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Seminar and Lecture Series by Resident Acharya



We are pleased to announce the appointment of Sadhvi Chaitanya, a vedic monk and disciple of Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswathiji, as Resident Acharya at SSVT. During October-December, 2006, Sadviji will spend one weekend each month conducting seminars on Vedanta, Upanishads, and Ethics. In 2007, a regular schedule of activities will be established for a period of ten days every month covering, in addition to the Seminar

Series, classes on meditation and Sanskrit for adults and young adults and activities for young children. In keeping with our traditions, programs are open to people of all cultures and religious backgrounds and are free of charge. See separate announcement for the first program during October 27-29, 2006.

Sadhvi Chaitanya, currently Resident Director and Acharya of Arsha Vijnana Mandiram near Valdosta, Georgia is a former Professor at the University of California, Berkley and has taught at several US universities including San Francisco, Oberlin, Oregon and Valdosta. She is a prolific speaker who has given lectures and seminars at many prestigious events in US and abroad, including at the Vatican Inter Faith meeting last June. With the presence of Sadviji, SSVT hopes to conduct regular programs which will give all the members of our community a firm footing in Hinduism and the contemporary relevance of such learning.

Mark these dates and please participate with your entire family

Friday, Oct 27th, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Topic: Ramayana.

Saturday, Oct 28th and Sunday, October 29th:

8:00 a.m. -8:30 a.m. Meditation.

8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Topic: Vedanta.

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Topic: Freedom in Relationship.

What is Vedanta?

Vedanta is the vision of oneself as joy, and teaches that one is the whole. Vedanta is the name for this understanding of oneself as limitless and exists wherever this knowledge might arise. What is

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Temple Annual Dinner (Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006)

The annual dinner will be held on Saturday October 28 at 7:30 PM at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, MD. Besides enjoying the delicious food it will be an opportunity to meet fellow devotees in a relaxed social setting. Live entertainment, raffles and door prizes and live auctions are some of the other attractions. Show your support for the temple and participate in this once a year important social event.

Temple Closes at 8:00 PM on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006

During the annual temple dinner at Martin's Crosswinds on Saturday, October 28, 2006, the priests and other employees of the temple will be recognized for their contribution. In order to help them attend the recognition ceremony, the temple will close at 8:00 PM that day.

Annual Founder's/ Volunteers Day Meeting Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006

All devotees including Founders and Volunteers are invited to the SSVT Annual Meeting on **Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006 from 3 to 6 PM**. Hear about the progress of our temple, use the opportunity to ask questions and give your input. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting. Please treat this as your personal invitation and plan to attend.

Tulasi Kalyanam (Thursday Nov. 2, 2006)

Of all the offerings to Lord Vishnu, Tulasi stands out as one of the most important. The twelfth day following Deepavali is celebrated as Tulasi Kalyanam in the Madhwa tradition. Lord Vishnu wed Goddess Tulasi that day. In keeping with this tradition, temple will celebrate Tulasi Kalyanam on Thursday, November 2.

7:00 pm Purvanga Puja, Tulasi Kalyanam, Archana, Deeparadhana, Prasadam 8:00 pm

Sponsorship: \$25

Vishesha Satyanarayana Puja (Saturday Nov. 4, 2006)

Krittika Poornima, which falls on Saturday, November 4, is an important Poornima in the Hindu tradition. The temple will celebrate Vishesha Satyanarayana Puja on that day. All the materials necessary for the Puja will be provided by the temple, however devotees who wish to do so may bring flowers, fruits, Abhishekam ingredients and a prepared Prasadam. Devotees are requested to arrive by 3:30 pm so that the Puja may begin on time.

