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HAPPY & PROSPEROUS 2010

Ayyappa Mandalotsavam

DAILY PUJA SCHEDULE

9:30 am -11:00 am Ayyappa Puja (Abhishekam, Ashtothra archana, Deeparadhana)

7:15 pm - 9:00 pm Sahasranama sthotram, Athaazha Puja, Seeveli, Harivarasanam

SPECIAL PUJA SCHEDULE

9:00 am Suprabatham

9:30 am Abhishekam

10:30 am Alankaram, Bhajan

11:15 am Sahasranamam, Ashtothram, Ayyappa Ashtakam, Kavacham, Deeparadhana, Namaskaram, Padi paatu, Deeparadhana, Temple Anthem 12:30 pm Prasadam distribution

Thursday January 14, 2010

MAKARA SANKRANTI

9:30 am -12:30 pm Makara Sankramabhishekam, Archana, Deeparadhana

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Thiruvabharanam, Deeparadhana, Sahasranama Sthotram, Athazha Puja, Seeveli with Thalapoli, **Acharya Sambhavana**, Bhasmabhishekam, Harivarasanam, **ANNADANAM** by Devotees

Tuesday January 19, 2010

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Bhajan, **Dwaja Avarohanam**, **GURUTHI PUJA**, Bhasmabhishekam, Harivarasanam (Conclusion of Sri Ayyappa Mandala Makara Sankranti Celebration)

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, Jan. 9, 2010 Sunday, Jan. 10, 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, Feb. 6th and Sunday, Feb. 7th 2010

Thiruppaavai & Thiruvempaavai Recitation by Devotees

(Tue. Dec. 15, 2009– Thur. Jan. 14, 2010)

Thiruppavai, the divine hymn composed by Goddess Andal (the Divine incarnation of Mother Earth), and Thiruvempaavai the divine Hymn on Lord Siva composed by Saint Maanickavaasagar will be recited daily during the Hindu "Dhanus" month (December 15 - January 14) at 9:30 AM. Copies of Thiruppaavai are available in several languages in the temple. All are welcome to participate in this group recitation.

New Year's Day Celebration

(Friday, January 1, 2010)

8:00 am Suprabatham, Ayyappa, Anantapadmanabha, Durga, Rama & Siva Abhishekams

10:00 am onwards Archanas for Utsava Deities every hour on the hour (till 6 pm). **(There will be no Utsava Deity archana from 2-3 pm)**
(No Car Pujas the whole day)

Sponsorship: \$25 Any one Abhishekam, \$35 Archana to all Utsava Deities, and \$101 All day Puja includes all Abhishekams, Archana to all Utsava Deities and two archanas to any two deities of devotee's choice

Makara Sankranti Suryanarayana Puja (Thursday, January 14, 2010)

9:00 am Ganesha Puja, Navagraha Homam

10:30 am Abhishekam to Lord Suryanarayana and the Navagrahas, Aaditya Hridaya sthotra Parayanam, Archana, Deeparadhana, Prasadam distribution@12:30pm

Sponsorship: \$25

Andal Kalyanam

(Sunday, January 17, 2010)

Goddess Andal, after observing the Paavai Nombu (vows) during the Dhanus month, merged with Lord Ranganatha in Srirangam. This union is celebrated as Andal kalyanam, which will be observed on Sunday, January 17, 2010 in our temple. Participating in this event is considered auspicious, especially for those in search of good life partners.

8.00 am Suprabhatam, Andal Abhishekam, Tiruppavai recitation, Archana, Deeparadhana.

10.00 am **Andal Kalyanam**, Prasadam Distribution @ 12.30pm.

