



Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

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COVID-19 Temple Operations: As of publication, normal temple hours have resumed. Wearing face masks, and maintaining 6-feet distance, remain in place, in compliance with Prince George's County requirements. The temple kitchen remains open to devotees.

Vasanta Panchami

Saturday, February 5, 2022

10:00 am Sri Sharada Abhisheka

5:00 pm Vidyarambham

Sponsorship: \$31 - Abhisheka or Vidyarambham

Ratha Saptami

Monday, February 7, 2022

9:30 am Ganesha Puja, Navagraha Homa and Abhisheka, Aruna Parayanam (Surya Namaskaram), Archana, Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$51

Madhva Navami

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

10:00 am Madhvacharya Abhisheka, Puja for Krishna and Madhvacharya, Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$41

Sarpabali

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Sarpabali is the worship of 54 divine names (including Siva's Vasuki, and Vishnu's Adishesha) to ward off bad effects of Sarpa Dosha, help mitigate and eradicate skin diseases, help people search for life partners, for progeny, and the overall well-being of all. Sarpa Dosha is recognized when all the other grahas in one's horoscope lie between Raahu and Kethu. It is often a reason for late marriages. Turmeric powder, rice, milk, coconuts, fruits and flowers are the ingredients generally brought by devotees for Sarpabali. Sankalpam for the Puja will begin at 6:30 pm. Sarpabali Puja will be performed in Kerala Tantric style from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

6:30 pm Sankalpam

7:00 pm Sarpabali Puja

Sponsorship: \$51

Madhva Navami Celebration

Saturday, February 19, 2022

Sri Madhva Navami celebration day will celebrate the contributions of Sri Madhvaacharya in the field of Indian philosophy, theism, music, literature and dance. Sri Madhvaacharya is a founder of one of the three major Vedantic systems called "Tattva vaada" or "Dvaita". The celebration will take place virtually on our YouTube page.

9:30 am Purvanga Puja, Sri Krishna Abhisheka (Utsava Murthy), Vaayu Stuti Parayanam, Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam, Madhva Vijaya Pravachana by Sri Suvidyendra Theertha Swamiji, Bhajans, Archana Deeparadhana

Maha Sivaratri

Monday, February 28, 2022 - Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Maha Sivaratri morning puja will start with a Ganesha Puja and Rudra homa at 9:30 am. The afternoon/evening pujas to Lord Siva

will commence at 2:30 pm (yagashala), and from 3:15pm to 6:30 am the next day in the Siva sannidhi. A sanctified Siva Linga will be available to devotees to personally offer Abhisheka throughout the night. Devotees are asked to enter the temple through the front, lower level (basement) entrance. Dinner will be available from 6:00 pm onwards; coffee and tea will be available throughout the night. Details of the religious program follow:

Maha Sivaratri Morning Puja

9:30 am Ganesha Puja, Mahaganapathi Homa, Rudra Homa, Vasordhara Homa, Siva Abhisheka, Archana, Deeparadhana

First Kaala Puja

9:30 am Ganesha Puja, Kalasa and Shanka Sthaapanam, Yagashala Puja Mahanyasa with Trishati Archana, Ekadasa Rudra Abhisheka (with 11 different ingredients to Lord Siva with recitation of Rudram 11 times), Alankaram, Trishati Archana (300 Names Archana), Mantrapushpa, Upacharam, Maha Deeparadhana

9:30 pm Prasadam distribution

10:00 pm Bhajans

Second Kaala Puja

11:00 pm Rudra Abhisheka, Shankhaabhisheka, 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 Abhishekam, 108 Kalasa Abhisheka, Trishati Archana (300 Names Archana)

3:30 am Deeparadhana and Bhajans

Fourth Kaala Puja

4:30 am Sivaagni Homa and Abhisheka to Chandikeswara, Parvati, Rudra Abhisheka, 108 Silver Vilwapatra Archana, Utsavamurthy procession

6:30 am Deeparadhana and prasadam distribution

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

Kaaradaiyaan Nombu

Monday, March 14, 2022

Kaaradaiyaan Nombu, or Savitri Vratam, is a Tamil observance in which the married woman prays for the well-being and long life for her husband. It is on the date of March 14, 2022, and the time of breaking fast and wear Saradu is 2:51 PM. It is observed on the particular day when the transition between the Tamil months of Maasi and Panguni takes place. Kaaraadai is the name of a unique neivedya (holy offering) prepared on this day. Nombu means Vratam or upavasam (fasting).