3:30 pm Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam

4:00 pm Satyanarayana Puja, Katha & Aarati

5:45 pm Prasadam Distribution

Sponsorship: \$35

Religious Calendar

November 2006

01 Wed	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhishekam (<i>Ekadasi</i>)
02 Thu	7:00 PM	Siva Abhishekam (Mahapradosham)
	7:00 PM	Tulasi Kalyanam
03 Fri	10:00 AM	Durga Abhishekam
04 Sat	3:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
	3:30 PM	Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam
	4:00 PM	Vishesha Satyanarayana Puja
	5:00 PM	Kaartika Deepam (Vishnu Deepam)
	6:00 PM	Annabhishekam to Lord Siva
06 Mon	9:30 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhishekam (<i>Krittika</i>)
07 Tue	10:00 AM	Krishna Abhishekam (<i>Rohini</i>)
08 Wed	9:30 AM	Mahaganapathi Homam (<i>Sankatahara</i> <i>Chaturthi</i>)
	7:00 PM	Ganesha Abhishekam (<i>Sankatahara</i> <i>Chaturthi</i>)
10 Fri	9:30 AM	Subrahmanya Abhishekam (<i>Shashti</i>)
	10:00 AM	Rama Abhishekam (<i>Punarvasu</i>)
	5:00 PM	Mahalakshmi Abhishekam
12 Sun	9:30 AM	Navagraha Homam & Abhishekam
14 Tue	10:00 AM	Andaal Abhishekam (<i>Purvaphalguni</i>)
15 Wed	9:30 AM	Ayyappa Puja (<i>Uttaraphalguni</i>)
16 Thu		<i>Vrischika Month Begins</i>
	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhishekam (<i>Ekadasi</i>)
17 Fri	8:00 AM	Ayyappa Mandalotsavam Begins
	10:00 AM	Sharada Abhishekam
	7:00 PM	Siva Abhishekam (Mahapradosham)
	7:00 PM	Ayyappa Padi Puja
19 Sun	9:30 AM	Special Ayyappa Puja (Udaya- Astamana Puja)
	9:30 AM	Sudarshana Homan & Abhishekam (<i>Swati</i>)
20 Mon	9:30 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhishekam (<i>Vishaka</i>)
23 Thu	10:30 AM	Puja by Children
	4:00 PM	Anjaneya Abhishekam (<i>Moolam</i>)
24 Fri	9:00 AM	Ganapathy Homam & Abhishekam (<i>Chaturthi</i>)
	10:00 AM	Parvathi Abhishekam
	6:15 PM	Bhagawati Seva

25 Sat	7:00 PM	Special Ayyappa Puja (Malai Moorthi Aradhana)
26 Sun	9:30 AM	Subrahmanya Abhishekam (<i>Shashti</i>)
	9:30 AM	Special Ayyappa Puja (Pushpa Alankaaram)
	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhishekam (<i>Sravana</i>)
30 Thu	9:00 AM	Guruvayoor Ekadasi & Gita Jayanthi
	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhishekam (<i>Ekadasi</i>)

December 2006

01 Fri	10:00 AM	Durga Abhishekam
02 Sat	9:30 AM	Navagraha Homam & Abhishekam (<i>Sani Trayodashi</i>)
	9:30 AM	Special Ayyappa Puja (Kalabhaabhishekam)
	3:15 PM	Siva Abhishekam (Sani Mahapradosham)
	4:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
03 Sun	9:30 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhishekam (<i>Krittika</i>)
	5:00 PM	Krittika Deepam
	7:00 PM	Special Ayyappa Puja (Pushpa Abhishekam)
04 Mon	10:00 AM	Krishna Abhishekam (<i>Rohini</i>)
	5:00 PM	Sarvaalaya Deepam
05 Tue	7:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja (<i>Poornima</i>)
07 Thu	9:30 AM	Mahaganapathi Homam (<i>Sankatahara</i> <i>Chaturthi</i>)
	10:00 AM	Rama Abhishekam (<i>Punarvasu</i>)
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08 Fri	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhishekam
10 Sun	8:00 AM	Veda Parayanam
	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhishekam (<i>Shashti</i>)
11 Mon	10:00 AM	Andaal Abhishekam (<i>Purvaphalguni</i>)
13 Mon	9:30 AM	Ayyappa Pooja (<i>Uttaraphalguni</i>)
15 Fri		<i>Dhanus Month Begins</i>
	9:30 AM	Thiruppaavai & Thiruvempaavai Recitation (Daily till Jan 14)
	10:00 AM	Sharada Abhishekam
	6:15 PM	Bhagawati Seva
	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhishekam (<i>Ekadasi</i>)

