



GANEŠĀNJALI

Temple Newsletter



December 2016



ŠRI UDDANDA GANAPATI

THE HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA, NY

Šri 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 700 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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Community Center Manager at (718) 460-8484 ext. 125 or 126
Email: cc@nyganeshtemple.org**

A Letter From the President

Dear Fellow Devotees,

At the outset let me wish you all a Happy New Year.

The 39th Anniversary of the *Devasthānam* was celebrated grandly with *Sarva Devata Abhishekam* and beautiful *Alankarams* for the main deities on July 4th 2016. We look forward to the 40th Anniversary (a milestone) on 4th of July 2017.

The inaugural conference for Hindu Young Professionals titled '*Anubhava*' organized by the Council of Hindu Temples of North America (CHTNA) was held on July 30th 2016 which witnessed the dedicated and deeply involved activities of the youth of participating CHTNA member Temples including our own Temple, and this was a grand success. The Second Generation youth group of our Temple '*Akshayam*' took a leading role right from advanced planning until the end of the conference and this deserves appreciation. Some member Temples of CHTNA participated in the conference and annual meeting of CHTNA was held at the Temple on July 31st 2016.

Several cultural and outreach events were conducted throughout the year. *Deepāvāli* celebrations were grand. The cultural program along with lighting of 3000 candles with the participation of elected officials at the Queens Museum was the highlight. International Yoga day was celebrated on a large scale on June 19th at the Temple. This was a very successful day-long event.


The 13th anniversary of the Senior Center was celebrated on October 15th with cultural programs and a hilarious skit. *Ganeṣa Pātaśāla* continues to grow and we encourage the readers to bring their children to join the *Pātaśāla* which provides a variety of classes - details of which are on page 7. Temple is very cognizant of the needs of the youth and young professional groups. Several *seva* activities including volunteering at the soup kitchen, public garden etc. are constantly encouraged. Temple participated in the annual Breast Cancer walk on October 16th 2016.

The annual Health Fair conducted on June 12th was a success and many devotees benefited from free health services. Following this, a mini Health Fair also was organized on October 9th, providing free blood tests and eye examinations. We sincerely thank the physicians and health-care workers who helped in these events.

The monthly *Ekādaśa Rudra Pārāyanam* (started in January 2015) and *Śri Suktam Pārāyanam* (started in January 2016) both done on a Saturday are well attended and more and more devotees are attracted towards chanting in the *parayanams* in large numbers. For the 14th time in succession our Temple participated in the annual "OpenHouse NY (OHNY) weekend - a statewide event on October 16th & 17th which attracted a large number of visitors to the Temple on both the days.

We take this opportunity to thank all the dedicated groups of volunteers for their 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 all suggestions for improvement and these will be carefully considered and implemented wherever possible. May the blessings of *Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati* be always with you and your families. Wish you all Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Uma Mysorekar
President

ANUBHAVA - 2016

by: Ravali Ceyyur

On Saturday, July 30th The Hindu Temple Society of North America (HTSNA) hosted *Anubhava*, an inaugural conference for Hindu young professionals at *Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati Devasthānam*. Organized by the Council of Hindu Temples in North America (CHTNA) and spearheaded by *Akshayam*, the HTSNA young professional group, the conference brought together over 100 Hindu young professionals ages 20-45 from throughout the tri-state area to discuss the evolution and relevance of Hinduism in today's modern world.

Anubhava was a free all-day conference intended to promote the engagement of Hindu young professionals within the temple community as volunteers, advocates, and future leaders. *Anubhava* featured key-note speakers, peer-led panels, and workshops. This is the first time a conference of this scale covering this age group was hosted by HTSNA and organized by CHTNA.

The conference was split into three parts: *Bhakti Yoga*, *Karma Yoga*, and *Gnana Yoga*. The *Bhakti Yoga* segment focused on temple management, exploring topics such as daily ritual and temple finances. The *Karma Yoga* segment focused on *seva*, or volunteerism, and community relations. The third and final segment, *Gnana Yoga*, explored modern Hinduism, as it pertains to women, interfaith relations, and young people. Each section featured 3-5 panelists followed by a 45 minute discussion/workshop led by representatives of Bridgewater Temple. The conference also featured a special talk by guest speaker, Dr. M.G. Prasad, member of the Advisory Council of The Hindu Temple Society of North America and a notable academician.

