



# GANEŠĀNJALI



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

Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018



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Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## LAKSHĀRCHANA FOR ŠRI PĀRVATI

Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

10:30 AM, 11:00 AM & 11:30 AM Šri Pārvati Lakshārchana

7:15 PM Šri Pārvati Abhishekam



## ŠRI DURGĀ POOJA

Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> thru  
Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

8:00 AM Devi Suprabhātam.

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

8:30 AM Šri Durgā Homam.

9:30 AM Šri Durgā Abhishekam, Sahasranāma Pooja.

Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Scheduled Šri Saraswati Abhishekam will be at 9:30 AM instead of 6:00 PM  
followed by Saraswati Sahasranāma Archana



*Libra*

## ŠRI GURU PRAVEŠAM

Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Jupiter moving from Tula Rāśi (Libra) to Vrischika Rāśi (Scorpio)



*Scorpio*

8:30 AM Šri Guru Homam.

10:00 AM Poornāhuti.

10:30 AM Šri Navagraha Abhishekam, Pooja, Hārati.

6:00 PM Šri Guru Śloka.

Tuesday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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 5:00 PM - CHANDI KALAŚA POOJA, SAPTAŠATI PĀRĀYANAM



## ŠRI MAHĀ LAKSHMI POOJA

Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> thru  
Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

8:00 AM Devi Suprabhātam.

8:30 AM Chandi Navāvarana Pooja, Lalitā  
Pooja.

8:30 AM Šri Mahā Lakshmi Homam.

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

Friday, October 12th, 2018

Scheduled *Mahā Lakshmi Abhishekam* will be at 9:30 AM instead of 7:15 PM

Sunday, October 14th, 2018

Scheduled *Šri Durga Abhishekam* will be at 9:30 AM instead of 4:30 PM  
followed by *Durga Sahasranāma Archana*

## ŠRI SARASWATI POOJA

Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018



8:00 AM Devi Suprabhātam.

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

8:30 AM Šri Saraswati Homam.

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

9:30 AM Šri Saraswati Abhishekam, Sahasranāma Pooja.

Wednesday, October 17th, 2018

Scheduled *Šri Saraswati Abhishekam* will be at 9:30 AM instead of 6:00 PM  
followed by *Saraswati Sahasranāma Archana*



## DURGĀSHTAMI

Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- 9:30 AM Šri Durgā Abhishekam,  
Sahasranāma Pooja, Hārati.  
*During Alankaram - Chanting of Devi Stotram.*  
5:30 PM Šri Durgā Deepa Namaskaram

## VIJAYA DAŠAMI

Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018



- 7:30 AM Devi Suprabhātam.  
8:00 AM Chandi Homam.  
11:30 AM Šri Durgā, Lakshmi, Saraswati Mahā Abhishekam.  
12:30 PM Lalitā Triśatināma Archana, Pooja, Hārati.  
6:00 PM VIDYĀRAMBHAM FOR CHILDREN, HĀRATI.  
7:15 PM Šri Durgā Prakara Utsavam.

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



## “RAS GARBA MAHOTSAVAM”

Friday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>,  
& Sunday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

8:00 PM to 10:30 PM

Location: To Be Announced

**ALL ARE INVITED**

## ŠRI MAHĀ LAKSHMI

The Divine Mother or *Ādi Parāśakti*, in Her manifestation as the bestower of wealth and prosperity, is known as *Šri Lakshmi*. Among many other meanings, the word Lakshmi stands for good fortune, success, wealth & riches, beauty, grace, charm, etc.

That She may be able to confer all the above blessings on Her devotees, the Divine Mother Herself must have an infinite reservoir of these. The Divine Mother manifests these qualities in the form of eight powers or *Ashta Lakshmis* (eight *Lakshmis*).

The first is known as *Šri Mahā Lakshmi*, the beloved Consort of Lord *Nārāyana*. *Šri Mahā Lakshmi* is usually depicted as seated in *yogāsana* or *padmāsana* on a red lotus. She has the complexion of the full moon and wears a mellow smile (*mandasmita*) in Her countenance. She is endowed with four hands bestowing boons (*vara*) and refuge (*abhaya*) with two hands and holding divine lotuses in the other two.

The petals of the lotus in which *Šri Mahā Lakshmi* is seated is the source of the seven other powers She manifests when She confers blessings on Her devotees. These seven powers are personified as: *Veera Lakshmi* (for bravery); *Dhana Lakshmi* (for wealth); *Santāna Lakshmi* (for progeny); *Jaya Lakshmi* (for victory); *Dhānya Lakshmi* (for grains or food); *Dhairya Lakshmi* (for courage); and *Rājya Lakshmi* (for kingdom or land).