(Rest of December calendar in the next Newsletter)

Annabhishekam To Lord Siva (Saturday November 4, 2006)

Anna Abhishekam is celebrated on the Poornima day during the Hindu month of Tulaa. Annam (cooked rice) is offered as Abhishekam to Lord Siva after the Abhishekams with the eleven usual ingredients. Lord Siva is decorated with all the edible preparations, fruits and vegetables after the Abhishekam. Devotees may bring fruits and flowers for the Alankaaram if they so desire. 6:00 pm Laghunyasa, Rudra Abhishekam to Lord Siva, Anna Abhishekam, Rudra Trishati Archana, Deeparadhana, Jaya Jagadisha Hare Aarati. 8:00 pm Prasadam
Sponsorship: \$25

Puja by Children (Thursday Nov. 23, 2006)

10:30 am Slokaas, Bhajans, Ganesha & Saraswati Puja by Children
12:15 pm Children's Special Lunch & Story telling (Topic of interest to children & young adults)

No Sponsorship or prior Puja experience is required. All the necessary materials for the Puja will be provided by the temple. Children of all ages are encouraged to participate.

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unique about Vedanta is that it offers the pedagogy of unfolding this vision that is fluid, systematic, and timeless, such that being exposed to it, one cannot but “see” what it reveals.

Freedom in Relationship:

Living implies relating to others around us. When one is unable to relate effectively, one wants freedom from relationship. Vedanta, the ancient knowledge based on the reality of what is allows one to be objective, and to handle one’s relationships by seeking freedom in relationship, rather than seeking freedom from relationship. In this talk series, Sadhviji will unfold the knowledge of acquiring greater clarity and inner space so that one can handle relationships with maturity and freedom.

Please attend the entire program to get the full benefit of this course, which is the first in a new Series being launched at SSVT. The entire Seminar Series, unfolding the knowledge of oneself, is being provided free of charge because the self is precious, sacred, and of limitless value. We rely on your generous voluntary contributions to defray organizational and travel costs involved in continuing to bring this timeless and sacred knowledge to a larger audience.

Ayyappa Mandalotsavam Begins (Friday Nov. 17, 2006)

The first day of the Hindu Solar month of Vrischika (Kaartikai in Tamil and Malayalam) marks the beginning of the Mandala (41 days) for Ayyappa devotees. During the two months (November 17 - January 14) temple will have special pujas daily and special functions on weekends for Ayyappa. In keeping with the tradition in Sabarimala, devotees who wish to go up the 18 steps leading to the main shrine must carry their Irumudi. For those who need an Irumudi, Irumudi package will be available in the temple for a donation of \$ 51. Details of the Mandala Aarambha & Padi Puja (November 17) and dates of the special functions are given elsewhere in the newsletter.

Guruvayoor Ekadasi & Gita Jayanthi (Thursday Nov. 30, 2006)

November 30 marks the date when Lord Krishna imparted the Bhagawad Gita to His devotee Arjuna. This is celebrated as Gita Jayanti. It is also an important Ekadasi in many parts of India, especially in Guruvayoor. Special Pujas will be held to celebrate both the events.

9:00 am Bhagawad Gita Homam, Aradhana to Lord Krishna, Narayaneeyam Parayanam by devotees till 12:45 PM, Deeparadhana. 5:00 pm Sri Krishna Abhishekam, continuation of Narayaneeyam Parayanam by devotees and Deeparadhana.