Anubhava was successful in bringing together Hindu young professionals of diverse backgrounds, and pioneering a forum for them to actively engage in discussions about Hinduism and Temple Management. CHTNA and HTSNA are exploring ways in which to continue the momentum built during this conference, and make the event an annual occurrence. *Akshayam* meanwhile continues to plan events and volunteer opportunities for young professionals at The Hindu Temple Society of North America, and is actively seeking to expand its membership base. On Saturday, January 7th, 2017 *Akshayam* is hosting an arts showcase for local young professional artists, modeled after Chennai's annual December Music Festival. The event, titled "*Maha Ganapati Natya Gana Sabha*" will feature both musical and dance performances, and will take place at *Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati Devasthānam*. *Akshayam* is also actively planning for *Anubhava 2017*, which will likely take place in May/June of next year.

ANUBHAVA - 2016



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 20-45 looking to give back to the Temple and the local community. Get involved today.

For more information contact:
akshayamhts@gmail.com

- OUTREACH ACTIVITIES OF THE TEMPLE -

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY FROM 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM YOGA / MEDITATION
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM COFFEE BREAK
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM GITA STUDY (IN HINDI)
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM LUNCH
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM ARTS & CRAFTS /BHAJANS /
POETRY READING

WEDNESDAY FROM 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM YOGA / MEDITATION /
PRANAYAMA
11:15 AM - 1:15 PM BHAGAWAD GITA - STUDY &
DISCUSSION
1:15 PM - 1:45 PM LUNCH
1:45 PM - 2:45 PM BHAJAN CLASS

THURSDAY FROM 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM YOGA / MEDITATION /
PRANAYAMA
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM VEDA CHANTING CLASS
1:15 PM - 1:45 PM LUNCH
1:45 PM - 3:00 PM BOARD GAMES

*ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS
SPIRITUAL & PHYSICAL ENRICHMENT!*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
THE TEMPLE AT (718) 460-8484 EXT. 112
NIRMALA RAM (718) 969-1827

VEDA &

DIVYA PRABHANDA CLASSES

Divya Prabhanda - Tuesdays at 8:00 PM
Veda (Śri Rudram) - 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 Ganeša 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: \$7.00 PER CLASS

FOLLOWED BY

PRĀNĀYĀMA & MEDITATION CLASSES

EVERY SUNDAY - 9:30 AM

FEE: \$3.00 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	ENGLISH (Grades K - 8)
2:00 PM to 2:55 PM	SCIENCE (Grades 3 - 8)
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	**COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP (PCIG) (Grades 4 - 12)
Every SUNDAY	
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	*SANSKRIT for Adults & Children



*Levels for Sanskrit Classes to be determined - please email: patasala@nyganeshtemple.org for all inquiries

**For all Computer Science inquiries visit us online at: <http://patasala.nyganeshtemple.org/pcig>

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FINE ARTS ACTIVITIES

DANCE CLASSES

BHARATANATYAM - 11:30 am to 12:30 pm (NEW STUDENT BEGINNERS)
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm (RETURNING STUDENT BEGINNERS) • 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm (INTERMEDIATE)
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm (ADVANCED) • 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm (SENIOR STUDENTS)

Tuition: \$450.00 FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOLASTIC YEAR (SEPT-JUNE). PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN FULL.

KATHAK - 9:00 am to 10:00 am (BEGINNERS) • 10:00 am to 11:00 am (ADVANCED)

Tuition: \$15.00 PER CLASS OR \$600.00 FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR (SEPTEMBER - MAY).

