



# Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

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## Chairperson's Report

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish to express our gratitude to all of you - devotees and volunteers - for your invaluable contributions and services to our ever growing Temple. We attribute the success to all of you; your monetary contributions on the one hand and the countless hours of volunteerism. This year has seen several new initiatives and improvements in our Constitution of our Temple. SSVT's vision to combine the best of Hindu tenets, customs & heritage with American values of religious freedom, and its mission in the 21st century, is to become the premier temple in North America. In order to meet both our vision and mission goals, SSVT amended its constitution successfully. The rewriting of the constitution is historic in many ways especially since the amendment brought many individuals together and thus showed their unity.

Your Temple is in stable financial shape but continues to need your generous support both as a volunteer as well as financially. With God's grace the new Parking lot expansion is completed and we will be undertaking both the elevator and Balalaya project in 2012. We continue to undertake both major and minor capital projects which drains our reserves and hence Temple depends upon your continued support.

The highlight of the year was the grand celebration of the "Hanuman Jayanti" in the month of December. The devotees were very happy to witness the daily homas amidst Vedic chantings and participated in the chanting of Hanuman Chalisa and Rama Taraka with great enthusiasm. The program was well attended by devotees who came and got the blessing of Lord Hanuman.

SSVT has adopted a resolution to include next generation in its constitution so that they become an integral part of the system. A gathering

of the NEXTGEN youth was held in December. This initiative was started this year to reach out to all the youth who grew up over the years in the Temple environment and have grown up and settled down to pursue various careers.

SSVT continues to take major stride in community service. Temple continues to instill religious and cultural values in children and youth through various educational activities. Temple sponsors Aakar, language classes, SAT classes, Yoga and Meditation classes. In 2012 Temple will be reaching out to local high schools to offer SAT classes and offer free clinics outside of SSVT. Temple extended humanitarian contributions to several local community organizations and participated in many community service events and interfaith activities throughout the year.

Cultural activities strongly compliment the temple religious mission. SSVT sponsored several cultural programs throughout the year, many distinguished artists like Sri. Balamurali Krishna performed for the Temple. As a continuing tradition, Aradhanas were celebrated for Thyagaraja, Purandra Dasa, Swathi Thirunal with active participation by adults and children and concerts by distinguished artists.

This year SSVT has represented Hindus across the world in the White House celebration of Diwali with the President. For the first time SSVT has represented Maryland Hindus by celebrating Diwali with Governor O'Malley at his mansion.

I would like to thank all the devotees, volunteers and Temple priests and employees for their continued support and dedication. I am happy to report that the state of the Temple is sound and rapidly growing.

May the blessings of Sri Siva and Sri Vishnu be with us always

*Mythili Bachu,*

*Chairperson, Board of Trustees*

## Pick up your 2012 Calendar

The Temple calendar for 2012 is available in the temple for a small donation. The calendar contains information about the monthly pujas and special Hindu festivals based on North American Panchangam.

## Officers for 2012

Chairperson	Suryanarana Siram
Vice-Chair Operations	Prakash Hosadurga
Vice Chair Policy	Sasi Menon
Treasurer	Anjana Sriram
Secretary	Hairhar Singh

## Changes in the Board of Trustees

Sri Siva Vishnu temple is happy to announce the induction of six new trustees, Smt. Nithya Nagarajan, Smt. Sarada Ashok, Smt. Vijaya Gollamudi, Sri Rajagopalrao Tripuraneni, Sri. Ramachar Mukunda and Sri Suresh Babu to the Board of Trustees. Our very special thanks to the retiring Trustees Smt. Mythili Bachu, Sri Girija Vallabhan, Sri Ravi Narayan, Sri Bhaskar Ganti, Sri Jayaram Ubrani and Sri Vivek Hatti for dedication, hard work and exemplary service.

## President's Report 2011

We completed another successful year in SSVT's history with the grand finale of the 5-day Hanumat Jayanthi celebration. I believe the devotee interest and involvement in this 5-day function is a testa-



ment to the SSVT congregation and their heart and mind to SSVT.

