



GANEŠĀNJALI

Temple Newsletter



December 2017



ŚRĪ BĀLA GANAPATI

THE HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA, NY

Śrī Mahā Vallabha Ganapati Devasthānam

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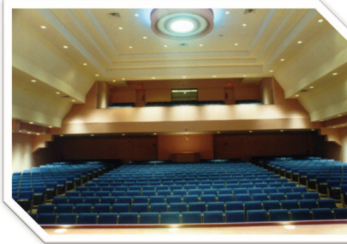
AUDITORIUM

of The Hindu Temple Society of NA

AN IDEAL PLACE FOR CULTURAL EVENTS

Located in the Community Center (143-09 Holly Ave.) this Auditorium is one of the largest and the finest of its type in the borough of Queens. It has its main entrance at the corner of Holly Ave. & Smart St.

This well designed auditorium, which seats 700 comfortably, has a large stage, two dressing rooms with restrooms, and a spacious balcony. It is also equipped with a state-of-the-art audio and spectacular lighting systems including an on-site technical team to assist with all your technical needs.



143-09 Holly Avenue, Flushing, NY 11355

***A truly unique venue to hold your function.
Hurry and make your reservation as prime dates fill up fast!***

CHECK AVAILABILITY - CONTACT US TODAY!

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

A Letter From the President

Dear Fellow Devotees,

Wish you all Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. The year 2017 marked a significant milestone for our Temple as we celebrated the 40th Anniversary on a grand scale, with Sarva Devata Abhishekam and a beautifully decorated Mantapa in the back of the Temple where we all witnessed special Pancha Moorthy Utsavam. A dance ballet, 'Ashta Nayika' was specially presented at the Auditorium for the Anniversary by Mukthambar Fine Arts.

Ganesh Chaturthi Celebrations were once again grand with thousands of people participating in all the functions and especially the Ratha Yātra on the last day. Devi Navaratri and Deepāvali Celebrations were just as grand.

The Conference for Hindu Young Professionals 'Anubhava 2017' was organized on June 10th and was very successful. This included opening remarks by Swami Sarvapriyananda, Vedanta Society of New York and panel discussions on topics of interest to young professionals. The Young Professional Group - 'Akshayam' is planning a similar conference in 2018. Several other cultural and outreach programs were conducted throughout the year.

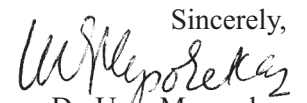
Annual Health Fair on June 11th was successful and our thanks to New York Presbyterian Hospital for their help & support. Mini Health Fair was also organized on October 8th, providing free blood tests. The response was excellent. We sincerely thank the physicians and health care workers who helped in these events. International Yoga Day on June 25th was successful. Temple played a leading role in the celebrations of IYD at the Indian Consulate on June 19th and also in the UN (as part of Permanent Mission of India to UN) on June 21st.

Pataśāla continues to grow with increasing registrations. It is heartening to see dedicated teachers and volunteers conducting these classes on a regular basis. A robotics workshop was introduced for the first time in July for a week and was proven to be very successful. Sanskrit classes are continuing to be popular and it is hoped that more and more young people will join the classes.

Summer Camp on Hindu Heritage was conducted from July 31st - August 4th and was very successful. Total of 40 children participated. Dr. MG Prasad's involvement and guidance was excellent and the children really enjoyed their interactions with him. Plan is to conduct similar workshops in the coming years as well. For the 15th time in succession our Temple participated in the annual OpenHouse NY (OHNY) weekend - statewide on October 14-15, which attracted a record number of visitors to the Temple on both the days. Anniversary of the Senior Program was celebrated on November 4th with a variety program and was well participated.

We take this opportunity to thank all the groups of volunteers for their dedicated & sterling services. We also wish to thank our excellent staff for their devoted services. We appeal to all the devotees to volunteer their time and talents and serve *Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati*.

