

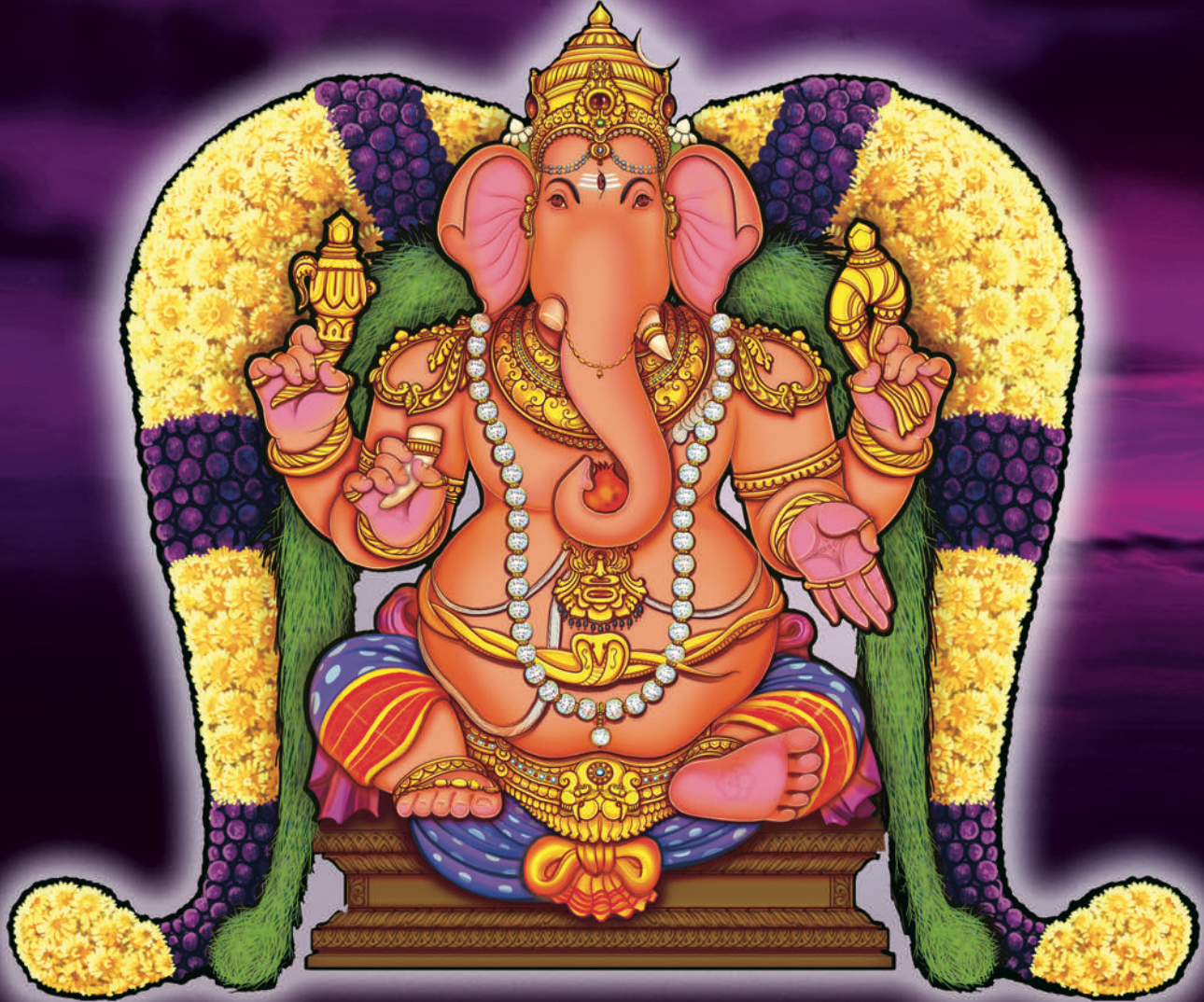


GANEŠĀNJALI



Temple Newsletter

December 2024



ŠRI EKAKSHARA GANAPATI

THE HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA, NY

Šri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati Devasthānam

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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.nyganestemple.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 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.nyganestemple.org

email: canteen@nyganestemple.org

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

A Letter From the President

Dear Fellow Devotees,

Namaste. Wish you all a very Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year. Like the previous years the year 2024 was remarkable in that apart from the celebration of the 47th Anniversary of the Temple, *Ganesh Chaturthi* festival with the popular *Ratha Yātra* was participated by thousands of devotees, well wishers and elected officials. Installation of two new beautiful sculptures depicting the celestial wedding scenes of *Śri Śiva/Śri Pārvati* and *Śri Venkateswara/Śri Mahā Lakshmi* on either side walls at the entrance of the Temple on Holly Avenue has added to the beauty and the sanctity of our Temple right from the entrance.

