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Prāna Pratishtha Mahotsavam

For

Šri Radha Krishna, Šri Šiva Pārvati, Šri Kārtikeya, Šri Hanuman, Šri Durga, Šri Lakshmi, Šri Saraswati &

Utsava Murtis of

Šri Devi, Bhoodevi, Šri Balaji & Šri Ayyappa.

Schedule of Events

Friday, May 23rd, 2008

7.30 am	Šri Rama, Šri Venkateswara Suprabhatam, Āditya Hridayam, Ganga Stotram, Vishnusahasranāmam, Hanuman Chaleesa.
9.00 am	Mangalavaadya Sahita Parikrama
9.15 am	Šri Maha Ganapati Pooja, Punyāhavachanam, Ganapati, Navagraha, Šukra Moudya Šānti & Vāstu Šānti Homam.
11.00 am	Nootana Vighraha Jaladhivasam, Bhajans
12.00 Noon	Ārati
12.30 pm	Prasadam & Lunch
3:00 pm	Cultural Program
5.00 pm	Šri Maha Ganapati Pooja, Yajamana Sankalpa, Grahapreeti, Punyāhavachanam,
5:30 pm	Nootana Vighraha Dhanyadhivasam, Bhajans.
6.00 pm	Ankurarpanam, Raksha Bandhan for Priests & yajamana,
6.30 pm	Dhana Pooja, Ashta Lakshmi Pooja.
7:00 pm	Sarva Devata Kalaša Sthāpanam, Sarva Devata Homam,
8.00 pm	Poornahuti,
8:15 pm	Netronmeelanam, Sayanadhivasam, Ārati.
9.00 pm	Prasadam & Dinner

Saturday, May 24th, 2008

7.30 am	Šri Rama, Šri Venkateswara Suprabhatam, Āditya Hridayam, Ganga Stotram, Vishnusahasranāmam, Hanuman Chaleesa.
9.00 am	Šri Maha Ganapati Pooja, Punyāhavachanam, Mantapa Pooja.
10:00 am	Sarva Devata Gayatri Mantra Homam,
11.00 am	Poornahuti, Ratnanyasam, Navaratna & Yantra Sthapanam,
12.00 noon	Ārati
12.30 pm	Prasadam & Lunch
2:30 pm	Sundara Kand Parayan, Devi Stotra Parayan (upstairs)
3:00 pm	Cultural Program (Downstairs Community Hall)
5.30 pm	Bhajans,
6.00 pm	Šri Maha Ganapati Puja, Punyāhavachanam, Bimba Suddhi, Rakshabandhanam,
6:30 pm	Kalaša Pooja, Sarva Devata Moola Mantra Homam, Bhajans,
	Nadee Sandhan, Sparsahuti
8.30 pm	Poornahuti, Ārati.
9.00 pm	Prasadam & Dinner

Sunday, May 25th, 2008

8.00 am	Šri Rama, Šri Venkateswara Suprabhatam, Āditya Hridayam, Ganga Stotram, Vishnusahasranāmam, Hanuman Chaleesa.
9:30 am	Šri Maha Ganapati Pooja, Punyāhavachanam, Mantapa Pooja Tatva Nyasa Homam, Sarva Devata Homam,
11.15 am	Maha Poornahuti, Kalaša Utthapanam, Temple Parikrama,
11.40 am	Samprokshanam / Kumbhabhishekam, Prana Pratishtha, Kalaša Abhishekam, Special Alankāram, Bhajans,
1:00 pm	Archana, Maha Mangala Ārati
1:30 pm	Prasadam & Lunch

Šri Maha Ganapati Pooja: Worshipping Lord Ganesa to clear all obstacles that may arise.

Ganapati & Navagraha Homam: Prayers to Lord Ganesa & 9 Planets through the worship of Agni. Ghee & modaka are offered to Lord Ganesa & Navagraha for successful completion of the ceremony.

Vastu SANTI: Vastu Pooja is performed in honor of vaastu purusha and his ceremonious eviction from the Temple premises. After the pooja, vastu purusha is invoked in the Homam and ahuti is offered to him.

Yajamana Sankalpam: Undertaking a Vow to perform a sacred ritual for the delight of the Lord.

Grahapreeti: The Navagrahas are worshipped to attain blessings for the auspicious muhoortam at which the ceremony begins & offer Hiranyadanam to the Brahmins.

Ankurarpanam: The priest plants seeds in the soil. The growth of the seeds is reflective of the growth and wellbeing of the entire community.

Raksha Bandhana for priests & Yajamana: The priest will tie a blessed thread to the right wrist of all participants. Raksha Bandhan is a formidable barrier against any incidents during the occasion that might otherwise defile a participant and prohibit participation in the ceremony.

Dhana (Lakshmi) Pooja: Prayers are offered to Goddess Lakshmi for prosperity.

Kalaša Sthapanam: Kalašas are wound with white thread, decorated with Mangala Dravyas like Chandan Kumkum. Priest will sanctify the Kalaša, Navaratna & coins are placed in the Kalaša along with water. Coconut with mango leaves is placed on top of the Kalaša.

Netronmeelanam: Rituals to deities, symbolic opening of their eyes.

Poornahuti: To complete the Homam ceremony, offerings like beetle leaves, dakshina coins Havan Samagri are tied in a silk cloth & offered to Yagna Bhagavan.

Ratnanyasam, Yantra Pooja- The priest will do Pooja to the Yantra (Copper Sheet with drawing of all Devas' shape on it), Navaratnas (Ruby, Pearl, Coral, Emerald, Yellow Sapphire, Diamond, Blue Sapphire, Hessonite, Cats Eye) & Pancha Dhaatu (5 metals – Gold, Silver, Copper, Iron and Bronze), These are considered to endow the deity with power and life.

Yantra Sthapanam – All Navarathnas , Pachadhatu & Yantras will be placed in the middle of the pedestal.

Bimba Suddhi, Raksha Bandhanam: After Installation, all the Deities will be purified with Holy Water. The priest will tie a blessed thread to the right wrist of all deities.

Nadee Sandhanam, Sparsahuti –The Priests will connect the Deities with Sacred Thread, to Agni Bhagavan and Kalaša in the Yagasala, & transfer the Divine Power. To impart divinity to the statues of various Deities and sanctify them, ghee that was collected during all the Havans are offered to the deity.

Yaatra Dhaana & Shobha Yatra, Kalaša Utthapanam & Temple Parikrama: The Navagrahas are worshipped to obtain Blessings for the Auspicious Kumbhabhisheka Muhoortam. Dakshina is offered to the Priests. Devotees will hold the Kalašas & go around the Temple for a Pradakshina.

Prana Pratishtha, Samprokshanam/Kumbhabhishekam: Sanctifying the Temple Kalaša that is placed on top of the temple dome. The priest performs the Prana Pratishtha for the deities & offers the Yaga Kumbha water to the deities.

Abhishekam: Utsava Murtis are given a sacred bath with Panchamruta ie with milk, yogurt, honey, sugar & Ghee & then with all the Kalaša Water.

Jai Shree Ram