I wish to express my thanks to all of you for your support and friendship and appeal to you for your continued help and support for this noble cause. We welcome all suggestions for improvement and these will be carefully considered and implemented wherever possible. May the blessings of *Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati* be always with you and your families. Wish you all Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Uma Mysorekar
President

ANUBHAVA - 2017

A Look-back at the Anubhava 2017 Conference

by: Abiramy Logeswaran

"You are a billionaire but you don't know which bank has your money. You do not have access to it so you are living on welfare. Where are the keys to unlocking this wealth? The most ancient civilization and the youngest civilization meet in you. This combination of the ancient and modern, you do not know how good you have it. The fundamental questions of life, the best answers that humanity has ever come across are found in your Hindu heritage".

These were the opening words delivered by His Holiness Swami Sarvapriyananda, Resident Swami at the Vedanta Society of New York, to inaugurate the second annual Anubhava Conference. Held back in June and organized by Akshayam (The Young Professionals Group, The Hindu Temple Society of North America), this conference has become an annual tradition for Hindu young professionals to come together and be offered a grand platform to voice and discuss their opinions and share their beliefs and questions with like-minded peers. The next generation is given this unique opportunity to lead efforts and be led by the Sanathana Dharma that each one upholds individually. They then come together to discuss their future contribution to upholding Hindu values and carrying forward the traditions that have survived the test of time.

Anubhava 2017 explored the complex identity that young Hindus in America share and offered guidance in finding common ground that unites us amidst all of the diverse values, practices and traditions that fall under the large Hindu umbrella. There was a specific focus on how this Hindu identity manifested in guiding people's personal and professional lives and helping shape their respective careers.

Swami Sarvapriyananda, a business graduate, was able to relate to the challenges that Hindu young professionals face in America. He conveyed to the audience how proud they should be to be carrying forward the treasures of the Indian heritage. This was followed by an address by the keynote speaker Reshma Saujani, CEO & Co-Founder of Girls Who Code, who shared some of the challenges that she faced growing up as a girl pursuing a career in a field that was heavily male-dominated and how she used those obstacles to step to success. This was followed by panel discussions featuring Sriram Emani (CEO, Indian Raga), Bharathi Sethumadhavan (Program Officer, Clark Foundation), Nishant Ceyyur (CEO, Excelsior Consulting Group), Aditi Banerjee (Corporate Counsel, Prudential), Seema Aggarwal M.D. (Pulmonologist) and Rome Chopra (CEO, CXC Productions). Panelists addressed topics including how to maintain a Hindu identity at corporate events where cocktails and non-vegetarian options are served, how to combat cultural misappropriation in social media and how to tackle issues that face young Hindus. The conference closed with a meet & greet session with all of the guest speakers.

Akshayam invites all young Hindus to join its efforts in whatever capacity to engage in seva, question and discuss topics of interest and unite with the Blessings of Śrī Mahā Vallabha Ganapati to continue the ongoing legacy of this Temple.

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ANUBHAVA - 2017



AKSHAYAM

**HTS
YOUNG
PROFFESIONALS**

VOLUNTEER, LEAD, LEARN

Based at The Hindu Temple Society of North America, NY, Akshayam is an active community of Hindu young professionals ages 20-45 looking to give back to the Temple and the local community. Get involved today.

For more information contact:
akshayamhts@gmail.com

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES OF THE TEMPLE

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	YOGA / MEDITATION
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	COFFEE BREAK
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	BHAGAVAD GITA STUDY IN HINDI
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	LUNCH
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	HANDICRAFTS, BHAJANS, POETRY READING

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	YOGA / MEDITATION
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	DISCUSSION ON 'MINDFUL AGING' (1 ST , 2 ND & 5 TH WEEK, IF NECESSARY) FOLK DANCING FOR FUN (3 RD WEEK) BOOK / ARTICLE READING (4 TH WEEK)
12:15 PM - 1:00 PM	LUNCH
1:00 PM - 1:45 PM	BHAJAN CLASS
1:45 PM - 2:15 PM	CONVERSATIONAL SANSKRIT FOR BEGINNERS

THURSDAY

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	YOGA / MEDITATION
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	VEDA CHANTING CLASS
1:15 PM - 1:45 PM	LUNCH
1:45 PM - 3:00 PM	BOARD GAMES, ETC.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE

Note: If you are interested in participating in activities and/or able to lead any group activity, please contact the Coordinators of the Senior Program - Radhika Mohan (646) 420-6216, Lakshmi Sundararaman (718) 279-3950 or Nirmala Ram (718) 969-1827