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



Šri Nava Chandī Mahā Yajnam
Friday, May 27th - Monday, May 30th, 2016



Šri Venkatešwara Brahmotsavam
Friday, June 17th - Sunday, June 26th, 2016



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Friday, June 17th - Sunday, June 26th, 2016



39th Anniversary of the Temple
Sunday, July 3rd thru Monday, July 4th, 2016



Šri Sudaršana Yajnam
Friday, July 29th thru Sunday, July 31st, 2016



Šri Vara Mahā Lakshmi Vratam
Friday, August 12th, 2016

PROGRAMS & FESTIVITIES



Šri Rāghavendra Swāmy Ārādhana
Friday, August 19th, 2016



Šri Krishna Janmāshtami
Wednesday, August 24th, 2016



Šri Ganeša Chaturthi Nava - Dina Mahotsavam
Friday, September 2nd thru Sunday, September 11th, 2016

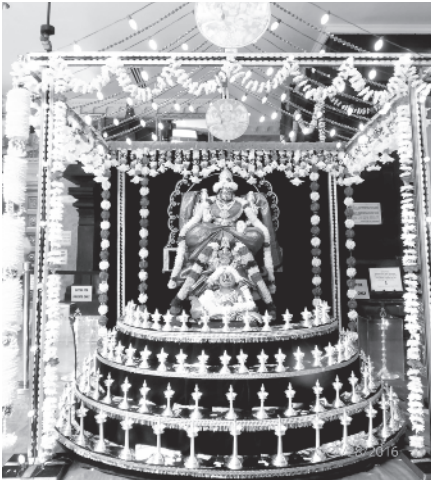


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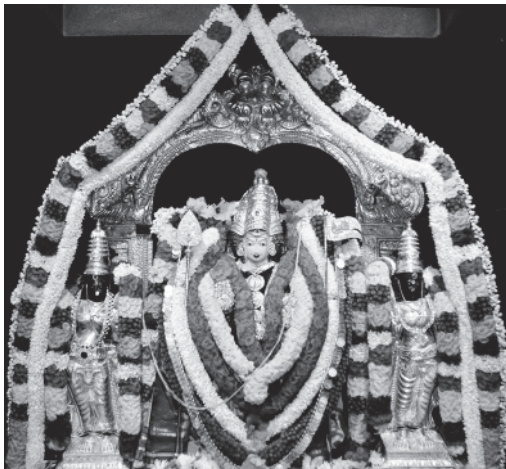
Śri Devi Nava Rātri Mahotsavam
Saturday, October 1st thru Tuesday, October 11th, 2016



Deepāvali Celebrations
Thursday, Oct. 27th thru Sunday, Oct. 30th, 2016



Śri Govardhan Annakut Utsavam
Sunday, October 30th, 2016



Skanda Shashti Mahotsavam
Monday, October 31st thru Sunday, November 6th, 2016



DARBHA GRASS

By: M. R. Ravi Vaidyanaat Shivachariar
Executive Director, The Hindu Temple Society of N.A.

The holy *Darbha* grass is commonly known as *Kuša* grass in Sanskrit or *Desmostachya bipinnata* in folk medicine or *Halfa* grass / big cord grass / salt reed-grass in English. The botanical name is *Eragrostis cynosuroides*. Some scholars call it as *Višwāmitra*, meaning universal friend.

Darbha grass is considered sacred by various traditions. *Rig Veda* mentions about the usage of *Darbha* grass in religious ceremonies apart from being used as an *āsana* or seat. In *Bhagavad Gita*, Lord *Krishna* specifically recommends the usage of *Darbha* grass as an ideal seat for meditation. *Vishnu purāna* and *Mahābhārata* also mention about the significance and usage of *Darbha* grass. Hindu sages and saints like *Mārkaṇḍeya*, *Athri*, *Kauśika*, *Vyāsa*, *Kātyāyana*, *Bharadvāj*, *yagnavalkya*, *āśwalāyana*, *āpasthamba* have revealed about the greatness of *Darbha* grass. It is used as a meditation seat by Buddhists too.

In the Hindu tradition, while performing religious rituals, one need to wear a ring (*pavitram*) made of this *Darbha* grass. The count of the leaves depends upon the ritual that is held. The edges are so sharp like that of a blade and might even cut or hurt if handled carelessly. Before usage it is first washed with water and when it is in wet condition it is twisted to make a ring (*pavitram*) or *kurcham*.

It is said that during an experiment, a medical practitioner took out a bunch of *Darbha* grass in his hand and took an x-ray of his palm. To his utter surprise it was found that the grass absorbed more than 60% of the x-ray radiation! Since this holy grass can absorb X-ray radiation one can logically present that it can absorb any other harmful radiation in our atmosphere as well. Several Universities have invested in research on this *Darbha* grass.