8:30 pm Prasadam distribution

Homam:\$25, Abhishekam: \$25, All day puja \$35

SSVT Education Programs . . . Learn More About Your Roots & Culture

Dikshitar Aradhana - Nov. 4

Organized by Mrs. Nirmala Ramaswamy, Geetamrutha Music School celebrates Sri Dikshitar’s Aradhana and presents the program with special emphasis on Navagriha Kritis of Sri Dikshitar

Rig Veda Series- Nov. 4, Dec. 2

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm – Dr. Narendra Kumar will continue detailed discussion of Rig Veda once a month.

Valmiki Ramayana –Nov. 12, Dec. 10

12:30 pm to 2:00 pm – Dr. Thaila Ramanathan will continue with the explanation of Ramayana.

Upanishad Series – Dec 10

10:30 am – November session is cancelled. Dr. Pradeep Kamath will continue in December.

Asaramji Babu’s Satsang –Nov 12, Dec. 10

5 pm to 7 pm - Monthly Geeta-Bhagwat video Satsang in Hindi including Bhajans, delivered by Pujya Babuji, one of India’s Revered Saints of the day. Every second Sunday of the month from 5 pm to 7 pm. For details, call 703-327-3523 or 301-483-9738.

Sampradaaya Bhajan Nov. 18, Dec. 16

5pm-7pm in Aakaar. Every third saturday. Contact ramcumar@gmail.com or thailar@yahoo.com for further details.

Seniors Club Meetings –Nov. 8, 22, Dec. 13, 27

10 am to 11 am Suksham Vyayam (Gentle yoga stretches for seniors) 11 am - 1 pm. Second and Fourth Wednesdays of each month. For further information please send email to seniorsdc@yahoo.com

Community Service – Sandwich for Homeless!

Every second Saturday of each month, volunteers make sandwich and deliver them to the shelter in DC. Children and adults of all ages can help. Please call T. Kamala at 301-770-2406.

Thiruppaavai & Thiruvempaavai Recitation By Devotees

(Friday Dec. 15, 2006 – Sunday Jan. 14, 2007)

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.

SRI SIVA VISHNU TEMPLE SPONSORSHIP FORM

Date(s) of Pujas	Puja(s) Sponsored	Amount	Family Name:	Gotram:
_____	_____	\$ _____	First Name _____	Birth Star _____
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Total Sponsorship (Check/Cash/Credit Card _____ \$ _____)			Address: _____	
			City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	
			Phone Number: (_____) _____ E-Mail: _____	

Upcoming Cultural Events

Date	Time	Event	Artist	Admission	Location
Sat 11, Nov. 2006	5:00 PM	Vocal Concert	Vidhushi Sangeetha Shivakumar & Party	Ticketed Program	SSVT Auditorium
Sun 12, Nov. 2006	3:00 PM	Vocal Concert	Vidhushi Nagavalli Nagaraj	Ticketed Program	SSVT Auditorium
Sat 18, Nov. 2006	5:00 PM	Lec-Dem	Dr. Haree Harren	Ticketed Program	SSVT Auditorium
Sun 19, Nov. 2006	3:00 PM	Dasara Padagalu	Shri. Vidya Bhushana	Ticketed Program	SSVT Auditorium
Sun 09, Dec. 2006	5:00 PM	Local Talent Event	Vocal Concert Dr. Vaidehi Kannan	FREE Program	SSVT Auditorium

1. For the details for tickets, please visit temple website for further information and/or contact the coordinator, Angarai Venkat Subramanian – 301-552-5026 and/or vsubramanian@angarai-intl.com
2. SSVT Cultural Committee is embarking on Temple & Music/Dance School Partnership in the area and if you area teacher, artists and would like to participate and contribute, please contact Angarai Venkat Subramanian with your name, name of the school, contact information. We are trying to create a database of local teachers, organizations and schools of Indian Music and Dance. Please send the pertinent information to the coordinator.
3. Due to technology challenges, we lost the rasika database. We are re-creating it. Please send your name, and email Id to Narayanan Arakoni - g_arakoni@yahoo.com
4. If you haven't renewed your passes, please do so ASAP by contacting Narayanan Arakoni. All annual pass holders and life time members, please communicate your name, email, contact phone number and the pass expiry details to Narayanan Arakoni – g_arakoni@yahoo.com

Disclaimer: Since we are announcing programs well in advance, there may be changes in the programs due to circumstances beyond our control. Every effort will be made to hold the programs as announced. Please refer to the temple website or contact the cultural committee for confirmation/further details.

