



GANEŠĀNJALI



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

Sunday, September 29th thru Saturday, November 16th, 2019



Šri Rudhrāmsa Durga Devi

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ŠRI DEVI NAVA-RĀTRI MAHOTSAVAM

Sunday, September 29th thru Monday, October 7th, 2019

LAKSHĀRCHANA FOR ŠRI PĀRVATI

Sunday, September 29th thru Sunday, October 6th, 2019

10:30 AM, 11:00 AM & 11:30 AM Šri Pārvati Lakshārchana
7:15 PM Šri Pārvati Abhishekam



ŠRI DURGĀ POOJA

Sunday, September 29th thru
Tuesday, October 1st, 2019

8:00 AM Devi Suprabhātam.
8:30 AM Šri Mahā Ganapati Pooja,
Chandi Navāvarana Pooja,
Lalitā Trišatināma Pooja.

8:30 AM Šri Durgā Homam.

9:30 AM Šri Durgā Abhishekam, Sahasranāma Pooja.

Sunday, September 29th, 2019

Scheduled Šri Durga Abhishekam will be at 9:30 AM instead of 4:30 PM

ŠRI MAHĀ LAKSHMI POOJA

Tuesday, October 1st thru
Thursday, October 3rd, 2019

8:00 AM Devi Suprabhātam.

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

8:30 AM Šri Mahā Lakshmi Homam.

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



Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019

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

Sunday, Sept. 29th thru Sunday, Oct. 6th, 2019

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 KALAŠA POOJA, SAPTAŠATI PĀRĀYANAM

ŠRI SARASWATI POOJA
Friday, October 4th thru Sunday, October 6th, 2019



- 8:00 AM Devi Suprabhātam.
8:30 AM Chandi Navāvarana Pooja, Lalitā Triśatināma 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.

Friday, October 4th, 2019

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

Sunday, October 6th, 2019

Scheduled *Šri Durga Abhishekam* will be at 9:30 AM instead of 4:30 PM
Scheduled *Šri Šiva-Parvati Utsavar Abhishekam* will be at 8:15 AM instead of 6:00 PM

DURGĀSHTAMI
Saturday, October 5th, 2019



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

VIJAYA DAŠAMI
Monday, October 7th, 2019



- 7:30 AM Devi Suprabhātam.
8:00 AM Chandi Homam.
11:30 AM Šri Durgā, Lakshmi, Saraswati Mahā Abhishekam.
12:30 PM Lalitā Trišatināma Archana, Pooja, Hāрати.
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 Venkatešwara Suprābhatam will be at 7:15 AM instead of 8:15 AM
Scheduled Šri Šiva Abhishekam will be at 5:00 PM instead of 7:15 PM

“RAS GARBA MAHOTSAVAM”



**Friday, Oct. 4th, Saturday, Oct. 5th,
& Sunday, Oct. 6th, 2019**

**8:00 PM to 10:30 PM
Location: To Be Announced**

ALL ARE INVITED

ŚRI DURGĀ

Śri Durgā is one of the infinite names of *Devi*, the Divine Mother. The literal meaning of the word ‘*Durga*’ is ‘fortress or not easily accessible’. It signifies that She is like a fortress to those who have surrendered to Her, not permitting any evil force that may cause harm to Her devotees, to penetrate Her. While the Supreme Spirit is represented as *Śiva*, His power is represented as His consort *Śakti* or *Durgā* or *Kāli*. Together they look after the welfare of the entire Creation. She is also known as *Tripura Sundari*, because Her manifestations are always three-fold such as: the three *gunas* - *satva*, *rajas* and *tamas*; three forms of *Śakti* - *Ichha* (Will), *Kriya* (Action) and *Jnāna* (Knowledge) etc.

Her abode - known *Chintāmani* Palace in *Mani Dwīpa* - is surrounded by twenty-five ramparts representing the twenty-five *tattvas* or principles and She adorns the *Bindu Pitha* in *Śri Chakra* in that wonderful Palace. The human body is a similar abode for Her. When one sees through his eyes, works through his hands and hears through his ears, it is the *Śakti* in him that sees, works or hears as the case may be. This point is well brought out in *Kenopanishad* through the story of *Yaksha*.

