



Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

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COVID-19 Temple Operations: As of publication, **normal temple hours have resumed**. As a precautionary measure, devotees are to continue wearing face masks, and maintain 6-feet distance where possible. The temple kitchen remains open to devotees.

Bhagawati Seva (during Kataka month)

Saturday, July 16 - Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Dakshinayana marks the southern transition of the Sun for a period of six months. These first of these six Hindu months is especially important for the worship of Devi (the Universal Mother) These six months are considered the night time for the Gods and Goddesses. Bhagawati Seva which is the worship of Devi in the Kerala tantric tradition will be performed daily from July 16 through August 16, 2022. All devotees are encouraged to participate through Lalitha Sahasranama recitation, Devi Stotram and Devi Namaskaaram.

Sponsorship: \$501 - Entire Bhagawati Seva;

\$101 - All Fridays during Kataka month; \$31 - One Day Puja

Sravana Somavar

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2022

The Hindu Lunar month of "Sraavan" is considered very auspicious for religious observances. The Mondays during this month is very special for Lord Siva. Devotees of Lord Siva observe fast on that day and offer their prayers to Him. Lord Siva is very easily pleased by the abhishekas offered by His devotees. From abhishekas, to the chanting of Rudra, reciting Siva Stotras and the Jaya Jagadeesha Hare Aarati are some of the highlights of the Puja that will be performed every Monday during the Sraavan month.

7:00 pm Siva Abhisheka, Ashtottarashata Naama Archana, Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$31 per day

Garuda Panchami

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

10:00 am Garuda Abhisheka, Archana, Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$31

Vara Lakshmi Vratam

Friday, August 5, 2022

6:00 pm Mahalakshmi Deepa Puja

Sponsorship: \$31

Siva Pavitrotsavam

Monday, August 8 - Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Pavitrotsavam is an annual ritual performed in Saiva temples (temples that follow Saiva Agama) to make up for acts of omission and commission in the temple rituals throughout the year. At the conclusion of this three day ritual, Pavitram (Holy thread) that has been offered to the Lord is distributed as Prasadam to puja sponsors.

Monday, August 8, 2022

9:30 am Ganapathi Puja Punyahavachanam, Devata

Anugay, Maha Ganapathi Homa, Dravyahooti, Poornahooti, Deeparadhana

5:30 pm Mrisangrhanam, Ankoorarpanam, Raksha Bandhanam, Pavitradhivasam, Yagasalaarchana, latalinga Mandala Puja, Vedikaarachana, Agnikaryam, Bhoganaga Dravya Puja, Gandha Pavitramalankaram, Poornahooti, Deeparadhana

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

9:30 am Ganapathi Puja, Surya Puja, Vedikaarachana, Tatva Pavitraalankaram, Deeparadhana

5:30 pm Ganapathi Puja, Soma Kumbha Puja, Mandala Puja, Agni Karyam, Mukhavasa Pavitra Puja, Vishesh Homa, Poornahooti, Mukhavasa Pavitra Alankaram, Deeparadhana

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

8:00 am Vigneswara Puja, Mandalaarchana, Vishesh Dravya Homa, Pavitra Puja, Poornahooti, Kalash Abhisheka, Gangadhara Pavitra Alankaram, Bhogadravya Samarpanam, Upacharam, Deeparadhana, Prasadam distribution and Acharya Sambhavana

Sponsorship: \$61 - Entire Utsavam; \$31 - per Day Puja

Rig Upakarama

Thursday, August 11, 2022

There will only be one batch of Rig Upakarma starting at 7:00 AM and concluding with the Homa (start time - after the conclusion of the only batch) and Aasheervaadam.

Suggested Donation: \$5 - Brahmacharis; \$25 - newly initiated Brahmacharis; \$11 - all others

Yajur Upakarama

Thursday, August 11, 2022

Yajur Upakarma batches will start at 7:00 AM. The last batch of Yajur Upakarma will start at 10:00 AM. Homa will start at 11:00 AM followed by Aasheervaadam. Veda Aarambham (commencing the study of Vedas), Rishi Tarpanam (propitiating the Sages who handed down the Veda to future generations) are the most important aspects of any Upakarma. Devotees are requested to part-take the resources available by the temple in performing this important ritual.

