



# Hindu Temple and Cultural Center

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## Śri Ganesha Chaturthi – Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> 2017



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वामनरूप महेस्वरपुत्र विघ्नविनायक पाद नमस्ते ॥

### Program Details

- ❖ 09:00 AM: Śri Ganesha Abhishekam
- ❖ 11:00 AM: Archana, Ārati
- ❖ 07:00 PM: Sāmūhika Śri Ganesha Pūja
- ❖ 08:00 PM: Archana, Ārati

### Sponsorship Opportunity

- ❖ Sri Ganesha Abhishekam (\$51)
  - ❖ Sāmūhika Śri Ganesha Pūja (\$51)
  - ❖ Archana (\$10)
  - ❖ Pushpa Mala Alankaram/Flower\*
  - ❖ Annadanam (\$151 - Food Sponsorship)\*
- Note:** \* Contact Office for scheduling

### Śri Ganesha Chaturthi

Ganesha Chaturthi, the great Ganesha festival, also known as 'Vināyak Chaturthi' or 'Vināyaka Chavithi' is celebrated by Hindus around the world as the birthday of Lord Ganesha. The festival is observed during the Hindu month of Bhadra (mid-August to mid-September), and the grandest and most elaborate of them lasts for 10 days ending on the day of 'Ananta Chaturdashi'. It is believed that Lord Ganesha bestows his presence on earth for all his devotees during this festival interval of 10 days.

Lord Ganesha is the elephant-headed god and the Lord of power and wisdom. He is worshipped first in any prayers; his names are chanted first before any auspicious work is begun or any worship is undertaken. He is the eldest son of Lord Shiva and Goddess Pārvati, and the elder brother of Skanda or Kartikeya.

Our Role: On the Ganesha Chaturthi day meditate on the stories connected with Lord Ganesha, early in the morning after taking a bath during the Brahmamuhurta period. This includes the story behind the elephant-headed god Ganesha. Then visit the temple and do the prayers of Lord Ganesha. Offer Him coconut, fruits and sweet pudding. Pray with faith and devotion that He may remove all the obstacles that you experience on the spiritual path. Join us on the Chaturthi event Day and obtain Lord's blessings.

- This year we are pleased to announce the 'Special Ārati' being performed to Lord Ganesha, daily during Ārati time in the evenings - starting from Chaturthi event through the day prior to 'Ananta Chaturdashi'. Lord Ganesha - Visarjan is taking place on September 4<sup>th</sup> Monday on Ananta Chaturdashi, immediately after Mahā Mangala-Ārati.
- Watch on line schedule for the timings and for the significant events.

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