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Dear Fellow Devotees,

Happy Holidays and best wishes for the New Year. The year 2018 marked yet another year of growth and progress and we proudly celebrated 41st Anniversary on a grand scale. A Grand Musical Ensemble with LICA Band was organized in the Temple’s Auditorium to mark the occasion.

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

Conference by Young Hindu Professionals ‘Akshayam’ - Anubhava 2018 was organized on June 16th and the theme of the conference was “The Science of Hinduism”. This included several speakers addressing different aspects of science and Hinduism which generated a lot of interest among the attendees. In addition to this Akshayam also organizes monthly lectures - ‘Learning Series’ on different subjects, which have become increasingly popular.

4th International Yoga day was organized on June 24th in the Kalyana Mantapam and this was very well participated. Annual Health Fair conducted on July 8th was very successful. Our sincere thanks to NY Presbyterian Hospital for their help and support. Mini Health Fair was also organized on October 14th, providing free blood tests and EKGs - the response was very good.

Ganeša Patašāla has moved into a new location, across from the Temple - top floor of staff quarters located at 45-52 Bowne St. This is more spacious and well liked by students, parents, and teachers. We are happy that there has been a significant increase in the student registration this year and we sincerely hope that the trend will continue.

Volunteers take pride in participating in Soup Kitchen twice a month. They are happy to serve food prepared in the Temple Canteen to the needy people in the neighboring churches.

Summer Day Camp - with the theme ‘Hindu Heritage’ was conducted by Dr. MG Prasad for one week for the Patašāla students from July 23rd - July 27th with focus on yoga, Hindu heritage and recreational activities. For the 16th time in succession our Temple participated in the annual OpenHouse NY (OHNY) weekend - statewide on October 13th & 14th, which attracted a record number of visitors to the Temple on both the days. Anniversary of the Senior Program was celebrated on October 16th with a variety program and was well participated.

I take this opportunity to make a sincere and 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 (Kumbhahishihekam) (4th re-consecration) of all main Deities in 2020, and 3) Endowment Fund.

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 your suggestions for improvement which will be carefully considered and implemented wherever possible. May the blessings of Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati be always with you and your families.

Sincerely,

Dr. Uma Mysorekar
President
“Looking back at the Anubhava 2018 - The Science of Hinduism Conference”
by: Abiramy Logeswaram

In his Sanskrit-English Dictionary (1899), Sir Monier-Williams states “…The Hindus have made considerable advances in astronomy, algebra, arithmetic, botany, and medicine, not to mention their superiority in grammar, long before some of these sciences were cultivated by the most ancient nations of Europe. Hence, it has happened that I have been painfully reminded during the progress of this dictionary that a Sanskrit lexicographer ought to aim at a kind of quasi-omniscience.”

On June 16th, Akshayam, The Young Professionals Team of The Hindu Temple Society of North America, hosted Anubhava 2018, a conference for Hindu Young Professionals, in an effort to start exploring the intersection between Hinduism and science. The artificial divide between science and religion that came with Darwin’s concept of evolution is actually more recent than we would expect. It is artificial because naturally religion and science work in synergy to explain concepts that neither can fully explain individually. Rather than consider the two ideas as separate fields, it is important to step back and understand that science simply guides one on how to de-mystify the truth that was and will always be eternal in the Sanathana Dharma, a system of beliefs that Westerners call “Hinduism”. The goal of Anubhava 2018 was to bring together subject matter experts in the various fields of medicine in Vedic science, applications of sound in Hinduism, and Indian mathematical traditions, to guide young Hindus on how to best approach this seemingly complex interchange.

The conference started with presentations by Sri. Ravi Vaidyanaat Sivachariyar on japa and homa, Dr. Raj Kumar on plants/herbs used in religious rituals and Dr. MG Prasad on medicine in Vedic Science. Explanations of how electrical circuits are created via ritualistic proceedings during a kumbabhishekam (reconsecration ceremony) and how energy is transferred to vigrahas (idols) were given. Sri Sivachariyar explained the importance of fire and generation of heat in homas which keyed in on an important concept of energy transfer. Dr. Raj Kumar led a results-driven discussion on the effects of tulsi and its purpose in ritualistic worship. Dr. M G Prasad explored Vedic science, with a particular emphasis on medicine and age-old wisdom that is found in our ancient texts. An interesting discussion on surgery, as discovered by Sushruta, and characteristics of a healthy body as described in the Charak Samhita (Ch.Ca. 18-19) ensued which provided conference attendees with a great framework on how to better contextualize Vedic science in reference to modern science. Through these talks, young Hindus quickly realized that when using the word ancient to describe Vedic science, one risks the possibility of misconstruing it to be obsolete, which is the furthest from the truth. What is recently being claimed as modern science is simply a discovery of part of the complete knowledge presented in Vedic literature.