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RELIGIOUS CALENDAR (Visit our website for Livestream Schedule)

February 2022

Tue 1	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shrivana
Fri 4	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sat 5		VASANTA PANCHAMI - SEE DETAILS
	6:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Sun 6	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Mon 7		RATHA SAPTAMI - SEE DETAILS
Tue 8	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Kritika
Wed 9		MADHVA NAVAMI - SEE DETAILS
Thu 10	10:00 AM	Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
Fri 11	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sun 13	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka
	6:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Mon 14	10:00 AM	Nataraja Abhisheka
Tue 15	7:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Poomima
	7:00 PM	SARPA BALI - SEE DETAILS
Thu 17	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
Fri 18	10:00 AM	Parvati Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sat 19		MADHVA NAVAMI CELEBRATION - SEE DETAILS
	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
	6:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi
Sun 20	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja
Mon 21	9:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Homa - Swathi
	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
	10:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka - Swathi
Tue 22	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Vishakha
Fri 25	10:00 AM	Durga Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula
Sat 26	5:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Sun 27	9:30 AM	Navagraha Homa
	10:30 AM	Navagraha Abhisheka
	6:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Mon 28		MAHA SIVARATRI - SEE DETAILS

Mon 28 10:00 AM Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shrivana

March 2022

Fri 4	10:00 AM	Parvathi Abhisheka
Sat 5	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
	10:30 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi
	6:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Mon 7	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Tue 8	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Kritika
Wed 9	10:00 AM	Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
Fri 11	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
Sun 13	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
	5:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Tue 15	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham

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WEEKLY ABHISHEKAS

Monday:	9:30 AM	Ganesha, Sri Rama
Tuesday:	9:30 AM	Durga, Anjaneya
Wednesday:	9:30 AM	Andal, Sarada, Navagrahas
Thursday:	9:30 AM	Krishna, Subrahmanya
Friday:	9:30 AM	Mahalakshmi, Parvati, Sudarsana/Yoga Narasimha
Saturday:	10:15 AM	Venkateswara

DAILY ABHISHEKAS

Daily:	9:30 AM	Ayyappa, Ananthapadmanabha
	10:00 AM	Siva

Connect with us online! View Religious Services/Puja Online

[Main YouTube Channel](#)

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Puja Sponsorships are available [online](#) or by calling (301) 552-3335.

Annual and Lifetime Puja Sponsorship

एकं सद्भिप्रा बहुधा वदन्ति (Ekam Sat Vipraha Bahuda Vadanti)
- Rig Veda (1.164.46)

The truth is one; but the wise, talk of many.

The one God, in His/Her infinite compassion, takes on several forms (*Ishta Devata* – personal God) to fulfill the needs and aspirations of His/Her devotees. Sri Siva Vishnu Temple was founded on this principle of having several *Ishta Devatas* to meet the needs of a wide range of devotees. Worship of *Ishta Devata* and *Kula Devata* (Family Deity) is a special tradition to all Hindus. Supporting the rituals to various Deities according to one's choice and ability not only helps in maintaining this tradition, but it is recommended by the scriptures as one's duty. By supporting such activities in the temple, benefits accrue to the masses, and it sets a good example for future generations to follow.

Certain pujas are not conducive to be performed at home on a regular basis (ex. Siva Abhisheka, Padi Puja for Lord Ayyappa, or Butter Alankara for Lord Anjaneya) but are easily possible in a temple setting. Our scriptures place an emphasis on doing Pujas for the various deities on important days at the appropriate time (thithis); but due to schedules and other responsibilities, devotees may not be able to personally participate in these activities.

