



GANEŠĀNJALI

Temple Newsletter

June 2018



ŚRI DURGA GANAPATI

THE HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA, NY

Śri 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



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

A Letter From the President

Dear Fellow Devotees,

Greetings! The year 2018 began with grand New Year's day celebrations, with thousands of devotees participating in the day long events. Temple will be celebrating its 41st Anniversary with a three day celebration July 2 - July 4, 2018, consisting of *abhishekams* and *poojas* for all the Deities. A special cultural program is being organized on Saturday, July 7th to mark this important event. Everyone is cordially invited to participate.

Other main festivals celebrated during the last six months included; *Śri Venkateśwara Lakshārchana*, *Śri Dhanvantari Mantra Japam*, *Makara Sankrānti* & *Śri Ayyappa Pooja*, *Mahā Śivaratri*, *Śri Rāma Navami Utsavam*, *Śri Shanmukha Lakshārchana*, *Śri Dakshināmoorthy Mantra Japam*, *Śri Śiva Mahotsavam* and *Maha Rudra Yajnam*. All these festivals and several *mantra japas* were very well participated by the devotees.

Several cultural and outreach events were carefully planned to include; Youth, Young Professionals and Young families. The Young Professionals Group of the Temple known as '*Akshayam*' had organized a music and dance program '*Mahā Ganapati Natya Sabha*' in January 2018 and it was well attended. STEM Fair was organized for youngsters in April 2018. Discourse by Swamy Pratyagbhojananda on '*Yogah Karmasu Koushalam*' was well attended. Annual *Holi* Festival & Earth Day was celebrated with Indian Folk dances and music at Queens Museum in April. Temple participated in the celebration of Asian Heritage month at Flushing Town Hall by presenting one cultural item on May 23rd. Annual Health Fair is planned for July 8th and everyone is invited. Summer Day Camp is organized for the Patasala children from July 23rd thru July 27th and the theme is '*Hindu Heritage*'. All the Patasala children are encouraged to register and participate - please refer to page 5 for details.

There were several Interfaith and Community events participated by the Temple during the last 6 months. Among them the most significant ones were; Interfaith Breakfast hosted by Mayor de Blasio & First Lady on January 11th, Special Interfaith Gathering hosted by Governor Cuomo also held on January 11th, Diplomatic and Interfaith seder hosted by AJC/NY in March 2018 and several others.

The Young Professionals Group, '*Akshayam*' will hold its annual conference on Science and Hinduism on Saturday June 16th in the Kalyana Mantapa. The Council of Hindu Temples of North America of which our Temple is the Secretariat, will be holding its annual meeting on July 28th at Śri Ganeśa Temple, Nashville, TN.

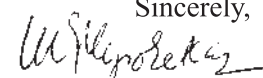
I take this opportunity to make a humble appeal to all the devotees in seeking generous donations to various Temple Projects - 1) Construction of Staff Quarters, 2) Repairs & renovation of the Temple in preparation for *Jeeranodharanam* (*Kumbhabhishekam*) (4th re-consecration) of all main Deities in 2020, and 3) Endowment Fund.

I wish to express my thanks to all of you for your continued support and friendship. We welcome all suggestions for improvement and these will be carefully considered and implemented wherever possible.

Our thanks to all the dedicated groups of volunteers for their sterling services and our gratitude to 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 and be blessed.

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

Sincerely,



Dr. Uma Mysorekar
President

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 670 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

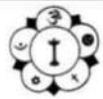
***A truly unique venue to hold your function.
Hurry and make your reservation as prime dates fill up fast!***

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**



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SUMMER DAY CAMP 2018

July 23rd - July 27th, 2018

5 DAY - CAMP SESSION

AGES: 7 YRS TO 15 YRS OLD

MONDAY - FRIDAY : 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

DROP-OFF / PICK-UP LOCATION: SARASWATI HALL

Theme:

HINDU HERITAGE

Camp will be Conducted by Dr. M. G. Prasad with a focus on Yoga, Hindu Culture and Heritage as well as recreational activities. Dr. Prasad is a well known scholar and has conducted many such camps all over the United States.

Morning session : Yoga, Hindu Culture and Heritage

Afternoon Session : Arts and Crafts, word building, board games, etc.