An accidental glance from Her eyes is enough to shower on a devotee all prosperity like: knowledge, wealth, health, progeny, cattle, land, grains, fame, nobility, success and longevity, etc. This attribute of *Šri Lakshmi* is vividly illustrated in the touching story behind *Ādi Śankara*'s hymn *Kanaka Dhāra Stotram* in praise of *Šri Mahā Lakshmi*. Moved and inspired by the love with which a poor housewife fed *Śankara* with the only fruit she had in her house, *Śankara* composed this hymn appealing to *Šri Mahā Lakshmi* to dispel poverty from that household. Immediately, *Šri Mahā Lakshmi* literally showered that poverty-stricken household with golden fruits thereby removing misery from their lives.

Thus, *Ādi Parāśakti* or *Sat Chit Ānanda* (Existence, Consciousness and Bliss), personifies Herself as *Šri Mahā Lakshmi*, or *Šri Saraswati* or *Šri Durgā* and blesses all Her devotees according to their respective needs. Therefore, devotion to the Divine Mother is the ultimate treasure one can have and accordingly one's pure *bhakti* or devotion to Her is the greatest *Lakshmi* one can have.



## TULA POORNIMA

Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

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

Scheduled Šri Shanmukha Abhishekam will be at 4:30 PM instead of 7:15 PM

## DEEPĀVALI CELEBRATIONS ŠRI MAHĀ LAKSHMI MAHOTSAVAM

Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> thru Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018



## DHANTERĀS

Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

7:15 PM Šri Mahā Lakshmi Sahasranāma Pooja, Hārati.



## NARAKA CHATURDAŠI / DEEPĀVALI DAY

Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018



8:30 AM Šri Mahā Lakshmi Kalaṣa Pooja, Šri Mahā Lakshmi  
Homam.  
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.  
6:00 PM ŠRI KEDAREŠWARA POOJA.  
7:15 PM DEEPA POOJA, ŠRI LAKSHMI KUBERA  
SAHASRANĀMA POOJA, Hārati.

Scheduled Šri Shanmukha Abhishekam will be at 5:00 PM instead of 7:15 PM

**ŠRI GOVARDHAN ANNAKUT FESTIVAL**  
**Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**



9:00 AM      Šri Krishna Abhishekam, Pooja, Hārati.  
7:15 PM      Šri Mahā Lakshmi Sahasranāma 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 Thursday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 PM to Friday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM

**VIKRAM SAMVAT (2075)**

**Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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.  
6:00 PM      ŠRI ŠĀRADĀ POOJA (Account Books Pooja).

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

## SKANDA SHASHTI MAHOTSAVAM

Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018



### Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- 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.

### Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> thru Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- 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

Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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





## SKANDA SHASHTI DAY

Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- 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.  
10:30 AM Śri Valli Devasena sameta Śri Subrahmanya  
Abhishekam, SPECIAL ALANKĀRAM, Hārati.  
5:00 PM Utsava Moorthy Abhishekam, Hārati.  
6:00 PM Śri Subrahmanya Triṣatināma Pooja, Hārati.  
7:15 PM Prākāra Utsavam.

Scheduled Śri Shanmukha Abhishekam at 7:15 PM is Cancelled

## Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- 7:15 PM ŚRI VALLI DEVASENA SAMETA  
ŚRI SUBRAHMANYA SWĀMY KALYĀNA  
UTSAVAM, Upachara Pooja, Prakara Utsavam, Hārati.

## ŚRI AYYAPPA MANDALA POOJA BEGINS

Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018



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

## Every Saturday until Makara Sankrānti

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

Friday, November 16th, 2018 thru Sunday, January 13th, 2019

DAILY 8:15 AM - Śri Ayyappa Suprabhātam

- ♦ Scheduled Śri Ganapati Suprabhātam will be at 7:30 AM
- ♦ Scheduled Śri Venkateśwara Suprabhātam will be at 7:45 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. 18 <sup>th</sup> )	\$ 101.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Vijaya Daśami (Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup> )	\$ 151.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> Śrī Devi Special Archana (Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup> - Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup> )	\$ 31.00

### DEEPĀVALI

<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
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### SKANDA SHASHTI

<input type="checkbox"/> All 6 Days (All Scheduled Poojas)	\$ 301.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Day (Except Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup> )	\$ 51.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Skanda Shashti Day (Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup> )	\$ 101.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Kāvadi Pooja/Pālkudam	\$ 15.00
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**NAGA CHATURTHI**..... \$ 75.00

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

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<input type="checkbox"/> Pārvati	<input type="checkbox"/> Shanmukha	<input type="checkbox"/> Guru	<input type="checkbox"/> Śiva

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Durgā	<input type="checkbox"/> Lakshmi	<input type="checkbox"/> Saraswati	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chandi	<input type="checkbox"/> Shanmukha	<input type="checkbox"/> Nāgarāja	<input type="checkbox"/> Guru

**TRIŚATINĀMA POOJA**..... \$ 21.00

<input type="checkbox"/> Lalita	<input type="checkbox"/> Subrahmanya
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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 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.