

Hindu Temple of Virginia (Balaji Temple)

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HTVA Priest Services and Suggested Donations

Name of the Service	OutSide Temple
NamaKaranam (Naming Ceremony)	201
AnnaPrasana	201
Hair Offerings	will only be performed in the Temple
PunyaaVaachanam	251
Nakshatra Shanthi	301
Ayushya Homam	251
Akshara Abhyasam	201
Upanayanam	Please contact Priest for this Event
Vivaham	Please contact Priest for this Event
Seemantham	351
BhoomiPooja	301
GruhaPravesam	Please contact Priest for this Event
GruhaPravesam with Satya Narayana Vratham	Please contact Priest for this Event
GruhaPravesam with Vastu homam	Please contact Priest for this Event
NavaGraha Shanthi 3 Day event	only inside temple
NavaGraha Shanthi Homam	301
Ganapathi Homam	301
Mruthinjaya Homam	301
DhanaVanthri Homam	301
Sudharshana Homam	451

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Rudra Homam	301
ChandyHomam	451
Srinivasa Kalyanam	501
Seetha Rama Kalyanam	501
Rukmini Kalyanam	501
Santhana Venugopala Homam	301
Sathya Narayana Vratham	301
Hiranya Shradham	201
Hiranya Shradham with Pinda Pradhanam	251
Paravana Shardham	351
Rudra Abhishekam (Eka Varam/One Time)	301
Varsha Abdhikam	Please contact Priest for this Event
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nan	nan
Note: Dakshina (this is something which customer can give to Priest)	nan



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HTVA (Balaji Temple) Dakshina Policy

Effective Date: 06/01/2025

Version: 1.0

- Purpose:** Dakshina is an essential tradition in Hindu religious practice, offered as a gesture of gratitude to the priest for conducting pujas, homams, weddings, and other sacred rituals. This policy outlines the guidelines for giving dakshina to HTVA priest. The Temple encourages devotees to offer dakshina appropriately, based on the nature and duration of the religious service.
- Scope:** This policy applies to all priests, staff, volunteers, and devotees involved in organizing or participating in religious services facilitated by HTVA, both at the temple premises and off-site locations.
- Acceptable Forms of Dakshina:**
Monetary Contributions: Cash, checks, or electronic payments (e.g., credit cards, mobile payment apps). All offerings must be received with humility and in accordance with Hindu customs and temple decorum.
- Procedure for Receiving Dakshina**
 - In-Temple Services:** Devotees may offer dakshina directly to the priest or to any authorized HTVA Committee members.
 - Off-Site or Private Services:** Dakshina is not included in the standard temple service charges. Devotees are encouraged to give dakshina directly to the priest as a separate gesture of appreciation.
- Pooled System for In-Temple Dakshina:** All dakshina collected for services conducted within the temple is pooled and distributed equitably among the priests. This system ensures fairness and sustains the collective wellbeing of temple staff. The HTVA Board or management will not intervene in the internal allocation of pooled dakshina.
- Travel and Additional Expenses**
 - Mileage Reimbursement:** For services conducted more than **five** miles from the HTVA temple, devotees are expected to compensate the priest directly for mileage at the current HTVA-approved rate of \$2 per mile.
 - Out-of-State or Long-Distance Services:** Devotees are responsible for covering all related travel, accommodation, and meal expenses for the priest.
- Policy Review and Amendments:** This policy will be reviewed annually by the Temple Board. Revisions may be made to reflect community feedback, legal requirements, or operational needs.

Approved by: HTVA Board Members (President & Treasurer)