1:00 pm Cultural program in the auditorium

Sponsorship: Abhishekam \$25, Kalyanam \$25 and Both Abhishekam & Kalyanam \$35

Manager Wanted

The temple is looking for an organized individual with a Green card/US citizenship to work in the temple as a manager. Basic computer knowledge and strong customer service background is required. Religious knowledge and skills in multiple Indian languages are a plus. Interested individuals please send your resume to ssvt@ssvt.org

Religious Calendar

January 2010

- 01 Fri. 8:00 am **New Year's Day Celebration** (please see details)
 02 Sat. 9:30 am **Special Ayyappa Puja**
 4:00 pm Srinivasa Kalyanam
 03 Sun. 9:30 am Mahaganapathi Homam (Sankatahara Chaturthi)
 4:00 pm Ganesha Abhishekam (Sankatahara Chaturthi)
 7:00 pm **Special Ayyappa Puja (Malai Moorthy Aaradhana)**
 05 Tue. 9:30 am Subrahmanya Abhishekam (Shashti)
 10:00 am Andal Abhishekam (Purvaphalguni)
 06 Wed. 9:30 am Ayyappa Puja (Uttaraphalguni)
 08 Fri. 10:00 am Mahalakshmi Abhishekam
 09 Sat. 9:30 am Sudarshana/Yoga Narasimha Homam
 4:00 pm Sudarsana/Yoga Narasimha Abhishekam (Swati)
 10 Sun. 9:30 am Utsava Subrahmanya Abhishekam (Vishaka)
 9:30 am **Special Ayyappa Puja**
 4:00 pm Anantapadmanabha Abhishekam (Ekadasi)
 12 Tue. 7:00 pm Siva Abhishekam (Mahapradosham)
 13 Wed. **Bhogi Festival**
 10:00 am Anjaneya Abhishekam (Moola)
 14 Thu. **Makara Month Begins (Thai Pongal)**
 Amavasya & Uttarayana Punyakala (Purvashada)
 9:00 am **Makara Sankranti Suryanarayana Puja**
 (please see details)
 9:30 am **Ayyappa Makara Sankranti Puja**
 (please see Mandalotsavam program)
 7:00 pm **Ayyappa Thiruvabaranam, Thalapalli Pujas**
 (please see Mandalotsavam program)
 15 Fri. 10:00 am Sharada Abhishekam
 7:15 pm Bhagawati Seva & Malikappurathamma Puja
 16 Sat. 10:30 am Venkateswara & Utsava Srinivasa
 Abhishekam (Sravana)
 7:30 pm Malikappurathamma Puja
 17 Sun. 10:00 am **Andal Kalyanam** (please see details)
 7:30 pm Malikappurathamma Puja
 18 Mon. 9:30 am **Ayyappa Kalabha Abhishekam & Puja**
 19 Tue. 9:30 am Mahaganapathi Homam & Abhishekam (Chaturthi)
 7:00 pm **Ayyappa Guruthi Puja**
 (please see Mandalotsavam program)
 20 Wed. 10:00 am Sharada Abhishekam (Vasantha Panchami)
 22 Fri. 9:00 am **Ratha Saptami (Surya Namaskaram)**
 (please see details)
 10:00 am Parvati Abhishekam

- 7:15 pm Bhagawati Seva
 24 Sun. 9:00 am **Madhva Navami** (please see details)
 25 Mon. 9:30 am Utsava Subrahmanya Abhishekam (Krittika)
 26 Tue. 10:00 am Krishna Abhishekam (Rohini)
 7:00 pm Anantapadmanabha Abhishekam (Ekadasi)
 27 Wed. 7:00 pm Siva Abhishekam (Mahapradosham)
 28 Thu. 10:00 am Rama Abhishekam (Punarvasu)
 29 Fri. 9:00 am **Makara Pushyam (Thai Poosam) Day**
 (please see details)
 10:00 am Durga Abhishekam
 6:00 pm **Makara Pushyam (Thai Poosam) evening Puja**
 7:00 pm Satyanarayana Puja (Poornima)
 (Temple + 2 Offsites)
 7:15 pm Bhagawati Seva
 31 Sun. 9:30 am **Makara Pushyam (Thai Poosam) Celebration**
 (please see details)

