



Ganesha Chaturti 2010 Festival – Saturday 9/11/2010

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; 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 Chaturti is on Saturday, September 11th. Join us to celebrate Ganesha's birthday in a grand manner.

Ganesha Chaturti Program, 2010

Thursday, September 2nd to Saturday, September 11th

11:15 AM to 12 PM	Ganesha Laksharchana (<i>archana with recitation of the 1000 names of Ganesha</i>)
7 PM to 8 PM	Ganesha Laksharchana (<i>archana with recitation of the 1000 names of Ganesha</i>)

Please sponsor Ganesha Laksharchana for world welfare and personal blessings.

Sponsorship: \$ 15 per person, \$ 25 per family. You may sponsor one or more Laksharchanas on days of your family members' birthstars (*nakshatra*), and get the *samkalpam* done on that day.

Saturday, September 11: Ganesha Chaturti Day

8 AM to 10 AM	Kalasa Sthapanam, Poorvanga Puja, Ganapathi Homam, Poornahuti
10 AM to 10:45 AM	Abhishekam for Moolavar (main deity)
10:45 AM to 11:15 AM	Ganesha Sahasranamam (1000 names) chanting by devotees
11:20 AM to 12 PM	Shodasa (16) Upachara Puja for Utsava Ganesha
12:45 PM	Ganesha Arati, Prasadam
1 PM to 2:30 PM	Ganesha Utsavam (procession) with Cultural Program - Ganeshanjali
7 PM to 8 PM	Conclusion of Ganesha Laksharchana, Arati

Sponsor Ganapati Homan on Chaturti day for \$ 101 and get a photo of Sri Ganesha.

Sponsor Laksharchana on all days and all events on Ganesha Chaturti day for \$ 501, and get a silver coin of Ganesha.

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