After an interactive session led by Sri. Krishna Maheswari on shastra and how knowledge was transferred, lost and regained throughout history, attendees heard about consciousness from the keynote speaker Swami Sarvapriyananda, the Resident Swami of The Vedanta Society. Following lunch and a musical interlude, the conference continued with a panel discussion led by subject matter experts on the science of sound in Hinduism, evolutionary theory of Veda and Indian mathematical traditions. Mrs. Priyamvada Nambrath presented the Katapayadi System and the organization of Sanskrit letters, which explained how numbers are encoded. The conference concluded with a social networking session where attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and continue small group discussions.

Akshayam is a great platform for Hindu young professionals to come together to engage in discussions like these and get involved in the temple and local community, whether it be volunteering at a community event or helping prepare for a religious festival. Whatever interests you may have, this team will offer you the resources to explore those passions.
AKSHAYAM

Based at The Hindu Temple Society of North America, NY, Akshayam is an active community of Hindu young professionals ages 18-35 looking to give back to the Temple and the local community. Get involved today.

For more information contact: akshayam@nyganeshtemple.org
**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**
SUNDARA KHĀNDA PĀRĀVANAM
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM  **LUNCH**

**WEDNESDAY***
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  **YOGA / MEDITATION**
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM  **DISCUSSION 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 - 2:15 PM  **CONVERSATIONAL SANSKRIT FOR BEGINNERS**

**THURSDAY**
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**

*Periodic presentations by experts on relevant areas of Elder Law, Government Provided Benefits, Finance & Health Care

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 Usha Shah (347) 749-4543

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**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

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**VEDA & DIVYA PRABHANDA CLASSES**

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

Location: Temple Basement
Instructed by the Temple Priests

ALL ARE INVITED TO LEARN

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**YOGA CLASSES**

Every Sunday - 8:30 AM
Fee: $10.00 per class

FOLLOWED BY

**PRĀNĀYĀMA & MEDITATION CLASSES**

Every Sunday - 9:30 AM
Fee: $5.00 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

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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 PATAṢĀLA**

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**COMPUTER SCIENCE (Grades 4 - 12)** - For inquiries visit [http://patasala.nygeneshtemple.org/pcig](http://patasala.nygeneshtemple.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 *(INTERMEDIATE)*
11:00 am to 12:00 noon *(ADVANCED)*

**Tuition:** $60.00 PER MONTH OR $600.00 FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR *(SEPTEMBER - JUNE).*

**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).*

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**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@nygeneshtemple.org

*Bharatanatym* 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**

**Sri Mahā Rudra Yajnam**
Thursday, May 24th - Monday, May 28th, 2018

**Sri Venkateswara Brahmotsavam**
Friday, June 1st - Sunday, June 10th, 2018

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Friday, June 1st - Sunday, June 10th, 2018

**Sri Sudarśana Yajnam**
Friday, July 27th thru Sunday, July 29th, 2018

**41st Anniversary of the Temple**
Monday, July 2nd thru Wednesday, July 4th, 2018

**Sri Vara Mahā Lakshmi Vratam**
Friday, August 24th, 2018
PROGRAMS & FESTIVITIES

Śrī Rāghavendra Swāmy Ārādhana
Tuesday, August 28th, 2018

Śrī Krishna Janmāśhtami
Sunday, September 2nd, 2018

Śrī Ganeśa Chaturthi Nava - Dina Brahmotsavam
Friday, September 7th thru Sunday, September 16th, 2018
PROGRAMS & FESTIVITIES

Šri Devi Nava Rātri Mahotsavam
Tuesday, October 9th thru Thursday, October 18th, 2018

Deepāvali Celebrations
Sunday, Nov. 4th thru Tuesday, Nov. 6th, 2018

Šri Govardhan Annakut Utsavam
Thursday, Nov. 8th thru Friday, Nov. 9th, 2018

Skanda Shashti Mahotsavam
Thursday, November 8th thru Wednesday, November 14th, 2018
SIGNIFICANCE OF COMMON RITUALS
By: M. R. Ravi Vaidyanath Shivachariar
Executive Director, The Hindu Temple Society of N.A.