Help us to update the mailing list

Please help us to keep the mailing list update by letting us know if you are receiving duplicate newsletters in the same household. By removing duplicate addresses, you can help your temple to save a lot of money. The temple has a large mailing list and sorting the duplicates and removing them manually is costly and time consuming. One source of address is from the donation checks given to the temple. Please make sure that the checks have the correct address so that the donations for the year are accounted for accurately. Your cooperation in this regard is much appreciated.

Karnataka Classical and Haridasa Devotional Music

Sri Vidyabhushana will be giving a concert of Karnataka classical music and Haridasa devotional music on November 19th, at 3 pm in the SSVT Auditorium.

24th Annual Thyagaraja Festival

SSVT celebrates 24th Annual Thyagaraja Festival in January 2007. The practice session for Pancharathna Keerthanas is already in progress. Anyone interested in joining the group singing, please contact Raju as soon as possible @ 301-353-1297 or Venkat Subramanian @ 301-552-5026. Pancharathna Keerthana CDs are available at the temple.

From Baltimore / Washington D.C. Take .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).																		
Temple Hours: Weekdays: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Weekends / Holidays 9:00 am - 9:00 pm <i>The Temple is open on all Important Holidays</i>			Weekly Puja Schedule																			
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Ayyappa Mandala Makra Sankranti

Friday November 17, 2006 to Friday January 19, 2007



• This year makes the 12th Mandala season of Ayyappa Shrine at Sri Shiva Vishnu Temple (SSVT). We request Ayyappa devotees from all over North America and Europe to take Irumudi and climb the Holy 18 Steps of the Ayyappa Shrine at SSVT.

• During the Mandala Makara Sankranti season SSVT will hold Ayyappa Puja every day and Special Puja on selected weekends and special days.

• The temple is seeking separate sponsors for Puja every day during the season.



2006-2007 Ayyappa Mandala Makarotsavam Schedule

Daily Puja Schedule:

09:30 am – 11:00 am Ayyappa Puja (Abhishekham, Ashtothara archana, Deeparadhana)
07:15 pm – 09:00 pm Sahasranama stotram, Athaazha Puja, Seeveli, Harivarasanam

Special Ayyappa Puja Schedule:

09:00 am Suprabhatham
09:30 am Abhishekham
10:30 am Alankaram, Bhajan
11:15 am Sahasranamam, Ashtotham, Ashtakam, Kavacham, Namaskaram, Temple song
12:30 pm Prasadam Distribution

Thursday November 16, 2006

09:30 am – 10:30 am Bimba Sudhi
07:00 pm – 08:00 pm Prasadha Sudhi

Friday November 17, 2006 - MANDALA UTSAVA ARAMBHAM

08:00 am - 09:00 am Ganapathi Homam, Dhwaja Aarohanam
09:00 am - 01:00 pm Sahasrabhishekam, Archana, Deeparadhana
07:00 pm - 09:00 pm PADI PUJA, Athaazha Puja, Seeveli, Harivarasanam

Sunday November 19, 2006

09:30 am - 12:30 pm SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA, UDAYASTHAMANA PUJA

Saturday November 25, 2006

07:00 pm - 09:00 pm Bhajan, MALAI MOORTHI AARADHANA

Sunday November 26, 2006

09:30 am - 12:30 pm SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA, PUSHPALANKARAM

Saturday December 02, 2006

09:30 am - 12:30 pm SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA, KALABHABHISHEKAM

Sunday December 03, 2006

07:00 pm - 09:00 pm Bhajan, PUSHPABHISHEKAM, Sahasranamam, Seeveli, Harivarasanam

