am	Mahā Ganapati Abhishekam¶
10:00 am	Veda Pārāyanam
5:00 pm	Veda Pārāyanam
6:00 pm	Parivāra Pooja
7:30 pm	Sarva Devata Mangala Hārati
8:40 pm	Ardha Yama Pooja for Mahā Ganapati & Śri Venkateśwara

*\*Weekends at 7:30 am / §7:45 am • Sundays at ¶11:00 am*

**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**

# WEEKLY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

## **Monday**

6:00 pm Śiva Abhishekam

## **Tuesday**

9:00 am Hanumān Abhishekam  
9:00 am Nāgendra Abhishekam  
9:00 am Kāmākshi Abhishekam  
5:30 pm Hanumān Sahasranāma Pooja  
6:00 pm Hanumān Chalisa Pārāyanam  
6:00 pm Shanmukha Abhishekam

## **Wednesday**

6:00 pm Saraswati Abhishekam, Sahasranāma Pooja

## **Thursday**

9:00 am Rāghavendra Swāmy Abhishekam  
9:00 am Dakshināmoorthy Abhishekam  
6:00 pm Dakshināmoorthy Rudra Triśati Nāma Archana  
6:00 pm Rāghavendra Swāmy Guru Pāduka Pooja  
6:00 pm Gayatri Japam

## **Friday**

9:00 am Pārvati Abhishekam, Lalita Sahasranāma Pārāyanam  
10:00 am Mahā Lakshmi Sahasranāma Pooja  
6:00 pm \*Mahā Lakshmi Abhishekam  
(\*performed at 9:00 am on Poornima when it falls on a Friday)

## **Saturday**

8:30 am Vishnu Sahasranāma Pārāyanam  
9:00 am Navagraha Abhishekam  
11:00 am Venkateśwara Abhishekam  
6:00 pm Venkateśwara Sahasranāma Pooja  
6:00 pm Rāghavendra Swāmy Sahasranāma Pooja

## **Sunday**

11:00 am Mahā Ganapati Abhishekam  
4:30 pm Durga Abhishekam, Durga Sahasranāma Archana  
6:00 pm Mahā Ganapati Sahasranāma Pooja

## **SCHEDULED RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

### **AT THE TEMPLE**

#### **First Thursday of every month**

9:00 am Guru Homam  
6:00 pm Gāyatri Abhishekam

#### **First Saturday of every month**

7:45 am Navagraha Homam  
6:00 pm Šri Ayyappa Abhishekam, Pooja

#### **Second Saturday of every month**

6:00 pm Šri Sudaršana Abhishekam, Sahasranāma Pooja  
6:00 pm Šri Sanešwara Sahasranāma Pooja

#### **Third Saturday of every month**

6:00 pm Šri Dhanvantari & Garuda Abhishekam  
6:00 pm Šri Ayyappa Sahasranāma Pooja

#### **First Sunday of every month**

8:00 am Soorya Namaskāram  
2:00 pm Šri Devi Khodiyār Mātā Pooja

#### **On Poornima days**

8:00 am Mahā Lakshmi Homam\*  
*(\*performed when it falls on a Friday ONLY)*  
9:00 am Šri Agastya & Lopamudra Abhishekam\*\*  
*(\*\*when it falls on a Sunday at 11:00 am)*  
9:00 am Šri Kāmākshi Utsavar Abhishekam, Sahasranāma Pooja  
5:00 pm Šri Satyanārāyana Abhishekam  
5:00 pm Mahā Meru Navāvarana Pooja  
6:00 pm Šri Satyanārāyana Pooja