POOJA:
Pooryante sarva karmāṇi, jāyate jñānam ātmani, poornāt jāyate yasmāt, poojāsapta ihochyate
.....Kāranāgama

As per Kāranāgama, pooja could be defined as a system of worship, that signifies the fulfillment of the prescribed rituals (pooryante sarva karmāṇi) and obtainment of the knowledge of the divine (jāyate jñānam ātmani). Another meaning that could be derived is, the karma or deeds mature (pooryante sarva karmāṇi) and divine knowledge emerges (jāyate jñānam ātmani).

UPACHĀRĀS:
Several rituals that constitute the pooja or system of worship are called upachārās. There are as many as sixty-four upachārās listed in Tantra Śāra and Siddha Yāmala. Popular expression shodasa upachāra represents sixteen rituals. They are fashioned after the details of the customary reverence shown to an honored guest – here the omnipotent Supreme Being.

ABHISHEKAM:
Abhishekam is one of the purificatory rituals as prescribed in Āgama Śastra (codes of tradition). It is derived from the Sanskrit word abhishich that is, to spray or sprinkle or spread by scattering and abhishinchati ceremonial act of cleansing or ritualistic purification by spraying or sprinkling. Hence Abhishekam could be defined simply as an act of ‘ablution’ (in latin) or a ritualistic act of cleansing.

Kāmika Āgama - Snāna Vidhi Patalah, deals with this ritual. It elaborates the offering of daily showering or cleansing of the deities in various ceremonial ways. Such ceremonial cleansing is auspicious, meritorious, it is of supreme nature and capable of warding off all sorts of defilement (destruction or disintegration).

There are five major purification rituals (pancha-śuddhi) prescribed in Āgama. Ātma-śuddhi / Boota-śuddhi / Deha-śuddhi (purification of soul and self), Sthāna-śuddhi (purification of environment), Dravya-śuddhi (purification of paraphernalia - materials/objects), Mantra-śuddhi (purification of mantras/hymns), and Linga-śuddhi (purification of Linga/deity/statue/idol/vigraha).

Abhishekam is performed as a part of Linga-śuddhi. The word Abhishekam is also referred as Thirumanjanam or Divyābhishhekam in vaishnavite tradition. Materials that are used in this ritual are sacred in nature. Some of the materials are meant to cleanse the vigraha or idol. Some of them are used to strengthen its values and power or energy.

ARCHANA:
(1) Arha poojāyām archchā. Arha poojāyām yogyatve cha | na kaśchit kartum arhati | (Arha – deserving or valuable. yogyatve – ability. kaśchit – someone, kartum – to perform, arhati or arhasi to deserve, arhata – qualification and Arhati – to worship).

Hence, one gets qualified to become an ‘able’ person, by performing Archana.

(2) Akāramarchanam proktam chakāram dravya muchyate | Makāram mantra sambandham archanam cheti keertitam ||

In the word ‘Archana’, Akāram denotes pooja, chakāram to offer dravya/materials and Makāram to chant divine names of god.

(3) Archana is said to originate from ancient Tamil root word ‘Arul’+‘Sunai’ = Arutchunai or Aruchanai or Archanai. Arul means “bless” or “gracefulness” and Sunai means “spring” a natural source of water or rock-water or fountain on a mountain. Hence, Archana means non-stop flow of blessings from the god, like the flow of natural source of fountain water from a mountain or spring.

Therefore, we could derive the meaning for Archana as “one qualifies to gain and deserve non-stop flow of valuable blessings in becoming an ‘able person’ by performing pooja, offering dravya or sacred materials to a deity with chanting of divine names of God”.