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*"Abheda Darshanam Jnanam" - Experience of Oneness is True Wisdom*

# Religious Calendar

## February 2012

- 01 Wed. 9:30 am Utsava Subrahmanya Abhishekam (*Krittika*)  
10:00 am **Madhva Navami Puja**
- 02 Thu. 10:00 am Krishna Abhishekam (*Rohini*)
- 03 Fri. 10:00 am Mahalakshmi Abhishekam  
7:00 pm Anantapadmanabha Abhishekam (*Ekadasi*)  
7:15 pm Bhagawati Seva
- 04 Sat. 4:00 pm Srinivasa Kalyanam
- 05 Sun. 9:30 am **Madhva Navami Celebration** (*please see details*)  
4:00 pm Rama Abhishekam (*Punarvasu*)  
5:00 pm Siva Abhishekam (*Mahapradosham*)
- 06 Mon. 9:30 am **Thai Poosam (Makara Pushyam)** (*please see details*)  
7:00 pm Satyanarayana Puja (*Poornima*) (*Temple + Offsite*)
- 09 Thu. 10:00 am Andal Abhishekam (*Purvaphalguni*)
- 10 Fri. 9:30 am Mahaganapathi Homam (*Sankatahara Chaturthi*)  
9:30 am Ayyappa Puja (*Uttaraphalguni*)  
10:00 am Sharada Abhishekam  
7:00 pm Ganesha Abhishekam (*Sankatahara Chaturthi*)  
7:15 pm Bhagawati Seva
- 12 Sun. 9:30 am Subrahmanya Abhishekam (*Shashti*)  
**Thai Poosam Celebration (Makara Pushyam)**  
(*please see details*)
- 13 Mon. **Kumbha Month Begins**  
9:30 am Sudarshana/Yoga Narasimha Homam & Abhishekam (*Swati*)
- 14 Tue. 9:30 am Utsava Subrahmanya Abhishekam (*Vishaka*)
- 17 Fri. 10:00 am Parvati Abhishekam  
10:00 am Anjaneya Abhishekam (*Moola*)  
7:00 pm Anantapadmanabha Abhishekam (*Ekadasi*)  
7:15 pm Bhagawati Seva
- 18 Sat. 3:15 pm Siva Abhishekam (*Sani Mahapradosham*)
- 19 Sun. **MAHA SIVARATRI** (*please see details*)  
9:30 am Ayyappa Puja
- 20 Mon. 9:30 am Utsava Srinivasa Abhishekam (*Sravana*)
- 22 Tue. *Amavasya (Dhanishta)*
- 24 Fri. 10:00 am Durga Abhishekam
- 25 Sat. 9:30 am Mahaganapathi Homam (*Chaturthi*)  
4:00 pm Ganesha Abhishekam (*Chaturthi*)

### Weekly Abhishekams

(at 9:30 am except as noted)

Daily	Ayyappa, Siva and Anantapadmanabha
Monday	Ganesha, Sri Rama
Tuesday	Durga, Anjaneya
Wednesday	Andal, Sharada, Navagrahas
Thursday	Krishna, Subrahmanya
Friday	Mahalakshmi, Parvati, Sudarshana/Yoga Narasimha
Saturday	Venkateshwara (10:15 am)

### Weekly Aradhanas

Tuesday	Sri Rama (7:45 pm) & Hanuman Chalesa (8:00 pm)
Friday	Lalitha Sahasranamam to Parvati (7:15 pm)
Friday	Mahalakshmi Aradhana (8:00 pm)

### Weekly Sahasranama Archanas

(at 5:15 pm except as noted)

Monday	Ganesha, Siva, Rama
Tuesday	Durga, Subrahmanya, Anjaneya
Wednesday	Andal, Anantapadmanabha, Ayyappa
Thursday	Sharada, Krishna, Venkateshwara
Friday	Mahalakshmi (5:15 pm) & Parvati (7:15 pm)

- 26 Sun. 9:30 am Navagraha Homam & Abhishekam  
27 Mon. 9:30 am Subrahmanya Abhishekam (*Shashti*)  
28 Tue. 9:30 am Utsava Subrahmanya Abhishekam (*Krittika*)