COME ONE, COME ALL TO JOIN THE

YOUTH GROUP

of Ganeśa Temple (YGGT)

(AGES 12 TO 19)

YOUTH MEETINGS
2ND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
AT 4:45 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:
OUTREACH@NYGANESHTEMPLE.ORG

YOGA CLASSES

EVERY SUNDAY - 8:30 AM
FEE: \$7.00 PER CLASS

FOLLOWED BY

PRĀNĀYĀMA & MEDITATION CLASSES

EVERY SUNDAY - 9:30 AM
FEE: \$3.00 PER CLASS

by: Mr. Sanjay Attada
(Disciple of Late Swamy Bua)

LOCATION: SARASWATI HALL

For Further Information Please contact the
Temple (718) 460-8484 EXT.112

VEDA & DIVYA PRABHANDA CLASSES

Divya Prabhanda - Tuesdays at 8:00 PM
Veda - Thursdays at 7:30 PM

Location: Temple Basement
Instructed by the Temple Priests

ALL ARE INVITED TO LEARN

Our profound thanks to our enthusiastic volunteers for their dedicated services. It is our fond hope that this group will continue to grow and contribute toward fulfillment of the aspirations of the Temple.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES OF THE TEMPLE

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF GANEŠA PATAŠĀLA

Every SATURDAY	
8:30 AM to 9:25 AM	MATH (Grades K - 8)
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	ENGLISH (Grades K - 8)
2:00 PM to 2:55 PM	SCIENCE (Grades 3 - 8)
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	**COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP (PCIG) (Grades 4 - 12)
Every SUNDAY	
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	SANSKRIT for Adults & Children

**For all Computer Science inquiries visit us
online at: <http://patasala.nyganesh temple.org/pcig>

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or email: patasala@nyganesh temple.org ^ <http://patasala.nyganesh temple.org>

FINE ARTS ACTIVITIES

DANCE CLASSES

BHARATANATYAM - 11:30 am to 12:30 pm (NEW STUDENT BEGINNERS)
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm (RETURNING STUDENT BEGINNERS) • 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm (INTERMEDIATE)
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm (ADVANCED) • 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm (SENIOR STUDENTS)

Tuition: \$450.00 FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOLASTIC YEAR (SEPT-JUNE). **PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN FULL.**

KATHAK - 9:00 am to 10:00 am (BEGINNERS) • 10:00 am to 11:00 am (ADVANCED)

Tuition: \$15.00 PER CLASS OR \$600.00 FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR (SEPTEMBER - MAY).

VOCAL MUSIC CLASS - 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Tuition: \$450.00 for the entire scholastic year. (Sept-June).

VEENA CLASS - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Tuition: \$450.00 for the entire scholastic year. (Sept-June).



EVERY SATURDAY

LOCATION: FOR DANCE CLASSES - TEMPLE BASEMENT

FOR VOCAL & VEENA CLASSES - MUSIC ROOM (NEXT TO SRI RAGHAVENDRA SANNIDHI)

For Information Please Contact the Temple at (718) 460-8484 ext. 112 or email: hts@nyganesh temple.org

Bharatanatyam Teacher - Mrs. Mathy Pillai (609) 321-2136

Kathak Teacher - Pandit SN Charka (845) 783-7514 or (646) 489-7790

Vocal Music Teacher - Mrs. Rajalakshmi Sankar (979) 777-6468

Veena Teacher - Mrs. Nivedita Shivraj (212) 203-3555

PROGRAMS & FESTIVITIES



Śri Mahā Lakshmi Yajnam
Friday, May 26th - Monday, May 29th, 2017



Śri Venkateśwara Brahmotsavam
Friday, June 9th - Sunday, June 18th, 2017



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40th Anniversary of the Temple
Friday, June 30th thru Tuesday, July 4th, 2017



Śri Sudarśana Yajnam
Friday, July 14th thru Sunday, July 16th, 2017



Śri Vara Mahā Lakshmi Vratam
Friday, August 4th, 2017

PROGRAMS & FESTIVITIES



Śrī Rāghavendra Swāmy Ārādhana
Wednesday, August 9th, 2017



Śrī Krishna Janmāshtami
Monday, August 14th, 2017



Śrī Ganeśa Chaturthi Nava - Dina Mahotsavam
Friday, August 18th thru Sunday, August 27th, 2017