Suggested Donation: \$5 - Brahmacharis; \$25 - newly initiated Brahmacharis; \$11 - all others

Sri Raghavendra Swamy Aradhana

Saturday, August 13, 2022

(Continued on page 4 - see Sri Raghavendra Swamy)

Sri Rama Bhakti Samrajya Mahotsavam

All devotees are invited to this year's Mahotsavam, under the guidance of our Pradhana Vaishnava Acharya. For more information and sponsorship details, please see pages 6 - 12.

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

August 2022

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| Mon 1 | 9:30 AM | Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi |
| | 10:00 AM | Ayyappa Puja - Uttara Phalguni |
| | 10:30 AM | Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi |
| | 10:30 AM | Andal Abhisheka |
| | 7:00 PM | Siva Abhisheka - Shravana Somavar |
| Tue 2 | | GARUDA PANCHAMI - SEE DETAILS |
| Wed 3 | 10:00 AM | Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti |
| Fri 5 | 9:30 AM | Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Homa - Swathi |
| | 10:00 AM | Mahalakshmi Abhisheka |
| | 10:30 AM | Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka - Swathi |
| | 6:00 PM | VARA LAKSHMI VRATAM - MAHALAKSHMI PUJA |
| Sat 6 | | SRI RAMA BHAKTI SAMRAJYA MAHOTSAVAM BEGINS |
| | 7:00 AM | Suprabhatam |
| | 8:00 AM | Venkateshwara Abhisheka |
| | 10:00 AM | Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Vishakha |
| | 4:00 PM | Srinivasa Kalyanam |
| Mon 8 | | SIVA PAVITROTSAVAM BEGINS - SEE DETAILS |
| | 10:00 AM | Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula |
| | 5:00 PM | Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi |
| | 7:00 PM | Siva Abhisheka - Shravana Somavar |
| Tue 9 | 7:00 PM | Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham |
| Wed 10 | | SIVA PAVITROTSAVAM CONCLUDES |
| Thu 11 | | RIG / YAJUR UPAKARMA - SEE DETAILS |
| | 11:00 AM | Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shravana |
| | 7:00 PM | Satyanarayana Puja - Poomima |
| Fri 12 | 10:00 AM | Sarada Abhisheka |
| Sat 13 | 7:00 AM | Suprabhatam |
| | 8:00 AM | Venkateshwara Abhisheka |
| | 10:00 AM | RAGHAVENDRA SWAMY ARADHANA - SEE DETAILS |
| Sun 14 | | SRI RAMA BHAKTI SAMRAJYA MAHOTSAVAM ENDS |
| | 9:30 AM | Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi |
| | 6:00 PM | Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi |
| Mon 15 | 7:00 PM | Siva Abhisheka - Shravana Somavar |
| Tue 16 | | DAILY BHAGAVATI SEVA CONCLUDES |
| | 10:00 AM | Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti |
| Thu 18 | | VISHNU PAVITROTSAVAM BEGINS - SEE DETAILS |
| | | KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI - SEE DETAILS |

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| Thu 18 | 10:00 AM | Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Kritika |
| Fri 19 | 10:00 AM | Parvathi Abhisheka |
| | 7:15 PM | Bhagavathi Seva |
| Sat 20 | 10:00 AM | SRI JAYANTHI - SEE DETAILS |
| Sun 21 | 10:00 AM | Ayyappa Puja |
| Mon 22 | 6:30 PM | Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi |
| | 7:00 PM | Siva Abhisheka - Shravana Somavar |
| Tue 23 | 10:00 AM | Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu |
| Wed 24 | 7:00 PM | Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham |
| Fri 26 | 10:00 AM | Durga Abhisheka |
| Sun 28 | 9:30 AM | Navagraha Homa |
| | 10:00 AM | Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni |
| | 10:30 AM | Navagraha Abhisheka |
| Mon 29 | 8:00 AM | SAMAVEDA UPAKARMA - SEE DETAILS |
| | 10:00 AM | Ayyappa Puja - Uttara Phalguni |
| | 7:00 PM | Swarna Gowri Vratam |
| Tue 30 | | GANESHA CHATURTHI DAY/CELEBRATIONS BEGIN - SEE DETAILS |
| | | September 2022 |
| Thu 1 | 9:30 AM | Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Homa - Swathi |
| | 10:00 AM | Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti |
| | 10:30 AM | Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka - Swathi |
| Fri 2 | 10:00 AM | Mahalakshmi Abhisheka |
| | 10:00 AM | Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Vishakha |
| Sat 3 | | GANESHA CHATURTHI CELEBRATIONS CONCLUDES |
| | 6:00 PM | Srinivasa Kalyanam |
| | | <i>Rest of September in September Newsletter</i> |

