



GANEŠĀNJALI



43rd ANNIVERSARY OF THE TEMPLE VARA LAKSHMI VRATAM, UPĀKARMA, ŠRI KRISHNA JANMĀSHTAMI AND OTHER FESTIVITIES

Saturday, July 4th thru Saturday, August 22nd, 2020



Šri Ādi Lakshmi

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FORTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE TEMPLE
Saturday, July 4th, 2020



- 7:30 am Sarva Devata Homam, Mahā Poornāhuti.
10:00 am Abhishekams for Šri Maha Vallabha Ganapati, Šri Šiva,
Šri Pārvati, Šri Shanmukha Valli-Devasena,
Šri Venkatešwara & Šri Mahā Lakshmi, Upachāra Pooja,
Mahā Mangala Hāрати.

Scheduled Mahā Ganapati Suprabhātam will be at 7:00 AM instead of 7:30 AM
Scheduled Šri Venkatešwara Suprabhātam will be at 7:15 AM instead of 8:00 AM
Scheduled Šri Vishnu Sahasranāma will be at 7:45 AM instead of 8:30 AM
Scheduled Šri Šiva Abhishekam will be at 10:00 AM instead of 8:15 AM
Scheduled Šri Venkatešwara Abhishekam will be at 10:00 AM instead of 11:00 AM

ŠRI LAKSHMI NĀRĀYANA HRUDAYA HOMAM
Wednesday, July 15th thru Thursday, July 16th, 2020



Wednesday, July 15th, 2020

- 6:00 pm Vishwaksena Ārādhana,
Mahā Ganapati Pooja,
Punyāhavāchanam, Kalaša
Sthāpanam, Šri Lakshmi Nārāyana
Hrudaya Pārāyanam.

Thursday, July 16th, 2020

- 8:30 am Šri Lakshmi Nārāyana Hrudaya
Homam.
10:30 am Poornāhuti.
11:00 am Šri Venkatešwara utsavar
Abhishekam, Hāрати.

THIRU ĀDI POORAM
(KARKATAKA POORVA PHALGUNI)
Thursday, July 23rd, 2020

10:00 am Śri Pārvati & Mahā Lakshmi Abhishekam.

NĀGA / GARUDA PANCHAMI
Friday, July 24th, 2020



8:30 am Nāga Rāja Homam, Garuda Homam

9:30 am Nāga Rāja Abhishekam, Garuda Abhishekam,
Sahasranāma Pooja.

VARA MAHĀ LAKSHMI VRATAM
Friday, July 31st, 2020



9:00 am Mahā Lakshmi Abhishekam.

10:30 am Vara Mahā Lakshmi Kalaśa Pooja, Mahā
Lakshmi Sahasranāma Pooja, Vara Mahā Lakshmi
Vrata Katha, Hāрати.

Scheduled Mahā Lakshmi Abhishekam will be at 9:00 AM instead of 7:15 PM

ŚRI RĀGHAVENDRA SWĀMI

Śri Rāghavendra Swāmi, affectionately known to his countless devotees simply as *Swāmiji*, is a living saint and a legend. He is believed to be an incarnation of *Prahāda*, the greatest devotee of Lord *Vishnu*.

Born in the year 1595 to a poor but pious couple in *Bhuvanagiri, Tamil Nadu*, *Swāmiji* was named *Venkatanātha* by his parents to show their gratitude to Lord *Venkaṭeśwara*, Who blessed them with this divine child. *Venkatanātha* was orphaned early in his life and was brought up by his sister *Venkamma* and brother-in-law *Lakshmi Narasimhāchārya* who introduced him to the *Sanskrit* language. Soon *Venkatanātha* was sent to *Sudheendra Teertha Swāmi* of *Sree Mutt* (a monastery in *Kumbakonam*) from whom he learned the scriptures, philosophy, grammar, literature, logic etc. Thereafter, following a brief stay in his hometown, *Venkatanātha* returned to *Sree Mutt* to serve *Sudheendra Teertha* and learn more from him.

In course of time, *Sudheendra Teertha* was inspired by a divine vision to name *Venkatanātha* as his successor of *Sree Mutt*. In the year 1623, after *Venkatanātha* took *sanyāsa* and was conferred the name *Rāghavendra Teertha*, he was installed as the head of *Sree Mutt*. During his years of stewardship of *Sree Mutt Sri Rāghavendra Teertha Swāmi* or simply *Swāmiji* as he became known, visited several holy shrines throughout *Bhārata Varsha*, winning the hearts of rulers and peasants alike. He also wrote commentaries on the scriptures and several scholarly works, which stand out as a testimonial to his intellectual caliber. When *Swāmiji* was in his early 90's, he built a temple for Lord *Venkaṭeśwara* in *Manchāle* village on the banks of *Thunga* river. This temple is now known as *Mantrālayā*.

