



The Hindu Temple of Greater Springfield (HTGS)

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Puja Sponsorship Price List

Puja Day / Time		Special Puja Name	One-Time Sponsorship Amount	Annual Sponsorship Amount
<i>Devalaya Nitya Puja (Every Day)</i>		Sri Maha Ganapathi & Sri Maha Lakshmi & Sree Chakra Puja	\$11	\$365
*Every Monday Evening		Bhavani Shankara Pradosha Kaala RudraAbhishekam	\$11	\$211 (52 events/Year)
*Every Tuesday Evening		Sri Panchamukha Anajayneya Puja – Hanuman Chalisa Pathan	\$5	\$101 (52 events/Year)
*Every Wednesday Evening		Sri Rama Puja	\$5	\$101 (52 events/Year)
*Every Thursday Evening		Shirdi Sai Baba /Dattatreya/Jalaram Bapa Abhishekam, Puja and Bhajans	\$5	\$101 (52 events/Year)
*Every Friday Evening		Sri Maha Lakshmi Sahasranama Puja / Lalitha Sahasranama Parayana	\$11	\$211 (52 events/Year)
*Every Saturday Morning		Suprabhatha Seva , <i>Sri Venkateswara Swamy Moola Virat</i> Abhishekam, Archana & Sri Vishnu Sahasranama parayana	\$11	\$211 (52 events/Year)
*Every Sunday Morning		Sri Subrahmanya Swamy Moola Virat Abhishekam	\$11	\$211 (52 events/Year)
Every Month	Uttara Phalguni Day	<i>Sri Maha Lakshmi Moola Virat</i> Abhishekam	\$15	\$151 (12 events/Year)
	<i>Sankata Hara Chaturdhi Day</i>	<i>Sri Maha Ganapathi Moola Virat</i> Abhishekam	\$15	\$151 (12 events/Year)
	<i>Pournami Day</i>	<i>Sri Satyanarayana Swamy Vratham / Katha</i>	\$15	\$151 (12 events/Year)
	<i>Maasa Shivaratri Day</i>	<i>Mahanyasa Purvaka RudraAbhishekam</i>	\$15	\$151 (12 events/Year)
		*Sani Trayodashi Puja	\$11	--
Annual Pujas / Major Festivals (12)		Jan 1 st Puja, Sankranthi (Pongal), Maha Shivaratri, Holi, Sri Rama Navami, Hanuman Jayanthi, Akshaya Truthiya, Guru Purnima, Temple Anniversary Day (August 4 th), Krishnaastami, Dasara Vijaya Dasami Day, and Deepavali.	\$26	\$201 (12 events/Year)

*Please see the Temple calendar for actual timings of the puja. (Nitya puja will usually begin within 15 minutes after the temple is opened. Note: Annual sponsorship payments may be paid in installments.

What is Nitya Puja? *Nitya means daily. Puja in Sanskrit means to adore or to worship. Puja is a ritual worshipping God. Therefore Puja performed every day is known as Nitya-Puja. Nitya-Puja evokes feelings of love and devotion.*

Why is Nitya-Puja performed? *The scriptures declare that the early hours of the morning are considered especially auspicious. Therefore any sacred activity performed in the morning will bear greater fruit. Worshipping God will awaken our spiritual attributes of Dharma, Jnana, Vairagya, and Bhakti. After a night's rest, the mind is more peaceful than at any other time of the day. With a peaceful mind, thoughts of the Divine infuse the mind further and make it pure. This will let you transform the day's chores. So there is no better auspicious time for puja than early morning.*

What exactly is performed during “Nitya Puja” at this temple? Pradhana Devatha (main deity) of The Hindu Temple of Greater Springfield is Goddess “**Sri Maha Lakshmi**”. During this Nitya Puja, priest performs rituals to worship Sri Maha Lakshmi and Vishesha Karya Krama Archana for each deity based on the significance of the day.

Nitya Puja is performed to “Sri Maha Ganapathi, Shiva Linga, Sri Maha Lakshmi (3 small deities) and Sri Chakra”. It includes Kavatatodghanam (ringing bell), Devalya Suddhi (cleaning up Deities area), Deepa Ujwalanam (lighting up lamps), Nirmalya Visarjanam (removal of previous day's puja material such as Akshatas and flowers etc on deities), Sarva Devata Shodashopachara puja, Sankalpam, Kalasaradhana, Shanka puja, Peetha puja, Mantapa puja, Dwara Paalaka Puja, Dhyanam, Aavahanam, Paadyam, Arghyam, Aachamaneeyam, Madhuparka prasana, Snanam (Panchamrutha Abhishekam while reciting Pancha Suktam / Rudram / Pavamana Suktam / Raatri Suktam / Arunam – depends on the significance of the day), vastram, yagnopaveetham, gandham, Aabharanam, Sri Maha Lakshmi Archana PLUS Vishesha Karya krama Archana for each deity based on the day, Dhoopam, Deepam, Naivedyam, Tamboolam, Neerajanam (Aarathi), Mantra Pushpam, Aatma Pradakshina Namaskaram, and Samarpana Aparaadha Namaskaram)*

Each Hindu God has a special significance on a particular day of the week. Based on that, additional pujas are performed along with the Nitya Puja or separately in the evening hours. Please see the Temple calendar for puja schedule. **Monday: Lord Shiva; **Tuesday:** Hanuman; **Wed:** Sri Rama; **Thu:** Datta Treya, Shirdi Sai Baba and Jalaram Bapa; **Friday:** Sri Maha Lakshmi; **Sat:** Sri Venkateswara Swamy; **Sunday:** Subrahmanya Swamy*

What is Puja Sponsorship? *In general, any pujas are performed to remove all evils, to attain all desires, for all around prosperity, and for the sake of washing away one's sins and afflictions, for bringing peace, prosperity and happiness, along with family togetherness. Performing the pujas/abhishekams/ havans is an excellent remedy for all doshas and for all around success in all areas of life. It is an honor to sponsor a puja. Each puja or abhishekam or havan you sponsor will bring benefits to you and your family. While it is a joy to participate in the puja or havan you sponsor, it is not always possible. The benefits still come to you even if you are not present. Sponsors unable to attend their puja may collect their prasadam at the temple in their next visit (please ask the priest) or put in a request to mail the prasadam. **To sponsor for a puja, please sign-up at the front desk at the temple or email the details to manager@springfieldtemple.org (mail your donation to temple's address).***

Why do we give Aarathi to the deities? *Aarathi, a form of puja, in which light from wicks soaked in ghee or camphor, is offered to one or more deities in a spirit of humility and gratitude. It symbolizes the five elements **Akash, wind, fire, water and earth**. Aarathi is said to have descended from the Vedic concept of rituals. One's intelligence is offered through the adherence to rules of timing and order of offerings. One's entire existence and all facets of material creation are symbolically offered to the lord through the aarathi ceremony.*

Surya Namaskar: Video Tutorial <http://www.hssus.org/sny/about/> **Documentary video** <http://www.hssus.org/sny/surya-namaskar-video-documentary/> **Surya Namaskar Philosophy** <http://www.hssus.org/sny/philosophy/>