## March 2012

- 01 Thu. 10:00 am Krishna Abhishekam (*Rohini*)
- 02 Fri. 10:00 am Mahalakshmi Abhishekam
- 03 Sat. 4:00 pm Srinivasa Kalyanam
- 04 Sun. 9:30 am Anantapadmanabha Abhishekam (*Ekadasi*)  
4:00 pm Rama Abhishekam (*Punarvasu*)
- 05 Mon. 7:00 pm Siva Abhishekam (*Mahapradosham*)
- 06 Tue. 9:30 am Nataraja Abhishekam  
6:30 pm **Sarpabali** (*please see details*)
- 07 Wed. **Holi Festival**  
9:30 am **Subrahmanya Abhishekam**  
**(Kumbha(Masi) Magam)** (*please see details*)  
7:00 pm Satyanarayana Puja (*Temple+offsite*)
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- 12 Mon. 9:30 am Utsava Subrahmanya Abhishekam (*Vishaka*)
- 13 Tue. *Karadayam Nombu (1:16 am)*  
9:30 am Subrahmanya Abhishekam (*Shashti*)
- 14 Wed. *Meena Month Begins*  
(*Rest of March in next Newsletter*)



## President's Report 2011 *Cont'd from page 1*

We saw similarly a grand Jugalbandi concert by Dr. M. Balamurali Krishna and Pandit Ronu Majumdar in October. About 600-650 rasi-kas thoroughly enjoyed the concert at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School. This was the first time SSVT had an audience of this magnitude for a cultural event. The New Year's Day 2012 is a clear indication for things to come this year with exceptional alankarams for all dieties, hot food from the kitchen, use of the new parking lot and most of all the estimated 8,000 to 10,000 devotees who visited the temple for their annual New Year Day pooja at the temple.

### 2011 Highlights:

- White House Diwali event: for the third year in a row. SSVT celebrated Diwali at the White House by two of our senior priests
- Community Service projects ranging from Feeding the Homeless in DC Kitchen and PG County to doing job fairs and health fairs with special focus on the Bhutanese refugees
- Continued focus on controlling expenses while beefing up security throughout the temple (police presence, security cameras etc).
- Hiring of 4 new priests who are well versed in all aspects of religious programs. We now have 10 fulltime priests who can communicate in many languages to meet the devotee needs.

### Committee Highlights:

The Food Committee has re-elected Hanumantha Rao as the coordinator for the year 2011-12. Contact info for Mr Rao: vishnuvajjala@gmail.com, 301-982-1863.

The Religious Committee has re-elected Vasu Murthy as the religious coordinator for the year 2011-12. Contact info for Vasu Murthy:

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# Madhva Navami Day Celebration

(Sunday, February 5, 2012)

Madhva Navami this year falls on Wednesday, February 1 and will be celebrated on a Grand scale on Sunday, February 5. The celebrations will commence with a Homa at 8 am followed by Krishna Puja at 9 am in the SSVT auditorium. After the puja there will be a Pallaki procession around the Sri Krishna Sannidhi upstairs, Archana and Maha Deeparadhana and the celebration will conclude with Music and Pravachanas. Please mark your calendars and receive the blessings of Sri Madhvacharya.

8:00 am: Sri HariVayu stuthi Homa

9:00 am: Sri Krishna puja and Sri Madhvacharya puja

11:00 am: Pallaki utsava

11:30 am: Maha puja and pravachana

12:15-1:15 pm: Lunch/Prasada

1:15- 3:00 pm: Dance, music and pravachanas on Sri Krishna and Sri Madhvacharya

**Sponsorship:** \$25

# Makara Pushyam (Thai Poosam) Day

(Monday, February 6, 2012)

9:00 am Ganesha Puja, Subramanya Homam, Kavadi Procession within the temple, Subrahmanya Abhishekam, Trishati Archana, Bhajans, Deeparadhana, Prasadam Distribution @ 1:30 pm