#### **On Pradosham**

6:00 pm Šri Šiva & Nandikešwara Abhishekam

#### **On Krittika**

9:00 am Šri Shanmukha Sahasranāma Pooja  
6:00 pm Šri Shanmukha Abhishekam

**SCHEDULED RELIGIOUS SERVICES**  
**AT THE TEMPLE - CONT'D**

**On Sukla Shashti**

8:00 am Šri Subrahmanya Homam

9:00 am Šri Subrahmanya Abhishekam

5:00 pm Šri Subrahmanya Homam\*

6:00 pm Šri Subrahmanya Abhishekam\*

*(\*performed when it falls on a Tuesday ONLY)*

**On Krittika & Sukla Shashti - (When both fall on same day)**

8:00 am Šri Subrahmanya Homam

9:00 am Šri Shanmukha Abhishekam

6:00 pm Šri Shanmukha Sahasranāma Pooja

**On Šukla Chaturthi**

6:00 pm Mahā Ganapati Utsavar Abhishekam,  
Ganeša Kumbha Chandikešwarar Abhishekam,  
Ankušam Astradeva Abhishekam.

**On Krishna (Sankata Hara) Chaturthi**

6:00 pm Mahā Ganapati Abhishekam, Gakāra Archana,  
Upachāram, Prakara Utsavam, Hārati.

**On Punarvasu Nakshatra**

9:00 am Šri Rama Abhishekam, Sahasranāma Pooja

**On Rohini Nakshatra**

9:00 am Šri Krishna Abhishekam, Sahasranāma Pooja

**On Ardra Nakshatra**

6:00 pm Šri Šiva Sahasranāma Pooja

**On Moola Nakshatra**

9:00 am Šri Hanumān Abhishekam (Moolavar / Utsavar)

**On Šravana Nakshatra**

9:00 am Šri Dhanvantari Sahasranāma Pooja

**SCHEDULED RELIGIOUS SERVICES**  
**AT THE TEMPLE - CONT'D**

**On Amāvāsya**

8:15 am Triśula Astradeva Abhishekam  
6:00 pm Śri Bhairavar Sahasranāma Pooja

**Krishna Ashtami**

6:00 pm Śri Bhairavar Abhishekam

**Performed Monthly**

10:30 am Sundara Kāndam Pārāyanam  
*For scheduled date, please contact the Temple Counter  
directly at (718)460-8484 ext. 112*

**Performed six times at year**

9:00 am or 6:00 pm - Śri Natarāja Abhishekam  
*For exact dates, please see Temple calendar*

**Utsavar Abhishekams - Sundays (Monthly)**

**First Sunday of every Month**

6:00 pm Śri Śiva-Pārvati Utsavar Abhishekam

**Second Sunday of every Month**

6:00 pm Śri Shanmukha Utsavar Abhishekam

**Third Sunday of every Month**

6:00 pm Śri Venkateśwara Utsavar Abhishekam

**Fourth Sunday of every Month**

6:00 pm Mahā Lakshmi Utsavar Abhishekam

---

**Devotees may sponsor religious services online  
anytime at: [nyaneshtemple.org](http://nyaneshtemple.org) or by calling  
the Temple at: (718) 460-8484 ext.112**

## COMBINED TARIFF FOR SPONSORED RELIGIOUS SERVICES & DRAVYAS

The tariff given below is for religious services and the cost of *dravyas* (other than *naivedyam* & 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 *naivedyam* and/or garland, all of which can also be supplied by the Temple at additional cost. Priest's *dakshina* is at the discretion of the sponsor, please refer to page 15 of this booklet for *dakshina* and gratuity policy. Combined Tariff indicated below:

	<u>Temple</u>	<u>Outside***</u>	<u>Schedule Day</u>
Abhishekam	\$151	\$251	\$ 51
Annaprāsanam	\$151	\$251	
Ashtottara Archana	\$ 10		
Ekādaśavara			
Rudrābhishekam	\$375	\$501	
Griha Praveśam		\$501	
Guru Paduka Pooja	\$ 51		\$ 31
Hair Offering	\$151		
Harati	\$ 2		
Homams:			
Ganapati	\$151	\$301	\$ 51
Navagraha	\$251	\$501	\$ 51
Chandi	\$251	\$501	
All Others	\$211	\$501	
Kanaka Abhishekam	\$501		
Kālyāna Utsavam	\$251*	\$501¶	
Last Rites (Funeral)		\$251	
Apara Kriya (other than Funeral)	\$151	\$251	
Lighting of Lamps			
- with oil	\$ 1		
- with ghee	\$ 2		
Nāmakaranam	\$151		
Navāvarana Pooja	\$151	\$301	\$ 31
Pinda Pradhanam	\$101	\$201	
Punyāhavāchanam	\$101	\$251	
Sahasranāma Archana	\$ 25		\$ 12
Satyanārāyana Pooja	\$125	\$251	\$ 31
Satyanārāyana Pooja - (SAT/SUN)	\$151**		



