Sri Sahasra Chandi Mahayagna Mahotsavam

1000 Chandiparaayanam + 100 Chandihomam

Friday, January 18, 2019 to Sunday, August 11, 2019

Presided over by

Shri Shanmukha Sivacharyar
SSVT Asthana Saiva Agama Acharya

SSVT is celebrating the 35th Anniversary of its inception with two Special Mahotsavams that represent a historic first in North America. 2019 marks the beginning of a major program for renovation and restoration and preservation of the temple for us, for our children and future generation*. We successfully completed the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Mahotsavam on May 19, 2019. We invite all devotees and their families to participate in the Sri Sahasra Chandi Yagna and help SSVT thrive for our future generations. Our Acharyas will invoke Divine blessings for one and all during this Sri Sahasra Chandi Mahayagna Mahotsavam.

Chandi Paraayanam

On January 18, 2019 Shri Shanmuka Sivachariar inaugurated the Sahara Chandi Mahayagna with Ganapathi Puja, Anugnai, recitation of Devi Mahathmyam (Sri Durga Saptashathi / Chandi Paraayanam), performing Navachandi Chandi Homam and giving Deeksha to recite Navakshari Mantra to devotees. Since then Sri Durga Saptashathi (Chandi) Paraayanam is being continued by the priests everyday towards 1000 Chandi Paraayanam (Sahasra Chandi). So far 550 recitations have been completed and another 450 recitations needs to be completed by July 27, 2019.

Devotee Participation

SSVT would like all the devotees in our congregation to participate by performing a puja during Sahasra Chandi Yagna and get the blessing of Sri Devi. Without any sponsorship devotees can perform the following pujas: Devi Puja by devotees, reciting Devi Mahatmyam in the temple and at their homes. They can also join Vinayaka, Vatuka, Kanyaka, Suvasini, Dhampathi, Matha and Pitha puja with their entire family. Devotees can also join a planned huge Sri Lalitha Sahasranama Archana, by one thousand women and girls above the age of ten who can listen and read the archana.

Sri Devi Puja by Devotees

Special Devi puja by devotees including Lalitha Sahasranama Kumkumarchana, the recitation of Mahishasura Mardhini Sotram, Devi Namaskaram & Durga Saphtha Sloki is being continued on each and every Saturdays from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM through July 20th. This is being followed by Navakshari Japam from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Chandi Recitation by Devotees along with Priests is being held on all days from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM until July 20th. So far 700 hundred devotees have participated in the Devi puja by devotees and would like another 300 devotees to participate in this program. Participation is free but Registration is a must. Visit https://www.ssvt.org/2019SCYLalithaSahasranamaRegistration.asp to register.

Recitation of Devi Mahatmyam (Chandi Paraayanam) by Devotees

Sri Sivachariar suggested all the devotees to recite Devi Mahatmyam. He gave Deeksha to all devotees during the inauguration of Sahasra Chandi Yagna. He is expected to give Navakshari Deeksha in the middle of July to anyone who has not received it yet. Chandi Paraayanam is also being held in several devotee homes and other temples in USA. SSVT would like 1,000 devotees in North America to recite Devi Mahatmyam during this Yagna. Devotees inform SSVT, their counts of recitation by emailing to Puja@ssvt.org.

Benefits to the devotees by participating in the Sahasrachandi Yagna

Effect of mass prayers are always more than individual prayer. The Divine Mother blesses all the devotees reciting Devi Mahatmyam with Strength, Courage, and Valor to beat the negative energies and attitudes (Asura) within and without and bring Victory (Jayam), Peace (Shanthi), and Prosperity (Siddhi & Vriddhi) +16 types of wealth. In addition, Shri Durga Parameshwari will confer harmony at individual and community levels, and peace in the nation and the world. The main goal of this effort is to pray to Her to bring peace and prosperity to all living beings in the Universe.

