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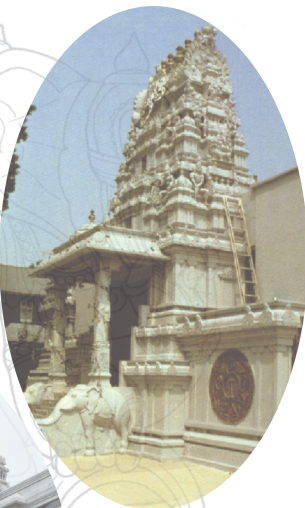
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Chatvārimśat Vārshikotsavah (1977 - 2017)

40th ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPLE

June 30th - July 4th, 2017



THE HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA, NY

Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati Devasthānam

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40th Anniversary of the Temple Celebrations

The Hindu Temple Society of North America (Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati Devasthānam) performs all the *poojas*, rituals, *japas* and festivals in accordance with the ancient tradition (*veda* and *āgama sastras*) for the benefit of universal welfare. These rituals will be performed in an elaborate way during the 5-day (June 30 through July 4, 2017) celebrations of the 40th Anniversary (a great milestone) of Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati Devasthānam, participating in which will bestow spiritual experience and divine blessings on the devotees.

Special *homam* (*havan*) and *abhishekam* will be performed to all the deities apart from *Ekādaśavāra Rudra Abhishekam* for Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati (special ceremonial bath/shower to the simultaneous chanting Śri Rudra hymns eleven times) on Tuesday, July 4, 2017. The six forms of Hindu worship - *Ganapatyam* - Śri Ganapati, *Śaivam* - Śri Śiva, *Saktam* - Śri Pārvati, *Kaumāram* - Śri Subramanya, *Vaishnavam* - Śri Venkateśwara. *Souram* - Sun & Sun related and the advantage of five *devata darśana mukti phalam* (reward of liberation) can be experienced by viewing the *pancha moorthy prākāra utsavam* on this day. Devotees can experience God's grace through the presence of *Pancha bootha* (five natural energy elements - *Prithvi* - Earth, *Appu* - Water, *Theyu* - Fire, *Vāyu* - Air and *Ākāśam* - Space during the performance of the rituals *homam*, *abhishekam* and the festival itself and these five natural energy elements bless us with material prosperity and spiritual well-being.

All the rituals are performed as per the *Āgama Śāstra* guidelines viz, *Agnikārya vidhi* - fire rituals utilizing various sacred materials, *Abhisheka vidhi* - ceremonial bath/showering of the deity using all the recommended ingredients, *Utsava Vidhi* - procession of the deities and *Upachāra vidhi* - honoring, offering and recitation of holy hymns. *Pradhāna* and *Utsava* deities will be adorned with new clothes, ornaments and flower garlands, chanting of *mantras* from all the four *Vedas*, hymns from great epics & scriptures and *bhajans*, live *nāgaswaram* will be additional features.

At the closing phase of the religious events, special *upachārams* (honors) will be performed in a specific way to the delight of the *devatās*. Participation in these unique events will bestow upon devotees divine blessings and spiritual experience.

Friday, June 30th, 2017

- 8:15 AM Šri Mahā Ganapati Pooja, Sthala Šuddhikara
Punyāhavāchanam, Šri Mahā Ganapati Homam.
- 9:15 AM Poornāhuti.
- 10:30 AM Devata Anujna.
- 5:00 PM Kalaša Sthāpanam, Yāgašāla Pooja, Homam.
- 6:30 PM Poornāhuti.

Saturday, July 1st, 2017

- 8:15 AM Yāgašāla Pooja, Homam.
- 9:15 AM Poornāhuti.
- 9:30 AM Šri Siddhi-Buddhi sameta Šri Maha Ganapati,
Šri Chandrasekaraswamy, Šri Ānandavalli, Šri Valli
Devasena sameta Subramanya, Arunagirināthar,
Šri Venkatešwara Šridevi & Bhudevi, Šri Hanumān
Utsavar Abhishekams, Šri Navagraha Abhishekam,
Šri Rāghavendra Swamy & Prahalāda Rāja
Abhishekams, Pooja, Hārati.
- 5:00 PM Kalaša Sthāpanam, Yāgašāla Pooja, Homam.
- 6:00 PM Šri Ayyappa Abhishekam.
- 6:30 PM Poornāhuti.

