



Ganesha Chaturthi Festival **Wednesday 9/1/2021 to Friday 9/10/2021**

Ganesha Chaturthi 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; and 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 shouts of: *pudcha varshi lavkar ya* – come early next year! Such is the devotee's love for Ganesha, the first-worshipped deity of the Sanatana Dharma traditions.

This year, Ganesha Chaturthi is on Friday, September 10th. Join us to celebrate Ganesha's birthday in a grand manner.

Ganesha Chaturthi Program **Wednesday, September 1st – Thursday, September 9th**

10:00 AM	Ganesha Sahasranamarchana (archana with recitation of the 1000 names of Ganesha)
6:30 PM	Ganesha Sahasranamarchana (archana with recitation of the 1000 names of Ganesha)

Please sponsor Ganesha Sahasranamarchana for world welfare and personal blessings.

Friday, September 10th : Ganesha Chaturthi

7:00 AM	Kalasa Sthapanam, Poorvanga Puja, Ganapathi Homam, Poornahuti
9:00 AM	Abhishekam for Moolavar (main deity)
10:45 AM	Ganesha Sahasranamam (1000 names) chanting by devotees
11:20 AM	Shodasa (16) Upachara Puja, Archana & Arathi
12:45 PM	Ganesha Archana, Aarathi (every 15 minutes until 9 PM)

GRAND SPONSOR \$1001

GOLD SPONSOR \$501

SILVER SPONSOR \$251

ABISHEKAM SPONSOR \$101 (one day)

MOTHAKA KOZHUKATTAI (108 nos) SPONSOR \$125

One day Participatory Ganesha Sahasranamarchana per person \$20, per family \$25

Special Announcements

- Please note that there will be NO Vahana Puja on the Ganesh Chaturthi day (Friday - Sep 10, 2021)
- Watch out for the signs posted in the temple
- We request devotees to avoid parking in front of the temple
- Left side end will be used for Handicap Parking only
- Please follow posted signs and directions/instructions given by volunteers
- Temple Appointments: <https://signup.com/go/SLTVisit> (Appointments required for Temple Visit)

*May the blessings of Sri Ganesha and Sri Lakshmi
be always with you and your family.*