WEEKLY ABHISHEKAS

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| 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

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

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; maintain six feet from others where possible.
- Devotees who are feeling unwell or have a fever are encouraged to refrain from visiting the temple.
- The Temple Kitchen is open!

Temple Hours

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| 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



This year, our temple will be conducting Sri Rama Bhakti Samrajya Mahotsavam from Saturday, August 6, through Sunday, August 14, 2022. As part of this Mahotsavam, we will be conducting special religious, cultural, and educational events for Sri Rama. Special Homams, Abhishekams and Vishesh Alankaramas, Sri Vaikunta Rama Vishwa Roopa Darshanam (Darbar Seva), Sita Rama Kalyanam, Sri Rama Paduka Seva (divine Paduka from Bhadrachalam), Panchavati Utsavam with Sahasra Deepaalkaram, Dampati Puja with Sri Rama Sahasranama Archana (devotee participatory) and other important pujas will be performed.

It is an honor and my privilege to invite you and your family to the Sri Rama Bhakti Samrajya Mahotsavam. Pujas will be performed under the guidance of our Pradhana Vaishnava Acharya Sri Ramaswarupa Raghavacharyulu, Chief Priest, Bhadrachalam Sri Sita Ramachandra Temple in Telangana, along with another learned Acharya from India and our temple Priests. Additionally, Srimal Valmiki Ramayana Parayanam will be chanted in the mornings and U.Ve. Sri Dushyanth Sridhar will be presenting educational discourses on the Ramayana in English on all days of the Mahotsavam – a unique opportunity to hear from a learned scholar about the Ramayana.

It has been over two years since our temple has celebrated a Mahotsavam and the reading of the entire Ramayana makes this a one-of-a-kind event in our temple history. For more information, please visit our website [here](#). Please attend this unique mahotsavam, and participate in as many of the daily programs, parayanams, archanas, and homas and receive the blessings of Lord Rama.

In July, we lost two our long-time devotees and volunteers; supporters who always kept our temple in their hearts. Dr. Naga Bhusan Mandava left for the heavenly abode on July 7th. He was a world-renowned scientist and recognized leader in Agrochemical sciences. He was also the husband of Ms. Leela Mandava, volunteer and former Treasurer and Chairperson of our temple. Dr. Sireesh Kumari Tripuraneni reached the abode of the Lord on July 20th after a brief illness. She was an empathetic and dedicated internist for over 50 years and was the wife of Dr. Rajagopala Rao, long time volunteer and devotee who has served as Chairperson and as our current General Body President. I join with the Board of Trustees in expressing our deepest condolences to the families; may their souls attain sadhgate.

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

Murali Elambilan
2022 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

10:00 am Sri Krishna Puja, Sri Raghavendra Swamy Stotras, Bhajans, Archana, Deeparadhana

Note: Aradhana will be performed at the Sri Krishna Sannidhi

Sponsorship: \$31

Vishnu Pavitrotsavam

Thursday, August 18 - Saturday, August 20, 2022

Pavitrotsavam is an annual ritual performed in Vishnu temples (temples that follow Paancharaatra Agama or Vaikhanasa Agama) to make up for acts of omission and commission in the temple rituals throughout the year. At the conclusion of this three day ritual, Pavitram (Holy thread) that has been offered to the Lord is distributed as Prasadam to puja sponsors.

