

Utsav Durga Puja 2020

Dear Utsav Members and Friends,

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, and as has been discussed at our Annual General Meeting on September 27, 2020, the “Puja” part of our Durga Puja 2020 will be held as follows.

- It will be a one-day event: on **Saturday, October 24, 2020**:
 - Start at 10 am; finish by 12:30 pm (including Bisorjon).
- Location:
 - Our priest-cum-CCM member, Biswanath Mukherjee, will conduct the Puja in his home by setting up Durga Protima (with her children and Asur) (using statues/photos in his home).
- Audience: **People can join by Zoom using this meeting link:**
<https://ucdavis.zoom.us/j/95580504840>
- **Process/Options for Puja Participation (Open to all):**
 - Minimally, you can just connect on Zoom and watch.
 - You can offer Pushpanjali over Zoom (approx. time for Pushpanjali: 12 noon +/- 30 minutes); just have some fresh flowers ready.
 - If you want to do a bit more, set up Durga Protima (statue of photo; optionally with her children also), possibly in your “Thakur ghar” or “Thakur area” (or some nice spot)... and be prepared with some fresh flowers, so that you can do Pushpanjali when priest prompts you over Zoom.
 - If you want to do even more, you can also set up Prosad (fruits, nuts, sweets) in front of Ma Durga, and when the priest offers Prosad to Ma, he can prompt you to do so also. (Just have some additional flowers for this.)
 - If you want to offer Bhog to Ma, the priest can help you with this also.

The following applies only if you wish for Ma Durga Darshan and for collecting Prasad.

- **Darshan Venue:** **Siddhivinayak Temple**, 4679 Aldona Lane, Sacramento, CA 95841. SV Temple has kindly agreed to allow us to use their outdoor space at the back of the temple to set up a small outdoor mandap. Santana Das will set up her big Durga Thakur picture (the one we use for Sindoor khela) for our darshan.
- **Utsav members must pre-register online for a time slot for the darshan. Use this link for pre-registration:** **<https://registration.utsavsac.org/>** Last day for registration is **Oct 20**. The exact time-slot will be allotted to all registered participants by Oct 22 (visit time will be between 1pm to 4pm).
- **Procedure:** Members will drive up to the mandap at their allotted time and pay their respects and do pronam, then collect their prasad, bhog and Chowrongee magazine. There will be a tray in front of the thakur for you to place your Anjali flowers, and a box for your Pronami. At the end of our day, we will offer all your flowers inside the mandir and all the pronami donation will be given to the mandir too. For those of you who have visited this mandir in the past, they have a wonderful U-shaped driveway that will help us with drive-through darshan.