Once, when the *devas* (gods) came out victorious in their intermittent conflicts with the *asuras* (demons), they were overcome by pride and wrongly took the success to be the result of their own valor and powers. With the objective of teaching the gods a lesson, Lord *Śiva* appeared before them in the form of a *Yaksha*, a huge form with no visible beginning and end. The *devas* deputed *Agni*, the Fire god to ascertain what this form was. The *Yaksha* asked *Agni* who he was and what his powers were. *Agni* replied: “I am *Agni*, *Jātavedas*. I can burn up the whole Universe in one moment.” The *Yaksha* placed a blade of dry grass before *Agni* and asked him to burn it. But *Agni* could not burn it and ran away from the *Yaksha* in shame.

Next, *Vāyu* the Wind god appeared before the *Yaksha* and boasted that he can blow away the whole Universe in a moment. Again, the *Yaksha* asked *Vāyu* to blow away a blade of dry grass. Like *Agni*, *Vāyu* also failed miserably and ran away from the *Yaksha* in disgrace. Finally, *Indra* the chief of the gods proceeded to find who this *Yaksha* was when the *Yaksha* vanished from his sight. In his place, Lord *Śiva*’s Consort *Uma* appeared before *Indra* and revealed to him the real identity of the *Yaksha*. She said to *Indra*: “It is the power of the Divine Mother – and not that of the gods – that crowned the gods with victory. It is the *Śakti* of *Uma* that is the source of the strength of all the gods.” *Śakti* is the greatest teacher of *Jnāna* – She sheds wisdom on Her devotees.

The nine days (and nights) during which *Devi Navarātri* is observed are very sacred to the Divine Mother and are the most suitable occasion for doing spiritual *sādhana*. She is certain to remove the veil of ignorance covering all of us and reveal true Knowledge to all sincere seekers as illustrated in the story of *Yaksha*. May we all surrender to the Divine Mother and receive Her infinite blessings.

DEEPĀVALI CELEBRATIONS
ŠRI MAHĀ LAKSHMI MAHOTSAVAM
Friday, October 25th thru Sunday, October 27th, 2019



DHANTERĀS

Friday, October 25th, 2019

- 10:00 AM Šri Mahā Lakshmi Abhishekam, Pooja, Hārati.
7:15 PM Vishwaksena Ārādhana, Mahā Lakshmi Kalaša
Sthāpanam, Ābharana Pooja (Pooja for Ornaments).

Scheduled *Mahā Lakshmi Abhishekam* will be at 10:00 AM instead of 7:15 PM

NARAKA CHATURDAŠI

Saturday, October 26th, 2019

- 10:30 AM Šri Mahā Lakshmi Sahasranāma Pooja, Hārati.
7:15 PM Šri Mahā Lakshmi Stothram, Pooja.



DEEPĀVALI DAY

Sunday, October 27th, 2019



- 8:30 AM Šri Mahā Lakshmi Kalaša 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 *Mahā Ganapati Abhishekam* will be at 9:30 AM instead of 11:00 AM
Scheduled *Šri Durga Abhishekam* will be at 9:30 AM instead of 4:30 PM
Scheduled *Mahā Lakshmi Utsavar Abhishekam* is Cancelled.

ŠRI GOVARDHAN ANNAKUT FESTIVAL
Monday, October 28th, 2019



9:00 AM Šri Krishna Abhishekam, 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”

Monday, Oct. 28th - 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

VIKRAM SAMVAT (2076)
Monday, October 28th, 2019

8:00 AM Šri Mahā Ganapati Suprabhātam.
8:15 AM Šri Venkatešwara 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).

NEXT ISSUE OF GANEŠĀNJALI
KĀRTIKA DEEPAM, DHANURMĀSA POOJA,
OTHER POOJAS & FESTIVITIES

SKANDA SHASHTI MAHOTSAVAM

Monday, October 28th thru Sunday, November 3rd, 2019

Monday, October 28th, 2019

- 8:15 AM Šri Maha Ganapati Homam.
9:00 AM Šri Maha Ganapati Abhishekam, Pooja, Anujna,
Vāstu Śānti, Ankurārpanam, Rakshā Bandanam, Hārati.
5:00 PM Šri Subrahmanya Kalaśa Sthāpanam, Yāgaśāla Pooja,
Homam.
6:00 PM ŠADAKSHARA MANTRA JAPAM BEGINS.
7:15 PM Šri Šubrahmanya Utsava Moorthi Abhishekam, Hārati.

Tuesday, October 29th thru Friday, November 1st, 2019

- 8:00 AM Yāgaśāla Pooja, Homam.
9:00 AM ŠADAKSHARA MANTRA JAPAM
10:00 AM Šri Shanmukha Abhishekam, SPECIAL ALANKĀRAM,
Pooja, Hārati.
5:00 PM Yāgaśāla Pooja, Homam.
6:00 PM ŠADAKSHARA MANTRA JAPAM
7:15 PM Šri Subrahmanya Utsava Moorthi Abhishekam,
Hārati.

