

## Mata Skandamata



Skandmata is the fifth aspect of goddess Durga. She is the mother of Lord Skanda Kumar (Kartikeya). Thus, she is given the name of Skandamata. In this form, she can be seen with the Lord Skanda in his infant form sitting on her lap. This day devotee's mind reaches Visuddha Chakra. She carries the beautifying image of a goddess seated on a lotus flower. This is the reason!

Goddess Skandmata is the diety of the solar system. By worshipping the goddess in the form of Skandamata, the devotee gets all his desires fulfilled and tastes the supreme joy even in this very mortal world. A supernatural aura in the atmosphere is discharged by the goddess and the one who worships her with pure heart. He gets freedom from all troubles and sufferings.

The mother of lord Kartikeya is worshipped on the fifth day of the Navratri. Lord Kartikeya is also known as Skand Kumar or Sant Kumar in various scriptures. The goddess can be seen showering her motherly blessings on her son Skand Kumar. The goddess possesses four arms and is seated on a lotus.

Whenever the oppression by the demons increases, goddess Skandmata rides on a lion and kills them. Devi Skandmata has four arms. She holds lotus in two hands and uses the other hand to support Lord Kartikeya sitting on her lap. Her fourth hand is raised to bless the devotees.

Devi Skandmata is herself the daughter of Himalaya and is also known as Parvati. She is also known as Maheshwari and Gauri. Being the daughter of the king of mountains, she is also known as Parvati. She is the wife of Lord Mahadeva and hence is called Maheshwari. She belongs to Gaur Varana and that is why is named as Devi Gauri. The goddess loves her son very much and is pleased to be named after her son's name. The devotees gets immense love and affection from the goddess who worships her in this manifestation.