Sunday December 10, 2006

08:00 am - 12:30 pm VEDAPARAYANAM

Saturday December 16, 2006

09:30 am - 12:30 pm SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA, NEYYABHISHEKAM

Saturday December 23, 2006

09:30 am - 12:30 pm SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA

Sunday December 24, 2006

09:30 am - 12:30 pm SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA

Wednesday December 27, 2006 – MANDALA PUJA

07:00 am - 08:30 am Irumudi Preparation
08:30 am Climbing of Holy Steps
09:00 am - 01:10 am Nirmalya Darshanam, Abhisheka Puja, MANDALA PUJA, Archana, Deeparadhana
06:30 pm - 09:30 pm Bhajan, Sahasranama Stotram, Deeparadhana, Athazha Puja, Seeveli with Thalapoli, Bhasmabhishekam, Harivarasanam

Sunday December 31, 2006

09:30 am - 12:30 pm SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA

Sunday January 06, 2007

09:30 am - 12:30 pm SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA

Sunday January 14, 2007 – MAKARA SANKRANTI

09:30 am - 12:30 pm Makara Sankramabhishekam, Archana, Deeparadhana
07:00 pm - 09:00 pm Thiruvabharanam, Deeparadhana, Sahasranama Stotram, Athazha Puja, Seeveli with Thalapoli, Acharya Sambhavana, Bhasmabhishekam, Harivarasanam, Annadanam by Devotees

Monday January 15, 2007 to Wednesday January 17, 2007 (All Days)

07:30 pm - 08:30 pm Malikappurathamma Puja

Thursday January 18, 2007

09:30 am - 12:20 pm SPECIAL KALABHA PUJA

Friday January 19, 2007

07:00 pm – 09:00 pm Bhajan, Dhwaja Avarohanam, GURUTHI PUJA, Bhasmabhishekam, Harivarasanam, Conclusion of Sri Ayyappa Mandala Makara Sankranti Celebration

Irumudi can be prepared at the temple at 8:00 am prior to each Special Puja. Devotees with Irumudi are requested to climb the Holy Steps before 9:00 am and hand over the Abhishekam materials to the priest prior to the start of Abhishekam at 9:30 am

All devotees are cordially invited to participate.

SSVT Ayyappa Mandala Makara Sankranti Puja Sponsorship Form

Date(s) of Puja	Puja Sponsored	Amount
All Year	All Puja for Season & Monthly Puja	\$501.00
11/16/06 – 01/19/07	All Puja for Entire Season	\$301.00
See Schedule	All Special Ayyappa Puja	\$151.00
11/17/06	Mandalothsava Aarambham	\$51.00
11/17/06	Padi Puja	\$25.00
12/03/06	Pushpabhishekam	\$25.00
12/27/06	Mandala Puja	\$51.00
01/14/07	Makara Sankranthi	\$51.00
	One day weekend Special Puja	\$31.00
	One day Regular Puja	\$25.00
	Neyyabhishekam	\$25.00
	Irumudi Package	\$50.00
TOTAL Sponsorship (Check/Cash Enclosed):		\$

Family Name: ----- **Gothram:** -----

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____ **Birth Star:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone Number: () -

Ayyappa Vratam

Devotees who wish to go to Sabarimala have to observe **vratham** (follow certain austerities) for one mandalam (41 days) to purify the mind and soul. On the first day of the month of Karthika/Vrichikam (the middle of November), devotees wear the **mudra maala** and start the vratham.