6:00 pm Subramanya Sahasranama Archana, Arati

**Sponsorship:** Morning Puja \$25; Evening Puja \$15; Entire Day Puja \$35.

# Makara Pushyam (Thai Poosam) Celebration

(Sunday, February 12, 2012)

9:30 am Ganesha Puja, Kavadi Procession within the temple, Subrahmanya Abhishekam, Trishati Archana, Bhajans, Deeparadhana, Prasadam Distribution @ 1:30 pm

**Sponsorship:** \$25

# Maha Sivaratri

(Sunday, February 19, 2012)

Maha Sivaratri morning Puja will start with a Ganesha Puja & Rudra homam at 9:30 am. The evening Special Pujas to Lord Siva will commence at 3:15 pm and continue till 6:00 am the following day. A sanctified Siva Linga will be available for devotees to personally offer their Abhishekam throughout the night. Entrance to the temple in the evening will be through the lower level. Dinner will be available from 6:00 pm onwards. Coffee and Tea will be available throughout the night. Details of the religious program are given below.



## Maha Sivaratri Morning Puja

9:30 am Ganesha Puja, Mahaganapati Homam, Laghunyaasam, Rudra Japam, Rudra Homam, Vasordhara Homam, Abhishekam to Siva, Archana, Deeparadhana

## Pradosha Kaala/First Kaala Puja

3:15 pm Ganesha Puja, Kalasa and Shanka Sthaapanam, Abhishekam to Nandi (Divine Bull), Mahanyasa with Trishati archana, Ekadasa Rudra Abhishekam (Abhishekam with 11 different ingredients to Lord Siva with recitation of Rudram 11 times), Trishati Archana (300 Names Archana), Deeparadhana, Mantrapushpam,

Prasadam distribution @ 9:30 pm:

10:00 pm Bhajans

## Second Kaala Puja

11:00pm Rudra Abhishekam, Shankha Abhishekam, Bilwa Ashtotharashata Archana (108 Names Archana to the recitation of Bilwa Stotram)

1:00 am Deeparadhana and Bhajans.

## Third Kaala Puja

1:30am Rudra Abhishekam, 108 Kalasa Abhishekam, Trishati Archana (300 Names Archana)

3:30 am Deeparadhana and Bhajans

## Fourth Kaala Puja

4:00 am Abhishekam to Chandikeswara, Parvati, Rudra Abhishekam, 108 Silver Bilwapatra Archana

6:00 am Deeparadhana and Prasadam distribution.

**Sponsorship:** Rudra Homam & Morning Puja \$25; First Kaala Puja \$51 2nd, 3rd & 4th Kaala Puja \$25 each Kaala; Rudra Homam & all four Kaala Pujas \$125 & All four Kaala Pujas \$101

# Sarpabali

(Tuesday, March 6, 2012)

Sarpabali is the worship of 55 divine snakes (including Siva's Vasuki and Vishnu's Adishesha) to ward off the bad effects of Sarpa Dosha, to help mitigate and eradicate the problems of skin diseases, to help people in search of life partners find suitable spouses, for progeny (Putra Bhagyam) and for the overall well being of all. (Sarpa Dosha may be present due to harm done to snakes and other reptiles in the past births and due to other causes. Sarpa Dosha is recognized when



all the other grahas in one's horoscope lie between Raahu and Ketu. Sarpa Dosha is often a reason for late marriages). Sarpabali is performed about two or three times a year especially on "Aaslesha Nakshatra" days in the Hindu Solar months of "Kanya" and "Kumbha". Turmeric powder, rice, milk, coconuts, fruits and flowers are the ingredients generally brought by devotees for Sarpabali. **For the ingredients to be included in**

**the Puja, they must be given to the priest before the Puja starts. Sankalpam for the Puja (when devotees can mention to the priest the problems to be overcome or desires to be fulfilled) will begin at 6:30 pm.** Sarpabali Puja will be performed in the Kerala Tantric style from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

6:30 pm Sankalpam (when devotees can mention to the priest the problems to be overcome or desires to be fulfilled).