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Friday, August 18th thru Sunday, August 27th, 2017



PROGRAMS & FESTIVITIES



Śrī Devi Nava Rātri Mahotsavam
Wednesday, September 20th thru Saturday, September 30th, 2017



Deepāvali Celebrations
Monday, Oct. 16th thru Wednesday, Oct. 18th, 2017



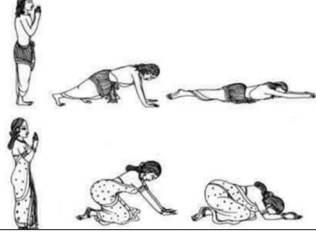
Śrī Govardhan Annakut Utsavam
Friday, October 20th, 2017



Skanda Shashti Mahotsavam
Friday, October 20th thru Sunday, October 26th, 2017

PRADAKSHINAM

By: M. R. Ravi Vaidyanaat Śivāchāriar
Executive Director, The Hindu Temple Society of N.A.



Circumambulation of self, a sacred object or a place is referred as *Pradakshinam*. It is an integral part of sign of prayer & worship. In Sanskrit, *Pradakshinam* means, circumambulation “to the right” in a clock-wise direction. The meaning is derived from the root words *Prāch* / *Prāchi* for “East”, *Prāk* for “in front” *dakshina* for “South”, *Prāitichi* for “West”. The root word *dakshina* also refers to one’s right side. Hence circumambulation or moving/walking or go-around in a clockwise path either East-South-West directions or from one’s front side and turning towards his/her right side and move around.

It is a religious custom to circumambulate self or a sacred object or a place making it as a generic form of prayer. *Parikrama* is another word used to refer “traverse around” by walking to various pilgrimage sites.

There are different types of *Pradakshinam*: **Ātma Pradakshinam** (go-around oneself), **Agni Pradakshinam** (go-around the sacred fire - *Homa* or *Havan Kund*, *Yāga* or *Yagnaśālā*), **Vruksha Pradakshinam** (go-around sacred plants and trees viz. *Tulsi* plant, *Peepal* tree), **Giri Pradakshinam** (go-around sacred mountain viz. *Govardhana giri* or *Thiruvannamalai* mountain), **Ālaya Pradakshinam** (go-around temple and various shrines in it), **Adi Pradakshinam** (step-by-step walking), **Sayana Pradakshinam** or **Anga Pradakshinam** (go-around by rolling down the entire body in lying posture), **Namaskāra Pradakshinam** (go-around step-by-step in prostration posture by bowing down hands, knees, shoulders, chest and forehead). **Grāma Pradakshinam** (go-around streets viz. Temple *Utsavams* where deity is decorated in a chariot and carried around the village, religious leaders or king go-around the city). In *Śiva* Temple there is a special *Pradakshinam* done, known as **Soma-sutra Pradakshinam** during *Pradosham* time.

Pradakshinam should be done in a meditative mood. In a Temple, the inner most shrine is referred as *Sukshma Sareera* (subtle or astral body) and rest of the place till the outer most *prākāram* is referred as *Sthula Sareera* (gross body). The spiritual energy (cosmic energy) radiated from the inner most deity, is said to traverse around the space, in a similar form as that of the magnetic field force, which cannot be prevented by any insulative material including a brick or a stone wall and the field energy lines never cross each other. The cosmic energy does not stop or start anywhere, they always make a closed loop and will continue. While the priest performs the rituals including invoking the divinity in the shrine, more energy emits, increasing the strength of the cosmic energy field and hence devotees get benefitted in receiving the cosmic energy while circumambulating the shrine.

There are different opinions regarding the guidelines in terms of number of *Pradakshinam* / circumambulations viz 1,3,5,7,9,11,21,54,108,1008 etc. First, it depends on the perimeter of one *Pradakshinam* and the *sānnidhyam* / quantum of energy level being radiated from the deity. Secondly, it depends on the level of satisfaction of the individual devotee. Thirdly, the devotee, with gratitude for their prayer being answered, makes a promise to carry out a specific number of *Pradakshinam*. It is advisable that one should circumambulate, moving every step slowly, with great care, with folded hands and in a meditative mood, chanting a *mantra* or *śloka* with deep devotion.