Friday, June 30th, 2017

Scheduled *Mahā Ganapati Suprabhātām* will be at 7:00 AM instead of 8:00 AM.

Scheduled *Venkatešwara Suprabhātām* will be at 7:10 AM instead of 8:15 AM.

Saturday, July 1st, 2017

Scheduled *Mahā Ganapati Suprabhātām* will be at 7:00 AM instead of 7:30 AM.

Scheduled *Venkatešwara Suprabhātām* will be at 7:10 AM instead of 8:00 AM.

Scheduled *Vishnu Sahasranāma* will be at 8:15 AM instead of 8:30 AM.

Scheduled *Navagraha Abhishekam* will be at 9:30 AM instead of 9:00 AM

Scheduled *Raghavendra Swamy Abhishekam* will be at 9:30 AM instead of 9:00 AM.

Scheduled *Šiva-Pārvati Utsavar Abhishekam* will performed on
Saturday, July 1st at 9:30 AM instead of Sunday, July 2nd, 2017

Sunday, July 2nd, 2017

- 8:15 AM Yāgaśāla Pooja, Homam.
9:15 AM Poornāhuti.
9:30 AM Šri Kāmākshi & Ankuṣam Utsavar Abhishekam,
Šri Devi Khodiyār Mātā, Šri Agastiyar Lopa Mudra,
Šri Dakshinamoorthy, Šri Natarāja Sivakāmi &
Mānikkavāchakar, Šri Swarna Bhairavar, Šri Gāyatri
Abhishekams, Pooja, Hārati.
4:30 PM Šri Durga Abhishekam.
5:00 PM Kalaśa Sthāpanam, Yāgaśāla Pooja, Homam.
6:30 PM Poornāhuti.

Sunday, July 2nd, 2017

Scheduled *Mahā Ganapati Suprabhātām* will be at 7:00 AM instead of 7:30 AM.
Scheduled *Venkaṭeśwara Suprabhātām* will be at 7:10 AM instead of 8:00 AM.

Monday, July 3rd, 2017

- 8:15 AM Yāgaśāla Pooja, Homam.
9:15 AM Poornāhuti.
9:30 AM Šri Mahā Lakshmi Utsavar Abhishekam,
Šri Saraswati, Šri Rāma Parivār, Šri Krishna &
Rādhā, Šri Dhanvantari & Garuda,
Šri Satyanārāyana & Rāma Devi, Šri Sudarśana
& Narasimha Abhishekams, Pooja, Hārati.
5:00 PM Pradhāna Devatā Kalaśa Sthāpanam, Yāgaśāla Pooja,
Homam.
6:30 PM Poornāhuti.

Monday, July 3rd, 2017

Scheduled *Mahā Ganapati Suprabhātām* will be at 7:00 AM instead of 8:00 AM.
Scheduled *Venkaṭeśwara Suprabhātām* will be at 7:10 AM instead of 8:15 AM.

Scheduled *Kāmākshi Abhishekam* will performed on
Monday, July 3rd at 6:00 PM instead of Tuesday, July 4th, 2017