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OUTREACH & CULTURAL

Bhāsha Day - Language showcase
Saturday, June 9th, 2018

International Yoga Day
Sunday, June 24th, 2018

Grand Musical Ensemble -
41st Anniversary of the Temple Celebrations
Saturday, July 7th, 2018

Bharatnatyam Dance -
Śri Venkateswara Brahmotsavam Celebrations
Saturday, June 2nd, 2018

International Yoga Day
Sunday, June 24th, 2018

Health Fair
Sunday, July 8th, 2018
Swamy Vivekananda Day Celebrations
Saturday, July 14th, 2018

Summer Camp
Monday, July 23rd - Friday, July 27th, 2018

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Monday, July 23rd - Friday, July 27th, 2018

Indian Independence Day
Sunday, August 19th, 2018

Music Concert -
Śri Ganeša Chaturthi Celebrations
Saturday, September 8th, 2018

Anniversary Celebrations of Senior Program
Saturday, October 6th, 2018
Mini Health Fair
Sunday, October 14th, 2018

Breast Cancer Walk - Flushing Meadow Park
Sunday, October 21st, 2018

Deepāvali Celebrations - Queens Museum
Sunday, November 11th, 2018

Learning Series 2018

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Wedding/Event Coordinator Jaya Sivamurthy (347) 532-2484 or (718) 460-8484 ext. 119
or email: events@nyganeshmtemple.org
Daily Services at the Temple

8:00 am Mahâ Ganapati Suprabhâtâm*
    Usha Kâla Pooja
8:15 am Śiva Abhishekam
8:15 am Venkateswam Suprabhâtâm§ / Mahâ Ganapati Homam
9:00 am Mahâ Ganapati Abhishekam§
9:00 am & 5:00 pm Veda Pärâyanam
7:00 pm Sarva Devata Hârati
*
Weekends at 7:30 am / §8:00 am

Weekly Services at the Temple

Monday
7:15 pm Śiva Abhishekam
Tuesday
8:15 am Hanumâni Abhishekam
9:00 am Nâgendra Abhishekam
10:00 am Kâmâkshi Abhishekam
5:30 pm Hanumâni Sahasranâma Pooja
6:00 pm Hanumâni Chalisa Pärâyanam
7:15 pm Shri Mukha Abhishekam
Wednesday
6:00 pm Saraswati Abhishekam
7:15 pm Saraswati Sahasranâma Archana
Thursday
8:30 am Râghavendra Swâmy Abhishekam
9:00 am Dakshinâmooorthy Abhishekam
6:00 pm Dakshinâmooorthy Rudra Trîṣati Nâma Archana
6:00 pm Râghavendra Swâmy Sahasranâma Pooja
7:15 pm Râghavendra Swâmy Guru Pânduka Pooja
7:15 pm Gayatri Japam
Friday
10:00 am Pârvati Abhishekam, Lalita Sahasranâma Pärâyanam
10:30 am Mahâ Lakshmi Sahasranâma Archana
11:15 pm Mahâ Lakshmi Abhishekam, Mahâ Lakshmi Stotram
Saturday
8:30 am Vishnu Sahasranâma Pärâyanam
9:00 am Râghavendra Swâmy Abhishekam
9:00 am Navagraha Abhishekam
11:00 am Venkateśwara Abhishekam
6:00 pm Venkateśwara Sahasranâma Pooja
Sunday
11:00 am Mahâ Ganapati Abhishekam
4:30 pm Durga Abhishekam, Durga Sahasranâma Archana
6:00 pm Mahâ Ganapati Sahasranâma Pooja

SUGGESTED HOMAMS / POOJAS FOR PARIHARAS,
GENERAL WELFARE & DURING OTHER
AUSPICIOUS EVENTS

Mahâ Ganapati Homam
Sudarśana Homam
Sankâta Hara Chaturthi Pooja
Recovery of all obstacles
Mahâ Lakshmi Homam
Śankâhâbhishekam
St setback in all endeavors
Śri Kamârupa Homam
Śri Mârthanda Homam
Recovery from illness
Śri Nâgaraja Homam
Śri Prârthiśthâ Homam
Recovery from difficult times
Śri Kâli Homam
Śri Prârthiśthâ Homam
Recovery from ill-health
Śri Kâli Devi Homam
Śri Parâkrama Homam
Recovery from ill-health
Śri Gopala Krishna Homam
Śri Purusha Sookta Homam
Departure of all obstacles
Śri Nâga Prârthiśthâ Homam
Śri Rudra Homam
Praying for child
Śri Rudra Homam
Śri Sowâtâsî Homam
Praying for marriage
Śri Sowâtâsî Homam
Śri Cândrâja Homam
Prosperity
Śri Cândrâja Homam
Śri Dânavagata Homam
Wisdom
Śri Cândrâja Homam
Śri Gâruda Homam
Business Development
Śri Cândrâja Homam
Śri Gâruda Homam
Careers Advancement
Śri Cândrâja Homam
Śri Gâruda Homam
Repentance
Śri Cândrâja Homam
Śri Parâkrama Homam
General Welfare (Loka Kshemam)
Śri Cândrâja Homam
Śri Parâkrama Homam
For success in all efforts
**Scheduled Services at the Temple**