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 11 Thu. **Mahasivaratri** (please see details)
 12 Fri. **Kumbha Month Begins**
 9:30 am Utsava Srinivasa Abhishekam (Sravana)
 10:00 am Sharada Abhishekam
 7:15 pm Bhagawati Seva
 (Rest of February in next Newsletter)



Ratha Saptami

(Friday, January 22, 2010)

9:00 am Ganesha Puja, Navagraha Homam & Abhishekam, Aruna Parayanam (Surya Namaskaaram), Archana, Deeparadhana, Prasadam Distribution @ 12:30 pm

Sponsorship: \$25

Madhva Navami Day Celebration

(Sunday, January 24, 2010)

Madhva Navami will be celebrated on a Grand scale on Sunday, January 24. This year, 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 Sanidhi 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.

08:00 am: Sri Hari vAyu stuthi Homa

09:00 am: Sri Krishna pooja and Sri Madhvacharya pooja

11:00 am: Pallaki utsava, 11:30 AM Maha pooja and pravachana

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

01:15- 3:00 pm: Dance, music and pravachanas on Sri Krishna and Sri Madhvacharya

Sponsorship: \$ 25

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)

Makara Pushyam (Thai Poosam) Day

(Friday, January 29, 2010)

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 and Entire Day Puja \$35.

Makara Pushyam Celebration

(Sunday, January 31, 2010)

9:30 am Ganesha Puja, Kavadi Procession within the temple, Subrahmanya Abhishekam, Trishati Archana, Bhajans, Deeparadhana, Prasadam Distribution @ 1:30 pm
Sponsorship: 25

SSVT Education Programs

SAT Workshop

1st & 3rd Sunday of Every Month – Jan 3 & 17, 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 additional information.

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

WEEKLY Saturday Programs – Free and open to all
Time Program

8:00 am to 10:00 am Yoga – Suitable for all – varied each day based on participant needs – includes gentle exercises, traditional Hatha Yoga Asanas, Praanayaama, Meditation & at times Dance Yoga.

11:30 am to 1:00 pm Learn Spoken Samskrit (Beginners Level)*

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Narayaneeyam conducted by Dr. Thaila Ramanathan

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Learn Spoken Samskrit (Intermediate Level)*

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm Bhagavatam and Sanskrit Grammar explanations by Dr. Thaila Ramanathan

3:30 pm to 4:00 pm Vaishnava Samhita

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Valmiki Ramayan – Ayodhya Kadam

*On Saturday, January 9, the Sanskrit classes are cancelled to accommodate other programs.

WEEKLY Sunday Programs – Free and open to all
Time Program

9:00 am to 10:30 am Bhagavad Gita conducted by Mr. Vijay Kumar or Dr. S. Nayar

10:00 am to 2:30 pm Aakaar Reading Room Open

10:00 am to 10:30 am Pradakshinam with Naamasankeertanam

11:00 am to 12:00 pm Children's Shloka & Sanskrit Classes

Sandwichs for Homeless

Jan. 9, 2009

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

Indian Republic Day Celebrations

Indian American Associations of National Capitol Area cordially invites you to the 60th Anniversary of Indian Republic Day Celebrations on Saturday, January 30, 2010, from 5pm -10pm at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Pkwy, Greenbelt, MD 20770. There will be Cultural Showcase of India by artists from different states of India and Community Dinner 8:30 pm – 10.00 pm. Please support the Republic day celebration. All contribution are tax deductible and be payable to NCAIA.
For more information contact Mr. Shreekanta Nayak (301) 464 8860

Maha Sivaratri

(Thursday, February 11, 2010)

