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Maha Sivaratri (Agama Tradition) (Saturday, March 13, 2010)

MahaSivaratri 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, Eka-dasa 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, Vilwa Ash-totharashata Archana 108 Names Archana to the recitation of Vilwa Sthotram) 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 Vilwapatra 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

Ugadi Day (Vikruti Samvatsara) (Tuesday, March 16, 2010)

Ugadi marks the beginning of a New Year for several Hindu communities including Kannada, Telugu and Marathi communities. Ugadi is based on the lunar calendar and hence its occurrence may vary from year to year compared to the solar calendar. It is common to listen to the reading of the Panchangam that day so that one may mitigate the negative results and increase the prosperity that may be in store for the year ahead. It is also a tradition in Andhra Pradesh to eat a preparation that is made of sweet, sour, bitter, and hot ingredients to signify that life is a mixture of good and bad times and that one must face them with equanimity.

9:00 am MahaGanapati Homam, Utsava Ganesha & Utsava Srinivasa Abhishekam, Siva & Anantapadmanabha Abhishekam

7:00 pm Vishesh Arati to all Deities, Panchanga Patanam (Reading the Almanac)

UGADI Celebrations (Saturday, March 20, 2010)

7:00 am Suprabatham, MahaGanapati Homam & Devi Pancha Sukta Homam

7:30 am AnanthaPadmanabha, Ayyappa, Siva & Parvati Abhishekams.

7:45 am Venkateswara Abhishekam, Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam, Archana, Deeparadhana

8:30 am Ganesha Abhishekam, Bhajans (During Alankaram), Archana, Deeparadhana

10:15 am Panchanga Patanam (Almanac Reading), Srinivasa Kalyana Utsavam.

1:00 pm Prasadam Distribution

1:30 pm Special Cultural Program

Sponsorship: One Abhishekam \$25 One Homam \$25, Kalyana Utsavam \$35 & All the Pujas \$51

To serve the devotees better, Car pujas will be performed after 2 pm on this day.

Vasantha Navaratri

(Tue., March 16 – Wed., March 24, 2010)

Navaratri are important festival days for Devi (the Divine Mother). The Goddess who appears in the terrible form (to destroy our sins) in autumn, appears in a peaceful and benevolent form in the spring. Hence by worshiping Her during the two Navaratri one destroys one's sins and begets peace and prosperity.

Daily Program:

11:00 am Trishathi Archana, Durga Saptashti Parayanam (4 pm on Saturday, March 20 and 7 am on Sunday, March 21 (as part of the Chandi Homam Parayanam))

7:15 pm Lalitha Sahasranama Archana, Deeparadhana, Mahishasura Mardini Sthotram, Devi Namaskaram (6 pm on Saturday, March 20 and Sunday, March 21)

8:30 pm Prasadam distribution

(Evening Puja will begin at 6:00 pm on Saturday, March 20 and Sunday, March 21)

Special Pujas:

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

9:00 am MahaGanapati Homam & Devi Pancha Sukta Homam, Raksha Bandhanam, Mritsangrahanam, Ankooraarpanam, Purvanga Puja, Durga, Lakshmi, Saraswati Aavaahanam

10:30 am Durga & Mallikapurathamman Abhishekam

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

9:00 am Devi Panchasukta Homam, Devi Moola Mantra Homam, Sharada, Andal & Mallikapurathamman Abhishekams

Thursday, March 18, 2010

9:00 am Devi Panchasukta Homam, Devi Moola Mantra Homam, Parvati & Sharada Abhishekams

Friday, March 19, 2010

9:00 am Swayamvara BalaParvati Homam, Parvati & Mahalakshmi Abhishekams

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“Abheda Darshanam Jnanam” - Experience of Oneness is True Wisdom

