



# Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

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## Sarada Navaratri



**Sarada Navaratri (so called because it occurs during the fall season (SaradRitu)) is one of the most popular Hindu festivals spanning a period of nine nights. The Goddess in the form of the Universal Mother is commonly worshiped during the nine nights and ten days and hence it is also known as Devi Navaratri. Three aspects of the Mother, namely Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswati are worshiped during the nine nights, the tenth day being celebrated as Vijaya Dasami or Dasera. It is considered auspicious to start new ventures, especially in the field of education, on Dasera. Reading the Durga Saptashati (also known as Devi Mahaatmyam) and Ramayana is also common during the Navaratri. Special Pujas are scheduled in the temple during the ten days. Participating in Swayamvara Bala Parvati Homam is considered especially auspicious for individuals looking for their life-partner. Raja Maathangi Homam is believed to confer all the auspicious and material grace on the participants.**