

Amma Sri Karunamayi New York Programs
Sri Mathrudevi Viswashanti Ashram Trust (SMVA Trust)

|| Jai Karunamayi ||

VARA LAKSHMI VRATAM HOMA—A VERY SPECIAL SACRED FIRE CEREMONY

**This is a special holy day to honor Sri Lakshmi and all women.
Sri Maha Lakshmi Homa will be one of several conducted by AMMA**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 from 9 AM – 2 PM

at ANANDA ASHRAM / YOGA SOCIETY OF NEW YORK, INC.

13 Sapphire Road, Monroe, NY 10950

NOTE: Parking at Sapphire Elementary School, [159 Harriman Heights Road](#), Monroe, NY

To REGISTER, PLEASE GO TO: www.karunamayi.org/world-tour/north-america/

To Sponsor a Homa, please write to newyork@karunamayi.org

See Details below

We welcome everyone to our first and only Homa on the East Coast since 2019. HH AMMA Sri Karunamayi has returned to the US after 3 years of deep meditation and silence to give her blessings to all. This is a FREE event. RAIN OR SHINE! Open to people of all faiths and paths.

There will be several havan kundas/homa pits. Amma will perform the Homa herself in the main havan kunda. **Everyone may attend the Homa free of charge and receive the powerful blessings of the Homa. Sponsors who wish to perform the Homa themselves in one of the adjacent fire pits may do so.** This is first come first served and there is limited space so **please let us know right away** if you plan to participate directly in the Homa.

The Homa sponsorship levels for this event are as follows:

\$5004 to do the homa at AMMA's kunda. There will be a limited number of seats. Please let us know right away if you are interested. We will let you know if you have been approved.

\$1008 to do a homa at a shared kunda.

\$504 to do a homa similarly at a shared kunda.

Please sign up with us by sending an email to newyork@karunamayi.org so we can be prepared. We will need your email address and phone no and whether you have WhatsApp. Thank you.

The number of homa kundas we prepare will be determined by your early response!

So, we really need homa sponsors to inform us right away. All proceeds will be directed to AMMA's Gokulam Project in India.

Additionally, there are **several other sponsorship levels** offered to those who would like to receive various specially blessed prasadam for their participation. To read more about the Gokulam Project, please go to www.srimcenter.org and scroll down to Gokulam Project.

The Homa will be held at idyllic Ananda Ashram, a yoga retreat and spiritual educational center located just over one hour northwest of New York City. Sacred fire ceremonies have been performed for millennia to promote universal and individual peace and healing. Benefits extend to all those who participate and to our entire world family and the environment.

Please plan on coming early, preferably by 8.00-8.30 a.m. The fire ceremony will be conducted under a large, open-air tent. A light lunch will be served after the ceremony. Come prepared to sit outdoors for an extended period of time. Be sure to protect yourself from the weather as well as insects. Bring hats, blankets, cushions, folding chairs, water bottles, insect repellents, sun screens, **umbrellas** and raincoats, as needed. Those coming by car may wish to bring their own chairs or extra chairs to share with others. A limited number of chairs are provided. Please give priority to seniors and people with health issues.

Transportation

• There will be no Charter Bus this year. Please carpool or choose Public bus to attend from NY. Trains are available from NJ

Public Bus

Coach USA/ Short Line Hudson, Port Authority, South terminal, 8th Ave@ 41st, Manhattan, NYC

Ticket windows 11-15

Friday, AUG 25, 2023 --

Lv 7:50 am from Port Authority to Millpond Rd, Bus Terminal , Arrv 9:13 am , 2 mi. to Ananda Ashram. or

Lv 9:10 am from Port Authority

Arrv 10:33 am, 2 mi to Ananda Ashram

Return same day --

Ashram to bus stop 1.5 mi.

Rt17M & Church St, Harriman

Lv 4:32 pm bus to Port Authority

Arrv 6:25 pm

Last bus, Ashram to Port Authority,

Rt 17 M & Church St., Harriman

Lv 8:12 pm

Arrv Port Authority, 10:25 pm

TAXIs from bus stop at Millpond Parkway, Monroe, NY to Ananda Ashram, 13 Sapphire Road, Monroe, NY:

Taxi Services.