Supporting the worship of your *Ishta Devatas* on important days during the year has been made easy through the *Annual and Lifetime Sponsorship Program* at SSVT. Sponsorship of your favorite deities will ensure that Pujas are done on your behalf on special days regardless of if you are present on that day. These tax-deductible sponsorship donations are at a discount compared to sponsorship of individual programs during the course of the year. Annual sponsorships are valid for one year from the date of sponsorship. Lifetime sponsorships are valid in perpetuity and are deposited into the Sri Siva Vishnu Temple Endowment.

You have helped build one of the largest temples in the United States; now consider extending the same generosity to ensure its future. Sponsor an *Ishta Deity* for a year, or in perpetuity and preserve Dharma today and for the future.

“धर्मो रक्षति रक्षितः” meaning *Dharma protects those who protect Dharma*.

For more information and sponsorship details – please contact Manager Ananth Iyengar at puja@ssvt.org or by phone at

(301) 552-3335. Thank you for your support!

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About Sri Siva Vishnu Temple (SSVT):

Located outside of Washington D.C., Sri Siva Vishnu Temple is a premier Hindu temple with a congregation and community base of tens of thousands of Indian Americans, Hindu Americans and devotees across the globe. The temple houses several Sannidhis (shrines) which were consecrated between 1990 and 2002. As a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, SSVT serves the religious, cultural, and educational needs of the Hindu community and has represented the Hindu American community.

Support our temple while shopping online - search for and add **Sri Siva Vishnu Temple Trust** as your charity to support on [AmazonSmile](#) and contribute while making purchases
SSVT Combined Federal Campaign Number: 47090

COVID-19 Operations

The following procedures continue to remain in place for all devotees and visitors:

- Face masks (for all visitors 2 years and above) and 6 feet distance must be maintained at all times
- Devotees who are feeling unwell or have a fever are encouraged to refrain from visiting the temple.
- The Temple Kitchen is open!

Temple Hours

Monday - Friday	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Saturday - Sunday	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Puja Sponsorships are available online or by calling (301) 552-3335.	

Chairperson's Corner

I wish to thank all our devotees profusely for your understanding and appreciation as we continue to whether through the COVID-19 pandemic and adhere to Prince George's County COVID-19 protocols (mask mandates and physical distancing. I hope we all enter a better situation soon and return to normalcy in our activities at the earliest. All major events and religious services have and will continue to be broadcast through our YouTube and Facebook channels so you can watch and participate from the comfort of your home.

After New Year's celebrations, Maha Sivaratri is our next big event at Sri Siva Vishnu Temple. This year, we will be celebrating from Monday February 28th, into the early hours of March 1st, 2022. It is an annual religious puja for Sri Siva that marks a remembrance of "overcoming darkness and ignorance" in life and the world.

शिवा - Auspicious one. **शिव रात्रि** - means "night of auspiciousness" Siva is the embodiment of auspiciousness, of Mangalam, of Ananda. In SSVT, Siva is Sri Ramanathaswamy, representing the presiding deity (one of Jyotirlingas) of the famous South Indian Temple at Rameswaram.

In addition to the customary four Kaala Puja sponsorship, this year devotees can donate towards **Swarna Tiriyak Pundram** which will be offered to Lord Ramanathaswamy. This is a divine opportunity during our Sivaratri celebrations for devotees to receive the blessings of Sri Siva. More details can be found on page 7.

To accommodate all visitors, we are planning to have a continuous flow of devotees for the darshan visit throughout the night. All four kaala pujas / abhishekas, Bhajans during first intermission, and dances will be live streamed. Details of all the arrangements will be provided through e-blasts, our temple website, and on our Facebook page.

SSVT normally hosts one or two major Mahotsavams every year. For 2022 we are planning to conduct **Sri Rama Bhakti Samrajya Utsavam** in August. The proposed festival will have two major components focusing on various functions for Lord Rama - Srimad Valmiki Ramayana Navaham and devotee participatory pujas. In addition to various religious, and cultural events, we will plan for educational discourses for the youth of our congregation, all planned in the weeks leading up the Utsavam. More details will be shared in the coming months. I look forward to you and your families participation in this special event this year!

