

Skanda Shashti Festival at Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

Sunday, November 15 to Saturday, November 21, 2020

Skanda Shashti marks the triumph of Lord Subrahmanya over the evil Sura Padma. The son of Lord Siva killed the demon Sura Padma with His Holy Spear (Vel) and brought relief and joy to the suffering celestials and humans. Allegorically the Vel represents the Jnaana Shakti (Power of Wisdom) of the Lord and Sura Padma the demon of Ego and Ignorance within us. Lord Subrahmanya is hence considered to be the lord of wisdom who dispels our ego and ignorance. The devotees of Muruga (as Lord Subrahmanya) observe austerities such as fast and mounavratham starting from the day of Prathama Thithi to Skanda Shasti day. The day after Skanda Shashti is celebrated as Devasena Kalyanam. Participation in these Archanas and Homam is believed to ward off evil and usher in peace and prosperity

**Sunday, November 21 – Festival begins
10:00 AM – Special Bhajans via Zoom**

**Friday, November 20 – Skanda Shashti Day
Saturday, November 21 – Devasena Kalyanam**

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