

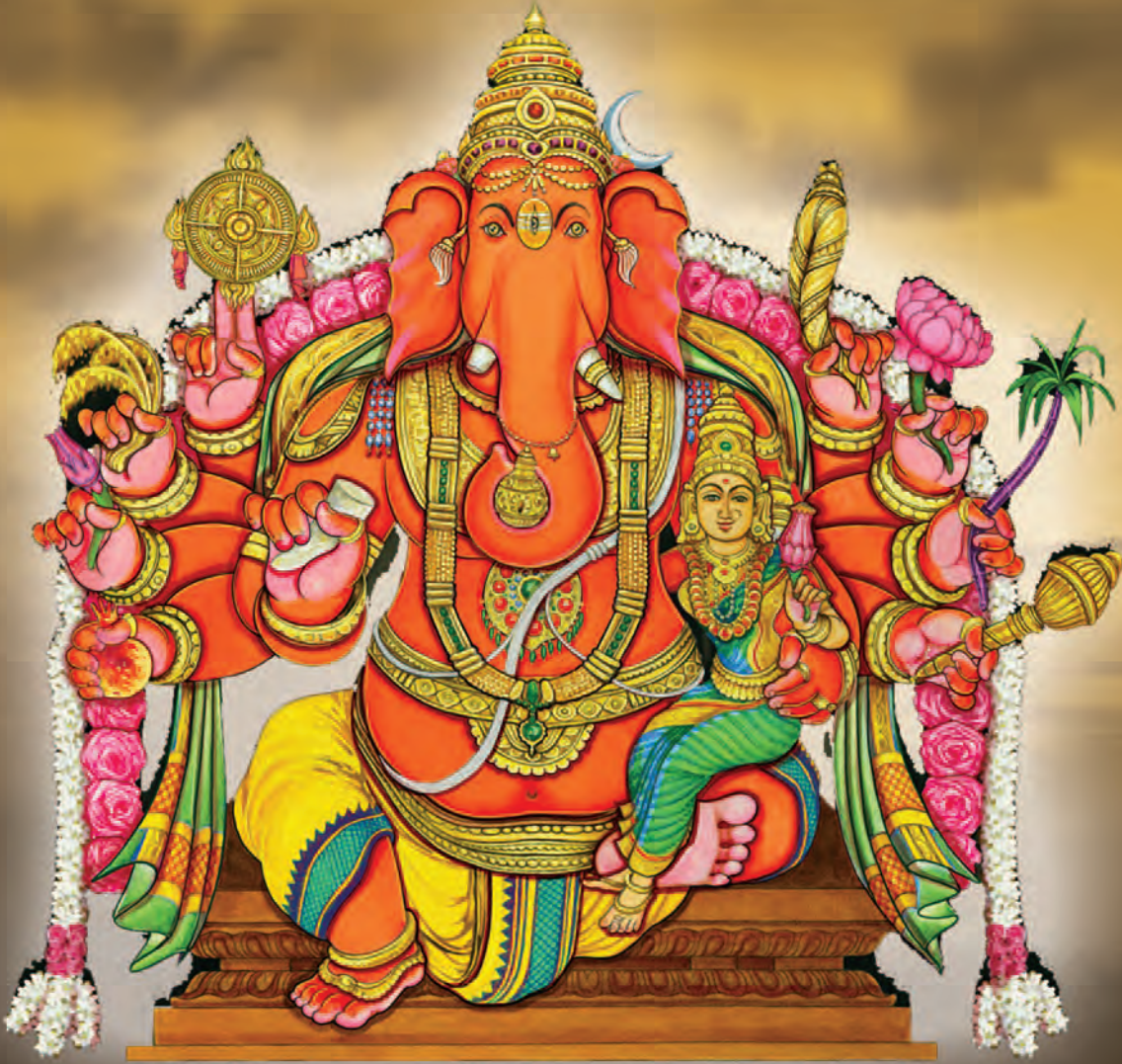


GAÑEŠĀNJALI



Temple Newsletter

December 2019



Śri Mahā Ganapati

THE HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA, NY

Śri 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!*

CHECK AVAILABILITY - CONTACT US TODAY!

**For Further Information and rental please contact
Community Center Manager at (718) 460-8484 ext. 125 or 126
Email: cc@nyganeshtemple.org**

A Letter From the President

Dear Fellow Devotees,

Happy Holidays and best wishes for the New Year. The year 2019 marked another year of growth and progress and we proudly celebrated 42nd Anniversary on a grand scale.