OUTREACH & CULTURAL



*Tamil Dhinam - Annual Tamil showcase
Saturday, June 3rd, 2017*



*Health Fair
Sunday, June 11th, 2017*



*Bhajans Program -
Śrī Venkateśwara Brahmotsavam Celebrations
Saturday, June 17th, 2017*



*International Yoga Day
Sunday, June 25th, 2017*



*International Yoga Day
Sunday, June 25th, 2017*



*'Ashta Nayika' - Dance Ballet -
40th Anniversary of the Temple Celebrations
Saturday, July 1st, 2017*

OUTREACH & CULTURAL



*Swamy Vivekananda Day Celebrations
Saturday, July 22nd, 2017*



*Summer Camp
Monday, July 31st - Friday, August 4th, 2017*



*Namasankeerthanam (Bhajans) -
Śrī Rāghavendra Swāmy Ārādhana Celebrations
Saturday, August 12th, 2017*



*Family Day
Saturday, September 16th, 2017*



*Family Day
Saturday, September 16th, 2017*



*Mini Health Fair
Sunday, October 8th, 2017*

OUTREACH & CULTURAL



*Breast Cancer Walk - Flushing Meadow Park
Sunday, October 15th, 2017*



*Deepāvali Celebrations - Queens Museum
Sunday, October 29th, 2017*



*Deepāvali Celebrations - Queens Museum
Sunday, October 29th, 2017*



*'Antaram' - Classical Dance & Theater
Monday, October 30th, 2017*



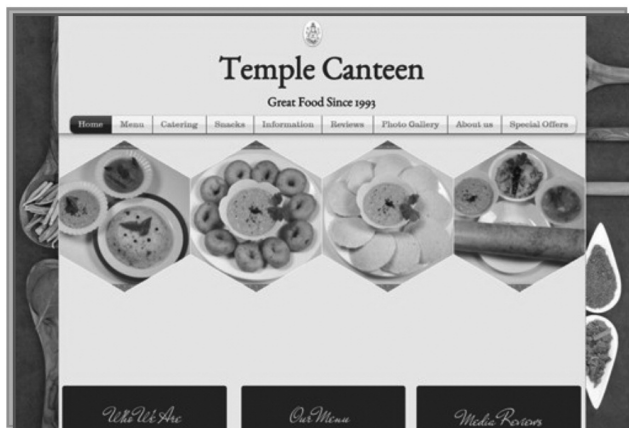
*Anniversary Celebrations of Senior Program
Saturday, November 4th, 2017*



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CANTEEN & CATERING SERVICES of The Hindu Temple Society of NA

143-09 Holly Ave. Flushing, NY 11355



Please visit the Temple
Canteen's website:

www.nyganeshtemplecanteen.com

email: canteen@nyganeshtemple.org

OPEN DAILY - 8:30 am to 9:00 pm

Freshly prepared food items {like *Idli*, *Vada*, all kinds of *Dosas*, *Uttappam*, *Upma*, Tamarind Rice, Yogurt Rice, *Laddus*, *Mysorepak*, *Jangri* & many other sweets} are usually available daily. Special items (like *Puri/Chole*, *Bonda*, *Dal Vada*, *Dahi Vada*, *Thali Meals* etc.) are prepared during weekends and certain holidays.

Catering services are also available with numerous vegetarian dishes for private parties, such as birthday celebrations, *upanayanams*, weddings, anniversaries, etc. Minimum order - 25 persons. The facility provides all accessories including Wedding *Mantapam*, Garlands, *Thāmbulam* Bags etc. and can also deliver the order within the NY/NJ/CT tri-state region whenever possible.



Wedding Services

at The Hindu Temple Society of NA

143-09 Holly Ave. Flushing, NY 11355

Services

Mantapams
Stages
Table Arrangements
Flower Arrangements
Candles and more...