Several cultural programs such as Grand Music Concert for the 47th Anniversary of the Temple and presentation of Music and Dance for *Śri Ganesh Chaturthi* celebrations and others were conducted in the last six months. The 10th International Yoga Day was conducted on June 2nd, annual Health Fair on June 30th and Akshayam (Young Professional Group) successfully conducted their annual conference 'Anubhava' on July 21st and the topic of discussion was "Application of Traditional Teachings in Modern Life".

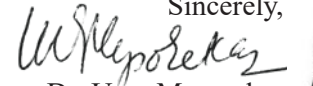
Youth group remains active and had several activities in the last six months. The Pātaśāla continues to grow and classes have resumed in person at the Temple. We encourage parents to enroll their children in the Pātaśāla which focuses on education and fine arts. Senior Center activities are currently suspended for the winter and will resume in the Spring 2025. Yoga classes continue to be conducted weekly in person. Veda & Divya Prabhandas classes also continue for adults via zoom and devotees are encouraged to enroll and participate. Dance and Music classes have now resumed in person and interested devotees are requested to contact the Temple directly for further information. Monthly Learning Series continues and devotees can visit the Temple website for details and schedules.

Among the several community activities in which the Temple participated, most important is the annual American Cancer Society Breast Cancer walk in October "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" to fund Breast Cancer research. Temple raised about \$7,500 towards this noble cause. As in the previous years the Temple continues to play a significant role promoting Interfaith and participated in several interfaith gatherings including: FDNY Interfaith breakfast in July and Mayor's Office of Faith & Community Partnerships Monthly NYC Clergy Meeting and many others.

I am very thankful to the Temple staff, volunteers and security for their sincere services and I thank you all sincerely for your support through your valuable and generous contributions in the past and I once again appeal to you to continue to extend your patronage.

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

Sarve Jana Sukhino Bhavanthu

Sincerely,

Dr. Uma Mysorekar
President

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF GANEŠA PATAŠĀLA

Every SATURDAY (IN-PERSON ONLY)

8:00 AM to 8:45 AM	MATH TUTORING (Grades K - 8)
8:30 AM to 9:25 AM	SANSKRIT for Children (All Levels)
9:30 AM to 9:55 AM	BHAJANS (All Grades)
10:00 AM to 10:25 AM	SLOKA CHANTING (All Grades)
10:30 AM to 11:25 AM	RELIGION (All Grades)
11:30 AM to 12:25 PM	Languages: HINDI
11:30 AM to 12:25 PM	Languages: TAMIL
11:30 AM to 12:25 PM	Languages: TELUGU
11:30 AM to 12:25 PM	Languages: KANNADA
1:00 PM to 1:55 PM	SCIENCE (Grades 3 - 8)
COMPUTER SCIENCE (Grades 4 - 12) - For inquiries visit - https://nyganeshtemple.org/pcig	



Please register and pay for any or all classes at: nyganeshtemple.org/patasala

REQUESTED DONATION \$160.00 per year \$135.00 per sibling

(ACADEMIC YEAR : SEPTEMBER - JUNE)
****GRADE AS OF (CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR)**

For Further Information Please Contact the Temple at (718) 460-8484 ext. 112
 or email: patasala@nyganeshtemple.org ^ <https://nyganeshtemple.org/patasala>

Yoga Classes by Sanjay Attada. (Disciple Of Late Swamy Bua).

8:30 a.m. – Sundays – \$10 per class.
 Age Restriction: 13 years and above only.

Followed by:

Pranayama & Meditation Classes.