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.

Several cultural programs were conducted in the last 6 months. Some of the highlights included 'Dance Showcase' presented by senior students of five dance teachers in the Auditorium. This was a grand and a successful program and funds raised were credited towards *Kumbhābhishekam* 2020. Among a few others included celebrations of 'Swami Vivekananda's Legacy, Life and Influence' on August 11th, 2019. *Devi Navarātri* celebrations with *Ras Garba* on October 4th thru October 6th, 2019, *Deepavāli* celebrations for the *Pātaśāla* students in the Senior Center on October 19th and the celebrations at the Queens Museum on October 26th, and Anniversary celebrations of the Senior Program on October 12th with variety entertainment. All these celebrations were grand and very well participated. Annual Health Fair was conducted on July 14th and Mini Health Fair was organized on November 10th, 2019.


Temple participated in several interfaith programs including; Interfaith vigils, prayer services honoring victims of tragic terror attacks, and NYC Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene - Office of the Faith Based Initiative and Borough of Queens Interfaith Advisory Group meeting and many more.

Youth group remained active and had several activities including Elocution Competition for students 1st to 12th grade, STEM Fair, Walkathon and Summer Day Camp - with the theme 'Hindu Heritage' conducted by Dr. MG Prasad for one week for the *Pataśāla* students from July 22nd - July 26th and was successful. For the 16th time in succession since 2003, our Temple participated in the annual OpenHouse NY (OHNY) weekend - statewide on October 19th & 20th, which attracted a record number of visitors to the Temple on both the days.

I take this opportunity to make a humble appeal to all the devotees in seeking generous donations to various impending Temple Projects: 1) Construction of Staff Quarters 2) Repairs & renovation of the Temple in preparation for *Jeeranodhāranam* (*Kumbhābhishekam*) (5th re-consecration) of all main Deities in 2020, and 3) Endowment Fund. Devotees may donate online by visiting the Temple website at <https://nyganeshtemple.org>

We 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 - 2019

ANUBHAVA 2019: Hinduism- The Next 50 Years

Written By: Akshayam

Anubhava, an annual conference for Hindu Young Professionals, took place on April 27, 2019 with a focus on discussing how Hinduism is set to evolve in the next fifty years. It was an interaction that was coordinated by Akshayam, the Young Professionals Team of The Hindu Temple Society of North America, in an effort to bring together the next generation of Hindu thinkers, leaders, advocates, and volunteers, and offer them a platform to present their thoughts. As with any religion, ours is one that also needs to adapt with the times. This does not suggest a dilution of age-old practices and values but rather, an adaptation to preserve the discovered treasures of our Sanatana Dharma and ensure they remain polished for generations to come. We must make certain that young Hindus will not only accept these traditions but also, preserve, promote and defend them. One must realize that blind faith is not sustainable and accept that to preserve a tradition one must embark on the journey of understanding the significance behind the practices of one's faith. If one truly understands the great benefit that he will receive by following the tenets of our Dharma, he will never look back again. But to get to that stage, he must question and seek answers that provide meaning to him. No two pages of the Gita are alike yet they share the same message. It is all about the delivery. If we accept this truth and not fight the reality that things must change in order to sustain, we will succeed in preserving Hinduism for many generations to come. That is the goal of Anubhava.

The conference started with presentations on temple architecture, the importance of kathas, or story-telling, and challenges facing young Hindus of the West. Such challenges include finding time to attend long rituals during a busy work/study schedule, learning the language to understand the practices, finding one's identity at the crossroads of tradition and modernity, separating culture and religion, etc. Attendees then discussed solutions and ways in which Hinduism can possibly adapt to accommodate future generations. Increased presence of temple teachers who can explain ritualistic practices and their significance either before or after the ceremony is conducted could raise awareness of why such traditions exist. Furthermore, the enormous amount of flexibility and freedom that our Sanatana Dharma offers was presented. We are not bound by many of the rules and regulations that other religious folk must follow. Young Hindus have a unique access to an ancient tradition that has sustained for centuries and has existed beyond the traditional boundaries of "religion" to include arts, sciences, architecture, emotion, and free thought and expression.

