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Šri Devi Nava-Rātri Mahotsavam  
Deepāvali / Šri Mahā Lakshmi Mahotsavam  
Skanda Shashti Mahotsavam

Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> thru Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016



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## ŠRI DEVI NAVA-RĀTRI MAHOTSAVAM

Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> thru  
Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## ŠRI DURGĀ POOJA

Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> thru Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016



8:00 AM Devi Suprabhātam.

8:30 AM Šri Mahā Ganapati Pooja, Chandi Navāvarana Pooja,  
Lalitā Triṣatināma Pooja.

8:45 AM Šri Durgā Homam.

10:00 AM Šri Durgā Abhishekam, Sahasranāma Pooja.

Sunday, October 2nd, 2016

Scheduled *Durga Abhishekam* will be at 10:00 AM instead of 4:30 PM

Saturday, Oct. 1st thru Monday, Oct. 10th, 2016

DAILY 7:15 AM (instead of 8:00 AM) - ŠRI GANAPATI SUPRABHĀTAM

DAILY 7:30 AM (instead of 8:15 AM) - ŠRI VENKATEŠWARA SUPRABHĀTAM

DAILY 11:00 AM - ŠRI PĀRVATI LAKSHARCHANA

DAILY 7:15 PM - ŠRI PĀRVATI ABHISHEKAM

DAILY 5:00 PM - CHANDI KALAŠA POOJA, SAPTAŠATI PĀRĀYANAM



## ŠRI MAHĀ LAKSHMI POOJA

Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> thru  
Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

8:00 AM Devi Suprabhātam.

8:30 AM Chandi Navāvarana Pooja, Lalitā  
Triṣatināma Pooja.

8:45 AM Šri Mahā Lakshmi Homam.

10:00 AM Šri Mahā Lakshmi Abhishekam, Sahasranāma Pooja.

Wednesday, October 5th 2016

Scheduled Šri Saraswati Abhishekam will be at 10:00 AM instead of 6:00 PM

Thursday, October 6th 2016

Scheduled Šri Gayatri Abhishekam will be at 10:00 AM instead of 6:00 PM

## ŠRI SARASWATI POOJA

Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> thru Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016



8:00 AM Devi Suprabhātam.

8:30 AM Chandi Navāvarana Pooja, Lalitā Triṣatināma Pooja.

8:45 AM Šri Saraswati Homam.

9:15 AM Šri Saraswati Pustaka Mandala Pooja, Āyudha  
Pooja.

10:00 AM Šri Saraswati Abhishekam, Sahasranāma Pooja.

Friday, October 7th 2016

Scheduled Mahā Lakshmi Abhishekam  
will be at 10:00 AM instead of 7:15 PM



## DURGĀSHTAMI

Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

9:00 AM Šri Durgā Abhishekam,  
Sahasranāma Pooja, Hārati.  
*During Alankaram - Chanting of Devi Stotram.*  
4:00 PM Šri Durgā Deepa Namaskaram

Scheduled Durga Abhishekam will be at 9:00 AM instead of 4:30 PM

## VIJAYA DAŠAMI

Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016



7:30 AM Devi Suprabhātam.  
8:00 AM Chandi Homam.  
11:00 AM Šri Durgā, Lakshmi, Saraswati Mahā Abhishekam.  
12:00 Noon Lalitā Triśatināma Archana, Pooja, Hārati.  
7:15 PM VIDYĀRAMBHAM FOR CHILDREN, HĀRATI.  
8:00 PM Šri Durgā Prakara Utsavam.

Scheduled Ganapati Suprābhatam will be at 7:00 AM instead of 8:00 AM  
Scheduled Venkatešwara Suprābhatam will be at 7:15 AM instead of 8:15 AM



## “RAS GARBA MAHOTSAVAM”

Friday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>  
& Sunday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

8:00 PM to 10:30 PM  
Location: To Be Announced

ALL ARE INVITED

## ŚRI DURGĀ

Śri Durgā is one of the infinite names of *Devi*, the Divine Mother. The literal meaning of the word 'Durgā' is 'fortress or not easily accessible'. It signifies that She is like a fortress to those who have surrendered to Her, not permitting any evil force that may cause harm to Her devotees, to penetrate Her. While the Supreme Spirit is represented as *Śiva*, His power is represented as His consort - *Śakti* or *Durgā* or *Kālī*. Together they look after the welfare of the entire Creation. She is also known as *Triṣura Sundari*, because Her manifestations are always three-fold such as: the three *gunas* – *satva*, *rajas* and *tamas*; three forms of *Śakti* - *Ichha* (Will), *Kriya* (Action) and *Jnāna* (Knowledge) etc.

Her abode - known *Chintāmani* Palace in *Mani Dwipa* - is surrounded by twenty-five ramparts representing the twenty-five *tattvas* or principles and She adorns the *Bindu Pitha* in *Śri Chakra* in that wonderful Palace. The human body is a similar abode for Her. When one sees through his eyes, works through his hands and hears through his ears, it is the *Śakti* in him that sees, works or hears as the case may be.