NĀGA CHATURTHI

Thursday, October 31st, 2019



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

SKANDA SHASHTI DAY

Saturday, November 2nd, 2019

- 8:00 AM Yāgaśāla Pooja, Homam.
9:00 AM ŠADAKSHARA MANTRA JAPAM CONCLUDES
9:30 AM Mahā Poornāhuti, Kāvadi Pooja, Procession with
“Pālkudam” (Milk Pots) and Kāvadi.
10:30 AM Šri Valli Devasena sameta Šri Subrahmanya
Abhishekam, SPECIAL ALANKĀRAM, Hārati.
5:00 PM Utsava Moorthy Abhishekam, Hārati.
6:00 PM Šri Subrahmanya Triśatināma Pooja, Hārati.
7:15 PM Prākāra Utsavam.

Scheduled Šri Ayyappa Abhishekam Postponed to Sat. Nov. 9th at 6:00 PM

Sunday, November 3rd, 2019

5:30 PM ŠRI VALLI DEVASENA SAMETA
ŠRI SUBRAHMANYA SWĀMY KALYĀNA
UTSAVAM, Upachara Pooja, Hārati.

Scheduled Šri Durga Abhishekam will be at 9:30 AM instead of 4:30 PM



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ŠRI GURU PRAVEŠAM
Monday, November 4th, 2019



Sagittarius

8:30 AM Šri Guru Homam.
10:00 AM Poornāhuti.
10:30 AM Šri Navagraha Abhishekam, Pooja, Hārati.
6:00 PM Šri Guru Šloka.

TULA POORNIMA
Monday, November 11th, 2019

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



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



ŠRI AYYAPPA MANDALA
POOJA BEGINS
Saturday, November 16th, 2019

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

Every Saturday until Makara Sankrānti

6:00 PM Šri Ayyappa Abhishekam, Bhajans, Pooja, Hārati.

Saturday, November 16th, 2019 thru Monday, January 13th, 2020

DAILY 8:15 AM - Šri Ayyappa Suprabhātam

- ♦ Scheduled Šri Ganapati Suprabhātam will be at 7:30 AM
- ♦ Scheduled Šri Venkatešwara Suprabhātam will be at 7:45 AM

POOJA SPONSORSHIP DEVI NAVA RĀTRI

<input type="checkbox"/> All Days (All Scheduled Poojas)	\$ 701.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Day (All Poojas Scheduled for this day - except Oct. 7 th)	\$ 101.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Vijaya Daśami (Oct. 7 th)	\$ 151.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Lakshārchana for Śri Pārvati (All Days)	\$ 251.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Lakshārchana for Śri Pārvati (per session)	\$ 12.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Śri Durga, Lakshmi, Saraswati Abhishekam	\$ 125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Sahasranāmam	\$ 12.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Vidyārambham	\$ 25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Saptaśati Pārāyanam (Single Day)	\$ 21.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Saptaśati Pārāyanam (All Nine Days)	\$ 151.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Śri Durga Deepa Namaskara	\$ 31.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Śri Devi Special Archana (Sep. 29 th - Oct. 7 th)	\$ 31.00

DEEPĀVALI

<input type="checkbox"/> All Days (All Scheduled Poojas)	\$ 251.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Deepa Pooja / Lakshmi / Kubera Pooja*	\$ 51.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Śarada Pooja (Account Books Pooja)	\$ 31.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Annakut Utsavam	\$ 51.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Kedāreśwara Pooja	\$ 31.00

**Devotees may purchase Kubera/Lakshmi coin - \$25.00 per coin*

SKANDA SHASHTI

<input type="checkbox"/> All Days (All Scheduled Poojas)	\$ 301.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Day (Except Nov. 2 nd)	\$ 51.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Skanda Shashti Day (Nov. 2 nd)	\$ 101.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Kāvadi Pooja/Pālkudam	\$ 15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Kalyāna Utsavam	\$ 31.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Sahasranāma Pooja	\$ 12.00

NAGA CHATURTHI..... \$ 75.00

GURU PRAVEŠAM..... \$ 101.00

ABHISHEKAM..... \$ 51.00

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

TRIŠATINĀMA POOJA..... \$ 21.00

<input type="checkbox"/> Lalita	<input type="checkbox"/> Subrahmanya
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ANNA ALANKĀRAM Śiva..... \$ 51.00

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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.