



# Hindu Samaj Temple of Minnesota, Inc.

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## Religious Services

Make checks payable to "Hindu Samaj Temple."

Ceremony	In Temple		Outside Temple	
	Temple Fee	Minimum Dakshina for Priest	Temple Fee	Minimum Dakshina for Priest
<b>Abhishekam</b> (to the choice of deity including Shiva, Ganesha, Karthikeya, Durga, Saraswati, Sai etc.)	\$51	\$18	\$151	\$53
<b>Anna Prasana</b>	\$101	\$35	\$151	\$53
<b>Archana</b>	\$11	NA	NA	NA
<b>Bhoomi Pooja</b>	NA	NA	\$125	\$44
<b>Sahasranama Archana</b>	\$51	\$18	NA	NA
<b>Gruhapravesham</b>	NA	NA	\$151	\$53
<b>Gruhapravesham with Sri SathyaNarayana</b>	NA	NA	\$251	\$85
<b>Pooja/Homam (Havan)</b>	\$201	\$70	\$251	\$85
<b>Kalyanothsavam (Group, per family)</b>	\$51	NA	NA	NA
<b>Kalyanothsavam (Individual)</b>	\$251	\$88	NA	NA
<b>Mundan</b>	\$101	\$35	\$151	\$53
<b>Namakaranam</b>	\$101	\$35	\$151	\$53
<b>Nischitratham</b>	\$101	\$35	\$151	\$53
<b>Punyahavachanam</b>	\$51	\$21	\$101	\$35
<b>Rudra Abhishekam at Home</b>			\$151	\$53
<b>Satyanarayana Pooja (Group, per family)</b>	\$51	\$18	NA	NA
<b>Satyanarayana Pooja (Individual)</b>	\$108	\$35	\$151	\$53
<b>Seemantham</b>	\$101	\$35	\$151	\$53
<b>Shashtabhi Poorthi (60<sup>th</sup> birthday)</b>	\$151	\$53	\$216	\$76
<b>Hiranya Shrarddham</b>	\$75	\$28	\$125	\$44
<b>Special/Wedding Anniversary Pooja</b> (Includes Sankalpam, Sahasrana Nama Arachana to the devotees' diety of choice including Balaji, Shiva,Durga, Karthikeyan, Ganesha etc.)	\$51	\$21	\$151	\$53
<b>Tarpanam</b>	\$75	\$28	\$125	\$44
<b>Upanayanam</b>	\$216	\$76	\$324	\$113
<b>Vahana Pooja</b>	\$51	\$18	\$125	\$35
<b>Vidya-Arambham</b>	\$101	\$35	\$151	\$53
<b>Vratham</b> (including VaraLakshmi, Mangala Gowri, Vibhava Lakshmi etc.,)	\$108	\$35	\$151	\$53
<b>Wedding Ceremony</b>	\$325	\$114	\$501	\$175

### Temple Scheduled Pooja

Pooja	When	Sponsorship
<b>Muruga Abhishekam</b>	Shasthi - once a month	\$25 for any one puja
<b>Hanuman Abhishekam</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month	\$251 yearly for any one puja
<b>Shiva Abhishekam</b>	Pradosham - twice a month	\$501 yearly for Pradosham
<b>Sri Satyanarayana Pooja</b>	Poornima - once a month	
<b>Ganesha Abhishekam</b>	Sankata hara Chaturthi - once a month	
<b>Sai Baba /Durga Puja</b>	Once a month	

Priestly services are offered at the Temple as well as outside- in devotee's homes and other venues where such services are needed and appropriate.

**For scheduling services, please send an email to: [pujaservices@histemplemn.org](mailto:pujaservices@histemplemn.org)**

1) In your email, please provide following details:

- Type of pooja needed
- Pooja Date
- Pooja Time (but for rare exceptions, private pujas will not be performed during regular temple hours)
- Place (Temple or home or other location )
- Contact phone number (**required**)
- Any other special requirements

2) We will respond to your e-mail as soon as possible.

3) Devotees may discuss pooja details with the Priest by calling or emailing him, but they **must send an email to [priestservices@histemplemn.org](mailto:priestservices@histemplemn.org) to confirm their pooja request.**

3) Devotees are encouraged to give sufficient (1 month?) advance notice before the pooja.

5) Make the payment to the Temple as a check payable to "Hindu Samaj Temple."

### ***Weddings***

**Weddings: just Priest service only: (outside venue)-**

**Temple fee:** \$501, Minimum Priest Dakshina - \$175

Additional mileage charges apply from the Priest's home to wedding location

**Weddings: just Priest service only: (Temple venue)-**

Temple fee: \$325, Minimum Priest Dakshina - \$114

### **Out of town service charges:**

- See above for the Temple fee (in the column marked **Outside Temple**)
- See above for the minimum dakshina to the Priest.
- Mileage charges are 0.50 per mile or actual travel expenses (Air/Train/Bus Ticket)
- Weekday charges - \$100/day. (Any fraction of the day from 9 AM to 8 PM will be considered as a day.)
- Weekend (Saturday and Sunday) - \$150/day.
- Meals and lodging - actual charges, if incurred by the Priests.  
The mileage charges are calculated based on the distance between Priest's house (Rochester) and the devotee's house  
Example  
The typical charges for a devotee scheduling the Satyanarayana pooja at the his or her home is as follows:  
1) Temple Donation/Fee: \$125  
2) Minimum Dakshina to Priest: \$44  
3) Travel mileage (see above)

**Dakshina for the Priest: *Dakshina* is an offering made in gratitude to the priest for services rendered.**

### Frequently Asked Questions

- a) **I am performing a private puja at my home/in the Temple. How much dakshina should I be giving?**

The suggested minimum dakshina for the Priest is 35% of the Temple fee (see accompanying chart of fee schedule for poojas). Many devotees give up to 100% of fees to show their gratitude and appreciation for the services rendered.

- b) **For a private puja I would like make a donation to the Temple above the regular fee charged by the temple. How much dakshina should I be giving to the priest?**

Thank you for making a donation to the Temple. The suggested minimum dakshina for the Priest is 35% of the Temple fee (see accompanying chart of fee schedule for poojas). Many devotees give up to 100% of fees to show their gratitude and appreciation for the services rendered.

- c) **I have already donated \$1000 or more to the Temple this year. Do I still need to pay for priestly services?**

If you do not have a **Benefactor Privileges Certificate**, please request one from [finance@histemplemn.org](mailto:finance@histemplemn.org). With the certificate you will be exempt from paying Temple fee for the pooja. However, the suggested minimum dakshina for the Priest is still 35% of the expected Temple fee (see accompanying chart of fee schedule for poojas). You are always welcome to give more *dakshina* for gratitude and appreciation for the services rendered.

- a) **I am attending a Temple-conducted pooja? Is there an expectation of dakshina to the priest?**

While minimum dakshina is not applicable to regular weekly and monthly poojas conducted inside the Temple, you are more than welcome to do so. Money put in arati plate does not go to the priest. If you would like to give *dakshina*, please place it in an envelope, write priest's name on it and either give it to him or place it in Hundi.