Thursday, August 18, 2022

5:00 pm Anugay, Viswakshana Aardhana, Punyahavachanam, Rakshabandanam, Mritsanrahanam, Ankurarpanam, Aradhanam, Mangalashasanam, Theerthaprasadha

Friday, August 19, 2022

9:00 am Chatusthana Arachana, Havanam, Prayaschitha Homa, Pavithrachayadivasam, Poornahuthi, Theerthaprasadha Goshti

5:00 pm Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam, Homa, Poornahuthi, Mangalashasanam, Theerthaprasadha Goshti

Saturday, August 20, 2022

9:00 am Suprabatham, Aaradhana, Homa, Sri Venkateshvara Homa, Alankara, Mahapoornahuthi, Saathumurai

12:30 pm Yajamana Aasheervachanam, Thiruvudhi Utsavam

Sponsorship: \$61 - Entire Utsavam; \$31 - per Day Puja

Sri Krishna Jayanti / Janmashtami

Thursday, August 18, 2022

The birthday of Lord Krishna will be celebrated on Thursday, August 18th at our temple, with homas, and abhishekas. The religious festivities start with Krishna Moola Mantra Homa in the morning. The first phase of the evening puja will be from 6PM to 9PM. The final Mangalaarati will be at midnight. Devotees will be able to personally offer milk Argyam (similar to offering Abhisheka) to the idol of Lord Krishna after the first phase of the evening puja.

Sponsorship: \$61 - Entire Janmashtami; \$51 - Homa & Abhisheka; \$31 - Homa OR Abhisheka

Sri Jayanti

Saturday, August 20, 2022

10:00 am Kalasa Puja, Utsava Krishna Abhisheka, Divya Prabandha Paarayana, Archana, Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$31

Sama Upaakarma

Monday, August 29, 2022

There will be only one batch of Sama Upaakarma starting at 8AM

Suggested Donation: \$5 - Brahmacharis; \$25 - newly initiated Brahmacharis; \$11 - all others

Ganesha Chaturthi Celebration

Tuesday, August 30, to Saturday, September 3, 2022

Ganesha Chaturthi day falls on Tuesday, August 30th

Tuesday, August 30, 2022

9:30 am Anugay, Ganesha Puja, Mahaganapathi Homa, Ganesha Abhisheka, Archana, Deeparadhana

10:30 am Moolastana Ganapathi, Dwara Ganapathi, Nardana

Ganapathi Kanni Moola Ganapathi, and Prakara Ganapathi Abhisheka, Archana, Deeparadhana

6:00 pm Visheshsa Gagaara Sahasranama Archana to Moolastana Ganapathi with devotee participation, Deeparadhana

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

9:30 am Mahaganapathi Homa, Utsava Ganesha Abhisheka, Archana, Deeparadhana

Thursday, September 1, 2022

9:30 am Mahaganapathi Homa

10:30 am Utsava Ganapathi Abhisheka, Deeparadhana

Friday, September 2, 2022

9:30 am Mahaganapathi Homa, Ganesha Abhisheka, Archana, Deeparadhana

Saturday, September 3, 2022

9:30 am Ekavimshatitara Ganapathi Atharvasheersha Japam, Abhisheka, Deeparadhana

4:00 pm Sahasramodaka Homa

6:00 pm Mooshika Vahana Seva

Note: Both the conventional Modakams and deep fried Modakams will be accepted, although the deep fried variety is considered more appropriate as a Homa offering.

Sponsorship: \$151 - Entire Celebration; \$61 - Ganesha Chaturthi Day/Entire Day Puja; \$31 - Any one Homa and/or Abhisheka or procession

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Wednesday, September 7, 2022

More information in September Newsletter

Monthly Ayyappa Padi Puja and Irumudi Ayyappa Abhisheka and Puja

Consequent to the installation and consecration of the Panchaloha Kavacham, our temple will be conducting monthly Padi Puja and Irumudi Abhisheka and Puja. The tentative schedule is below:

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| Saturday, August 20, 2022 | Padi Puja |
| Sunday, August 21, 2022 | Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja |

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| Saturday, September 17, 2022 | Padi Puja |
| Sunday, September 18, 2022 | Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja |

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| Saturday, October 15, 2022 | Padi Puja |
| Sunday, October 16, 2022 | Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja |

Sponsorship: See Page 5 or [click here](#)

Devotees are invited to present Bhajans for the monthly Padi Puja on the Saturday dates indicated above. Please email your name and song list to Bhajans@ssvt.org. Selection will be on first come basis.