FINAL DAY OF THE CAMP WILL INCLUDE A SHOW BY THE CAMP STUDENTS

Fee for the Camp is \$75.00 which includes Indian vegetarian lunch & snacks

Those interested may please register online at

<http://patasala.nyganeshtemple.org>



For further information please email: patasala@nyganeshtemple.org

FESTIVALS



*New Year's Day
Monday, January 1st, 2018*



*Makara Sankrānti - Śrī Ayyappa Pooja
Sunday, January 14th, 2018*



*Śrī Dhanvantari Mantra Japam
Friday, January 12th - Thursday, January 18th, 2018*



*Madhwa Navami Celebrations
Thursday, January 25th, 2018*



*Mahā Śivarātri Celebrations
Saturday, February 10th - Wednesday, February 14th, 2018*



FESTIVALS



*Šri Rāma Navami Day - Šri Rāma Jananotsavam
Sunday, March 25th, 2018*



*Šri Dakshinamoorthy Mantra Japam
Tuesday, April 17th - Thursday, April 19th, 2018*



*Šri Satyanārāyaṇa Kalyāṇa Utsavam
Wednesday, April 25th, 2018*



*Šri Šiva Mahotsavam Celebrations
Thursday, April 26th thru Saturday, May 5th, 2018*

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES OF THE TEMPLE

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY FROM 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	YOGA / MEDITATION
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	COFFEE BREAK
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	BHAGAWAD GITA (IN HINDI), SUNDARA KHANDA PARAYANAM
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	LUNCH

WEDNESDAY FROM 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	YOGA / MEDITATION
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	DISCUSSIONS ON RELIGION & SPIRITUALITY IN DAY TO DAY LIFE
12:15 PM - 1:00 PM	LUNCH
1:00 PM - 1:45 PM	BHAJAN CLASS
1:45 PM - 2:30 PM	CONVERSATIONAL SANSKRIT FOR BEGINNERS

THURSDAY FROM 10:00 AM - 1:45 PM

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

ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS
SPIRITUAL & PHYSICAL ENRICHMENT!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
THE TEMPLE AT (718) 460-8484 EXT. 112
OR RADHIKA MOHAN (646) 420-6216

YOGA CLASSES

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

FOLLOWED BY

PRANAYAMA & 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

COME ONE, COME ALL TO JOIN THE

YOUTH GROUP

of Ganeša Temple (YGGT)

(AGES 12 TO 18)

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
(718) 460-8484 EXT. 112
OR EMAIL: OUTREACH@NYGANESHTEMPLE.ORG

HEALTH FAIR -



Sunday, July 8th, 2018

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

in the Kalyāna Mantapam

- ♦ General Checkup
- ♦ Height, Weight, Blood Pressure, EKG (45 yrs & older)
- ♦ Gynecology Consultation
- ♦ Information on Vaccinations
- ♦ Mammography Screening
- ♦ Gastroenterology
- ♦ ENT
- ♦ Dental Screening
- ♦ Podiatry
- ♦ Ophthalmology Screening
- ♦ Physiotherapy
- ♦ Nutrition Specialist
- ♦ Question & Answer Session
- ♦ *Blood Tests-Sugar & Cholesterol levels - performed by New York Presbyterian Hospital, Queens (NYPQ)
*Must be fasting at least 6 hours prior to blood test.



ALL ARE WELCOME



4th INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY



on Sunday, June 24th 2018

At 9:00 AM

Location: Kalyana Mantapam

- **Surya Namskaram (Sun salutations)**
- **Demonstration of Aasanas**
- **Yoga/health talks & Presentations**
- **Acupuncture / Ayurveda**
- **Sarala Yoga**
- **Yoga at desk**
- **Pranayama**
- **Meditation**
- **Satvilk Food**
- ...and much more!**

ADMISSION FREE - ALL ARE INVITED

**FIRST 100 PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE
A FREE YOGA MAT!**

For Further Information Please contact the Temple at (718) 460-8484 ext.112
or Sanjay Attada (718) 888-0410 • Indira Narasimharajan (718) 631-0725
Krishnan Vaidhyanathan (718) 897-3960 • Chandrasekhar Vellur (516) 833-7600
Vinay Dayal (718) 224-5398

Save the Date!