The conference concluded with discussions on appropriate response to violence as a young religious community, redefining secularism, and challenges facing young faith leaders and appropriate action items. In order to learn more about initiatives such as Anubhava, other ways to volunteer at the Temple, and learn more about your faith, please contact Akshayam at akshayam@nyganeshtemple.org.

anubhava 2019

ANUBHAVA - 2019



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 HIND/
 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 BHAJANS
 12:15 PM - 1:00 PM LUNCH
 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM* DISCUSSIONS ON 'RELIGION & SPIRITUALITY'
 OR CHANTING CLASS
 1:45 PM - 2:15 PM SPOKEN SANSKRIT

THURSDAY

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM YOGA / MEDITATION

**Periodic chanting class by Temple priest and
 Periodic discussions by Śrī Ravi Vaidyanāt Śivāchāriar*

ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE

*Please note: schedules are subject to change - please contact the Temple
 directly at (718) 460-8484 or visit us online: nyganeshtemple.org/seniors*

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

VEDA & DIVYA PRABHANDA CLASSES

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

Location: Temple Basement
 Instructed by the Temple Priests

ALL ARE INVITED TO LEARN

COME ONE, COME ALL TO JOIN THE

YOUTH GROUP

of 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

*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	SCIENCE (Grades 3 - 8)
1:00 PM to 1:55 PM	SANSKRIT for Children (All Levels) SANSKRIT for Adults (Level 1)
2:00 PM to 2:55 PM	ENGLISH (Grades K - 8)
2:00 PM to 2:55 PM	SANSKRIT for Continuing Adult Students (Level 3)
COMPUTER SCIENCE (Grades 4 - 12) - For inquiries visit - http://nyganeshtemple.org/pcig	

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

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 Saraswati Mahā Yajnam
Friday, May 24th - Monday, May 27th, 2019



Śrī Venkateśwara Mahotsavam
Friday, June 14th - Sunday, June 23rd, 2019



Śrī Venkateśwara Mahotsavam
Friday, June 14th - Sunday, June 23rd, 2019



42nd Anniversary of the Temple
Tuesday, July 2nd thru Thursday, July 4th, 2019



Śrī Sudarśana Yajnam
Friday, July 26th thru Sunday, July 28th, 2019



Śrī Vara Mahā Lakshmi Vratam
Friday, August 9th, 2019

PROGRAMS & FESTIVITIES



Šri Rāghavendra Swāmy Ārādhana
Saturday, August 17th, 2019



Šri Krishna Janmāshtami
Friday, August 23rd, 2019



Šri Ganeša Chaturthi Nava - Dina Brahmotsavam
Friday, August 30th thru Sunday, September 8th, 2019



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Friday, August 30th thru Sunday, September 8th, 2019



PROGRAMS & FESTIVITIES



Šri Devi Nava Rātri Mahotsavam
Sunday, September 29th thru Monday, October 7th, 2019



Deepāvali Celebrations
Friday, October 25th thru Sunday, October 27th, 2019



Šri Govardhan Annakut Utsavam
Monday, October 28th, 2019



Skanda Shashti Mahotsavam
Monday, October 8th thru Sunday, November 3rd, 2019



...Save the Date...

Mahā Kumbhābhishekam 2020 **June 24th (Wednesday) - July 2nd, 2020 (Thursday)**

Jeernoddhārana Punarāvardhana
Ashtabandhana Mahā Kumbhābhishekam

Kumbhābhishekam (consecration) is a ritualistic process through which the vital energies are infused into a deity which becomes divine in this process. Manifestation of the supreme god is devoutly invoked. The rituals are intended to secure divine presence in the deity at the *sanctum sanctorum*. As per *Āgama śāstra*, which is the source text for general frame work of religious and philosophical aspects of temple structure, installation of icon/deity, worship, ceremony and rituals, a temple has to perform consecration ceremony for various reasons. As per the renovation rule (*Jeernoddhārana Punarāvardhana*) of *Āgama*, re-consecration should be done once in every 12 years or whenever any structural modifications or expansions or any major repair work due to natural wear and tear or natural calamities are carried out.

The Hindu Temple Society of North America had its first *Kumbhābhishekam* performed on July 4, 1977. Subsequently second, third and fourth consecrations were performed in 1988, 2009 & 2011 as per the guidelines of *Āgama śāstra*. It is now time for the temple to carry out the fifth *Kumbhābhishekam* which is scheduled for June 24 - July 2, 2020. Renovation is going on. New *dwajasthamba*, decorations to *parivāra sannidhis* & repairs to *Gopurams* are being carried out and hence the need for the ensuing *Kumbhābhishekam* - rejuvenation.