Religious Calendar

March 2010

01 Mon.	9:30 am	Ayyappa Puja (<i>Uttaraphalguni</i>)
03 Wed.	9:30 am	Mahaganapathi Homam (<i>Sankatahara Chaturthi</i>)
	7:00 pm	Ganesha Abhishekam (<i>Sankatahara Chaturthi</i>)
04 Thu.	9:30 am	Sudarshana/Yoga Narasimha Homam & Abhishekam (<i>Swati</i>)
05 Fri.	9:30 am	Subrahmanya Abhishekam (<i>Shashti & Vishaka</i>)
	10:00 am	Mahalakshmi Abhishekam
06 Sat.	4:00 pm	Srinivasa Kalyanam
07 Sun.	9:30 am	Ayyappa Puja
08 Mon.	10:00 am	Anjaneya Abhishekam (<i>Moola</i>)
10 Wed.	7:00 pm	Anantapadmanabha Abhishekam (<i>Ekadasi</i>)
12 Fri.	9:30 am	Utsava Srinivasa Abhishekam (<i>Sravana</i>)
	10:00 am	Sharada Abhishekam
	7:00 pm	Siva Abhishekam (<i>Mahapradosham</i>)
13 Sat.		Maha Sivaratri (Agama) (<i>please see details</i>)
14 Sun.		<i>Meena Month Begins</i> <i>Karadayan Nombu (12:48 PM)</i>
15 Mon.		<i>Amavasya (Purva Bhadra)</i>
16 Tue.		Ugadi (<i>please see details</i>) Vasanta Navaratri Begins (<i>please see details</i>)
19 Fri.	9:30 am	Mahaganapathi Homam & Abhishekam (<i>Chaturthi</i>)
	10:00am	Parvati Abhishekam
	7:15 pm	Bhagawati Seva
20 Sat.	9:00 am	Ugadi Celebration (<i>please see details</i>)
	4:30 pm	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhishekam (<i>Krittika</i>)
21 Sun.	7:00 am	Chandi Homam
	9:30 am	Subrahmanya Abhishekam (<i>Shashti</i>)
	10:00 am	Krishna Abhishekam (<i>Rohini</i>)
24 Wed.		Sri Rama Navami Day – Festival Begins (<i>Punarvasu</i>) (<i>please see details</i>) Vasanta Navaratri Ends (<i>please see details</i>)
26 Fri.	10:00 am	Durga Abhishekam
	7:00 pm	Anantapadmanabha Abhishekam (<i>Ekadasi</i>)
27 Sat.	9:30 am	Navagraha Homam & Abhishekam (<i>Sani Trayodasi</i>)
	12:01 pm	Tulasi Ramayan Parayanam Begins (<i>please see details</i>)
	3:15 pm	Siva Abhishekam (Sani Mahapradosham)
	8:00 pm	Rama Darbar Seva

28 Sun.	10:00 am	Andal Abhishekam (<i>Purvaphalguni</i>)
	12:01 pm	Tulasi Ramayan Parayanam Ends (<i>please see details</i>)
	3:00 pm	Sita Kalyanam
	5:00 pm	Rama Darbar Seva
29 Mon.		Panguni Uttiram Day (<i>please see details</i>) Mahalakshmi Jayanti (Uttaraphalguni) (<i>please see details</i>)
	7:00 pm	Satyanarayana Puja (<i>Poornima</i>)

April 2010

01 Thu.	9:30 am	Mahaganapathi Homam (<i>Sankatahara Chaturthi</i>)
	9:30 am	Sudarshana/Yoga Narasimha Homam & Abhishekam (<i>Swati</i>)
	7:00 pm	Ganesha Abhishekam (<i>Sankatahara Chaturthi</i>)
02 Fri.		Sri Rama Navami Celebration Ends (<i>please see details</i>)
	9:30 am	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhishekam (<i>Vishaka</i>)
	10:00 am	Mahalakshmi Abhishekam
03 Sat.	4:00 pm	Srinivasa Kalyanam
	4:30 pm	Subrahmanya Abhishekam (<i>Shashti</i>)
04 Sun.		Panguni Uttiram Celebration (Valli Kalyanam) (<i>please see details</i>)
	10:00 am	Anjaneya Abhishekam (<i>Moola</i>)
08 Thu.	9:30 am	Utsava Srinivasa Abhishekam (<i>Sravana</i>)
09 Fri.	10:00 am	Sharada Abhishekam
	7:00 pm	Anantapadmanabha Abhishekam (<i>Ekadasi</i>)
11 Sun.	9:30 am	Navagraha Homam & Abhishekam Utsava Subrahmanya Abhishekam (<i>Vishaka</i>)
	10:30 am	PUJA BY CHILDREN (<i>please see details</i>)
	4:30 pm	Siva Abhishekam (<i>Mahapradosham</i>)
13 Tue.		Tamil & Tulu New Year (Vishu) (<i>Details in next Newsletter</i>) <i>Mesha Month Begins</i> <i>Amavasya (Uttara Bhadra)</i> <i>(Rest of April in next newsletter)</i>