SSVT SENIOR CITIZENS MEET UP (Resumed In-Person Meetings)

The SSVT Senior Citizens Group meets once a month on the third Wednesday in the auditorium from 11 am to 1 pm. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are not hosting a potluck lunch, instead, we ask attendees to bring their own snacks and water.

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 of interest 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 Keshav Ratwani or Satish Bhandari at seniorcitizensgroup@gmail.com



Sri Siva Vishnu Temple Sri Rama Bhakti Samrajya Mahotsavam

Saturday, August 6 to Sunday, August 14, 2022



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Sri Rama Bhakti Samrajya Mahotsavam

SSVT will be conducting religious, educational, and cultural events for Sri Rama culminating in the celebration of Rama Pattabhishekham on Sunday, August 14, 2022. Pujas will be performed under the guidance of our Pradhana Vaishnava Acharya **Sri Ramaswarup Raghavacharyulu**, Chief Priest, Bhadrachalam Sri Sita Ramachandra Temple in AP, India. Srimad Valmiki Ramayana Parayanam will be chanted in the mornings and **U.Ve. Sri Dushyanth Sridhar** will present discourses on Ramayanam in English on all days of the Mahotsavam. As part of the Mahotsavam, Devotee participatory pujas for Lord Rama and Likitha Japam of Sriramajayam by devotees are conducted. Participating in these events will be beneficial for universal peace, prosperity, happiness, harmony, good health, and rid the world of all calamity

Religious Events Highlights

Srimad Valmiki Ramayana Navaham Parayanam
Discourse by U.Ve Dushyanth Sridhar
Special Homams, Abhishekams and Vishesha Alankarams,
Daily Nakshatra Deepa Seva
Devotee recitation of Rama Raksha Stotram Parayanam
Sri VaikuntaRama Vishwa Roopa Darshanam (Darbar Seva)
Sita Rama Kalyanam,
Sri Rama Paduka Seva (Divine Paduka from Bhadrachalam)
Panchavati Utsavam with Sahasra Deepaalankaram
Dampati Puja with Sri Rama Sahasranama Archana (Devotee
participatory)
Sri Rama Pattabhisheka Utsavam

Likhita Japam - Devotees can write "Sri Ramajayam" in the language of their choice in the booklets specially printed for the Mahotsavam

More details to come soon



Sri Rama Bhakti Samrajya Mahotsavam

Srimad Valmiki Ramayanam Navaham Discourse by U.Ve Dushyanth Sridhar

Dushyanth Sridhar is one of the most sought-after public speakers in Sanātana Dharma who renders discourses in English and Tamil. During the Sri Rama Bhakti Samrajya Mahotsavam, Sri Dushyant Sridhar will perform a daily discourse on various topics from Srimad Valmiki Ramayanam as per the below schedule

| Day / Time * | Topic |
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| Saturday, August 6 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm | Sri Rama Jananam |
| Sunday, August 7 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm | Sita Kalyanam |
| Monday, August 8 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm | Chitrakuta Gamanam |
| Tuesday, August 9 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm | Paduka Pattabhishekam |
| Wednesday, August 10 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm | Jatayu-Sabari Moksham |
| Thursday, August 11 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm | Sugreeva Pattabhishekam |
| Friday, August 12 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm | Anguleeya Pradanam |
| Saturday, August 13 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm | Vibheeshana Sharanagathy |
| Sunday, August 14 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm | Sri Rama Pattabhishekam |