Elaborate arrangements are being made to perform the consecration strictly as per the *Āgama śāstra*, with the help of our temple priests and other priests available locally and from India. The ritual of consecration confers renewed energy at once spiritual and occult on the deities, so that when a devotee worships, he or she partakes this energy.

According to *Ajitāgama*, *Prati bimbastitam mantram*, *pratishteti prakeertitam* meaning every object of worship gets naturally glorified and energized with the *mantras* chanted during consecration. The rituals are meant to secure a divine presence in the deities and to maintain the sanctity of the shrines. The presence of cosmic energy increases many fold during the performance of *Kumbhābhishekam*. Worshipping the re-energized, fully manifested form of all-pervading supreme being would bestow on the devotees fulfillment of their desires.

The ritual would commence a week ahead of the *Kumbhābhishekam* ceremony. Rituals include installation of wooden pillar marking the beginning, seeking divine permission, sowing grains on the soil (mother earth), protective band for priest and temple chief, arranging vessels with sacred water, sacramental rituals and fire worship, applying adhesive ingredients of eight herbs, invoking of supreme God into the icons and transforming them into effective objects of worship culminating in divine wedding in commemoration of the completion of the consecration. The rituals end with *Mandala Pooja*.

Temple cordially invites all to participate and involve themselves in various activities, do *seva* by servicing, volunteering, donating & sponsoring and thus become recipients of the blessings of *Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati* and other deities.

Visit us online at <https://nyganeshtemple.org/k2020> for frequent updates all the way to Mahā Kumbhābhishekam 2020

OUTREACH & CULTURAL



*Kathak Dance - student showcase
Saturday, June 8th, 2019*



*Music Concert -
Śrī Venkateśwara Mahotsavam Celebrations
Saturday, June 15th, 2019*



*2019 Walkathon - Youth Group
Saturday, June 29th, 2019*



*International Yoga Day
Sunday, July 7th, 2019*



*Health Fair
Sunday, July 14th, 2019*



*Dance Showcase -
42nd Anniversary of the Temple Celebrations
Sunday, July 21st, 2019*

OUTREACH & CULTURAL



Summer Camp
Monday, July 22nd - Friday, July 26th, 2019



Swamy Vivekananda Day Celebrations
Sunday, August 11th, 2019



Namasankeerthanam -
Śrī Raghavendra Swamy Aradhana Celebrations
Saturday, August 17th, 2019



Bhajans Program -
Śrī Ganeśa Chaturthi Celebrations
Saturday, August 31st, 2019



Ras Garba 2019

OUTREACH & CULTURAL



*Anniversary Celebrations of Senior Program
Saturday, October 12th, 2019*



*Breast Cancer Walk - Flushing Meadow Park
Sunday, October 20th, 2019*



*Deepāvali Celebrations - Queens Museum
Saturday, October 26th, 2019*



Learning Series 2019



*Mini Health Fair
Sunday, November 10th, 2019*

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
<i>*Weekends at 7:30 am /[§]8:00 am ^ Sundays at [¶]11:00 am</i>	