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Saturday, March 20, 2010

9:00 am Kubera Lakshmi Homam, Parvati, Mahalakshmi & Malikapurathamman Abhishekams

Sunday, March 21, 2010

7:00 am **Chandi Homam**

11:00 am Kanya, Suhasini and Bhairava Puja

12:30 pm Durga Abhishekam

Monday, March 22, 2010

9:00 am Sri Sooktha Homam, Mahalakshmi Abhishekam

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

9:00 am Lalitha Sahasranama Homam, Durga & Andal Abhishekam

Wednesday, March 24, 2010 (Concluding day of Vasantha Navaratri)

9:00 am Medha Sukta Homam, Sharada & Andal Abhishekams

11:00 am Trishathi Archana, Durga Sapta Shati Parayanam

7:15 pm Lalitha Sahasranama Archana, Deeparadhana, Mahishasura

Mardini Sthotram, Devi Namaskaram, Concluding Pujas of Vasantha

Navaratri and Prasadam distribution

Sponsorship: Sahasranama Archana \$15, One Abhishekam \$25,

Chandi Homam \$25, One day's Puja \$35, One day Sapta Shati

Parayanam \$25, Nine days Sapta Shati Parayanam \$51, Kanya,

Suhasini, Bhairava Puja \$51(each) & Entire Navaratri Puja \$151

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 Chaleesa (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)

Sri Rama Navami Festival

(Wed., March 24 - Fri., April 2, 2010)

The temple will celebrate the festival over a ten day period. In the evening Nama Ramayanam will be chanted followed by Hanuman Chaleesa. Sundara Kanda from Valmiki Ramayanam will be read by the priests every day and all devotees are welcome to participate in this reading. There will be continuous recitation of Ram Charita Manas (composed by Saint Tulasi Das) by devotees in the temple from 12:01 p.m. on Saturday, March 27 through the night to 12:01 p.m. Sunday, March 28. Devotees who have copies of the "Manas" are requested to bring them and share and participate with other devotees in this continuous prayer. Bhadrachala Raamadas was a great saint devotee of Lord Rama. Devotional songs composed by him will be sung during the Aradhana to this saint followed by Sita Kalyanam on Sunday, March 28. There will also be a children's cultural program from 4 pm to 6 pm on Sunday, March 28.

Daily Program:

9:30 am Sankshepa Ramayana Homam, Sri Rama Moola Mantra Homam
5:15 pm Valmiki Sundara Kaanda Paaraayanam
7:30 pm Naama Ramayanam and Hanuman Chaleesa
(6.30 pm on Saturday, March 27 & Sunday, March 28)

Special Program:

Sri Rama Navami Day (Wednesday, March 24, 2010)

9:00 am Vishwakshena Aaradhana, Punyahavachanam, Suprabatham, Mritsangrahanam, Rakshabandanam, Ankurapanam, Nitya Homam, Kalasa Staapanam, Rama Janana parayanam, Beeja Daanam, Sri Rama Abhishekam, Naama Ramayanam, Archana
11:45 pm Deeparadhana and Prasadam distribution

7:30 pm Naama Ramayanam, Vishesha Aarati and Hanuman Chaleesa

Tulsi Ramayan Parayanam (Sat., March 27–Sun., March 28, 10)