1)Speedica car service (24hr service)---> notify ~30mins prior to pickup

845-783-4444

Taxi-\$15, Minivan \$20 (max 6 ppl)

2)Village Taxi --> notify ~2hr prior to pickup

845-783-6112

Taxi -\$16, Van cost depends on the owner & can hold up to 14ppl (est cost. ~\$4/person)

3)Geo Taxi Service--> notify ~30mins prior. to pickup

845-213-5639

Taxi- \$15, Minivan \$20 (up to 7 ppl)

4)Santiago's Taxi --->notify ~2hr prior to. pickup

845-407-7471

Taxi- \$10, Minivan \$20 (up to 7ppl)

• **By Car.** Easily accessible. For directions see www.anandaashram.org or use WAZE or GOOGLE

Parking – IMPORTANT!!

It is important to follow all parking and no parking signs posted at the Ashram, as well as these directions. Please do not double park. There is no street parking on Sapphire Road outside the Ashram or on village roads. ***That is a tow away zone! We regret that cars parked on the village roads may be towed at the owner's expense. Only service vehicles and cars of ashram overnight guests, handicapped or elderly guests or ashram staff are permitted to enter the grounds on Homa day. The driveway entrance/exit near the Homa site will not be accessible. Thank you for your cooperation!

Parking at Sapphire Elementary School [159 Harriman Heights Road, Harriman, NY](#)

***All cars must park in Sapphire Elementary School's parking lot, which is within easy walking distance. NOTE THAT THE PARKING COMES UP ON YOUR RIGHT BEFORE YOU TURN INTO SAPPHIRE ROAD!

Parking Directions at Sapphire Elementary School, [159 Harriman Heights Road](#)

1. Drive up Harriman Heights Road. Near the top of the hill, a few hundred feet before reaching Sapphire Road, Sapphire Elementary School will be on the right. (The entrance also has a sign for Harriman Learning Center.)

2. Turn right into the Sapphire Elementary School driveway.

3. Bear right within the school driveway and park 'toe-in' (not parallel to curb) to fill the spaces on the right side of the lot. Additional parking is available in back of the school.

Walking Directions from Sapphire Elementary School to Homa at Ananda Ashram

1. Go to the end of the School driveway and turn right onto Harriman Heights Road.

2. Continue to walk .1 (1/10th) mile. Turn left onto Sapphire Road.

3. Continue .05 mile on Sapphire Road, then enter the first driveway on the left. Event signage will be posted.

4. Follow the large U-shaped main driveway, passing various internal 'sub'-driveways that branch off to other ashram buildings.

5. Continuing around the main driveway to the opposite side of the 'U,' you will find the large, white Main House. The Homa site is on the lawn in front of the house. Welcome!

If you are arriving by cab, please have the driver let you off on Sapphire Road at the first driveway on your left and follow the driveway to the large white house and white tent around the U of the main driveway.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed throughout Amma's New York event weekend, beginning early Friday, (6.30 AM) August 25 and extending through Sunday evening, August 27. There will be a variety of site setup, maintenance, disassemble and clean up needs.

Volunteers are also needed the week before the Homa Ananda Ashram for digging and preparing the homa kundas, and myriad other set up arrangements. This is a blessed opportunity to participate in the homas through service/seva.

If you can kindly help with these or other seva opportunities, please contact Radha at radha@babatrust.org as soon as possible. Or send an email to newyork@karunamayi.org

Accommodations

• Ananda Ashram / Yoga Society of New York

Overnight accommodations are available directly through the Ashram. Reserve in advance by calling the reception office, [845 782 5575](tel:8457825575). If the line is busy, leave a message, mentioning 'Amma's Homa' and your phone number. There are separate weekend and weekday rates. For general information, see www.anandaashram.org/

HOTELS.(other than Ananda Ashram)

1) America's Best Value : (price can vary as time gets closer)

Double - \$114.99 + tax for Aug 24th; Double - \$129.99 + tax for Aug 25th or 26th

King - additional \$10 to the above price

2) Hampton Inn - completely booked for Aug 24-26; only King Suite Available (above \$300+ tax per night)139 NY-32, Central Valley, NY 10917. (3.5 miles from Ananda), phone [845 928 2266](tel:8459282266)• Hampton Inn, 60 Center Drive, Central Valley, NY. (3 miles from Ananda), phone [845 782 9600](tel:8457829600) or see www.hilton.com/search/hp/us/ny/central_valley/0/0/0/0/0/0/20?WT.srch=1/.

*In Amma's Seva
to end Amma's New York Organizers*