7:00 pm Sarpabali

**Sponsorship:** \$35

# Kumbha (Maasi) Masam

(Wednesday, March 7, 2012)

9:30 am Ganesha Puja, Kavadi Procession within the temple, Subramanya Abhishekam, Archana, Bhajans, Deeparadhana @ 1 pm, Prasadam Distribution

# Satyanarayana Puja

Mon. Feb. 6 & Wed. Mar. 7, 2012

Vishesh Satyanarayana Pujas will be conducted in Virginia in addition to the temple on Monday, Feb. 6 & Wed. March 7, 2012. For additional information please call the temple managers at 301-552-3335. The starting time of Puja at the temple is 7:00 pm. Virginia Location: Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West OX Road Herndon, VA 20171

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vasu\_murthy@yahoo.com 310-838-5585.

The Education Committee coordinator is Thaila Ramanathan. The Education Committee continues the seminar series with Sadhvi Chaitanya. Contact info for Thaila: thailar@yahoo.com.

The Public Relations Committee coordinator is Anu Iyer Rao. The Committee continues to be involved in all activities of the congregation at large and major religious events. The Committee coordinated volunteers for the desk duty all year as well as for the food Bazaar and New Year's Day and this year they have started helping the temple with publicity. Contact info Anu Iyer: anuwoods@yahoo.com. The Trustees and OC would like to thank Uthra Rao for a job well done in her capacity as public relations coordinator over the past year.

The Cultural committee coordinator is Radha Shivakumar. The Trustees and OC would like to thank Kannan Subramaniam for a job well done in his capacity as cultural coordinator over the past 2 years. We had performances by many famous artists. The Cultural Committee also manages the demand for CD'S of the temple concerts. Contact info for Radha Shivakumar: radha.shiva@gmail.com.

The Engineering Committee coordinator is Sasi Menon. The Engineering Committee remains to be busy throughout year with multiple projects, including the security updates and the construction of the additional parking lot. Contact info for sasi\_20903@yahoo.com.

Newsletter taskforce coordinator is Sridhara Kedlaya: hkedlaya@verizon.net

The IT committee continued the work to the A/V and automation

systems under the leadership of Dr. Srinivas Mandava who remains as the current IT Coordinator. The committee has also embarked upon updating the SSVT website with the hope to complete in early 2012.

Contact info for Srinivas Mandava is srini@verizon.net

Aakar (the youth and community service committee) coordinator is Rugmini Gopalan. Aakar has been working with Sadhvi in bringing some exciting programs to attract more youth participation. Contact info for Rugmini Gopalan: 301-218-7550

The Senior citizen group is a formal committee and its coordinator is Mr. Umakant Rajguru. The group held a crafts festival and participated in Health Fairs. They also have developed an exhibit on Healthy Living which was displayed on several occasions. Mr. Rajguru will oversee their continued growth. Contact info for Mr. Rajguru: shakurajguru@yahoo.com

Flowers coordinator Bhavani Siva: bhavanisiva@yahoo.com.

Decoration Task force coordinator Priya Narayan - 301-299-8157

Devotee Database Services Taskforce coordinator Usha Krishnamurthy 240-786-5675

Deity Vastram Maintenance Taskforce coordinator Prabha Narasimhan, 410-667-4482

Sandwiches for the Homeless coordinator is Chitra and her contact information is chitra70@hotmail.com. They make sandwiches on the second Saturday of each month.

In addition to the committees named, the Temple has dedicated staff and many thousands of volunteers working on a number of taskforces as well. We would like to thank them all for their contribution and dedication, without which the Temple could not be functioning.

*Umesh Shankar*

## SSVT Community Service

### Sri Maharudra Yagna

A Sri Maharudra Yagna is being conducted by Ananth's Veda Group Inc., (AVG Inc, a not for profit organization) on April 27th-29th at the SSVT premises. This auspicious three day long Vedic ceremony - which includes 1331 recitations of Sri Rudram - is organized with the blessings of Sringeri Acharya Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswami to mark the Centenary Year of Sri Sri Sri Chandrasekhara Bharati Mahaswami's Coronation as the 34th Shankaracharya of Sri Sringeri Sharada Peetham in 1912.