Once, when the *devas* (gods) came out victorious in their intermittent conflicts with the *asuras* (demons), they were overcome by pride and wrongly took the success to be the result of their own valor and powers. With the objective of teaching the gods a lesson, Lord *Śiva* appeared before them in the form of a *Yaksha*, a huge form with no visible beginning and end. The *devas* deputed *Agni*, the Fire god to ascertain what this form was. The *Yaksha* asked *Agni* who he was and what his powers were. *Agni* replied: "I am *Agni*, *Jātavedas*. I can burn up the whole Universe in one moment." The *Yaksha* placed a blade of dry grass before *Agni* and asked him to burn it. But *Agni* could not burn it and ran away from the *Yaksha* in shame. Next, *Vāyu* the Wind god appeared before the *Yaksha* and boasted that he can blow away the whole Universe in a moment. Again, the *Yaksha* asked *Vāyu* to blow away a blade of dry grass. Like *Agni*, *Vāyu* also failed miserably and ran away from the *Yaksha* in disgrace. Finally, *Indra* the chief of the gods proceeded to find who this *Yaksha* was when the *Yaksha* vanished from his sight. In his place, Lord *Śiva's* Consort *Uma* appeared before *Indra* and revealed to him the real identity of the *Yaksha*. She said to *Indra*: "It is the power of the Divine Mother – and not that of the gods – that crowned the gods with victory. It is the *Śakti* of *Uma* that is the source of the strength of all the gods." *Śakti* is the greatest teacher of *Jnāna* – She sheds wisdom on Her devotees.

The nine days (and nights) during which *Devi Navarātri* is observed are very sacred to the Divine Mother and are the most suitable occasion for doing spiritual *sādhana*. She is certain to remove the veil of ignorance covering all of us and reveal true Knowledge to all sincere seekers as illustrated in the story of *Yaksha*. May we all surrender to the Divine Mother and receive Her infinite blessings.

**DEEPĀVALI CELEBRATIONS**  
**ŠRI MAHĀ LAKSHMI MAHOTSAVAM**  
Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016



**DHANTERĀS**

**Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

7:15 PM Vishwakseṇa Ārādhana, Mahā Lakshmi Kalaśa  
Sthāpanam, Ābharana Pooja (Pooja for Ornaments).

**NARAKA CHATURDAŚI**

**Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

10:30 AM Šri Mahā Lakshmi Abhishekam, Pooja, Hārati.

6:00 PM ŠRI KEDAREŠWARA POOJA.

Scheduled Mahā Lakshmi Abhishekam will be at 10:30 AM instead of 7:15 PM

**Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

7:15 PM Šri Mahā Lakshmi Sahasranāma Pooja.



**DEEPĀVALI DAY**  
**Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**



8:30 AM Šri Mahā Lakshmi Homam, Šri Mahā Lakshmi  
Kalaśa Pooja.

9:30 AM Šri Mahā Lakshmi Abhishekam, Pooja, Hārati.

10:45 AM Šri Mahā Lakshmi Mantra Japam.

5:00 PM Šri Lakshmi-Kubera Mantra Japam, Hārati.

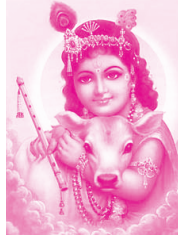
6:05 PM ŠRI ŠĀRADĀ POOJA (Account Books Pooja).

7:15 PM DEEPA POOJA, ŠRI LAKSHMI KUBERA  
SAHASRANĀMA POOJA, Hārati.

Scheduled Mahā Gaṇapati Abhishekam will be at 10:00 AM instead of 11:00 AM

# ŠRI GOVARDHAN ANNAKUT FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016



9:00 AM      Šri Krishna Abhishekam, Pooja, Hārati.

## “Annakut Festival”

(Mahā Prasādam) is the offering of sweets, dry fruits, fruits and other delicious items, to Šri Krishna to mark the beginning of the New Year. Along with these offerings, devotees pray seeking Happiness, Prosperity, Good Health and Peace for the coming year.

## “Annakut Daršan”

From Sunday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 PM to Monday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> - 7:00 PM  
Mahā Prasādam will be distributed at 7:15 PM on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>

**VIKRAM SANVAT (2073)**

**Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

8:00 AM      Šri Mahā Ganapati Suprabhātam.  
8:15 AM      Šri Venkateśwara Suprabhātam.  
8:15 AM      Šri Mahā Ganapati Homam.  
9:00 AM      Šri Mahā Ganapati Abhishekam, Pooja, Hārati.  
7:15 PM      Šri Lakshmi Sahasranāma Pooja, Hārati.