9:30 a.m. – Sundays – \$5 per class.
 Senior Center

For more info: see NYGaneshTemple.org

DIVYA KALYĀNA DARŚANAM

(Appearance in celestial wedding ceremony & blessing form)

by: Śivaśri M.R. Ravi Vaidyanaat Śivāchāriar

रोचनो रोचमानः शोभनो शोभमानः कल्याणः ॥

शतमानं भवति शतायुः पुरुषः शतेन्द्रिय आयुष्येवेन्द्रिये प्रतितिष्ठति ॥

rochano rochamāna: śobhanō śobhamāna: kalyāna: ||

śatamānam bhavati śatāyu: puruṣa: śatendriya āyushyevendriye pratitishthati ||

Meaning: May you be blessed with enlightened, shining, charming and nobleness. May it happen that you have a life of beyond hundred years in this life time, with all fully functioning sense of organs, to pursue and establish hundreds of noble qualities. Let it be so.



Śri Pārvati Parameśwara Kalyānam

It is well known that Divine blessings and grace are important, to enable one to lead a peaceful life. Worship of God gives us mental satisfaction, as our mind is linked with emotions which are expressed through *bhakti* (devotion).

A temple acquires significance and sanctity, among other things, by the consecrated deities enshrined in them. The temple, as a structure is an abode for the deities and as an institution facilitates devotees to worship the Gods, to offer prayer and be conferred with all the desired results and receive the blessings.

Two new celestial *kalyāna darśanam* portraying Śri Pārvati Parameśwara Kalyānam and Śri Mahā Lakshmi Mahā Vishnu Kalyānam were installed on August 16, 2024 and consecrated on August 21, 2024 on either side of the eastern *dwāra gopuram* entrance at the Holly Avenue gate. Both these sculptures, depict the *kalyāna darśanam* (the scene of celestial wedding ceremony and blessing form) headed by *brahma*, encircled and witnessed by seven *rishis* namely, *Gautama*, *Bharatwāja*, *Viśvāmitra*, *Jamadagni*, *Vaśishtha*, *Kāśyapa*, and *Atri*.



Śri Mahā Lakshmi Mahā Vishnu Kalyānam

A marriage (*kalyānam*) is the union of not only the bride and groom but also their families and friends. As per the vedic scriptures, by this union, the couple prepares to fulfill their physical, mental, emotional, spiritual and social goals of righteousness, acquisition of wealth, fulfillment of desires and *moksha* (liberation) beyond. These ceremonies, rites and rituals are symbolic of great underlying truths. The celestial marriage ceremony and blessing form symbolizes the enactment of the divine marriage of Śiva & Vishnu as the unmanifested absolute and Pārvati & Lakshmi as the manifested tangible form, representing the grooms and brides respectively. The surrounding seven *rishis* (sages) symbolize blessing in priestly form, 16 traditional riches such as knowledge, strength, victory, good progeny, gold/wealth, paddy/food, good fortune, enjoyment, wisdom, fame, longevity, beauty, patience, youthfulness, decisiveness and health.

These giant celestial *kalyāna darśanam* portraits carved on granite stones, were well designed, sculpted by the expert hands of 'Padmasri' 'Silpa Kalamani' Śri Muthiah Stapathi from Chennai, India. On behalf of the management and all the devotees of this temple, we place on record our best wishes and gratitude for his tremendous divine art work.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Virtual 'Introduction to Vedas' classes online Thursdays at 7:30 pm (EST)

For information and registration of online Veda classes
please see: nyganeshtemple.org/vedas

Virtual Divya Prabhandha classes online Tuesdays at 7:30 pm (EST)

For information and registration of online Divya Prabhandha classes
please see: nyganeshtemple.org/divya-prabhandha

Questions? Please contact Sri Ravi Vaidyanaat Sivachariar
at (718) 460-8484 ext. 107 or email: ravi.v@nyganeshtemple.org

Monthly Prayer Chanting



Ekādaśa Rudra Pārāyanam is scheduled monthly,
giving devotees an opportunity to chant the
Śri Rudram eleven times as a group and revel in
the intense divine vibrations that is generated.

Śri Sukta Pārāyanam - repeatedly chanting
Śri Suktam - is scheduled monthly, giving devotees
an opportunity to offer devotion to Śri Mahā
Lakshmi and also learn or become fluent in
chanting the powerful and popular Śri Suktam -
Vedic hymn on Śri Mahā Lakshmi.



All are invited to chant / listen and be blessed.

For information see : nyganeshtemple.org or contact the Temple at : (718) 460-8484 ext.112

DANCE & MUSIC ACTIVITIES

Bharatnatyam Dance Classes at the Temple



Bharatanatyam Dance classes are offered at the Temple by Mrs. Mathy Pillai

For Beginners, Intermediate & Advanced - in various grades.