* Time subject to change





Sri Rama Bhakti Samrajya Mahotsavam

Sponsorship Details

| Category | Sponsorship Details | Amount | ✓ |
|----------|---|---------|--------------------------|
| Platinum | Entire Mahotsavam, Includes Lifetime Puja for Rama; If already a sponsor for Rama choose another deity; Memento | \$10001 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Diamond | Includes all Pujas, Parayanam; Includes two years of annual Puja for Rama; Memento | \$5001 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gold | Includes all pujas, Parayanam; Includes one year of annual puja; Memento | \$2501 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Silver | Includes all pujas, Parayanam; Memento | \$1001 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bronze | Includes all pujas | \$501 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Copper | Sakala Kaarya Siddhi Srimad Sampoorna Ramayana Parayanam (all 9 days) | \$301 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sponsor | Includes all pujas for two weekends | \$251 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sponsor | One day Puja | \$151 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sponsor | Daily Parayanam - Any amount | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sponsor | Annadhanam, or Nitya Mala / Vastram kinkaryam | \$51 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Sri Rama Bhakti Samrajya Mahotsavam

RELIGIOUS PROGRAM

(Tentative)
[Event times are subject to Change]

Saturday, August 6, 2022

| Auditorium | Temple | Yagasala |
|---|---|---|
| 6:30 AM to 12:30 PM: Srimad Valmiki Ramayana Navaham Parayanam 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM: Discourse by Sri Dushyanth Sridhar  | 7:00 AM: Suprabhatam 8:00 AM: Anugya, Swastivachanam, Sri Vishvakseva Aaraadhana, Sri Bhagvat Vasudeva punyahavachanam 11:00 AM: Rama Raksha Stotra Parayanam, Aaraadhanam, Mangalaarthi (Sannidhi) | 8:00 AM: Mruthsangrahanam, Ankaraarpanam, Raksha Bandhanam, Anirvana Deepam, Kalasa Sthapanam, Agni Mukham, Samkshepa Ramayana Homam, Rama Taraka Homam, Sri Rama Paduka Seva/yatra |
| | 6:00 PM: Rama Raksha Stotra Parayanam, (Sannidhi) Aaradhanam, Nakshatra Deepa Arathi Puja (by devotees) 6:30 PM: Dampathi Puja – Sahasra Namaavali Archana, Ashtavadhanam Seva, Mangalaarthi. | 5:00 PM: Dwaara Thorana Dwaja Kumbhaaardhanam, Samkshepa Ramayana Homam, Rama Taraka Homam, Sri Rama Paduka Seva/yatra |

Sunday, August 7, 2022

| Auditorium | Temple | Yagasala |
|--|---|--|
| 6:30 AM to 12:30 PM: Srimad Valmiki Ramayana Navaham Parayanam 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM: Discourse by Sri Dushyanth Sridhar | 8:00 AM: Suprabhatam 11:00 AM: Sri Rama Abhishekam (Moolavar) (Sannidhi) (Vasantha mandapam) Sita Rama Kalyana Utsavam Rama Raksha Stotra Parayanam, Sangeetha Seva. | 8:00 AM: Sevakalam, Maha Kumbhaaardhanam, Navakalasa Aradhanam, Chakrabja Mandalaaradhana, Samkshepa Ramayana Homam, Rama Taraka Homam, Sri Rama Paduka Seva/yatra |
| | 6:30 PM: (Vasantha Mandapam) Rama Raksha Stotra Parayanam, Aaradhanam, Nakshatra Deepa Arathi Puja (by devotees) 7:00 PM: Panchavati Utsavam Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam, Sahasra Deepaalankaram Seva, Naadha Neerajanam, Oonjal Seva, Sangeeta Seva, Upachara Seva, Mangalam. Maha Mangalaarthi at the Sannidhi. | 5:00 PM: Dwaara Thorana Dwaja Kumbhaaardhanam, Chakrabja Mandalaaradhana, Kumbhaaardhanam, Samkshepa Ramayana Homam, Rama Taraka Homam, Sri Rama Paduka Seva/yatra |