As always, please consider donating to our temple for its smooth operations as well as to support some of the special projects for the year, including the infrastructure improvement projects, staff housing improvement, Priest's children education fund, Granite installation, and the construction of the Sai Aradhana and Meditation Hall. Your tax-deductible contribution of any amount will immensely help the temple as we plan forward past the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please [click here to donate](#).

May the Gods and Goddesses of Sri Siva Vishnu Temple bless you, and your family with good health and prosperity.

Please feel free to contact me by email at chairperson@ssvt.org or by phone at (501) 960-2807 if I can be of any assistance

Respectfully,

Murali Elambilan

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2022 Chairperson, Board of Trustees
Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

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Daily Parayanam Service

For the benefit and welfare of the congregation, SSVT is conducting Daily Parayanam services as noted below. Devotees can sponsor for one or more or all parayanams for a day, or a week or a month or 6 months or for a whole year. Devotees will be able to view the parayanams through Zoom (link provided by temple)

Parayanam/Service	Daily Time
Chandi Parayanam	12:00 PM
Veda Parayanam	6:00 PM
Sundarakanda Parayanam	6:30 PM
Sarva Devatha Sandhya Arathi	6:30 PM

Parayanam Sponsorship

Period	Chandi Parayanam	Veda Parayanam	Sundarakanda Parayanam	All three Parayanams
One Day	\$21	\$11	\$11	\$31
One Week	\$101	\$51	\$51	\$151
One Month	\$251	\$101	\$101	\$301
6 Months	\$501	\$251	\$251	\$601
One Year	\$1001	\$501	\$501	\$1201

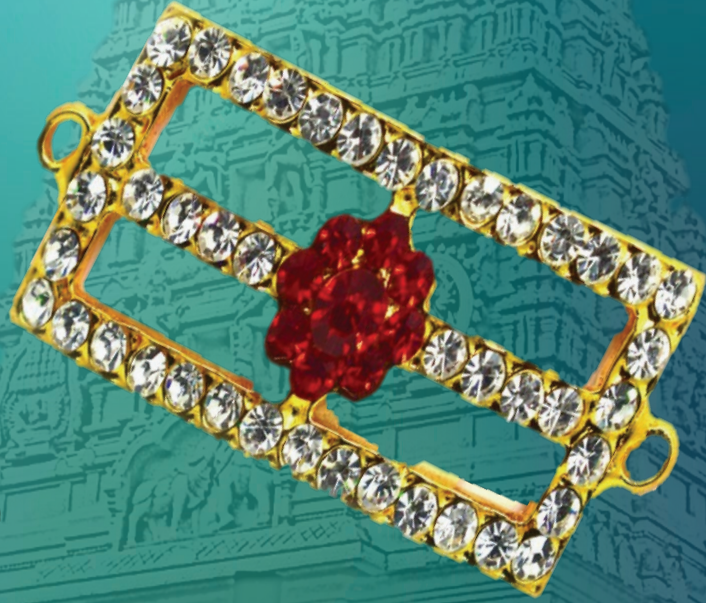
Sarva Devatha Sandhya Arathi - \$15 per day

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Maha Sivaratri

Monday, February 28, 2022



This year SSVT is planning to make **Swarna Tiryak Pundram** (Thanga Thiruneeru Pattai / Swarna Basma Patti / Bangaram Tripundra (Vibhuthi) Patti / Bangaradha Thilakam) and offer to **Lord Ramanathaswamy**. Devotees can participate in this divine cause by sponsoring as noted in the sponsorship page



Maha Sivaratri

Program Details

Morning Puja

9:30 am	Ganesha Puja, Mahaganapathi Homam, Rudra Homam, Vasodhara Homam, Siva Abhishekam, Archana, Deeparadhana
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First Kaala Puja

3:15 pm	Ganesha Puja, Kalasam and Shanka Sthaapanam, Yagasala Puja, Mahanyasam with Trishati Archana, Ekadasa Rudra Abhishekam, (Abhishekam 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 Abhishekam, Shankha Abhishekam, Vilwa Ashtothara Shata Archana, (108 Names Archana to the recitation of Vilwa Stotram)
1:00 am	Deeparadhana and Bhajans