Mahasivarathri is observed on the lunar month of Magha (as per Luni-Solar Calendar) on the night of Krishna Chaturdasi. This day in most years will fall in the solar month of Maasi (or Kumbha). However in 2010 it falls in the solar month of Thai (Makara) itself. Hence to cater to the needs of devotees observing both traditions (Luni-Solar and Solar), SSVT will be celebrating MahaSivaratri on both days. On Thursday, February 11, the celebrations will start with the Ganesha Puja & Rudra homam at 9:30 am. The evening Special Pujas to Lord Siva will commence at 3:15 pm and continue till midnight. A sanctified Siva Linga will be available for devotees to personally offer their Abhishekam. Entrance to the temple in the evening will be through the lower level. Dinner as well as Coffee and Tea will be available from 6:00 pm onwards. 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), Ashottara Archana, Deeparadhana @ 9:00 PM, 9:00 – 10:00 pm – Devotee Archana

Second Kaala Puja

10:00pm Rudra Abhishekam, Shankha Abhishekam, Trishati Archana, Final Deeparadhana @ 11.45 pm

Off-Site Satyanarayana Pujas

Friday, January 29, 2010

Off-Site Satyanarayana Pujas will be conducted in Maryland and Virginia in addition to the Temple on Friday, January 29, 2010. The venues for these pujas are given below. For additional information please call the temple managers at 301-552-3335. **The starting time of Puja at the temple is 7:00 pm.**

Quince Orchard Valley Neighborhood Park

12015 Suffolk Terrace

Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Puja Starting Time: 7:30 pm

Frying Pan Farm Park

2739 West Ox Road

Herndon, VA 20171

Puja Starting Time: 7:00 pm

SSVT Community Service

SSVT Senior Citizen Group Meeting

Jan. 13 & 27, 2010; 10:00 am- 2pm

The mission of SSVT Senior Citizen 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 training in Gentle Yoga for seniors (10-11am), talks by members and/or 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 please call Dr. Dinesh Sinha at 410-964-9310 or email dsinha@verizon.net.

Upcoming Cultural Events

Date	Time	Event	Artist	Admission	Venue
Sat., Jan. 9, 2010	All Day	Thyagaraja Aradhana	Multiple artists	FREE	SSVT
Sun., Jan. 10, 2010	All Day	Thyagaraja Aradhana	Multiple artists	FREE	SSVT

Announcements regarding these programs will also be available via Temple notice board, website etc.

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

Please contact Kannan Subramanian at skannan11@yahoo.com or Radha Shivakumar at radha.shiva@gmail.com for further details regarding upcoming events.

SSVT Senior Music and Dance Students Cultural Program

SSVT Cultural Committee is planning to celebrate Music and Dance festival for Senior Music and Dance students. Slots will be allotted on a first come / first served basis. It will be your responsibility to bring in supporting artist(s) as appropriate. Each participant will be provided a maximum of two hour each for the performance. All area music schools are encouraged to participate. Preference will be given to those artists who did not have a chance to participate in the local talent event held late last year. For further information please contact Kannan Subramanian at skannan11@yahoo.com or Radha Shivakumar at radha.shiva@gmail.com.

Guru Sishya Music program

SSVT Cultural Committee is inviting applications from all area music school teachers for a performance with their students. Performances will be held each quarter and slots will be allotted on a first come / first served basis. The objective is to encourage the Sishya to perform with the Guru on the stage. It is mandatory for the Guru, the head of the institution and Sishya to perform together.

27th Annual Thyagaraja Aradhana of SSVT January 9th & 10th, 2010

This event takes place the weekend of the Pushya Bagula Panchami day when the great saint/composer attained Samadhi. It starts with Unchavriathi, Rama and Thyagaraja Puja. Following that, the Pancharatna Kritis are rendered with great devotion by musicians in the DC area. Programs include individual singing sessions, mini concerts, lec/dems, quiz etc. Each day of the event concludes with a grand concert. Program details will be updated in the temple website soon.

To register for individual singing during the event, to participate in the pancharatna kritis rendering or any other enquiries, please email ta.ssvt@gmail.com.

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).																								
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