There are innumerable accounts of miracles associated with *Swāmiji* and almost all of his devotees have had first-hand experience of at least one such miraculous episode. On one occasion, the ruler of the land came to know of *Swāmiji's* greatness and wanted to test him. One day when *Swāmiji* was performing his daily worship, the ruler sent him a basket filled with meat and covered with cloth. Unaware of the contents of the basket, *Swāmiji* sprinkled water on the basket and offered its contents to the Lord at the conclusion of the worship. When *Swāmiji* removed the cloth covering, it was found that the basket was filled with delicious fruits. Learning this, the ruler hurried to *Swāmiji*, prostrated before him and sought his forgiveness.

Swāmiji had very subtly revealed that although he would be physically present for less than 100 years, his writings would be popular for 300 years and he would be among his devotees for 700 years, blessing them in every way. Hence *Swāmiji* is known as a 'living saint'.

On *krishna paksha dwitiya* day in the month of *śravana* in the year 1693, *Swāmiji* entered the *Brindāvan* erected by him in *Manchāle* and sat in a meditative pose. He instructed his followers to fill the *Brindāvan* with 700 *sāligramams* and install an idol of *Śri Rāma* on top of it. It is believed that seated in this *Brindāvan*, *Śri Rāghavendra Swāmi* continues to bless his devotees to this day.

Poojyāya Rāghavendrāya Satya Dharma Ratāya Cha I
Bhajatām Kalpa Vrikshāya Namatām Kāmadhenave II

RIG UPĀKARMA

Monday, August 3rd, 2020

FIRST AND ONLY SESSION 7:00 AM

Bramha Yajnam, Utsarjanānga Homam, Mahā Sankalpam,
Tharpanam, Homam, Veda Vyāsa Pooja, Yajnopaveeta Dhāranam,
Veda Ārambham, Āṣeervādam.

YAJUR UPĀKARMA

Monday, August 3rd, 2020

FIRST SESSION 6:00 AM ^ SECOND SESSION 8:00 AM

Kāmokārshith Japam, Bramha Yajnam, Mahā Sankalpam,
Yajnopaveeta Dhāranam, Khāndarishi Tarpanam, Veda
Vyāsa Pooja, Homam, Veda Ārambham, Āṣeervādam.



GĀYATRI JAPAM (*Rig, Sāma, Yajur*)

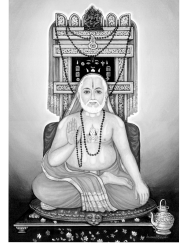
Tuesday, August 4th, 2020

8:00 am Śri Gāyatri Japam and Homam.

9:15 am Śri Gāyatri Abhishekam.

ŚRI RĀGHAVENDRA SWĀMY ĀRĀDHANA

Wednesday, August 5th thru
Thursday, August 6th, 2020



ŚRI RĀGHAVENDRA SWĀMY ĀRĀDHANA DAY

Wednesday, August 5th, 2020

8:30 am Mahā Ganapati Pooja, Śri Rāghavendra
Swāmy Stotra Pārāyanam, Pavamāna Homam.

10:30 am Poornahuti.

11:00 am Śri Rāghavendra Swāmy & Śri Prahlāda Rāja Abhishekam.

12:00 noon Shodaṣa Upachāra Pooja, Theertha Prasādam, Hārati.

Thursday, August 6th, 2020

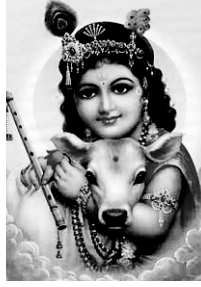
8:30 am Śri Rāghavendra Swāmy & Śri Prahlāda Rāja Abhishekam

9:30 am Śri Rāghavendra Swāmy Sahasranāma Pooja.

10:00 am Śri Rāghavendra Swāmy Guru Paduka Pooja, **Śri Prahlāda
Rāja Kanakābhishekam.**

11:00 am Upachāra Pooja, Hārati.

ŠRI KRISHNA JANMĀSHTAMI CELEBRATIONS
Tuesday, August 11th thru Wednesday, August 12th, 2020



ŠRI KRISHNA JANMĀSHTAMI DAY

Tuesday, August 11th, 2020

9:00 am Šri Krishna Homam, Thiru Ārādhana.

7:15 pm **Srimad Bhagavad Gita Pārāyanam.**

9:00 pm - 12:00 Midnight

**Bhajans, Kalaša Sthāpanam, Šri Krishna Abhishekam
Šri Krishna Janana Kathā, Pooja, Hāрати.**

‘Om Šri Krishnāya Namah’ Japam 10:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Wednesday, August 12th, 2020

9:00 am Divya Prabhandha Pārāyanam

10:30 am **Šri Krishna-Rukmini Kalyāna Mahotsavam.**

SĀMA UPĀKARMA (ONLY SESSION)

Saturday, August 22nd, 2020

7:30 am Bramha Yajnam, Mahā Sankalpam, Punyāhavāchanam,
Rishi Pooja, Rishi Tharpanam, Homam, Yajnopaveeta Dhāranam,
Veda Ārambham, Rakshā Bandhanam, Āšeervādam, Prokshanam.

NEXT GANEŠANJALI

**Šri GANEŠA CHATURTHI
NAVA DINA BRAHMOTSAVAM**

**Friday, AUGUST 14TH THRU
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27RD, 2020**

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<input type="checkbox"/> Nāga or Garuda Homam (each)	\$ 31.00
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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.