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**KĀRTIKA DEEPAM, DHANURMĀSA POOJA,  
OTHER POOJAS & FESTIVITIES**

# SKANDA SHASHTI MAHOTSAVAM

Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> thru Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016



## Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016

- 8:15 AM Šri Maha Ganapati Homam.  
9:00 AM Šri Maha Ganapati Abhishekam, Pooja, Anujna,  
Vāstu Šānti, Ankurārpanam, Rakshā Bandanam, Hārati.  
5:00 PM Šri Subrahmanya Kalaśa Sthāpanam, Yāgaśāla Pooja,  
Homam.  
6:00 PM SADAKSHARA MANTRA JAPAM BEGINS.  
7:15 PM Šri Šubrahmanya Utsava Moorthi Abhishekam, Hārati.

## Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> thru Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- 8:00 AM Yāgaśāla Pooja, Homam.  
9:00 AM SADAKSHARA MANTRA JAPAM  
10:00 AM Šri Shanmukha Abhishekam, SPECIAL ALANKĀRAM,  
Pooja, Hārati.  
5:00 PM Yāgaśāla Pooja, Homam.  
6:00 PM SADAKSHARA MANTRA JAPAM  
7:15 PM Šri Subrahmanya Utsava Moorthi Abhishekam,  
Hārati.

## NĀGA CHATURTHI

Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

- 8:00 AM Šri Nāgarāja Homam.  
9:00 AM Šri Nāgarāja Abhishekam, Pooja, Hārati.





## SKANDA SHASHTI DAY

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- 8:00 AM Yāgaśāla Pooja, Homam.  
9:00 AM SADAKSHARA MANTRA JAPAM CONCLUDES  
9:30 AM Mahā Poornāhuti, Kāvadi Pooja, Procession with  
“Pālkudam” (Milk Pots) and Kāvadi.  
10:15 AM Šri Valli Devasena sameta Šri Subrahmanya  
Abhishekam, SPECIAL ALANKĀRAM, Hārati.  
5:00 PM Utsava Moorthy Abhishekam, Hārati.  
6:00 PM Šri Subramanyar Triṣatināma Pooja, Hārati.  
7:15 PM Prākāra Utsavam.

Scheduled Šri Venkateśwara Abhishekam will be at 10:15 AM instead of 11:00 AM

## Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- 5:00 PM ŠRI VALLI DEVASENA SAMETA  
ŠRI SUBRAHMANYA SWĀMY KALYĀNA  
UTSAVAM, Hārati.  
6:30 PM Upachara Pooja, Prakara Utsavam



## TULA POORNIMA

Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- 4:30 PM Šri Šiva Abhishekam, Anna Alankaram,  
Šri Rudra Triṣati Nama.

## ŠRI AYYAPPA MANDALA POOJA BEGINS

Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- 8:15 AM Šri Ayyappa Suprabhātam.  
5:00 PM Šri Ayyappa Abhishekam, Bhajans, Pooja, Hārati.

**Every Saturday until Makara Sankrānti**

- 6:00 PM Šri Ayyappa Abhishekam, Bhajans, Pooja, Hārati.

Tuesday, November 15th, 2016 thru Friday, January 13th, 2017

DAILY 8:15 AM - Šri Ayyappa Suprabhātam

- ♦ Scheduled Šri Ganapati Suprabhātam will be at 7:30 AM
- ♦ Scheduled Šri Venkateśwara Suprabhātam will be at 7:40 AM

## POOJA SPONSORSHIP

### DEVI NAVA RĀTRI

<input type="checkbox"/> All 9 Days (All Scheduled Poojas)	\$ 701.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Day	
(All Poojas Scheduled for this day - except Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup> )	\$ 101.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Vijaya Daśami (Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup> )	\$ 151.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Śrī Durga, Lakshmi, Saraswati Abhishekam	\$ 125.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> All 4 Days (All Scheduled Poojas)	\$ 251.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Deepa Pooja / Lakshmi / Kubera Pooja*	\$ 51.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> Annakut Utsavam	\$ 51.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Kedāreśwara Pooja	\$ 21.00

### SKANDA SHASHTI

<input type="checkbox"/> All 6 Days (All Scheduled Poojas)	\$ 301.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> Kāvadi Pooja/Pālkudam	\$ 15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Kalyāna Utsavam	\$ 31.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Sahasranāma Pooja	\$ 11.00

**NAGA CHATURTHI**..... \$ 75.00

**ABHISHEKAM**..... \$ 51.00

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**HOMAM**..... \$ 51.00

☐ Durgā
 ☐ Lakshmi
 ☐ Saraswati

☐ Chandi
 ☐ Shanmukha
 ☐ Nāgarāja
 ☐ Guru

**TRİŚATINĀMA POOJA**..... \$ 21.00

<input type="checkbox"/> Lalita	<input type="checkbox"/> Subramanyar
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**ANNA ALANKĀRAM**..... \$ 51.00

☐ Śiva

\*Devotees may purchase Kubera/Lakshmi coin - \$25.00 per coin

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## 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.