From Sunday July 28th onwards Shri Shanmukha Sivachariar, along with other learned Acharyas from India and other countries will join our Temple Acharyas in celebrating the Final Pujas and Homas/Havans to conclude the Sri Sahasra Chandi Mahayagna Mahotsavam. Please join us with family and friends!!
## Tentative Religious Program for the Grand Final 15 Days

**Sunday, July 28, 2019**

**Morning 9 am to 1 pm**
- Mangala Nadam, Sri Guru Vandnam, Maha Sankalpam, Acharya Varanam
- Brahma Anugnya, Devatha Anugnya, Go Pooja, Sri Maha Ganapathy Homam, Poornamuthi, Brahmacari Pooja, Divya Abhishekam to Lord Ganesha

**Evening 5 pm to 9 pm**
- Grama Shanthi, Yageyshwararchanam, Vaturkya Yantra Sapthavaranama Pooja, Ksheatra Pala Yagam, Poornamuthi, Alaya Stha Shuddhi
- Sri Devi Mahathmya Parayanam 6 pm

**Monday, July 29, 2019**

**Morning 9 am to 1 pm**
- Sri Kumara Guru Pooja, Sri Vaiyi Devasena Sametha Sri Subrahmanyarapaya, Sri Skanda Maha Yagnam, Poornamuthi, Kumara Brahmacari Pooja, Special Abhishekam to Lord Siva Subrahmanyaa, Sri Shannmukha Bejakkasha Trishathi Archana, Divyapacharam, Distribution of Prasadam
- Sri Devi Mahathmya Parayanam 6 pm

**Tuesday, July 30, 2019**

**Morning 9 am to 1 pm**
- Sri Dakshinamurthy Saparya, Sri Medha Dakshinamurthy Yagnam, Vishaasha Moola Mantra Yagna, Poornamuthi, Special Abhishekam to Lord Dakshinamurthy, Divyapacharam, Distribution of Prasadam
- Sri Devi Mahathmya Parayanam 6 pm

**Wednesday, July 31, 2019**

**Morning 9 am to 1 pm**
- Sri Navagraha Devatha Makham, Nakshatreshti, Abhishekam to Navagraham, Divyapacharam, Distribution of Prasadam
- Sri Devi Mahathmya Parayanam 6 pm

**Thursday, August 1, 2019**

**Morning 9 am to 1 pm**
- Disha Homam, Poornamuthi
- Sri Devi Mahathmya Parayanam 10 am

**Evening 5 pm to 9 pm**
- Sri Aghorastra Moorthi Homam
- Sri Devi Mahathmya Parayanam 6 pm

**Friday, August 2, 2019**

**Morning 9:00 am to 12 Noon**
- Mruthsangrahamam, Gangaadi Saptapadi Pooja, Teertha Sangrahamam, Surya Kantha Agni Sangrahamam, Yaga Shala Nirmanam
- Sri Devi Mahathmya Parayanam 10 am

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### UTHARANGA PRAYERS

**Saturday, August 3, 2019**

**Morning 8:00 am to 1:00 pm**
- Sri Chandi Homam
- *Vinayaka Puja 11 am to 12 noon* (report by 10 am)
- *Vatuka Puja 11 am to 12 noon* (report by 10 am)
- *Kanya Puja 11 am to 12 noon* (report by 10 am)

**Evening 3:00 pm to 8:30 pm**
- Sri Durga Devi Laksharchana, Sri Durga Yantra Nava Khadga Mandalarchana, Sri Navakshari Homam, Vishaasha Moola Mantra Homam, Dasa Maha Vidya Devatha Aradhanam, Divyopacharam, Distribution of Prasadam

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### POORVANAGA PRAYERS

**Sunday, August 4, 2019**

**Morning 8:00 am to 1:00 pm**
- Sri Chandi Homam
- *Suvasini Puja 11 am to 12 noon* (report by 10 am)

**Evening 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm**
- Sri Durga Devi Laksharchana, Sri Durga Yantra Nava Shoolaa Mandalarchana, Sri Navakshari Homam, Vishaasha Moola Mantra Homam, Dasa Maha Vidya Devatha Aradhanam, Divyopacharam, Distribution of Prasadam

**Monday, August 5, 2019**

**Morning 9:00 am to 12 Noon**
- Sri Durga Devi Laksharchana, Sri Navakshari Homam, Vishaasha Moola Mantra Homam, Divyopacharam, Distribution of Prasadam