**COMBINED TARIFF FOR SPONSORED RELIGIOUS SERVICES & DRAVYAS CONT'D**

	<u>Temple</u>	<u>Outside***</u>	<u>Scheduled Day</u>
Seemantam	\$501	\$751	
Šrāddham (Hiranya)	\$ 61	\$251	
Šrāddham (Hiranya) with Homam	\$151	\$301	
Stothram Pārāyanam			\$ 21
Sashtiapda Purti (60 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)	\$501	\$751	
Bhima Ratha Shanti (70 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)	\$501	\$751	
Sadabishekam (80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)	\$501	\$751	
Tarpanam	\$ 31	\$175	
Trisātināma Archana	\$ 21		\$ 11
Upanayanam	\$501	\$751	
Vada Malā (108)	\$131		
Vada Malā (54)	\$ 66		
Vahana (Vehicle) Pooja	\$ 31		
Veda Pārāyanam (per 1 hr session)	\$ 51	\$151	\$ 21
Vidyā-Ārambham	\$101	\$201	
Wedding Engagement	\$251	\$501	
Wedding	\$501	\$751	
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 two weeks in advance.  
 (IV) **All services** (except Archana & Hārati) must be scheduled at least **two weeks 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:  
 a) \*\*\*Outside (above 25 miles)    b) Overnight Stay of priests(s)  
 (VII) For additional service(s) charges please contact the Temple.  
 (VIII) Sponsors are responsible for providing transportation to assigned priests(s). Otherwise an additional charge will apply.  
 (IX) Vahana (Vehicle) Pooja: This service is not done during cold, winter, snow or rain. Alternatively, devotees may have their keys (of the new vehicle) blessed by performing an Ashtottara Archana.

**ALL TARIFFS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## **SPONSORSHIP OF SPECIAL RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

1. \*ONE-DAY Sarva Devata (All Deities) Abhishekam\*\*\* :  
Weekday: \$2,601.00  
Weekend/Holidays: \$3,201.00
2. \*FULL DAY Sponsor of ALL events (regular scheduled services)  
in the Temple: Weekday: \$ 501.00  
Weekend/Holidays: \$1,001.00
3. Šankha (Conch) Abhishekam with Homam  
(excluding food prasādam)  
108 Šankhas \$ 501.00
4. Satyanārāyana Pooja or Mahā Meru Navāvarana Pooja  
for a WHOLE YEAR performed on Poornima days: \$ 372.00
5. Sankata Hara Chaturthi for a WHOLE YEAR: \$ 612.00
6. \*ONE-DAY Sarva Devata (All Deities) Archanās\*\*:  
Weekday: \$ 251.00  
Weekend/Holidays: \$ 301.00
7. Sarva Devata Homam \$ 351.00\*\*\*
8. 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 & fruits.

\*\*\*ABHISHEKAMS & HOMAMS: Dravyas & sāmāgrīs included.

