



GANEŠĀNJALI

Temple Newsletter

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THE HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA, NY

Śrī Mahā Vallabha Ganapati Devasthānam

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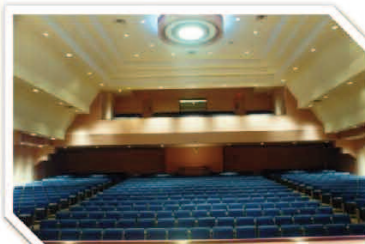
AUDITORIUM

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 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!***

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Email: cc@nyganeshtemple.org**

A Letter From the President

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 Yātra* on the last day. *Devi Navarātri* and *Deepāvali* 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.

Ganeśa Pataśāla 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.

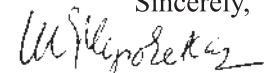
Summer Day Camp - with the theme 'Hindu Heritage' was conducted by Dr. MG Prasad for one week for the *Pataśāla* students from July 23rd - July 27th with focus on yoga, Hindu heritage and recreational activities. For the 16th time in succession our Temple participated in the annual OpenHouse NY (OHNY) 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* (*Kumbhabhishekam*) (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

ANUBHAVA - 2018

"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. MG 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.

anubhava 2018

ANUBHAVA - 2018



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 18-35 looking to give back to the Temple and the local community. Get involved today.

For more information contact:
akshayam@nyganeshtemple.org

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
 SUNDARA KHĀNDA PĀRĀYANAM
 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

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: \$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

VEDA & DIVYA PRABHANDA CLASSES

Divya Prabhandas - 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)
1:00 PM to 1:55 PM	SANSKRIT for Children (Levels 1 & 2)
2:00 PM to 2:55 PM	SCIENCE (Grades 3 - 8)
COMPUTER SCIENCE (Grades 4 - 12) - For inquiries visit - http://patasala.nyganeshtemple.org/pcig	
Every SUNDAY	
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	SANSKRIT for Adults (Levels 1 & 2) & PRE-SAFI (Sanskrit as a Foreign Language) for Youth

For Further Information Please contact the Temple at (718) 460-8484 ext. 112
or email: patasala@nyganeshtemple.org • <http://patasala.nyganeshtemple.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 (*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).



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

PROGRAMS & FESTIVITIES



Śrī Mahā Rudra Yajnam

Thursday, May 24th - Monday, May 28th, 2018



Śrī Venkateśwara Brahmotsavam

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



Śrī Venkateśwara Brahmotsavam

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



41st Anniversary of the Temple

Monday, July 2nd thru Wednesday, July 4th, 2018



Śrī Sudarśana Yajnam

Friday, July 27th thru Sunday, July 29th, 2018



Śrī Vara Mahā Lakshmi Vratam

Friday, August 24th, 2018

PROGRAMS & FESTIVITIES



Šri Rāghavendra Swāmy Ārādhana
Tuesday, August 28th, 2018



Šri Krishna Janmāshtami
Sunday, September 2nd, 2018



Šri Ganeša Chaturthi Nava - Dina Brahmotsavam
Friday, September 7th thru Sunday, September 16th, 2018



Šri Ganeša Chaturthi Nava - Dina Brahmotsavam
Friday, September 7th thru Sunday, September 16th, 2018



PROGRAMS & FESTIVITIES



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



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



Śrī 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 Vaidyanaat Śivāchāriar
Executive Director, The Hindu Temple Society of N.A.

POOJA:

*Pooryante sarva karmāni, 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 karmāni*) 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 karmāni*) 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 Sāra* 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 Śāstra* (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 *Divyābhishekam* 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”.

OUTREACH & CULTURAL



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



*Bharatnatyam Dance -
Śrī Venkateśwara Brahmotsavam Celebrations
Saturday, June 2nd, 2018*



*International Yoga Day
Sunday, June 24th, 2018*



*International Yoga Day
Sunday, June 24th, 2018*



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



*Health Fair
Sunday, July 8th, 2018*

OUTREACH & CULTURAL



*Swamy Vivekananda Day Celebrations
Saturday, July 14th, 2018*



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



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



*Indian Independence Day
Sunday, August 19th, 2018*



*Music Concert -
Śrī Ganeśa Chaturthi Celebrations
Saturday, September 8th, 2018*



*Anniversary Celebrations of Senior Program
Saturday, October 6th, 2018*

OUTREACH & CULTURAL



*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



Ras Garba 2018

CANTEEN & CATERING SERVICES of The Hindu Temple Society of NA

143-09 Holly Ave. Flushing, NY 11355



Please visit the Temple

Canteen's website:

canteen.nyganesh temple.org

email: canteen@nyganesh temple.org

Tel: (718) 460-8493 or
(718) 460-8484 ext.123

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@nyganesh temple.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 Dakshināmoorthy Abhishekam
6:00 pm Dakshināmoorthy 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*
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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 kālā 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

- Venkateshwara 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 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 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
- 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 Rudrābhishekam**
- 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)
- Triśatī** (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**
- Mṛityunjaya** Homam
- Śrī Subrahmanya** Homam
- Āyushya** Homam

SAMSKĀRAS:

- Nāma Karanam**
- Seemantham**
- Shashti Abda Poorthi**
- Punyāhavāchanam**
- Griha Ārambham**
- and Śāthābhishekam**
- 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**
- Śrī Mahā Meru Navāvarana Pooja**
- Kalyāna Utsavam**
- Navagraha Śānti**

OTHER POOJAS / SERVICES:

- New Business**
- Veda Pārāyana**
- Sundara Khānda**
- Travel**
- Saptasatī 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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