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Sankata Hara Chaturthi:

Sankata Hara Chaturthi Puja to Lord Sri Maha Ganapati is performed once a month on the fourth day (Chaturthi tithi) of Krishna Paksha(15 moon days from full moon to new moon) in the evening.

According to Puranas, this puja was suggested by Lord Subrahmanya to sages to bring prosperity and happiness in life. Lord Ganesha Himself suggested this vratam to Sri Parvati, to receive the Grace and Darshan of Lord Siva. Lord Krishna advised the Pandavas to observe Sankata Hara Chaturthi vrata in order to win the war. Ancient literature also says that Lord Indra and emperor Harishchandra followed this vratam with various goals in mind.

Devotees normally fast during this day and break their fast after performing Sri Ganesha puja and seeing the moon. Devotees also celebrate this vratam for one full year, once every month, and complete their Prayers at the end of the year by performing Ganapati Homam.

In our Temple Maha Ganapati Abhishekam is performed on Sankata Hara Chaturthi days and Mooshika(mouse) vahana seva follows this.

May the Blessings of Lord Sri Venkateswara and Sri Mahalakshmi be with you and your family.

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