Monday, August 8; Tuesday, August 9; Wednesday, August 10; Thursday, August 11; & Friday, August 12, 2022

| Auditorium | Temple | Yagasala |
|---|--|--|
| 6:30 AM to 12:30 PM: Srimad Valmiki Ramayana Navaham Parayanam 7:00 PM 9:00 PM: Discourse by Sri Dushyanth Sridhar | 9:00 AM: Suprabhatam 9:00 AM: Rama Raksha Stotra Parayanam, Aaraadhanam, Mangalaarthi (Sannidhi) | 9:00 AM: Dwaara Thorana Dwaja Kumbhaaardhanam, Chakrabja Mandalaaradhana, Kumbhaaardhanam, Samkshepa Ramayana Homam, Rama Taraka Homam, Sri Rama Paduka Seva/yatra |
| | 6:00 PM: (Sannidhi) Rama Raksha Stotra Parayanam, Aaradhanam, Nakshatra Deepa Arathi Puja (by devotees) Ashtavadhanam Seva, Mangalaarthi | 5:00 PM: Dwaara Thorana Dwaja Kumbhaaardhanam, Chakrabja Mandalaaradhana, Kumbhaaardhanam, Samkshepa Ramayana Homam, Rama Taraka Homam, Sri Rama Paduka Seva/yatra |

Sri Rama Bhakti Samrajya Mahotsavam

RELIGIOUS PROGRAM (Continued)

Saturday, August 13, 2022

| Auditorium | Temple | Yagasala |
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| <p>6:30 AM to 12:30 PM: Srimad Valmiki Ramayana Navaham Parayanam</p> <p>3:00 PM to 5:00 PM: Discourse by Sri Dushyanth Sridhar</p>  | <p>7:00 AM: Suprabhatam</p> <p>11:00 AM: Rama Raksha Stotra Parayanam, Sri Anjaneya Abhishekam, Rama Naama parayanam, Hanuman Chalisa parayanam, Sri Rama Aaradhana, Ashtavadhanam Seva, Mangalaarathi (Sannidhi)</p> | <p>7:00 AM: Sevakalam, Dwaar Thorana Dwaja Kumbhaaradhanam, Chakrabja Mandalaaradhana, Samkshepa Ramayana Homam, Rama Taraka Homam, Sri Anjaneya Moola mantra Homam, Sri Rama Paduka Seva/yatra</p> |
| | <p>6:00 PM: (Vasanthamandapam) Vaikunta Rama Darbar Seva, Rama Raksha Stotra Parayanam, Veda parayanam and Sangeetha Seva (jugal bandhi seva), Dheevati Seva, Nakshatra Deepa Arathi Puja (by devotees) Mangalaarathi</p> | <p>5:00 PM: Dwaara Thorana Dwaja Kumbhaaradhanam, Chakrabja Mandalaaradhana, Samkshepa Ramayana Homam, Rama Taraka Homam, Sri Rama Paduka Seva/yatra</p> |

Sunday, August 14, 2022

| Auditorium | Temple | Yagasala |
|---|---|---|
| <p>6:30 AM to 12:30 PM: Srimad Valmiki Ramayana Navaham Parayanam</p> <p>3:00 PM to 5:00 PM: Discourse by Sri Dushyanth Sridhar</p> | <p>6:30 AM: Suprabhatam</p> <p>8:30 AM: (Sannidhi) Procession to auditorium and proceed to sannidhi after taking the Kalasa form Ramayana Parayanam. Pattaabhishekam Sargam read by Sri Sridhar ji, Sri Suresh ji, Acharyas, priests and devotees.</p> <p>10:00 AM: (Sannidhi) Moola Rama Navakalasa snapanam, Mahakumbha snapanam, Rama Raksha Stotra Parayanam, Alankaara Seva, Astamangala and Nakshatra Deepa Seva, Ashtavadhanam Seva, Aarathi. (Mahamangalaarathi after procession)</p> <p>11.30 to 12.30 PM Grand Procession in Pushpaka Pallaki of Utsava Murtis (mangala vaadyam, Vedam, Prabhandam, dance, music, children's presentation)</p> <p>1:00 PM (Vasanthamandapam) Acharya Sambhavana, Mahaasheervadam, Mahamangalaarathi, Prasaadam distribution.</p> | <p>7:00 AM: Maha Kumbha Aradhana, Samkshepa Ramayana Homam, Rama Taraka Homam, Prayaschitta Homam, Maha Purnaahuti, Mahakumbha Utsava Murty, Sri Rama Paduka Seva/yatra</p> |
| <p>5:30 PM to 7:30 PM Cultural Program</p> | <p>12:00 noon to 3:00 PM Annadaanam</p> | |