Beginners - 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Intermediate - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Advanced - 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Location: Temple Basement

Tuition: \$500.00 for the entire year (October thru June)

For class information & updates see:

<https://nyganeshtemple.org/patasala-bharatnatyam-dance-classes>

Vocal Music Classes at the Temple

Vocal Music classes are offered at the Temple by Ms. Divyameena

For Beginners, Intermediate & Advanced - in various grades.

Beginners - 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Sarali Varisai, Janta Varisai, Alankāram, Geetam & small Songs

Intermediate - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Swara Jathis, Varnams & small Krithis

Advanced - 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Tāla Varnams, Krithis & start Manodharmam

Location: Senior Center (45-52 Bowne St. across from the Temple)

Tuition: \$500.00 for the entire year (October thru June)

For class information & updates see:

<https://nyganeshtemple.org/patasala-vocal-music-classes>



FESTIVALS



*Śrī Venkateśwara Mahotsavam
Friday, June 14th - Sunday, June 23rd, 2024*



*47th Anniversary of the Temple
Thursday, July 4th, 2024*



*Śrī Sudarśana Mahā Yajnam
Friday, July 26th - Sunday, July 28th, 2024*



*Vara Mahā Lakshmi Vratam
Friday, August 16th, 2024*

FESTIVALS



*Šri Ganeša Chaturthi Nava Dina Brahmotsavam
Friday, August 30th - Sunday, September 8th, 2024*



*Šri Devi Navarātri Mahotsavam
Thursday, October 3rd - Saturday, October 12th, 2024*



*Deepāvali Celebrations
Tuesday, October 29th - Thursday, October 31st, 2024*

FESTIVALS, CULTURAL & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



*Skanda Shashti Mahotsavam
Saturday, November 2nd - Friday, November 8th, 2024*



*10th International Yoga Day
Sunday, June 2nd, 2024*



*Bharatanatyam Dance -
Śrī Venkateśwara Mahotsavam Celebrations
Saturday, June 15th, 2024*



*Bhasha Day (Pāṭaśāla Language Showcase)
Saturday, June 22nd, 2024*



*Annual Health Fair
Sunday, June 30th, 2024*

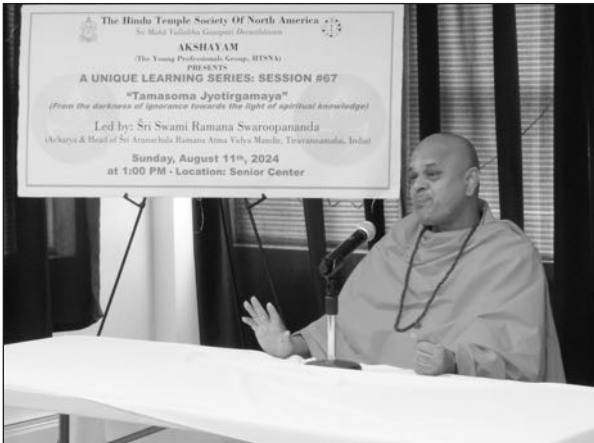
CULTURAL & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



*Grand Music Concert - (47th Temple Anniversary)
Sunday, July 14th, 2024*



*Anubhava 2024 (Akshayam) - Annual Conference
Sunday, July 21st, 2024*



*Learning Series - Session #67: "Tamasoma Jyotirgamaya"
by: Śrī Swami Ramana Swaroopananda
Sunday, August 11th, 2024*



*Music & Dance Program -
Śrī Ganeśa Chaturthi Celebrations
Saturday, September 14th, 2024*



*Senior Program - Anniversary Celebrations
Saturday, September 28th, 2024*



*Deepāvali Cultural Celebrations
Saturday, November 16th, 2024*

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Monday thru Friday: 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM
Saturdays & Sundays: 7:30 AM - 8:30 PM

For directions to the Temple please see: nyganeshtemple.org/directions

*PLEASE DO NOT VISIT THE TEMPLE, CANTEEN OR COMMUNITY CENTER -
if you have recently been exposed to someone with COVID19, have a fever, cold or flu like symptoms.*

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 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 In-person see - nyganeshtemple.org/yoga

Veda & Divya Prabhanda Classes Online - nyganeshtemple.org/divya-prabhanda-veda-classes

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

Senior Center Activities In-person & 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.