**Special Musical Evening
for
41st Temple Anniversary Celebrations**

Saturday, July 7, 2018

Location: Auditorium

Further Details to be Announced



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ANUBHAVA 2018

THE SCIENCE OF HINDUISM

**A CONFERENCE FOR
HINDU YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**

AN AKSHAYAM INITIATIVE



ORGANIZED BY **AKSHAYAM**
(THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS TEAM OF
THE HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY
OF NORTH AMERICA)

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2018
REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9 A.M.
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED



VENUE:
HTSNA COMMUNITY CENTER
143-09 HOLLY AVE.
FLUSHING, NY 11355

ANY QUESTIONS?
PLEASE EMAIL
AKSHAYAM@NYGANESHTEMPLE.ORG

Anubhava 2018: The Science of Hinduism

The Hindu Temple Society of North America will be hosting Anubhava 2018, its annual Hindu Young Professionals conference. Anubhava is organized by Akshayam, the Temple's Young Professionals Team, and will take place from 9am - 3pm on Saturday, June 16th at the Community Center. This is the third time the Temple is hosting a conference specifically for young professionals ages 18-45 in an effort to offer a platform for the next generation to discuss their Hindu faith and applications in the modern-day.

As believers in the Sanatana Dharma, or Eternal/Absolute Truth, Hindus are prideful that we hold and share cultural traditions, values and practices that have withstood the test of time. And one such treasure that we hold is the keen understanding of the scientific world that has given us the power to look back at the past in awe, at the present with satisfaction and the future with hope. The Vedic Sciences, as explained in various religious texts, have pinpointed some of the world's wonders that are slowly coming to light under the modern investigative lens. It provides one with a complete knowledge and understanding of the consciousness. Understanding how we as individuals are unified with the greater space is the key to science. The truth, as its name implies, has always been known; however, centuries-old wisdom is now becoming re-discovered as the West uses its resources and measures to polish the jewels of the Hindu heritage.

One such example is the idea of many universes that is recently being entertained by modern scientists under "the multiverse theory" but was long ago written about in Vedic texts. Similarly in the Bhagavat Purana, one can find a discussion on the relativity of time and the multi-dimensional aspect of space, as was re-discovered by Einstein in his famous "twin-paradox" hypothetical experiment. Furthermore, ancient Hindu scientists have written in detail about surgical procedures, astronomy, botany, weaponry, and sustainable energy, to name a few. The power of vibrations that resound from Vedic chanting, agnihotra used for healing and realignment of one's chakras for increased energy and well-being is now being studied for application to a larger audience.

The goal of this year's Anubhava conference is to explore these concepts and realize that we, as young Hindus, have a shared commitment to bring out these long-standing truths and not only apply it for our individual benefits but also, offer it to the global community. Participants will be connecting long-standing Hindu practices and customs with modern day scientific understanding. Several guest speakers and panelists will explore this theme, with ample opportunities for attendees to ask questions and participate in interactive sessions.

Our current education system treats "modern science" as the expert in the field and discounts "old science" as obsolete. It is up to us as Hindus to redefine Vedic science and not let be discounted as an ancient science as it bears the consequence of stripping our traditions and beliefs from their roots. We must stand together and expose the truths of our dharma and for that to happen, we must know the truths ourselves. Anubhava 2018 aims to start that conversation so that we can discuss our shared scientific understandings and identify where it fits in our vast Hindu tradition. Young Hindus frequently ask the question "why" and we have the answers. Hinduism and modernity are not at odds with one another but rather work in a wonderful synergy that connects spirituality and science. It is up to us to discover the truths that will inform us of the greater world we are part of and ultimately allow us to transcend the material space and rejoin the spiritual one.

The conference is free of cost, Keep up with the latest updates by visiting our Temple Facebook page. We hope to see you all on June 16th.

Register today at [**tinyurl.com/anubhava**](http://tinyurl.com/anubhava)

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.nyganeshtemple.org/pcig>

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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@nyganeshtemple.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

INTERFAITH & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



Soup Kitchen Volunteering - 2018

Interfaith & Community Activities

In the last several years the Temple has systematically embarked into Outreach activities so that our community can stay connected and be a significant part of the cultural and social enrichment activities of the larger Society. To this end, our Temple took several steps in the last 25 years. The Temple Patasala started in the 1990s while concurrently our youth group was encouraged to engage in a positive manner. In 2003, our Senior Program was started with a view to help our Seniors to be healthier, informed and be contributing members of the Society.