Tuesday, July 4th, 2017

7:00 AM	Šri Mahā Ganapati Suprabhātam
7:10 AM	Šri Venkatešwara Suprabhātam
7:30 AM	Yāgaśāla Pooja, Pradhāna Devatā Homam, Mahā Poornāhuti.
8:00 AM	Mahānyāsam.
9:00 AM	EKĀDAŠAVĀRA RUDRA ABHISHEKAM FOR ŠRI MAHĀ VALLABHA GANAPATI.
10:30 AM	Šri Šiva, Šri Shanmukha Valli-Devasena, Šri Pārvati, Šri Venkatešwara, Šri Mahā Lakshmi Abhishekam.
12:15 PM	Upachāram, Harati.
5:00 PM	Pancha Moorthy Prākāra Utsavam for Šri Siddhi-Buddhi sameta Šri Mahā Ganapati, Šri Šiva & Šri Pārvati, Šri Valli Devasena sameta Subramanya, Šri Venkatešwara, Šridevi & Bhudevi, Šri Hanumān, Vāstra Ābharana Samarpanam.
5:15 PM	Pancha Bhoota - Shanmata Devata Darśanam, Shodaśa Upachāra, Ashta Pushpa Samarpanam, Mantra Pushpam, Chatur Veda Pārāyanam, Āgama Stotra Pārāyanam, Ithihāsa - Purāna - Thirumurai - Divya Prabhandam - Stotra - Patanam, Geeta - Vādyā, Visesha Āseervadana, Sakala Vādhyam, Deepārādhana.
6:45 PM	Pancha Moorthy Yathāsthānam.
7:00 PM	Sarva Devata Harāti.
7:15 PM	Prasādam.

Tuesday, July 4th, 2017

Scheduled *Hanumān Abhishekam* will be at 8:00 AM instead of 8:15 AM.

Scheduled *Nāgendra Abhishekam* will be at 8:00 AM instead of 9:00 AM.

Scheduled *Śiva Abhishekam* will be at 10:30 AM instead of 8:15 AM.

Scheduled *Shanmukha Abhishekam* will be at 10:30 AM instead of 7:15 PM.

40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE TEMPLE

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A DANCE BALLET -

'ASHTA NAYIKA'

Presented by
Mukthambar Fine Arts Inc.

Concept & Choreography by:
Smt. Saavitri Ramanand & Aarati Ramanand

Saturday, July 1st, 2017
at 3:00 pm

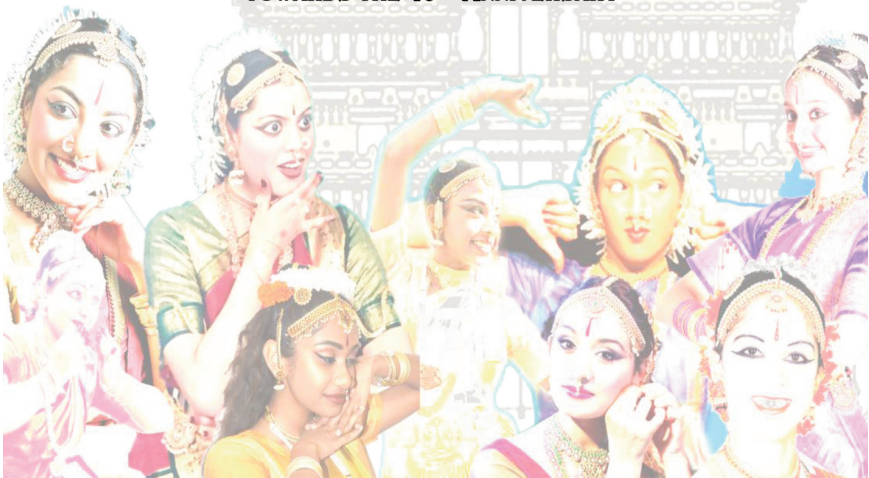
Location: Auditorium

(Adjacent to the Temple: 143-09 Holly Ave. Flushing, NY 11355)

The Natya Sastra describes the nayikas (heroines) based on Sanskrit slokas from Natya Sastra, a key Sanskrit treatise on Indian performing arts, authored by Bharata Muni, an ancient musicologist & theatrologist. The presentation will be depicting enchanting dance performances of these eight nayikas, expressing the emotions through different padams (rhythmic steps for songs) in different languages.

ADMISSION IS FREE

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TOWARDS THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY**



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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.