### **FOOD PRASĀDAM**

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

Mini Bowl	\$ 25
Small Bowl / Tray	\$ 50
Large Bowl / Tray	\$ 75
Other Quantities	UPON REQUEST

**ALL TARIFFS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**GARLANDS** (*orders must be placed ONE week in advance*),  
**LADDU, COCONUT, FLOWER BUNCH,**  
**& JASMINE FLOWERS**  
**ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

*For pricing contact the Temple Counter at (718) 460-8484 ext. 112*

**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 .....\$51.00*

**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) 460-8484 ext. 112*

---

*Visit us online at : <https://nyganeshtemple.org>*

*on Facebook at : <facebook.com/nyganeshtemple>*

*follow us on Instagram at : <instagram.com/nyganeshtemple>*

*visit our Youtube Channel at : <youtube.com/nyganeshtemple>*

**EMAIL US ANYTIME AT :**

Temple : [hts@nyganeshtemple.org](mailto:hts@nyganeshtemple.org)

Canteen : [canteen@nyganeshtemple.org](mailto:canteen@nyganeshtemple.org)

Giftshop : [giftshop@nyganeshtemple.org](mailto:giftshop@nyganeshtemple.org)

Community Center : [cc@nyganeshtemple.org](mailto:cc@nyganeshtemple.org)

---

## 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*, *Vaishnava & Madhwa 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
- **Sudaršana** 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**
- **Veda Pārāyana**
- **Saptaśati Pārāyanam**
- **New House**
- **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  
Temple Counter: Tel: (718) 460-8484 ext.112 ^ Fax: (718) 461-8055  
Email: hts@nyganeshtemple.org

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

Mahā Ganapati Homam Sudaršana Homam Sankata Hara Chaturthi Pooja	<i>Removal of all obstacles</i>
.....	
Mahā Lakshmi Homam Śankhābhishekam	<i>Success in all endeavors</i>
.....	
Mrityunjaya Homam Dhanvantari Homam Āditya Hrudaya Pārāyanam/Homam	<i>Recover from ill-health</i>
.....	
Nāga Śanti Homam Subrahmanya Homam Kāla Rāhu Śanti Homam Nāga Pratishtha Āślesha 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>
.....	
Santāna Gopala Krishna Homam Purusha Sookta Homam	<i>Praying for child</i>
.....	
Swayamvara Pārvati Pooja Durga Deepa Namaskaram Srinivāsa Kalyānam Pārvati Kalyānam	<i>Praying for marriage</i>
.....	
Bāla Mārkandeya Homam Āyushya Homam	<i>Protecting child</i>
.....	
Mahā 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*

---

Āyushya Homam

Rudra Homam

*60<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup> & 80<sup>th</sup> Birthdays  
and Longevity*

Navagraha Homam

Mrityunjaya Homam

Sarva Devata Homam

Sudaršana Homam

Dhanvantari Homam

---

Saraswati Homam

*Initiating into studies*

---

Sudaršana Homam

*Business Development*

---

Chandi Pātha Samputi

Pārayanam / 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*

---

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 the relentless efforts of our priests and the kitchen staff, for their dedicated services. 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. 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.

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 DO NOT pay dakshina/gratuity or tips separately to the Priests, Cooks or Kitchen staff
- Please make your payment BY ONE CHECK payable to The Hindu Temple Society of North America or BY CREDIT 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.

We request ALL the devotees to extend their full cooperation in this respect.

If you have any suggestions or questions please call the Temple Counter at (718) 460-8484 ext. 112 or Mr. Ravi Vaidyanaat (718) 460-8484 ext. 107

Thank you.  
Temple Management

# 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](http://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 from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM all days

With the grace and blessings of Sri Maha Vallabha Ganapati, the Temple canteen was started in 1993. The authentic South Indian food at the canteen is a great appeal to devotees, who enjoy the traditional flavor and taste of idli, dosa, pongal, upma, sambar, chutney, etc., Thanks to the encouragement of devotees, the canteen continues to grow and is located in the basement level of the community center.