Third Kaala Puja

1:30 am	Rudra Abhishekam, 108 Kalas Abhishekam, Trishati Archana (300 Names Archana)
3:30 am	Deeparadhana and Bhajans

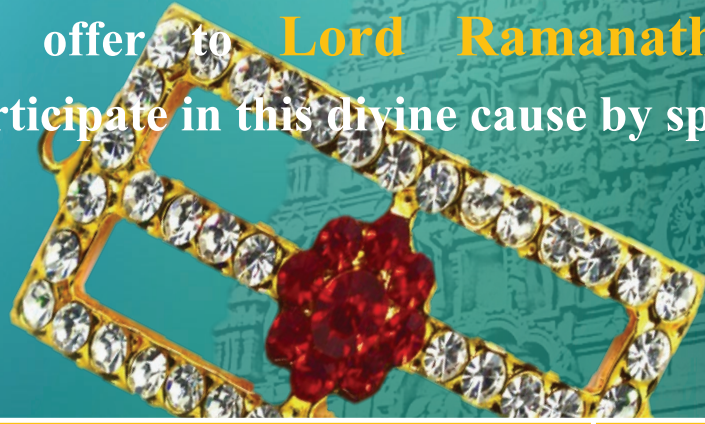
Fourth Kaala Puja

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



Maha Sivaratri Sponsorship Details

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Sponsorship Level	Amount
Sponsor Rudra Homam, All 4 Kaala Pujas & Swarna Tiryak Pundram	\$301
Any amount for Swarna Tiryak Pundram	
Rudra Homam & All 4 Kaala Pujas	\$151
All 4 Kaala Pujas	\$125
First Kaala Puja	\$75
2 nd or 3 rd or 4 th Kaala Puja	\$31
Rudra Homam & Morning Puja	\$31

[Click here to Sponsor Puja & Swarna Tiryak Pundram](#)



Maha Sivaratri

Puja Materials Sponsorship

Devotees can sponsor towards the Puja Materials of their choice to be used for Abhishekam, Alankaram and Aradhana

Apples

Vilva Patram

Coconut Water

Turmeric Powder

Sandalwood Powder

Milk

Garlands for Siva

Garlands for Chandikeswara

Oranges

Coconut

Honey

Yogurt

Mango Leaves

Loose Flowers

Bananas

Grapes

Ghee

Honey

Vibuthi

Rose water

Garlands for Parvati

Garlands for Nandikeswara

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Maha Sivaratri Vastrams Sponsorships



Vastram Sponsorships	Amount
All Sivaratri Vastrams	\$121
1st Kaalam Siva Silk Dhoti & Silk Prabhavali	\$51
2nd Kaalam Dhoti	\$35
3rd Kaalam Dhoti	\$25
4th Kaalam Silk Dhoti	\$41
Utsava Siva & Parvati Vastrams	\$51
Parvati Mulava Silk Saree	\$35
Chandikeshwara & Nandhikeswara Vastram	\$15 (Each)

[Click here to Sponsor Vastrams](#)

UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

Date & Time	Event / Artist	Venue & Admission Fee
February 28, 2022	Maha Sivaratri Dance Festival 2022	YouTube

The Cultural Committee is reviving the Saturday afternoon *Vasantha Mantapam Mini-Concert Series*, in-person. Local children and artists can present a 1-hour video concert and we prefer that artists perform with accompaniments. Please email the Cultural Committee at cultural@ssvt.org if you have any questions, or to schedule your mini-concert

SSVT YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/SSVTStreaming>

YouTube Cultural Committee channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeh6oZq9u2rsf3fmc1QPooA>



SSVT's 12th Annual MAHA SIVARATRI DANCE FESTIVAL 2022



FEBRUARY 28th 2022

VIRTUAL DANCE FESTIVAL 5 pm onwards
with Thematic Dance presentations by local area dance schools

9:30 am Ganesha Puja & Rudra homam

Special Pujas to Lord Siva

2:30 pm (Yaagashaala)

3:15 pm (Siva Sannidhi) until 6:30 am (March 1st)



Dance Festival Details
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cultural@ssvt.org