March 27 (Sat) - 12:01 pm Rama Charitha Manas recitation by devotees begins, March 28 (Sun) - 12:01 pm Conclusion of Rama Charitha Manas Recitation

Bhadrachala Raamadas Aradhana and Sita Kalyanam

8:00 pm Rama Darbar Seva

(Sunday, March 28, 2010)

2:00 pm Bhadrachala Raamadas Aradhana

3:00 pm Sita Kalyanam

5:00 pm Rama Darbar Seva

5:00 pm Akhanda Rama Naama Parayanam (until 8:30 pm)

Sri Rama Navami Festival Conclusion (Friday, April 2, 2010)

6:00 pm Sri Rama Abhishekam and Pattabishekam, Naama

Ramayana, Sri Anjaneya Puja and Hanuman Chaleesa

8:00 pm Prasadam distribution

Sponsorship:

One day Homam \$25, Sri Rama Navami day Puja \$25, Sita Kalyanam \$25, One day Sundara Kaanda Parayanam \$15, Sri Rama Pattabishekam \$25 & Entire Rama Navami festival \$101

Meena Uttaraphalguni (Panguni Uttiram) & Mahalakshmi Jayanti (Monday, March 29, 2010)

Panguni Uttiram (Meena Uttaraphalguni in Sanskrit) is one of the rare festivals that have significance for several deities in our temple. It is the Jayanti (day of incarnation) of Lord Ayyappa, the day that Sri Valli married Lord Subramanya, the day that Goddess Mahalakshmi incarnated on earth from the ocean of milk, the day Goddess Parvathi in the form of Kamakshi (or Gowri) married Lord Siva in Kanchipuram. It is only fitting that we celebrate this festival in our temple with all the religious grandeur so that our congregation can

receive the blessings of many Gods and Goddesses.

9:00 am Ganesha Puja, Ayyappa Puja, Kalasa Puja, Subrahmanya Abhishekam

10:00 am Mahalakshmi Abhishekam, Archana and Gadya Traya Parayanam

12:30 pm Deeparadhana and Prasadam distribution.

7:00 pm Mahalakshmi Puja by Devotees

7:15 pm Ayyappa Sahasranama Archana & Seeveli

7:30 pm Kamakshi-Siva Kalyanam

Sponsorship: All day Puja \$51, Mahalakshmi Puja by Devotees \$25, Any one Abhishekam \$25, Ayyappa Puja \$25 & Kalyana Utsavam \$25
Meena Uttaraphalguni (Panguni Uttiram) Celebrations (Sunday, April 4, 2010)

9:00 am (onwards) Ganesha Puja, Utsava Subramanya Abhishekam

9:30 am Ayyappa Puja

10:30 am Valli-Subrahmanya Kalyanam

1:00 pm Deeparadhana and Prasadam distribution.

Sponsorship: Ayyappa Puja \$25 & Kalyana Utsavam \$25

Puja by Children (Sunday, April 11, 2010)

10:30 a.m. Slokas by Children, Ganesha and Saraswati Puja by Children.
12:15 p.m. Talk or Story telling (Topic of interest to children & young adults). There is no sponsorship for this Puja. All the materials and instructions will be provided. All children and young adults are encouraged to participate.

Seminar and Lecture Series by Sadhvi Chaitanya

Topic: The Vivekachudamani is a treatise of liberation that is both poetic and profound. It expounds the truth of oneself as whole and free of limitations in a manner that is easy to grasp. It is considered to be one of the finest "prakarana granthas" that explain the teachings of the Upanishads in a manner that is easy to comprehend and assimilate. We will be studying 108 selected verses of this masterpiece.