Please visit the Temple Canteen's website: [canteen.nyganesh temple.org](http://canteen.nyganesh temple.org)

email: [canteen@nyganesh temple.org](mailto:canteen@nyganesh temple.org)

Tel: (718) 460-8493 or (718) 460-8484 ext.123





# COMMUNITY CENTER

## of The Hindu Temple Society of NA

143-09 Holly Avenue, Flushing, NY 11355

### The Hindu Temple Community Center

The Community Center complex at the Hindu Temple houses an exquisite auditorium, wedding halls, conference rooms and a canteen to host all types events, cultural meets, functions, conferences, fairs and festivals. A truly unique venue to hold your function



### Auditorium – 2nd floor

Considered one of the best performance centers in the borough of Queens, the Hindu Temple auditorium offers state-of-the-art lighting high-definition acoustics and an outstanding performance space for the highest caliber of music, dance and theatrical productions including Indian classical and contemporary music and dances, operas, orchestras and ensembles.



### Lakshmi and Parvati Halls – main floor

Hundreds of weddings, performance events, lectures and dinners have been conducted in these two beautiful halls in community center complex of the Temple. The halls may be rented separately with a sound proof partition in between, so that two functions may take place simultaneously or together as one large hall to host large events and dinners.



### TEMPLE GIFT SHOP

### Temple Gift Shop (Temple Canteen area) – lower level

The Temple gift shop carries a wide variety of items, such as pictures of Deities, Vighras (idols), pendants, coins, Veda and prayer books, Amarchitra Katha (Illustrated books for children), Tulsi and Rudraksha mala, Vibhooti, Chandana, Kumkuma, Key chains, Video/Audio recordings, Ayurvedic medicines and many more items!

### Wedding Services at The Hindu Temple

One stop for all your needs & services for all occasions...Check availability - contact us today! CATERING AVAILABLE FOR ALL EVENTS

#### INCLUDES:

**Services:** Mandaps, Stages, Table Arrangements, Flowers Arrangements Candles and more...

**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, Upanayams, Arangetrams.

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

**For Further Information and rental please contact  
Community Center Manager at (718) 460-8484 ext. 125 or 126  
Email: [cc@nyganeshtemple.org](mailto:cc@nyganeshtemple.org)**

# TEMPLE ACTIVITIES - OUTREACH

## of The Hindu Temple Society of NA



The Temple has been the center of several activities including outreach / seva for many years. These activities offer programs that appeal to people of all ages in the community and they include: Senior, Youth, Education, Health, Community-related and Interfaith activities.

### Activities & Outreach offered at the Temple

Educational Activities, Fine Arts Activities, Senior Program Activities, Yoga Classes, Pranayama and Meditation Classes, Veda & Divya Prabhandas Classes, Youth Group, Akshayam (Hindu Young Professionals), Volunteering (Temple Premises, Soup Kitchen & Temple Garden - Seasonal maintenance) and more!



**For Further Information Please Call (718) 460-8484 ext.112**  
**email: [outreach@nyganeshtemple.org](mailto:outreach@nyganeshtemple.org) OR : [patasala@nyganeshtemple.org](mailto:patasala@nyganeshtemple.org)**

# SPONSORSHIP FORM

The Hindu Temple Society of North America  
45-57 Bowne Street, Flushing, NY 11355-2202  
Tel: (718) 460-8484 ext. 112 • Fax: (718) 461-8055  
email: [hts@nyganeshtemple.org](mailto:hts@nyganeshtemple.org) • <http://nyganeshtemple.org>

Please perform the following: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name	Nakshatra
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Gotra: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (R) \_\_\_\_\_ (O) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Payments are accepted by credit card - in person or over the  
phone by calling the Temple at (718) 460-8484 ext. 112

---

If you wish to pay with a paper check, please make check payable to “*The Hindu Temple Society of North America*” and remember to mention the service in the ‘memo’ of the check. Checks should be mailed to: 45-57 Bowne Street, Flushing, NY 11355.

---

Devotees may also sponsor services online  
please see: [nyganeshtemple.org](http://nyganeshtemple.org)

## 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 and turn left on Bowne Street for temple entrance on the right side or proceed straight on Holly Avenue for temple entrance on the left.

(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 Robinson 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 and turn left on Bowne Street for temple entrance on the right side or proceed straight on Holly Avenue for temple entrance on the left.

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