*Additional items
Available Upon
Request



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
Upanayanams
Arangetrams

For Further Information please call (718) 460-8493 or
Wedding/Event Coordinator Jaya Sivamurthy (347) 532-2484 or (718) 460-8484 ext. 119
or email: events@nyganeshtemple.org

Daily Services at the Temple

- 8:00 am Mahā Ganapati Suprabhātam*
 Usha Kāla Pooja
 8:15 am Śiva Abhishekam
 8:15 am Venkateśwara Suprabhātam[§] / Mahā Ganapati Homam
 9:00 am Mahā Ganapati Abhishekam[¶]
 9:00 am & 5:00 pm Veda Pārāyanam
 7:00 pm Sarva Devata Hārati

*Weekends at 7:30 am / §8:00 am ^ Sundays at [¶]11:00 am

Weekly Services at the Temple

Monday

- 7:15 pm Śiva Abhishekam

Tuesday

- 8:15 am Hanumān Abhishekam
 9:00 am Nāgendra Abhishekam
 10:00 am Kāmākshi Abhishekam
 5:30 pm Hanumān Sahasranāma Pooja
 6:00 pm Hanumān Chalisa Pārāyanam
 7:15 pm Shanmukha Abhishekam

Wednesday

- 6:00 pm Saraswati Abhishekam
 7:15 pm Saraswati Sahasranāma Archana

Thursday

- 8:30 am Rāghavendra Swāmy Abhishekam
 9:00 am Dakshināmorthy Abhishekam
 6:00 pm Dakshināmorthy Rudra Triṣati Nāma Archana
 6:00 pm Rāghavendra Swāmy Sahasranāma Pooja
 7:15 pm Rāghavendra Swāmy Guru Pāduka Pooja
 7:15 pm Gayatri Japam

Friday

- 10:00 am Pārvati Abhishekam, Lalita Sahasranāma Pārāyanam
 10:30 am Mahā Lakshmi Sahasranāma Archana
 7:15 pm Mahā Lakshmi Abhishekam, Mahā Lakshmi
 Stothram

Saturday

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

Sunday

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



SUGGESTED HOMAMS / POOJAS FOR PARIHARA,

GENERAL WELFARE & DURING OTHER AUSPICIOUS EVENTS

- Mahā Ganapati Homam
 Sudarśana Homam *Removal of all obstacles*
 Sankata Hara Chaturthi Pooja

 Mahā Lakshmi Homam
 Śankhābhishekam *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 Pratishtha
 Āślesha Homam
 Garuda Homam

 Chandi Homam
 Sudarśana Homam *Recovery from difficult times*
 Navagraha Homam

 Navagraha Homam *Overcoming problems*
 Sudarśana 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
 Sudarśana Homam *Moving into new house*
 Vishnu Homam, Vastu Homam
 Rakshoghna Homam

 Āyushya Homam *First and subsequent birthdays*

 Āyushya Homam
 Rudra Homam *60th, 70th, & 80th birthdays*
 Navagraha Homam *and Longevity*
 Mrityunjaya Homam
 Sarva Devata Homam
 Sudarśana Homam
 Dhanvantari Homam

 Saraswati Homam *Initiating into studies*

 Sudarśana Homam *Business Development*

 Chandi Pātha Samputi
 Pārāyanam / Homam *Career Advancement*

 Sandhi Śānti Homam *Graba 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 Ksbemam)*

 Sundara Khānda Pārāyanam *For success in all efforts*

Scheduled Services at the Temple

First & Third Tuesday of every month at 9:30 am

- Sundara Kāṇḍam Pārāyanam

First Thursday of every month at 9:00 am

- Guru Homam

First Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm

- Gayatri Abhishekam

First Saturday of every month at 8:00 am

- Navagraha Homam

First Saturday of every month at 6:00 pm

- Ayyappa Abhishekam, Pooja & Bhajans

Second Saturday of every month at 6:00 pm

- Sudaršana Abhishekam

Second Saturday of every month at 7:15 pm

- Sudaršana Sahasranāma Pooja

Second Saturday of every month at 7:15 pm

- Saneśwara Sahasranāma Pooja

Third Saturday of every month at 6:00 pm

- Ayyappa Sahasranāma Pooja

Third Saturday of every month at 6:00 pm

- Dhanvantari & Garuda Abhishekam

First Sunday of every month at 9:00 am

- Soorya Namaskaram

First Sunday of every month at 3:00 pm

- Devi Khodiyār Mātā Pooja

On Poornima at 9:00 am (on Sundays at 11:00 am)