During Solar or Lunar Eclipse, *Darbha* grass is used to cover most of the food items and ingredients to protect from the harmful ultra violet radiation.

It is found that the *Darbha* grass has the highest value in conducting the phonetic vibrations through its tip. The grass without a tip is of no value, as the conduction value in it is lost. We might have seen that priests, at the end of a ritual, reciting Vedic hymns, would sprinkle the holy water using the *Darbha* grass. The recited sound vibrations are absorbed by the holy water which is thus spread through the tip of this grass.

It is a marvel, that in those days of Vedic Era, the Hindu Sages and Saints used to control the magnetic path disturbances, just by simply using *Darbha* grass. As it is found to be a good conductor of acoustic vibration, it is widely used in various temple rituals.

Traditionally *Darbha* grass is cut and collected on *Srāvana Amāvāsya* day (between August 15th and September 15th) or *Māsi / Māgha Amāvāsya* day (between February 13th and March 14th) and could be retained for usage for one full year.

It is in practice that the same *Darbha* grass can be used again and again for seven times, provided, it is washed with pure water, dried properly before re-use. This is permitted only when/where no fresh grass is available for regular usage. However, once used for any inauspicious ceremonies, should never be used again.

It is believed that preserving *Darbha* grass at home would fetch us *aiśwaryam* (prosperity) as it is very divine in nature and powerful. Some even spread it around their home to ward off evil.

OUTREACH & CULTURAL



*Tamil Dhinam - Annual Tamil showcase
Saturday, June 11th, 2016*



*Health Fair
Sunday, June 12th, 2016*



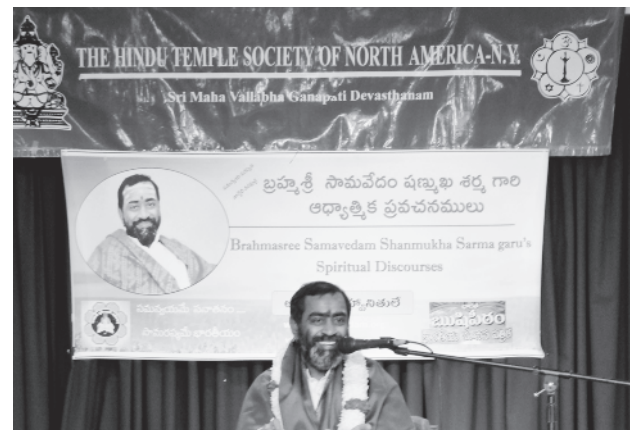
*Carnatic Music Recital -
Sri Venkateswara Brahmotsavam Celebrations
Saturday, June 18th, 2016*



*International Yoga Day
Sunday, June 19th, 2016*



*International Yoga Day
Sunday, June 19th, 2016*



*Spiritual Discourse presented by :
Brahmasree Samavedam Shanmukha Sarma
Saturday, July 2nd, 2016*

OUTREACH & CULTURAL



*Annual Picnic 2016
Saturday, August 6th, 2016*



*Indian & Korean Independence Day Celebrations
Thursday, August 18th, 2016*



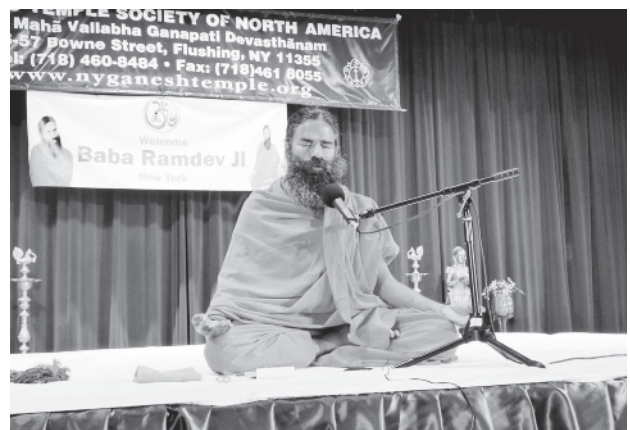
*Indian & Korean Independence Day Celebrations
Thursday, August 18th, 2016*



