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Durga Puja 7th October - 11th October 2016



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Goddess Durga

In Sanskrit, Goddess Durga means "the inaccessible or the invincible." Goddess Durga is a form of Shakti (Goddess Parvati). She is one of the most popular incarnations of the Devi. She is the resemblance of infinite power and Mother of the universe. Durga is the destroyer of evil and the protector of her devotees. Durga was created to slay the buffalo demon Mahishasura. She was created by Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva and the demigods who were otherwise powerless to defeat him. These Gods embodied their collective energy (shakti) to give her the power she needed to defeat Mahishasura. Durga is both derivative from the male divinities and the true source of their inner power. She is the divine spouse of Lord Shiva and is the mother of Ganesha & Karthikeya.

The festival of Durga puja is very popular among Bengalis. It is one of the most important festivals for the Hindu community. We celebrate this every year depending on the Hindu calendar during the month of Ashwin, which falls between the English months of September–October.

This puja is also well known as Sharadiya Durga puja. Shardiya Puja is said to have been first performed by Lord Rama in Autumn. The autumnal Puja is different from the conventional Durga Puja, which is usually celebrated in the spring time. So this Puja is said to be 'AKAL-BODHAN', or 'out of season worship'.

The Puja lasts for five days- Shashiti, Saptami, Ashtami, Nabami and Dashami. It is also the occasion of reunion. Durga Protima is the symbol of such reunion. We worship DURGA along with LAKSHMI, SARASWATI, GANESH, KARTIKEYA AND SHIVA. There are endless depictions of Ma Durga's appearance. The most common and usual imagery of Durga is that she has ten arms holding various items which are: Sword, Conch Shell, Discus, Rosary, Bell, Wine Cup, Shield, Bow, Arrow and Spear. She is often seen riding her lion named Singhasta.

Durga Puja marks the victory of Goddess Durga over the evil buffalo demon Mahishasura. Durga Puja festival epitomises the victory of Good over Evil. Durga is also worshipped as Durgotnashini, the destroyer of evil and the protector of her devotees. Durga is the symbol of female dynamism. She exists eternally, always abiding in her own sweet nature and inhabits the hearts and minds of her devotees.

It is a universal celebration. Therefore during the Puja we celebrate the occasion with all human beings irrespective of any race, colour, cast with great passion and devotion.



Durga Puja 2016 Timetable and Programme

Friday 7th October 2016

Adhibas & Puja

MAHA SHASHTI

4 pm – 10 pm

Saturday 8th October 2016

Puja

Anjali

Sandhya Aroti

Special Saptani Attraction - 'Chandi Paat' by children;
finishing with Aroti Kirton

MAHA SAPTAMI

10 am

1 pm

6 pm

7pm - 10pm

Sunday 9th October 2016

Puja

Anjali

Sandhya Aroti

Special Astomi Attraction - Ramayan Kirton by NLPS;
finishing with Aroti Kirton

MAHA ASHTAMI

10 am

1 pm

6 pm

7 pm – 10 pm

Monday 10th October 2016

Puja

Anjali

Sandhya Aroti

Special Nabami Attraction - Padabali Kirton by GP Deb
& Party; finishing with Aroti Kirton

MAHA NABAMI

10 am

1 pm

6 pm

7 pm – 10 pm

Tuesday 11th October 2016

Puja

Anjali

Sindur Pradani & Shanti

MAHA DASHAMI

10 am

1 pm

3 pm - 7 pm

There will be Cultural Programmes and Activities throughout the week

Prasadam will be distributed and served after Anjali and during the evening, after Sandhya Aroti

Other Events:

We also arrange many other Pujas & cultural activities, throughout the year: Saraswati Puja, Doljatra, Janmashtami. Kali Puja, Boishakhi, Cultural and Bangla Classes, Gita Recitations, Seaside Trips and Sports Days.

If you are interested, please feel free to contact us by phone/email.

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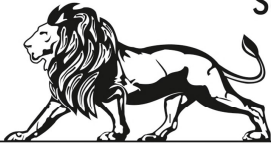
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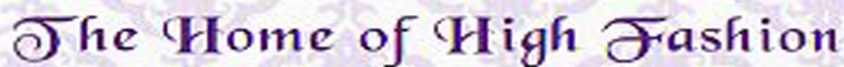
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