**Evening 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm**
- Sri Chandi Homam, Sri Durga Yantra Nava Deepa Mandalarchana, Dasa Astra Sakthycharchana Aradhana, Divyopacharam, Distribution of Prasadam

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**Tuesday, August 6, 2019**

**Morning 9:00 am to 12 Noon**
- Sri Durga Devi Laksharchana, Sri Navakshari Homam, Vishaasha Moola Mantra Homam, Divyopacharam, Distribution of Prasadam

**Evening 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm**
- Sri Chandi Homam, Sri Durga Yantra Nava Shankha Mandalarchana, Dasakruthi Sakthycharchana Aradhana, Divyopacharam, Distribution of Prasadam

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**Wednesday, August 7, 2019**

**Morning 9:00 am to 12 Noon**
- Sri Durga Devi Laksharchana, Sri Navakshari Homam, Vishaasha Moola Mantra Homam, Divyopacharam, Distribution of Prasadam

**Evening 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm**
- Sri Chandi Homam, Sri Durga Yantra Nava Dhanya Kumbha Mandalarchana, Dasakrutthi Sakthi Aradhana, Divyopacharam, Distribution of Prasadam

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**Thursday, August 8, 2019**

**Morning 9:00 am to 12 Noon**
- Sri Durga Devi Laksharchana, Sri Navakshari Homam, Vishaasha Moola Mantra Homam, Divyopacharam, Distribution of Prasadam
**Synergize as Durga or Chandika.**

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**What is the importance of Utsavas?**

The all-pervasive powers of Supreme Brahman is invoked and installed in the Moola Vigharas in the Garbhagruha sanctum sanctorum in Hindu temples during Prathistapana/Kumbhabhishekam. The murthy of that deity always stays there as ‘the Moolasthana Vighara or the consecrated murthy in the main sanctum’ and this form of consecration is called Shthra Prathishta (one that cannot be moved) and the devotees need to visit the temple to have darshan of this murthy.

In order for the deity to be accessible to all people – not only inside but also outside the temple and to people of entire town, the same powers are imbued in a movable vighraha of the deity, made usually of pancha loha (alloy of 5 metals), called Utsava Murthy. This form of consecration is called Chara Prathishta (one that can be moved). These utsava murthies (Utsavars) are taken out of the temple on special days to enable all beings such as animals, birds, and humans everywhere to worship the deity and receive the divine grace. The three new utsava vigharas for Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswathi will be adorning the sanctum and this form of consecration is called Sthira Pratishta (one that can be moved, cannot be moved) and the devotees need to visit the temple to have darshan of this murthy.

The dates will be announced later. All are requested to report at the prescribed time.

**Prathistapana of Utsava Murthis: Durga, Lakshmi, Sarasvati, and Chandika Parameshwari**

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**Significance of Chandika Parameshwari Utsava Murthy**

Durga Saptasati, the sacred text of 700 shlokas describes the valor and grace of the Divine Mother in three ‘charitas’ or stories of Her manifestation in different forms. All the three Goddesses MahaKali (1st charitam), MahaLakshmi (2nd charitam) and MahaSarasvati (3rd charitam) synergize as Durga or Chandika.

**Suggested donation for all four Utsava Vigharas: $250 or higher**
SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship for both Mahotsavams (Categories 1 to 5) will have funds going towards “Temple Renovation and Restoration Capital Fund”

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GRAND TOTAL: $125

* Sponsorship includes all Pujas for Sahasra Chandi Yagna

** Sponsorship additionally includes all materials, such as Mangalyam, Navarathanam, Silver coin and 9 yards cotton Saree, vastrams to Vinayaka,Vatuka, Kanya, Suvasinis and Dahampathies. SSVT has acquired all the materials - Thru Mangalyam, Navarathanam, Silver coins, Special Sarees, Vastrams to Vinayaka Puja, Vatuka Puja, Kanya Puja, Suvasini puja and Dahampathi Pujas. So SSVT requests devotees to avoid bringing these items. Instead they can sponsor these materials and vastrams.

For SSVT use only:
Date Received: _____________________________ Verified by: _____________________________ Date: _____________________________

Your SSVT ID Number (If you know it): ____________
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