The Maharudram includes Ganapathy Homam, Navagraha Homam, Poorvanga pujas, homas for various deities, Laksha Kumkumarchana, 1331 recitations of Sri Rudram and Maha Rudra Homam along with other religious and social programs. Please participate in this Yagnam and make this Centenary Celebration a grand success & receive the benefits of performing MahaRudram & blessings of our Acharyas.

For Puja Details & more info, please visit [www.maharudram2012.org](http://www.maharudram2012.org) or email to [info@maharudram2012.org](mailto:info@maharudram2012.org).



### Mitra Mandala

Mitra Mandala offers free community service providing confidential and professional counseling and senior services for families in need. Please contact R.G. Nagarajan at 301-279-9328 [nagarajan51932@gmail.com](mailto:nagarajan51932@gmail.com) for support services.

### Shiridi Baba Bajan at SSVT

First Thursday of each month at 7pm .

Please contact Shobha Prasad 240-568-9151

### Sandwiches for Homeless – February 11, 2012

On the second Saturday of every month, volunteers make sandwiches for the homeless. 1500 sandwiches are made and delivered to Martha's Table, a DC shelter. If anyone wish to participate in the program, Please be at the Temple at 10:30 am. Devotees can sponsor this program by donating \$175 to ssvt. For additional information, please call Chitra Raj at 301-216-2019

### SSVT Senior Citizens Group

Meetings on Feb. 8 and 22, 2012 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The mission of SSVT Senior Citizens' Group is to enhance the quality of life of its members so that they can live a healthy, happy, active and independent life with dignity as well as serve and enrich the community. The Group strives to enhance physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being of all members through education, training, entertainment, and other assistance to attain successful aging. The current programs include talks by members and/or by invited guests on successful aging, music, devotional songs, etc. (11am-1pm), and lunch (1-2pm). We cordially welcome all SSVT Senior devotees to participate in our group activities and enjoy a successful aging. For further information and to know any change in day as well as in timing, please call Mr. Umakant Rajguru at 301-890-0652 or email [shakurajguru@yahoo.com](mailto:shakurajguru@yahoo.com)

## SSVT Education Programs

### SAT tutoring classes

SSVT offers SAT tutoring classes on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month (3pm - 5pm) for high school students. Please send an em (include your son or daughter's em, your phone) to SAT@ssvt.org. There is NO charge, however students are required to purchase the necessary books as prescribed by the program. Based on a diagnostic test, a student's placement in the program will be determined.

#### **AWAKENING WITH BRAHMA KUMARIS**

Meeting on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at SSVT  
For more information contact at 301-588-0144

**Upanishad Series** – Feb 12 , 10:30am -12:30pm.

**Bhagavatam** – 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Saturdays

**Krishna leela** – Dasama skandham. This has 90 chapters. We will be starting Raasaleela

**Akaar Sessions** on Saturday – 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Winter Session starts from Jan 28, 2012. Please register for slokas, stories, bhajan, art, drama and fun for kids. Send email to ssvtkids@yahoo.com to sign-up.

**Bhagavat Gita**- Sunday 9:30 am -11:00 am.

Dr. Rao will be conducting the Bhagavat Gita sessions.

WEEKLY Saturday Programs – Free and open to all  
Time Program

7:30 am to 10:30 am Yoga for all. Initial part is always Gentle Yoga that everyone can do irrespective of age or physical condition - consists of easy stretches, breathing exercises and meditation.

9:00 am to 10:30 am Hatha Yoga for those who are in good physical shape

11:00 am to 12:30 pm Learn Spoken Samskrit (Beginners Level)

12:30 pm to 2:00 pm Learn Spoken Samskrit (Intermediate Level)

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Akaar Sloka Session

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm Bhagavatam and Sanskrit Grammar

explanations by Dr. Thaila Ramanathan

3:30 pm to 4:00 pm Vaishnava Samhita – Srikrishnacaitanya Mahaprabhu Story

4:00 pm to 4:30 pm Brindavana Mahatmyam

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm Valmiki Ramayan – Ayodhyakandam

### Seminar and Lecture Series

As Sadhviji is on travel to India we will be taking a break for a few months. Please note that lectures will not be held in February, March and April. We will keep you updated.