MANTHRAM TO BE CHANTED BEFORE WEARING MUDRA MAALA

Gjaana Mudraam Saasthru Mudraam Guru Mudraam Namaamyaham Vana Mudraam
Sudha Mudraam Rudra Mudraam Namaamyaham Saantha Mudraam Sathya Mudraam
Vriatham Mudraam Namaamyaham Sabaryaasrama Sathyena Mudraam Paathu Sathaapi
MeGurudakshinaaya Poorvam Thasyaanugraha Kaarine Saranaagatha Mudraakyam
Thvan Mudraam Dhaarayaamyaham Chin Mudraam Khechari Mudraam Bhadra
Mudraam Namaamyaham Sabaryaachala Mudraayay Namasthubhyam Nama Mahah.
Devotees wear the mudra maala after chanting the above manthram

MANTHRAM TO REMOVE MUDRA MAALA

Apoorvam Achaalaroha
Divya Darsanakaarana
Saasthramudraath Makaadeva
Dehi Me Vriathamochanam
Devotees remove the mudra maala after chanting the manthram. The mudra
maala and Irumudi be kept under the feet of Lord Ayyappa and used again.
"SWAMIYE SARANAM AYYAPPA"

IMPORTANT AUSTERITIES TO BE OBSERVED DURING VRATHAM

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| * Observe Brahmacharyam during the vratham | * Always start the conversation with "Swami Saranam" |
| * Take shower twice daily and chant the names of Lord Ayyappa | * Control your temper and be kind to others |
| * Consume only freshly cooked vegetarian food | * Do not smoke or consume alcoholic beverages |
| * Attend Puja either at the temple or wherever conducted | * Treat your body, mind and intellect as the abode of Ayyappa |

HOW TO PREPARE IRUMUDI (IN BRIEF)

After performing Ayyappa Puja, fill the mudra coconut with melted ghee. If you are a Kanni Ayyappan or Kanni Maalikappuram (first timer), Guruswamy will help you to fill the mudra coconut with ghee. Mudra coconut and other Puja items must be placed in the front pocket of the Irumudi and the other two coconuts must be placed in the rear pocket. Always keep chanting the names of Lord Ayyappa while preparing the Irumudi. Never place the Irumudi on the floor; always place it on a towel and treat it with Bhakthi.

IRUMUDI ITEMS

ITEMS	QTY	COMMENTS
I. MUNMUDI (Front)		
01. Kanikka panam (coin)	1	-
02. Beetel Leaf	1	-
03. Areca Nut - Supari	1	-
04. Mudra coconut with Ghee	1	The shell has to be polished and the water drained by removing the middle eye of the coconut; find a cork to tightly seal the opened eye
05. Honey	1 bottle	Plastic; small
06. Turmeric Powder	1 packet	-
07. Sandal	-	Few tablets or powder
08. Vibhoothi	1 packet	Small
09. Rose Water	1 bottle	Plastic; small
II. PINMUDI (Back)		
01. Coconut	2(Min)	One to break before climbing Holy Steps and one to break after coming down the Steps after puja
02. Rice	1 packet	Small
03. Avil	1 packet	Extra small zip lock
04. Malar	1 packet	Extra small zip lock
05. Kadali pazham or Jaggery	1	1 small piece
06. Kalkandam (Sugar Candy)	-	Few tablets
07. Dry Grape	1 packet	Extra small zip lock
08. Incense (Agarbathi)	1 packet	Small
09. Camphor	-	Few tablets

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Holiday Inn	Greenbelt	301-982-7000
Red Roof Inn	Lanham	301-731-8830
Sheraton	New Carrollton	301-459-6700
The Suite	Lanham	703-368-3900

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Take I-95/I-495 (Capital Beltway) to Exit 22A (B-W Parkway towards Baltimore), Exit immediately towards NASA Goddard Space Center. Left turn at Rte. 193 (Greenbelt Road). Go approximately 1 mile on Rte. 193. Make right turn onto Cipriano Road. The Temple is on the left at 6905 Cipriano Road.

Airports

Baltimore Washington International-30 min by car
Washington National-30 min by car 45 min by metro

Train Stations

Orange Line Metro Station	New Carrollton
Green Line Metro Station	Greenbelt
Amtrak Train Station	New Carrollton

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Silver Capital Cab	301-277-6000
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[Note: Mudra Coconut filled with ghee is the most important item of the irumudi. Other items are included in the irumudi if available]