**First & Third Tuesday of every month at 9:30 am**
- Sundara Kãnda Pãrãyanam

**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**
- Sudarśana Abhishekam

**Second Saturday of every month at 7:15 pm**
- Sudarśana Sahasranāma Pooja

**Second Saturday of every month at 7:15 pm**
- Sancēśwara 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)**
- Agastyā & 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 Pūnarvasu Nakṣatra at 9:00 am**
- Rāma Abhishekam, Sahasranāma Pooja

**On Rohini Nakṣatra at 9:00 am**
- Krishna Abhishekam, Sahasranāma Pooja

**On Ārđra Nakṣatra at 6:00 pm**
- Śiva Sahasranāma Pooja

**On Śrāvana Nakṣatra 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 Nakṣatra 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**
- Shāmukha Utsavar Abhishekam

**Third Sunday of every month at 6:00 pm**
- Venkateshvara Utsavar Abhishekam

**Fourth Sunday of every month at 6:00 pm**
- Maha Lakshmi Utsavar Abhishekam
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(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 vigrahas. 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 priest(s)

(VII) For additional service(s) charges please contact the Temple.

(VIII) Sponsors are responsible for providing transportation to assigned priest(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.

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**Special Sponsorship**

1. **ONE-DAY Sarva Devata (All Deities) Abhishekam***
   - Weekday: $2,501.00
   - Weekend/Holidays: $3,001.00

2. **FULL DAY Sponsor of ALL events in the Temple**
   - Weekday: $501.00
   - Weekend/Holidays: $1,001.00

3. Śankha (Conch) Abhishekam with Homam (Excluding Food Prasādām)
   - 108 Śankhas: $301.00
   - 54 Śankhas: $201.00
   - 27 Śankhas: $151.00

4. Satyanārāyanaya Pooja or Mahā Meru Navāvarana Pooja for WHOLE YEAR (performed on Poornima days): $372.00

5. **ONE-DAY Sarva Devata (All Deities) Archanās**
   - Weekday: $125.00
   - Weekend/Holidays: $175.00

6. Sarva Devata Homam: $351.00

7. Special Alankāram for Deities UPON REQUEST

*Sponsors will receive a Ganeśa Silver Coin / Vigraha / Picture and Vibhooti & Kumkuma Prasādām.

**ARCHANĀS (108 Nāmas): Include pooja sāmagrais, flowers and fruits.

***ABHISHEKAMS & HOMAMS: Dravyas, sāmagris, garland (small) & Naivedyam (small) are included.

- Prasādām will be mailed to absentee sponsors.

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**RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

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

**ARCHANĀS:**
- Ashtottaram (108)
- Sahasra Nāma (1,008)
- Trīśāti (300)

**HOMAMS:**
- Ganapati Homam
- Śri Rudra Homam
- Śarva Devata Homam
- Sūdārśana Homam
- Chandi Homam
- Dhanvantri Homam
- Viṣṇu Homam
- Saraswati Homam
- Lakshmi Narasimha
- NAVAGRAHA Homam
- Nāgā Śānti Homam
- Homam
- Mṛityunjaya Homam
- Śri Subrahmanya Homam
- Śrī Ayuṣhya Homam

**SAMSKRĀS:**
- Nāma Karanam
- Seemantham
- Shashti Abda Poothi
- Punyāhavāchanam
- Griha Arambham
- and Sathābhishekam
- Annaprāśanam
- Griha Praveśam
- Apara Kriya
- Vidyārāmbham
- Upanayanam
- Hīranya Śrāddham
- Hair Offering
- Vivāham (Wedding)

**SPECIAL POOJAS for Deities:**
- Śrī Śatyanārāyanaya Pooja
- Śrī Guru Pāduka Pooja
- Śree Mahā Meru
- Kalyāna Utsavam
- Navāvarana Pooja
- Navagraha Śānti

**OTHER POOJAS / SERVICES:**
- New Business
- Veda Pārāyanam
- Sundara Khānda
- Travel
- Saptasati Pārāyanam
- Pārāyanam
- New Vehicle
- New House
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 to10 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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