Some photos of New Year's day Devotees and Decorations.



Some of the Newly minted NextGen Board of trustees with others members of BOT Nalapaka team hard at work on New Year's Day



Ayyappa Devotees observing anga madastana on the temple prakarana and carrying Irumudi on Makara Sankranti day in 31 degrees out side



## Upcoming Cultural Events

Date	Time	Event	Artist	Admission	Venue
Sun, Feb. 19th, 2012	7pm	Sivarathri Dance program	Multiple Artists	Free	SSVT Auditorium
Sat, March 17th, 2012	5pm	Dance	Lakshman group	Ticketed	SSVT Auditorium
Sat, March 24th, 2012	3pm	Local Talent Series (Music)	Multiple Artists	Free	SSVT Auditorium
Sun, March 25th, 2012	3pm	Local Talent Series (Dance)	Multiple Artists	Free	SSVT Auditorium
Sat, March 31st, 2012	5pm	Concert	Sandeep Narayan	Ticketed	SSVT Auditorium
Sun, April 22nd, 2012	3pm	Kalarasana Series	J.Shivakumar	Free	SSVT Auditorium
Sun, May 13th, 2012	3pm	Concert	Ranjani & Gayatri	Ticketed	SSVT Auditorium

Announcements regarding these programs will also be available via Temple notice board, website etc. Please contact Radha Shivakumar or Raghu Pantula at [cultural.ssvt@gmail.com](mailto:cultural.ssvt@gmail.com) or [cc@ssvt.org](mailto:cc@ssvt.org) for further details regarding upcoming events. Also visit <http://www.facebook.com/srisivavishnu> for current updates.

The listing of SSVT sponsored concert CDs is now posted online at [www.ssvt.org](http://www.ssvt.org) under Upcoming events and Announcements. Those interested in these CDs are requested to please contact [ssvt@ssvt.org](mailto:ssvt@ssvt.org).

### Local Talent Series (Music and Dance)

This two-day event will showcase the abundance of talent in music and dance in USA. This program will start with a lecture/demonstration, followed by one-hour presentations by artists in music/dance. Please email [cultural.ssvt@gmail.com](mailto:cultural.ssvt@gmail.com) to perform in this event.

### Kalarasana 2012

SSVT is proud to present the Kalarasana series of four lecture/demonstration events per year. This series is presented to enhance conceptual learning of the art form through active engagement of rasikas in the learning process. The program will be interactive with q/a sessions. There will be two music and two dance events in the year. This year we start the series with a music lecture/demonstration by Sri. J. Shivakumar.



Young local talent at  
Tyagaradha Aradhana festival.



From Baltimore / Washington D.C. Take B.W. Parkway to NASA Goddard Space Center. Left turn at Rte 193 (Green Belt Road)



Go approximately 1 mile on Rte. 193. Make right turn onto Cipriano Road. The Temple is on the left at 6905 Cipriano Road.



From Silver Spring, Bethesda, Tysons Corner: Take I-495 (Beltway) to Exit 22A (B.W Parkway towards Baltimore), Exit immediately towards NASA Goddard Space Center. Left turn at Rte. 193 (Greenbelt Road).



From Andrews Air Force Base, Alexandria, Springfield: Take I-495 (Beltway) to Exit 22A (B.W Parkway towards Baltimore), Bear right following signs to NASA Goddard Space Center, and merge to Rte. 193 (Greenbelt Road).

#### Temple Hours:

Weekdays: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Weekends / Holidays 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

*The Temple is open all day on all Important Holidays*

#### Daily Puja Schedule

Morning Puja	9:00 am	Monday-Friday	Suprabatham	9:00 am	Daily
Evening Arathi	6:00 pm	Monday-Sunday	Abhishekam	9:30 am	Daily
			Venkateswara Abhishekam	10:15 am	Saturday



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