

## Ganesh Chaturthi

August 29 - September 6, 2024



SRI LAKSHMI TEMPLE, ASHLAND, MA

Ganesha Chaturti is the birthday of our delightful and playful Lord of Auspicious Beginnings.

In his thousands of names, Ganesha is glorified as the elephant-faced signifier of Om as Mangala Moorti – the form of auspiciousness as Vighna Raja – the king (and remover) of obstacles as Ganapati – the lord of the ganas -- categories or fields or groups -- and hence of all knowledge and wisdom as Ekadanta – one-tusked because he broke it off to continue inscribing the Mahabharata without any break as Umasuta – the son of Uma (Parvati)

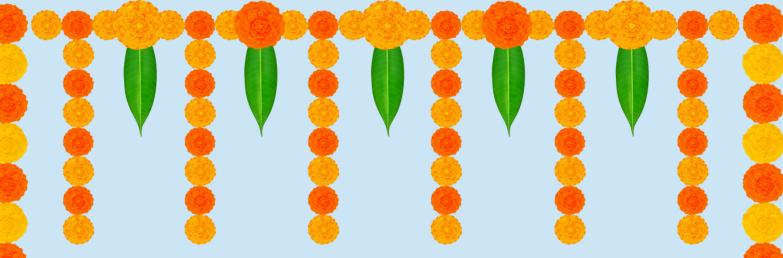
His auspicious birthday is on the fourth day of the moon's bright fortnight in the lunar month of Bhadrapada. During his birthday celebration, Ganesha is worshipped in temples or shrines for five, seven, or ten days, and he is then ceremoniously immersed in some parts of India to the chants of 'pudcha varshi lavkar ya' – come early next year! Such is the devotee's love for Ganesha, the firstworshipped deity of the Sanatana Dharma traditions.



6:30 pm Sri Ganesha Sahasrarchana

September 6, 2024, Friday 7.00am Kalasa Sthapanam, Poorvanga Pooja, Ganapathy Homam, Poornahuthi 9.30am Ganesha Abhishekam 10:45am Ganesha Sahasranaman (Chanting by devotees) 11.20am Shodasa (16) Upachara Pooja 12.45pm Ganesha Aarathi & Prasadam 8pm Uthsavam and Aarathi

September 8, 2024, Sunday 11.30am Ganesh Chathurthi Special Rathotsavam





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