Saturday, March. 6, 2010 Sunday, March. 7, 2010

Meditation: 9 - 9:30 am

Lectures: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

(All sessions held in the Education Room at SSVT)

Please mark the dates for the February Lectures:

Saturday, April 3rd and Sunday, April 4th 2010

Shankara Jayanthi

SSVT will be hosting the annual Shankara Jayanthi celebrations in its main auditorium on Saturday May 22nd between 7.30 am to 1.30 pm. The highlights of the celebrations include: Guru pooja, Rudrabhisheka, Sloka recitation by children, a short talk by Swami Dheerananda, Pallakki Utsava followed by Maha Mangalaarathi and Prasada viniyoga. Further details will be forthcoming in the next monthly newsletter. All are welcome to participate and receive the blessings

Basava Jayanthi

SSVT along with Veerashaiva Samaja of North America - MD, VA and DC chapters and MD-VA-DC Kaveri Kannada Cultural Association will be celebrating Basava Jayanthi from 9 am to 2 pm on Saturday, May 15, 2010 For information, please contact temple manager or G. Jagadeesh (301-208-8260), Mrs. Girija Angadi (703-971-3544), Guru Nagaraja (703-318-0103).

9:00 am Shiva abhishekam, Archana, Deeparadhana

10:30 am: Cultural program (in the auditorium (until 2 pm))

Upcoming Cultural Events

Date	Time	Event	Artist	Admission	Venue
Sat. Mar 6, 2010	12 pm to 5 pm	Local Talent Senior music/dance students cultural program	Students of Janaki Sivaraman, Radhika Kannan & other artists	FREE	SSVT
Sat. March 27, 10	5 pm	Guru Sishya music program	Sandhya Srinath & Ranjani Atur	FREE	SSVT
Fri. April 9th thru Sun. April 11 th	6:30 pm Fri. All day (Sat. & Sun.)	Annual SSVT Nadatarangini music festival	Multiple artists	FREE	SSVT
Sat. April 17, 10	TBD	Vocal concert	Sudha Raghunathan	Ticketed	TBD

Announcements regarding these programs will also be available via Temple notice board, website etc. Please contact Kannan Subramanian or Radha Shivakumar at cc@ssvt.org for further details regarding upcoming events. The listing of SSVT sponsored concert CDs is now posted online at www.ssvt.org under Upcoming events and Announcements. Those interested in these CDs are requested to please contact ssvt@ssvt.ssvt.org.

SSVT – Nadatarangini – Annual Music Festival

Sri Siva Vishnu Temple and Nadatarangini will be celebrating the 23rd Annual Sri Purandara Dasa and Sri Thyagaraja music festival on April 9th, 10th and 11th. The festivities will commence at 6.30 pm on **Friday the 9th** and conclude with a Grand Music concert on **Sunday the 11th**. As always Sri Rama Puja, recitation of Pancharathna Kritis, Individual singing, Musical Presentations and Concerts will lace the occasion. Those wishing to participate in individual singing should register at www.Nadatarangini.org before **MARCH 21st**. Every effort will be made to accommodate the registrants but due to limited slots, the registration will be on a first come first served basis and the organizers reserve the right to group the participants if necessary. Please look for complete program details in the forthcoming Newsletter or by visiting www.ssvt.org or www.Nadatarangini.org

SSVT Education Programs

Marvelous Ayurvedic Healing Home Remedies

Mar. 13, 20 & 27 at 5:00-7:00 pm Preregistration required. Seats limited. Send email to Sham Narula at narula@gmail.com

SAT Workshop 1st & 3rd Sunday of Every Month – Mar 7 & 21, 3 pm SSVT is offering SAT workshop on the first and third Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm in the educational classroom. Please contact Ramah Muralidharan at ramahmurali@gmail.com for information.

Upanishad Series – Mar 14, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Dr. Pradeep Kamath will continue with the discussion of the Upanishads

SSVT Community Service

Sandwiches for Homeless March 13, 2009

Every second Saturday of each month, volunteers make sandwiches and deliver them to the shelter in DC. Children and adults of all ages can help.

SSVT Seniors Citizen Group Meetings

March. 10 & 24, 2010 at 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

For further information please call Dr. Dinesh Sinha at 410-964-9310 or email dsinha@verizon.net.

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 on all Important Holidays

Weekly 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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