*Devotional Songs (bhajans) -
Śri Raghavendra Swamy Aradhana Celebrations
Saturday, August 20th, 2016*



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Śri Raghavendra Swamy Aradhana Celebrations
Saturday, August 20th, 2016*



*'Meet & Greet' - Baba Ramdev Ji
Sunday, August 21st, 2016*

OUTREACH & CULTURAL



*Keyboard Music Concert -
Šri Ganeša Chaturthi Celebrations
Saturday, September 3rd, 2016*



*Anniversary Celebrations of Senior Program
Saturday, October 15th, 2016*



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Saturday, October 15th, 2016*



*Breast Cancer Walk - Flushing Meadow Park
Sunday, October 16th, 2016*



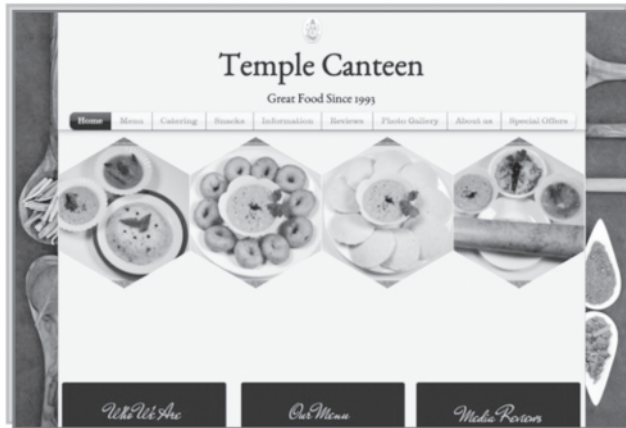
*Deepavali Celebrations - Queens Museum
Sunday, October 23rd, 2016*



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CANTEEN & CATERING SERVICES of The Hindu Temple Society of NA

143-09 Holly Ave. Flushing, NY 11355



Please visit the Temple
Canteen's website:

www.nyganeshtemplecanteen.com

email: canteen@nyganeshtemple.org

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@nyganeshtemple.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 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	
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Mahā Lakshmi Homam	
Śankhābhishekam	<i>Success in all endeavors</i>
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Mrityunjaya Homam	
Dhanvantari Homam	<i>Recover from ill-health</i>
Āditya Hrudaya Pārāyanam/Homam	
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Nāga Śanti Homam	
Subrahmanya Homam	
Kāla Rāhu Śanti Homam	<i>Removal of Sarpa Dosha</i>
Nāga Pratishta	
Āślesha Homam	
Garuda Homam	
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Chandi Homam	
Sudarśana Homam	<i>Recovery from difficult times</i>
Navagraha Homam	
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Navagraha Homam	<i>Overcoming problems</i>
Sudarśana Homam	
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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	
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Bāla Mārkandeya Homam	
Āyushya Homam	<i>Protecting child</i>
.....	
Mahā Ganapati Homam	
Sudarśana Homam	<i>Moving into new house</i>
Vishnu Homam, Vastu Homam	
Rakshoghna Homam	
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Āyushya Homam	<i>First and subsequent birthdays</i>
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Āyushya Homam	
Rudra Homam	<i>60th, 70th, & 80th birthdays and Longevity</i>
Navagraha Homam	
Mrityunjaya Homam	
Sarva Devata Homam	
Sudarśana Homam	
Dhanvantari Homam	
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Saraswati Homam	<i>Initiating into studies</i>
.....	
Sudarśana Homam	<i>Business Development</i>
.....	
Chandi Pātha Samputi	
Pārāyanam / Homam	<i>Career Advancement</i>
.....	
Sandhi Śanti Homam	<i>Graha Śanti</i>
.....	
Lakshmi Nārāyana Hrudaya	
Pārāyanam / Homam	<i>Prosperity</i>
.....	
Satyanārāyana Pooja	
Budha Graha Śanti 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>
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Scheduled Services at the Temple