- Agastya & Lopāmudra Abhishekam

On Poornima at 9:00 am (when falls on Friday ONLY)

- Māha Lakshmi Homam

On Poornima at 10:00 am

- Kāmākshi Abhishekam (moolavar & utsavar),
Sahasranāma Pooja

On Poornima at 6:00 pm

- Mahā Meru Navāvarana Pooja
- Satyanārāyana Abhishekam

On Poornima at 7:15 pm

- Satyanārāyana Pooja

On Pradosham*

- Śiva & Nandikeśwara Abhishekam

(*please refer to the Temple website/facebook or contact the Temple directly for exact *pradosha kāla abhishekam* timings)

On Krittika at 9:00 am

- Shanmukha Sahasranāma Pooja

On Krittika at 7:15 pm

- Shanmukha Abhishekam

On Śukla Shashti at 9:00 am (on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm)

- Subrahmanya Homam

On Śukla Shashti at 10:30 am (on Tuesdays at 7:15 pm)

- Subrahmanya Abhishekam

On Śukla Chaturthi at 8:15 am

- Mahā Ganapati Homam

On Śukla Chaturthi at 7:15 pm

- Mahā Ganapati Utsavar Abhishekam

On Krishna (Sankata Hara) Chaturthi at 7:15 pm

- Mahā Ganapati Abhishekam, *Sahasranāma Pooja
(*after morning Abhishekam & if falls on Sunday at 6:00 pm)

On Punarvasu Nakshatra at 9:00 am

- Rāma Abhishekam, Sahasranāma Pooja

On Rohini Nakshatra at 9:00 am

- Krishna Abhishekam, Sahasranāma Pooja

On Ardra Nakshatra at 6:00 pm

- Śiva Sahasranāma Pooja

On Śravana Nakshatra at 9:00 am

- Dhanvantari Sahasranāma Pooja

On Amavasya at 6:00 pm

- Bhairava Sahasranāma Pooja

On Krishna Ashtami at 7:15 pm

- Bhairava Abhishekam

On Moola Nakshatra at 9:00 am

- Hanumān Abhishekam

UTSAVAR ABHISHEKAMS

First Sunday of every month at 6:00 pm

- Śiva-Parvati Utsavar Abhishekam

Second Sunday of every month at 6:00 pm

- Shanmukha Utsavar Abhishekam

Third Sunday of every month at 6:00 pm

- Venkateśwara Utsavar Abhishekam

Fourth Sunday of every month at 6:00 pm

- Maha Lakshmi Utsavar Abhishekam

Combined Tariff - Religious Services & Dravyas

	Temple	Outside***	Schedule Day
Abhishekam	\$131	\$155	\$ 51
Annaprāsanam	\$101	\$131	
Ashtottara Archana	\$ 10		
Ekādaśavāra			
Rudrabhishekam	\$375	\$501	
Griha Praveśam		\$301	
Guru Paduka Pooja	\$ 51		\$ 31
Hair Offering	\$101		
Harati	\$ 2		
Homams:Ganapati	\$131	\$251	\$ 51
Navagraha	\$161	\$281	
Chandi	\$251	\$375	
All Others	\$131	\$201	
Kanaka Abhishekam	\$301		
Kālyāna Utsavam*	\$201*	\$501 [¶]	
Last Rites (Funeral)		\$151	
Apara Kriya (other than Funeral)	\$101	\$131	
Lighting of Lamps			
- with oil	\$ 1		
- with ghee	\$ 2		
Nāmakaranam	\$101		
Navāvarana Pooja	\$125	\$275	\$ 31
Punyāhavāchanam	\$101	\$131	
Sahasranāma Archana	\$ 25		\$ 12
Satyanārāyana Pooja	\$125	\$251	\$ 31
Satyanārāyana Pooja - (SAT/SUN)	\$101**		
Seemantam	\$375	\$425	
Śrāddham (Hiranya)	\$ 61	\$201	
Śrāddham (Hiranya) w/ homam	\$131	\$251	
Stothram Pārāyanam			\$21
Sashtiapda Purdi (60 th Birthday)	\$450	\$600	
Bhima Ratha Shanti (70 th Birthday)	\$350	\$500	
Sadabhishekam (80 th Birthday)	\$350	\$500	
Tarpanam	\$ 31	\$175	
Trisātināma Archana	\$ 21		\$ 11
Upanayanam	\$375	\$425	
Vada Malā (108)	\$101		
Vada Malā (54)	\$ 51		
Vada Malā (24) Archana	\$ 35		
Vahana (Vehicle) Pooja	\$ 31		
Veda Pārāyanam (per 1 hr session)	\$ 51	\$111	\$ 11
Vidyā-Ārambham	\$101	\$131	
Wedding Engagement	\$151	\$201	
Wedding	\$375	\$425	
All Other Services	UPON REQUEST		

- (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 bring with them *pancha loha vigrahas*. Service must be booked one week in advance.
 (IV) **All services** (except Archana) must be scheduled at least **one week 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)
 c) Each additional service(s)
 (VII) Sponsors are responsible for providing transportation to assigned priests(s). Otherwise, an additional charge will apply.

All the above mentioned tariffs are subject to change.

Special Sponsorship

- *ONE-DAY Sarva Devata (All Deities) Abhishekam***
 Weekday: \$2,501.00
 Weekend/Holidays: \$3,001.00
 - *FULL DAY Sponsor of ALL events in the Temple:
 Weekday: \$ 501.00
 Weekend/Holidays: \$1,001.00
 - Šankha (Conch) Abhishekam with Homam (Excluding Food Prasādam)
 108 Šankhas \$ 301.00
 54 Šankhas \$ 201.00
 27 Šankhas \$ 151.00
 - Satyanārāyana Pooja or Mahā Meru Navāvarana Pooja for WHOLE YEAR
 (performed on Poornima days): \$ 372.00
 - ONE-DAY Sarva Devata (All Deities) Archanās**
 Weekday: \$ 125.00
 Weekend/Holidays: \$ 175.00
 - Sarva Devata Homam \$ 351.00***
 - Special Alankāram for Deities UPON REQUEST
- *Sponsors will receive a Ganeśa Silver Coin / Vighraha / Picture and Vibhooti & Kumkuma Prasādam.
 **ARCHANĀS (108 Nāmas): Include pooja sāmāgrīs, flowers and fruits.
 ***ABHISHEKAMS & HOMAMS: Dravyas, sāmāgrīs, garland (small) & Naivedyam (small) are included.
Prasādam will be mailed to absentee sponsors.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

ABHISHEKAMS:

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

ARCHANAS:

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

HOMAMS:

- Ganapati Homam
- Sudarśana Homam
- Vishnu Homam
- Navagraha Homam
- Mrityunjaya Homam
- Āyushya Homam
- Śrī Rudra Homam
- Chandi Homam
- Saraswati Homam
- Nāga Śānti Homam
- Śrī Subrahmanya Homam
- Sarva Devata Homam
- Dhanvantri Homam
- Lakshmi Narasimha 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:

- Śrī Satyanārāyana Pooja
- Śrī Mahā Meru Navāvarana Pooja
- Śrī Guru Pāduka Pooja
- Kalyāna Utsavam
- Navagraha Śānti

OTHER POOJAS / SERVICES:

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

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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.

LIST OF HOTELS IN THE VICINITY:

Mariott La Guardia	102-05 Ditmars Blvd. East Elmhurst, NY 11369 Tel: (718) 565-8900
Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza	104-04 Ditmars Blvd. East Elmhurst, NY 11369 Tel: (718) 457-6300
Sheraton La Guardia East Hotel	135-20 39th Avenue Flushing, NY 11354 Tel: (718) 460-6666
Y.M.C.A.	138-46 Northern Blvd. Flushing, NY 11355 Tel: (718) 961-6880
Wingate Inn & Suites	137-07 Northern Blvd. Flushing, NY 11354 Tel: (718) 445-3300
Howard Johnson La Guardia Airport East	135-33 38th Avenue Flushing, NY 11354 Tel: (718) 461-3888

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Email : _____

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