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 Triśati 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	<i>Removal of all obstacles</i>
Sankata Hara Chaturthi Pooja	
Mahā Lakshmi Homam	
Śankhābhishekam	<i>Success in all endeavors</i>
Mrityunjaya Homam	
Dhanvantari Homam	<i>Recover from ill-health</i>
Āditya Hrudaya Pārāyanam/Homam	
Nāga Śanti Homam	
Subrahmanya Homam	
Kāla Rāhu Śānti Homam	<i>Removal of Sarpa Dosha</i>
Nāga Pratishtha	
Āślesha Homam	
Garuda Homam	
Chandi Homam	
Sudarśana Homam	<i>Recovery from difficult times</i>
Navagraha Homam	
Navagraha Homam	<i>Overcoming problems</i>
Sudarśana Homam	
Santāna Gopala Krishna Homam	
Purusha Sookta Homam	<i>Praying for child</i>
Swayamvara Pārvati Pooja	
Durga Deepa Namaskaram	<i>Praying for marriage</i>
Srinivāsa Kalyānam	
Pārvati Kalyānam	
Bāla Mārkaṇḍeya Homam	
Āyushya Homam	<i>Protecting child</i>
Mahā Ganapati Homam	
Sudarśana Homam	<i>Moving into new house</i>
Vishnu Homam, Vastu Homam	
Rakshoghna Homam	
Āyushya Homam	<i>First and subsequent birthdays</i>
Āyushya Homam	
Rudra Homam	<i>60th, 70th, & 80th birthdays</i>
Navagraha Homam	<i>and Longevity</i>
Mrityunjaya Homam	
Sarva Devata Homam	
Sudarśana Homam	
Dhanvantari Homam	
Saraswati Homam	<i>Initiating into studies</i>
Sudarśana Homam	<i>Business Development</i>
Chandi Pātha Samputi	
Pārāyanam / Homam	<i>Career Advancement</i>
Sandhi Śānti Homam	<i>Graha Śānti</i>
Lakshmi Nārāyana Hrudaya	
Pārāyanam / Homam	<i>Prosperity</i>
Satyanārāyana Pooja	
Budha Graha Śānti Pooja	<i>Wisdom</i>
Tila Homam, Prāyaschitta	
Pavamāna Homam	<i>Repentance</i>
Satyanārāyana Pooja	<i>General Welfare (Loka Kshemam)</i>
Sundara Khānda Pārāyanam	<i>For success in all efforts</i>

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

- Saneśwara Sahasranāma Pooja

Third Saturday of every month at 6:00 pm

- Dhanvantari & Garuda Abhishekam

Third Saturday of every month at 7:15 pm

- Ayyappa Sahasranāma Pooja

First Sunday of every month at 9:00 am

- Soorya Namaskaram

First Sunday of every month at 3:00 pm

- Devi Khodiyār Mātā Pooja

On Poornima at 9:00 am (on Sundays at 11:00 am)

- Agastya & Lopāmudra Abhishekam

On Poornima at 9:00 am (when falls on Friday ONLY)

- Māha Lakshmi Homam

On Poornima at 10:00 am

- Kāmākshi Abhishekam (moolavar & utsavar),
Sahasranāma Pooja

On Poornima at 6:00 pm

- Mahā Meru Navāvarana Pooja
- Satyanārāyana Abhishekam

On Poornima at 7:15 pm

- Satyanārāyana Pooja

On Pradosham*

- Śiva & Nandikeśwara Abhishekam

(*please refer to the Temple website/facebook or contact the Temple directly for exact *pradosha kāla abhishekam* timings)

On Krittika at 9:00 am

- Shanmukha Sahasranāma Pooja

On Krittika at 7:15 pm

- Shanmukha Abhishekam

On Śukla Shashti at 9:00 am (on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm)

- Subrahmanya Homam

On Śukla Shashti at 10:30 am (on Tuesdays at 7:15 pm)

- Subrahmanya Abhishekam

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

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

On Śukla Chaturthi at 7:15 pm

- Mahā Ganapati Abhishekam (utsavar)

On Krishna (Sankata Hara) Chaturthi at 7:15 pm

- Mahā Ganapati Abhishekam, *Sahasranāma Pooja
(*after morning Abhishekam & if falls on Sunday at 6:00 pm)

On Punarvasu Nakshatra at 9:00 am

- Rāma Abhishekam, Sahasranāma Pooja

On Rohini Nakshatra at 9:00 am

- Krishna Abhishekam, Sahasranāma Pooja

On Ardra Nakshatra at 6:00 pm

- Śiva Sahasranāma Pooja

On Śravana Nakshatra at 9:00 am

- Dhanvantari Sahasranāma Pooja

On Amavasya at 6:00 pm

- Bhairava Sahasranāma Pooja

On Krishna Ashtami at 7:15 pm

- Bhairava Abhishekam

On Moola Nakshatra at 9:00 am

- Hanumān Abhishekam

UTSAVAR ABHISHEKAMS

First Sunday of every month at 6:00 pm

- Śiva-Parvati Utsavar Abhishekam

Second Sunday of every month at 6:00 pm

- Shanmukha Utsavar Abhishekam

Third Sunday of every month at 6:00 pm

- Venkateśwara 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
Annaprāśanam	\$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)
- Trisāti (300)

HOMAMS:

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

SAMSKĀRAS:

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

SPECIAL POOJAS for Deities:

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

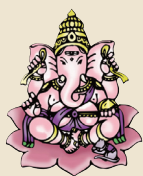
OTHER POOJAS / SERVICES:

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

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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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