First & Third Tuesday of every month at 9:30 am

- Sundara Kāndam 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

- Ayyappa Sahasranāma Pooja

Third Saturday of every month at 6:00 pm

- Dhanvantari & Garuda Abhishekam

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 Śukla Chaturthi at 8:15 am

- Mahā Ganapati Homam

On Śukla Chaturthi at 9:00 am

- Mahā Ganapati Utsavar Abhishekam

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
Annaprāsanam	\$101	\$131	
Ashtottara Archana	\$ 9		
Ekādaśavāra			
Rudrābhishekam	\$375	\$425	
Griha Praveśam		\$235	
Guru Paduka Pooja	\$ 51		\$ 31
Hair Offering	\$101	\$131	
Harati	\$ 2		
Homams:Ganapati	\$131	\$181	\$ 51
Navagraha	\$161	\$211	
Chandi	\$251	\$301	
All Others	\$131	\$181	
Kanaka Abhishekam	\$301		
Kālyāna Utsavam*	\$201*	\$501†	
Last Rites (Funeral)		\$151	
Apara Kriya (other than Funeral)	\$101	\$131	
Lighting of Lamps			
- with oil	\$ 1		
- with ghee	\$ 2		
Nāmakaranam	\$101	\$131	
Navāvarana Pooja	\$125	\$201	\$ 31
Punyāhavāchanam	\$101	\$131	
Sahasranāma Archana	\$ 25		\$ 11
Satyanārāyana Pooja	\$125	\$181	\$ 31
Satyanārāyana Pooja - (SAT/SUN)	\$101**		
Seemantam	\$375	\$425	
Śrāddham (Hiranya)	\$ 61	\$131	
Śrāddham (Hiranya) w/ homam	\$131	\$181	
Stothram Pārāyanam			\$21
Sashtiapda Purdi (60 th Birthday)	\$450	\$600	
Bhima Ratha Shanti (70 th Birthday)	\$350	\$500	
Sadabhishekam (80 th Birthday)	\$350	\$500	
Tarpanam	\$ 31	\$101	
Trisātināma Archana	\$ 21		\$ 11
Upanayanam	\$375	\$425	
Vada Malā (108)	\$101		
Vada Malā (54)	\$ 51		
Vada Malā (24) Archana	\$ 35		
Vahana (Vehicle) Pooja	\$ 31		
Veda Pārāyanam (per 1 hr session)	\$ 51	\$111	\$ 11
Vidyā-Ārambham	\$101	\$131	
Wedding Engagement	\$151	\$201	
Wedding	\$375	\$425	
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 bring with them *pancha loha vighras*. Service must be booked one week in advance.
 (IV) **All services** (except Archana) 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)
 c) Each additional service(s)
 (VII) Sponsors are responsible for providing transportation to assigned priests(s). Otherwise, an additional charge will apply.
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 Ganeša Silver Coin / Vighraha / Picture and Vibhooti & Kumkuma Prasādam.
 **ARCHANĀS (108 Nāmas): Include pooja sāmāgrī, flowers and fruits.
 ***ABHISHEKAMS & HOMAMS: Dravyas, sāmāgrī, 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)
- Trišati** (300)

HOMAMS:

- Ganapati** Homam
- Sudaršana** Homam
- Vishnu** Homam
- Navagraha** Homam
- Mriyunjaya** Homam
- Āyushya** Homam
- Šri Rudra** Homam
- Chandi** Homam
- Saraswati** Homam
- Nāga Šānti** Homam
- Šri Subrahmanya** Homam
- Sarva Devata** Homam
- Dhanvantri** Homam
- Lakshmi Narasimha** Homam

SAMSKĀRAS:

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

SPECIAL POOJAS for Deities:

- Šri Satyanārāyana Pooja**
- Šree Mahā Meru Navāvarana Pooja**
- Šri Guru Pāduka Pooja**
- Kalyāna Utsavam**
- Navagraha Šānti**

OTHER POOJAS / SERVICES:

- New Business**
- Travel**
- New Vehicle**
- New House**
- Veda Pārāyanam**
- 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. The Temple is on the LEFT side.

(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 to next block. 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 to the temple.

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:

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| 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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Phone: (R) _____ (O) _____

Fax : _____ Cell : _____

Email : _____

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Please join us in celebrating the religious and cultural activities of the Temple with your family and receive the blessings of Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati.