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Maha Sivaratri
Thursday, March 11, 2021
Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we will modify several procedures for devotee darshan during the course of the day and night. Our plan is to accommodate as many devotees as possible to visit and have darshan on this auspicious day, in a safe manner. Devotees/visitors will not be allowed to remain at the temple for the entire night and/or Kaala puja - only for a 15 minute Darshan. Please note, the entire event will be livestreamed online. A sanctified Siva Linga (Sanchara Linga) will be available for devotees to personally offer their Abhisheka throughout the night.

Maha Sivaratri Morning Puja
9:30 am  Ganesha Puja, Mahaganapathi Homa, Rudra Homa, Vasodharai Homa, Siva Abhisheka, Archana Deeparadhana

First Kaala Puja
3:15 pm  Ganesha Puja, Kalasa and Shankha Sthaapanam, Yogashala Puja, Mahanyasa with Trishati Archana, Ekadasa Rudra Abhisheka, (Abhisheka with 11 different ingredients to Lord Siva, with recitation of Rudram 11 times) Alankaram, Trishati Archana (300 Names Archana) Mantrapushpam, Upacharam, Mahadeeparadhana

10:00 pm Bhajans
Second Kaala Puja
11:00 pm Rudra Abhisheka, Shankha Abhisheka, Vilwa Ashtotharashata Archana, (108 Names Archana to the recitation of Vilwa Stotram)
1:00 am  Deeparadhana and Bhajans

Third Kaala Puja
1:30 am  Rudra Abhisheka, 108 Kalas Abhisheka, Trishati Archana (300 Names Archana) Mantrapushpam, Upacharam, Mahadeeparadhana
3:30 am  Deeparadhana and Bhajans

Fourth Kaala Puja
4:30 am  Sivaagni Homa, Abhisheka to Chandikeswara, and Parvati, Rudra Abhisheka, 108 Silver Vilwapatra Archana, Utsavamurthy Procession
6:30 am  Deeparadhana

Sponsorship:
Rudra Homa &Morning Puja - $31; First Kaala Puja - $75; 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Kaala Puja - $31 each Kaala; Rudra Homa & all 4 Kaala Pujas - $151; All 4 Kaala Pujas - $125

Kaarakadaiyaan Nombu
Sunday, March 14, 2021
Kaarakadaiyaan Nombu, or Savitri Vratham, is a Tamil observance in which married woman prays for the well-being and long life of her husband. It is celebrated on March 14th this year and the time of breaking of fast and to wear Saradu is 8:39 AM. It is observed on the particular day when the transition between the Tamil months Maasi and Panguni takes place. Kaaraadai is the name of a unique neivedya (holy offering) prepared on this day. Nombu means Vratam or Upavasm (fast) Masi Magham.

Panguni Uttiram Day
Sunday, March 28, 2021
Panguni Uttiram (the day Uttaraphalguni star occurs in the solar month of Meena) 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 Subrahmanya, 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, Kalasa Puja
9:30 am  Ayyappa Puja, Subrahmanya Abhisheka, Tiruppugazh
10:00 am Mahalakshmi Abhisheka, Archana and Gadya Traya Parayana
11:00 am Valli Kalyana Utsava
5:15 pm  Kamakshi - Kameswaran Kalyana Utsava
5:30 pm  Mahalakshmi Puja by devotees (online participation via Zoom)

Sponsorship:
All Day Puja - $61; Mahalakshmi Puja by Devotees - $31; Any one Abhisheka or Kalyanotsava - $31

Ugadi Day
Monday, April 12, 2021
9:15 am  Sivaagni
9:30 am  Mahaganaapathi Homa, Utsava Ganesha and Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka, Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka
10:00 am Siva Abhisheka
5:15 pm  Vishesha Arati to all Deities, Panchanga Patanam (reading of the almanac)

Sponsorship:
All Pujas - $75; Kalyana Utsava - $31; Any one Abhisheka or Homa - $31

Ugadi Celebrations
Saturday, April 17, 2021
7:00 am  Suprabhatam
8:00 am  Maha Ganapathi Homa; Ananthapadmanabha, Ayyappa, and Sri Venkateshwara Abhishekas
8:15 am  Sivaagni
9:00 am  Ganesha and Siva Abhishekas
10:00 am Panchanga Patanam (Almanac Reading)
10:45 am  Srinivasa Kalyana Utsava
5:00 pm  Soundarya Lahari Recitation by devotees

Sponsorship:
All Pujas - $75; Srinivasa Utsava - $31; Any one Abhisheka or Homa - $31
### Religious Calendar (Visit Our Website For Livestream Schedule)

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| Fri   | 9:30 AM  | Mahalakshmi, Parvati, Sudarsana / Yoga Narasimha |
|       | 10:15 AM | Venkateswara |

**Weekly Abhishekas**

- **Monday:** 9:30 AM Ganesha, 10:30 AM Siva
- **Tuesday:** 9:30 AM Durga, 10:30 AM Krishna
- **Wednesday:** 9:30 AM Andal, 10:30 AM Subrahmanya
- **Thursday:** 9:30 AM Mahalakshmi, 10:15 AM Venkateswara
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**Daily Abhishekas**

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- **Homeless SEVA, Sandwich Program, Second Saturdays**
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- **Join the Charity Committee**
  - Join the newly formed Charity Committee (established in 2020). The primary objective is to integrate and formalize SSVT’s charitable activities and to conduct these activities in a systematic and continual basis. The Charity Committee has helped strengthen the fourth pillar of the temple which involves social outreach and community service. The committee has conducted several charitable events and programs including a Grab ‘n Go Grocery distribution drive (in partnership with other organizations) at the temple.
  - To learn more and to join the Charity Committee, please contact Raji Ramesh at (630) 337-3814, or Murali Elambilan at (501) 960-5394.

- **SSVT Senior Citizens Meet Up**
  - SSVT Senior Citizens Group meets twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday in the Education Room from 11 am to 1 pm held by a potluck lunch in the cafeteria. We invite all seniors 55+ to join us at the meetings and share our seniors-related common interests. We invite speakers from within and outside the group to talk on topics interested to senior citizens, such as those related to health, religion, finance, legal matters, vacation travel, etc. We also hold programs such as music & comedy, picnics and bus trips which would help promote social interaction between members of the group. For more information please contact Sudarshan Gupta at 301-262-5031 or Sudarshan_gupta@yahoo.com, Satish Bhandari at 301-464-7381 or seniorcitizensgroup@gmail.com, Sharan Prasad at 301-264-1475 or prasadsharan@ymail.com, Ramesh Godbole at 301-659-5942 or rameshgodbole@yahoo.com.
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Vasantha Navarathri

Navarathris are important festival days for Devi (the Divine Mother). The Goddess, who appears in the fierce (Ugram) form (to destroy our sins) in the Autumn, appears in a peaceful and benevolent form in the Spring. Therefore, by worshiping Her during the two Navarathris, one destroys one's sins and one brings about peace and prosperity.

Daily Program:

11:00am Trishathi Archana, Durga Sapta Shati Parayana (6:30 PM on April 17, 18, 2021 - as part of Chandi Homa)
5:15 pm Lalitha Sahasranama Archana, Deeparadhana, Mahishasura Mardini Stotra, Deva Namaskara

Evening Puja will begin at 6:30 PM on Saturday April 17 and Sunday April 18. Note: there will be no Evening Puja on the concluding day, Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

Monday, April 12, 2021
9:30 am Maha Ganapathi Homa, Mritsangrahana, Ankooraarpana, Purvanga Puja, Durga, Lakshmi, Saraswathi Aavaahan, Durga Sukta Homa
10:30 am Durga Abhisheka

Tuesday, April 13, 2021
9:30 am Medha Sukta Homa
10:30 am Sarada Abhisheka

Wednesday, April 14, 2021
9:30 am Bhoo Suktha Homa
10:30 am Andal Abhisheka

Thursday, April 15, 2021
9:30 am Devi Gayathri Homa
10:30 am Sarada Abhisheka

Friday, April 16, 2021
9:30 am Sri Sukta Homa
10:30 am Mahalakshmi Abhisheka

Saturday, April 17, 2021
9:30 am Sarada Moola Mantra Homa
10:30 am Sarada Abhisheka

Sunday, April 18, 2021
7:00 am Chandi Homa
11:00 am Kanya, Suhasini and Bhairava Puja
12:00 pm Durga Abhisheka

Monday, April 19, 2021
9:30 am Lalitha Sahasranama Homa
10:30 am Parvathi Abhisheka

Tuesday, April 20, 2021
9:30 am Devi Moola Mantra Homa
10:30 am Durga Abhisheka

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 (concluding day)
9:30 am Devi Pancha Suktha Homa
10:30 am Durga, Lakshmi, and Sarada Abhishekas

Sponsorship:
Entire Festival - $151; One Day Puja - $75; One Day Sapta Shati Parayana - $51; Any one Homa or Abhisheka - $31; Sahasranamarchana - $15

Tamil & Tulu New Year (Plava Nama Samvatsara)

Tuesday, April 13, 2021
Tamil and Tulu New Year are celebrated by worshipping the family deities, preparation of sweet and other delicacies and the reading of the Panchanga (Religious Almanac). The Panchanga reading provides a list of all good and auspicious things as well as any adverse events that are likely to occur that year due to transitory movements of planets as well as due to the presiding deity for the year. It is believed that listing to the panchanga reading will magnify the predicted good effects and mitigate the effect of adverse events. A unique feature of the celebration is the Archana for all deities (Sarva Devata Archana) of our temple in sequence starting at 5:15 PM
9:30 am Mahaganapathi Homa
10:00 am Siva and Ananthapadmanabha Abhishekas
10:30 am Ganesha Abhisheka
5:15 pm Archana for all Deities (Sarva Devata Arathi)
5:45 pm Panchanga Patanam

Sponsorship:
One Homa or Abhisheka - $31; Sarva Devata Archana - $35

Vishu Kani

Wednesday, April 14, 2021
Vishu signifies the entry of the Sun into Mesha Raashi and it is believed to bring good luck if one views auspicious things the first thing in the morning. Therefore, on this day in Kerala, homes are beautifully decorated and auspicious items are kept at the family altar.
9:00 am Vishu Kani
10:00 am Ayyappa Puja

Sponsorship: $31

Resources for Devotees from COVID-19 Advisory Group

The COVID-19 Advisory Group Doctors advises and encourages all devotees to get the flu vaccination as we continue through the winter months. Please consult with your primary care provider for more information.

As the warmer Spring season approaches, please remember to continue wearing a mask (double up if wearing non-N-95 masks, such as cloth masks), watch your distance from others, and continue washing your hands frequently.

Remember the 3 W's: Wear a mask; Watch your distance from others; Wash your hands

Helpful Links and Telephone Numbers:

State of Maryland Vaccine Info:
https://covidlink.maryland.gov/content/vaccine/
• Maryland State Vaccine Support Center: 1-855-634-6829, 7 Days a week, 7AM - 10PM

District of Columbia Vaccine Info:
https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine-information
• DC Health Call Center: 1-855-363-0333

State of Virginia Vaccine Info:
• Virginia Call Center: 1-877-VAX-IN-VA (1-877-829-4682); Hotline - 1-877-ASK-VDH3 (1-877-275-8343)
Maha Sivaratri begins with Ganesha Puja & Rudra homam at 9:30 am. Evening Special Pujas to Lord Siva will commence at 2:30 pm (Yaagashaala), 3:15 pm (Siva Sannidhi) and continue till 6:30 am the following day

Click here for complete Program Details
Maha Sivaratri
Thursday, March 11, 2021

Morning Puja
09:30 am  Ganesha Puja, Mahaganapati Homam, RudraHomam, Vasordhara Homam, Abhishekam to Siva, Archana, Deeparadhana

First Kaala Puja
03:15 pm  Ganesha Puja, Kalasa & Shankha Sthaapanam, Yagasala Puja, Mahanyasa with Trishati Archana, Ekadasa Rudra Abhishekam (with 11 different ingredients to Lord Siva with recitation of Rudram 11 times), Alankaram, Trishati Archana (300 Names Archana), Mantrapushpam, Upacharam, Deeparadhana
10:00 pm  Bhajans