Recognizing the importance of cultural exchanges and the power they have to act as a “unifier”, the Temple completed in 1998, a very ambitious project i.e the Community Center. This Center houses a Canteen, two large halls and a modern auditorium with a seating capacity of 670. The temple became a center for community and private events for everyone and not just the devotees. Religious ceremonies of families, social events of organizations, cultural programs of the Temple and other institutions began to take place regularly at the Community Center. The Patasala, Community Center, 3 smaller halls and a small cozy unit for gatherings such as a Senior Program collectively became the places for forums for all types of programs for Children, Youth, Adults and Seniors.

As the devotee population, especially the young families and professionals, grew in large numbers, their need to connect with the followers of other faiths become important because their success is largely dependent how well they assimilate while retaining our rich culture. The Temple thus has the potential to play a large role in assisting and shaping the religious, Spiritual and cultural growth of the children and other young devotees.

To this end, the Temple has already enhanced its religious services by introducing new and special rituals that have enhanced the vibration and energy in the Temple. Webinars on Religious Education are underway while plans are being made for more adult education along with opportunities to interact with interfaith organizations and for participating in multi faith forums. The Temple is already participating in the Soup Kitchens of St. Georges Episcopal and Universal Unitarian churches. Collaborations with organizations such as the AJC, JCRC, various Interfaith Centers, Queens Museum, Public Garden, local Hospitals and Queens Botanical Garden etc. adds to our opportunities to make a positive difference. The City and State Governments have also taken notice of the Temple’s influence and has invited us to participate in many informational events. We have also been involved in several forums organized by the U.N. and the Indian Consulate. But the momentum can be maintained only through the increased involvement of talented and committed volunteers. These initiatives require substantial investment of time and money and therefore the Temple needs the continued generous support of the volunteers and donors.

As temple devotees, we think of Seva as Prayer in Action. Outreach activities represent our Seva that is channeled and targeted. When we serve, we are trying to be the best we can be. We have heard of the saying “To Whom Much is Given, Much is Expected” and also the simple but effective words “Service to Man is Service to God.” For those that want to participate and contribute, under the broad heading of Outreach, our Temple is well positioned for more devotees of all ages, to get involved in meaningful and rewarding assignments.

CULTURAL & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



*Ganesha Pātāśala Celebrations - Variety Entertainment Show
Saturday, December 16th 2017*



*Ganesha Pātāśala Celebrations -
Variety Entertainment Show
Saturday, December 16th 2017*



*Maha Ganapati Natya Gana Sabha
Saturday, January 20th, 2018*



*Republic Day of India Celebrations
Saturday, February 24th, 2018*

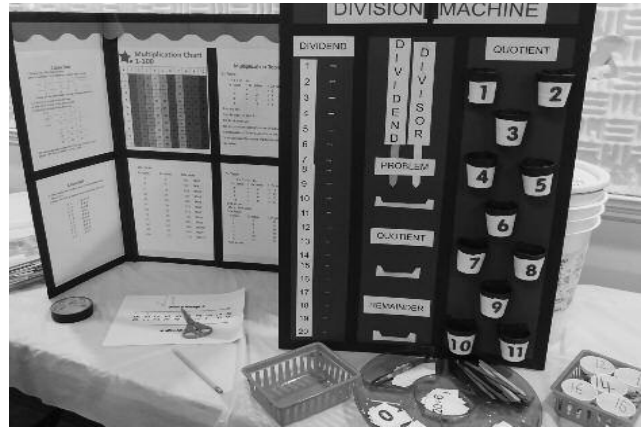


*Composer's Day
Saturday, March 17th, 2018*

CULTURAL & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



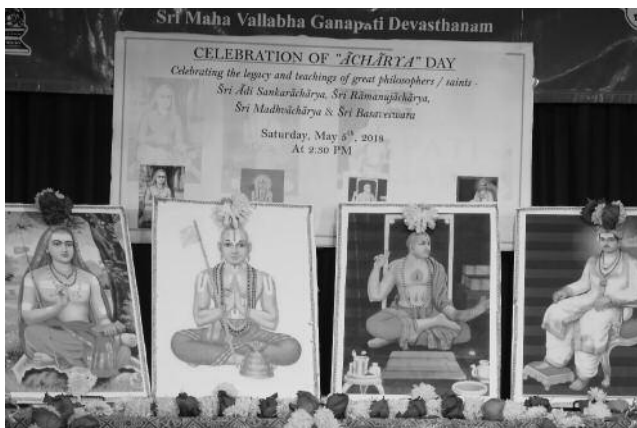
*Discourse by Swami Pratyagbodhananda
Saturday, April 14th, 2018*



*STEM Fair (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)
Sunday, April 22nd, 2018*



*'Holi Festival' & 'Earth Day' with Multi-Cultural
Dances at the Queens Museum
Saturday, April 28th, 2018*



*Celebration of 'Acharya' Day'
Saturday, May 5th, 2018*



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 Dakshināmoorthy Abhishekam
6:00 pm Dakshināmoorthy Rudra Triṣati Nāma Archana
6:00 pm Rāghavendra Swāmy Sahasranāma Pooja
7:15 pm Rāghavendra 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
Śāṅkhābhishekam *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 Kānda 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

- Saneeshwara Sahasranāma Pooja

Third Saturday of every month at 6:00 pm

- Dhanvantari & Garuda Abhishekam

Third Saturday of every month at 7:15 pm

- Ayyappa Sahasranāma Pooja

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 Krittika & Śukla Shashti (when both fall on same day)

- 9:00 AM Shanmukha Sahasranāma Pooja
- 6:00 PM Subrahmanya Homam
- 7:15 PM Shanmukha Abhishekam

On Śukla Chaturthi at 7:15 pm

- Mahā Ganapati Abhishekam (utsavar)

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

- Venkateswara 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			
Rudrābhishekam	\$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	\$251	
Kanaka Abhishekam	\$301		
Kālyāna Utsavam*	\$201*	\$501†	
Last Rites (Funeral)		\$225	
Apara Kriya (other than Funeral)	\$101	\$201	
Lighting of Lamps			
- with oil	\$ 1		
- with ghee	\$ 2		
Nāmakaranam	\$101		
Navāvarana Pooja	\$125	\$275	\$ 31
Punyāhavāchanam	\$101	\$201	
Sahasranāma Archana	\$ 25		\$ 12
Satyanārāyana Pooja	\$125	\$251	\$ 31
Satyanārāyana Pooja - (SAT/SUN)	\$101**		
Seemantam	\$375	\$501	
Śrāddham (Hiranya)	\$ 61	\$201	
Śrāddham (Hiranya) w/ homam	\$131	\$251	
Stothram Pārāyanam			\$21
Sashtiapda Purdi (60 th Birthday)	\$450	\$501	
Bhima Ratha Shanti (70 th Birthday)	\$350	\$501	
Sadabhishekam (80 th Birthday)	\$350	\$501	
Tarpanam	\$ 31	\$175	
Trisātināma Archana	\$ 21		\$ 11
Upanayanam	\$375	\$501	
Vada Malā (108)	\$101		
Vada Malā (54)	\$ 51		
Vada Malā (24) Archana	\$ 35		
Vahana (Vehicle) Pooja	\$ 31		
Veda Pārāyanam (per 1 hr session)	\$ 51	\$151	\$ 11
Vidyā-Ārambham	\$101	\$201	
Wedding Engagement	\$151	\$275	
Wedding	\$375	\$501	
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 bringing with them pancha loha vighras. Service must be booked one week in advance.
 (IV) **All services** (except Archana & Hārati) 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)
 (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 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
 - Śankha (Conch) Abhishekam with Homam (Excluding Food Prasādam)
 108 Śankhas \$ 301.00
 54 Śankhas \$ 201.00
 27 Śankhas \$ 151.00
 - Satyanārāyana Pooja or Mahā Meru Navāvarana Pooja for WHOLE YEAR
 (performed on Poomima 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 sāmagris, flowers and fruits.
 ***ABHISHEKAMS & HOMAMS: Dravyas, sāmagris, garland (small) & Naivedyam (small) are included.
Prasādam will be mailed to absentee sponsors.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

ABHISHEKAMS:

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

ARCHANAS:

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

HOMAMS:

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

SAMSKĀRAS:

- Nāma Karanam**
- Seemantham**
- Shashti Abda Poorthi**
- Punyāhavāchanam**
- Griha Ārambham**
- and Śathābhishekam**
- Annaprāśanam**
- Griha Praveśam**
- Apara Kriyas**
- Vidyārambham**
- Upanayanam**
- Hiranya Śrāddham / Pitru Tarpanam**
- Hair Offering**
- Vivāham (Wedding)**

SPECIAL POOJAS for Deities:

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

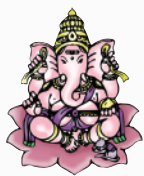
OTHER POOJAS / SERVICES:

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

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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 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 two blocks and turn left on Smart Street. 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 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.

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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