MEANING
• “The fourth day.”
• Also called Vinayaka Chaturthi.
• Marks the birth of the Hindu deity Ganesha, the elephant headed god of prosperity, new beginnings and wisdom.

GREETINGS
• “Happy Onam.”

WHEN
• A 10-day festival that is observed during the month of Bhadra, a lunisolar month.

COMMON PRACTICES
• There are four main rituals performed during the festival: Pranaprapishtha, Shhodashopachara, Uttarpuja and Ganpati Visarjan.
• Hindus celebrate the festival at home or at public pandals, where they can pay respect, pray and bring offerings.
• Singing and playing religious songs, dancing to drums and lighting fireworks.

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• It is not mandatory to keep Ganesha for 10 days, but the idol should not be left at home unattended.
• Some Hindus may participate in a lacto-vegetarian diet.

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Type of Calendar:
Hindu (solar)