Second Kaala Puja
11:00 pm  Rudra Abhishekam, Shankha Abhishekam, Vilwa Ashtotharashata Archana (108 Names Archana to the recitation of Vilwa Stotram)
01:00 am  Deeparadhana and Bhajans

Third Kaala Puja
01:30 am  Rudra Abhishekam, 108 Kalasa Abhishekam, Trishati Archana (300 Names Archana)
03:30 am  Deeparadhana and Bhajans

Fourth Kaala Puja
04:30 am  Sivaagni Homam, Abhishekam to Chandikeswara, Parvati and Rudra Abhishekam, 108 Silver Vilwapatra Archana, Utsavamurthy Procession
06:30 am  Deeparadhana

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Rudra Homam & Morning Puja $31, First Kaala Puja $75; 2nd, 3rd & 4th Kaala Puja $31 each Kaala, Rudra Homam & all four Kaala Pujas $151, All four Kaala Pujas $125

More details to follow
Understanding the virus that causes COVID-19. Coronaviruses like the one that causes COVID-19 are named for the crown-like spikes on their surface, called spike proteins. These spike proteins are ideal targets for vaccines.

What is mRNA? Messenger RNA, or mRNA, is genetic material that tells your body how to make proteins.

What is in the vaccine? The vaccine is made of mRNA wrapped in a coating that makes delivery easy and keeps the body from damaging it.

How does the vaccine work? The mRNA in the vaccine teaches your cells how to make copies of the spike protein. If you are exposed to the real virus later, your body will recognize it and know how to fight it off.

The vaccine DOES NOT contain ANY virus, so it cannot give you COVID-19.

When your body responds to the vaccine, it can sometimes cause a mild fever, headache, or chills. This is completely normal and a sign that the vaccine is working.

After the mRNA delivers the instructions, your cells break it down and get rid of it.

Antibody

Getting vaccinated? For information about COVID-19 vaccine, visit: cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines
If we use all the tools we have, we stand the best chance of getting our families, communities, schools, and workplaces “back to normal” sooner:

- Get vaccinated.
- Wear a mask.
- Stay 6 feet from others, and avoid crowds.
- Wash hands often.

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines
In celebration of Maha Sivarathri, students from the Sunday Dharma Class drew, colored, and labeled symbolic attributes of Siva Nataraja.
To view more students, click here

Lord Nataraja

Shown below is my picture of Nataraja. Nataraja is a form of Lord Shiva as a cosmic dancer. One of his feet is on the ground crushing a small demon, which is symbolic of destruction. This is also supposed to mean getting over material desires.

Nataraja’s other foot is in the air, representing Moksha. He is holding fire to symbolize the destruction of evil and re-creation of good. His third eye is a symbol of creation. Nataraja also holds snakes and drapes them around his limbs to represent bravery. He also plays a dholak to represent the liveliness of creation. The tiger skin he wears also represents simplicity and contentment.
UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT


Long time volunteer and devotee of SSVT, Smt. K.S. Rugminy (fondly known as Rugminy Mami) has recently published a book about Hinduism for children. Devotees and visitors would often times meet Rugminy Mami at the front desk volunteering to welcome devotees to our temple. Additionally, she is an ardent supporter of Children’s Education programs as part of the Education Committee. Titled Hinduism: A Beginner’s Guide for Children, her new book is available on Amazon.com.

OBITUARY

**Smt. Padma Sampath**

It is with deep sorrow we inform you of the passing away of Smt. Padma Sampath (75 years), wife of Sri K. Sampath Kumar, Sri Siva Vishnu Temple’s Facilities Manager from 2003 to 2013, attained Lord’s feet on December 25th, 2020 on the auspicious day of Vaikuntha Ekadashi in Bengaluru, India.

She was a very dedicated volunteer, who gave her time in many areas of our temple; from making garlands, Hundi counting, to helping priests in arranging for pujas, selling SSVT publications, and volunteering at the Front Desk. She always served our devotees with a great smile, and was always willing to help with any task given to her. She will be surely missed by her innumerable friends among our congregation.