Sri Rama Bhakti Samrajya Mahotsavam

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Upakarma

Thursday, August 11, 2022

Rig Upakarma
7:00 am followed by homam



Yajur Upakarma
7:00 am, 8:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:00
followed by homam

Donation
Brahmacharis - \$5, New Brahmacharis - \$25
All others - \$11





Krishna Janmashtami

Thursday, August 18, 2022

10:00 am Moola Mantra Homam

6:00 pm Puja starts

10:00 pm Aradhana

12:00 am Mangalaarathi

Devotees will be able to personally offer milk Argyam to Lord Krishna after the puja

Sponsorship: Entire Janmashtami Day Puja - \$61

Homam or Abhishekam - \$31; Homam & Abhishekam - \$51

Krishna Jayanthi

Saturday, August 20, 2022

10:00 am Kalasa Puja, Utsava Krishna Abhishekam

Divya Prabandha Paarayanam, Archana

Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: Abhishekam - \$31

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Ganesha Chaturthi

Tuesday, August 30 to Saturday, September 3, 2022



Ganesha Chaturthi Day

Tuesday, August 30, 2022

Daily Homams, Abhishekams and Special aradhana.
Vishesha Gagaara Saharanama Archana to Moolastana
Ganapathi with Devotee participation, Ekavimshati
Varaganpathi Atharvasheersha Japam, Sahasramodaka
Homam, Utsava murthy procession

(Event details in next page)



Ganesha Chaturthi

Event Details

Tuesday, August 30, 2022 - Ganesha Chaturthi Day

9:30 am Anugnay, Ganesha Puja, Mahaganapathi Homam,
Ganesha Abhishekam, Archana, Deeparadana

10:30 am Moolastana Ganapathi, Dwara Ganapathi, Nardana Ganapathi, Kan
Moola Ganapathi and Prakara Ganapathi Abhishekam, Archana, Deeparadhan

6:00 pm Vishesha Gagaara Sahasranama Archana to Moolastana Ganapathi
with Devotee participation, Deeparadhana

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

9:30 am Mahaganapathi Homam, Utsava Ganesha abhishekam, Archana,
Deeparadana

Thursday, September 1, 2022

9:30 am Mahaganapathi Homam

10:30 am Utsava Ganapathi Abhishekam, Deeparadhana

Friday, September 2, 2022

9:30 am Mahaganapathi Homam, Ganesha Abhishekam, Archana, Deeparadana

Saturday, September 3, 2022

9:30 AM Ekavimshatvaara Ganapathi Atharvasheersha Japam and
Abhishekam, Deeparadhana

4:00 pm Sahasramodaka Homam

6:00 pm Mooshika Vahana Seva

Note: Both conventional Modakams and Deep fried Modakams will be accepted
although the deep-fried variety is considered more appropriate as Homam
offering

Sponsorship

Entire Celebration - \$151; Ganesha Chaturthi Day (Aug 30) - \$61

Modakam - \$51 One Homam or Abhishekam - \$31; Procession - \$31

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Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

Navaratri Vastra Alankaram

September 26th to

October 4, 2022



Sri Lakshmi



Sri Chandika Parameswari



Sri Saraswati

Sri Durga



Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

Navaratri Vastra Alankaram

Sri Siva Vishnu Temple is celebrating this year's Sharada Navaratri through Vastra Alanakram to Devis. Devis will be adorned with 108 silk sarees throughout the Navaratri. Devotees can sponsor for Sarees & Puja. We request all devotees to patricipate and take the blessings of Devis

| Sarees Sponsorship | Amount | Memento (Sarees adorned to Devis) |
|---|--|--|
| 108 Sarees + 9 Days Mulavar Sarees + Chandi Homam Saree | \$1001 Puja sponsorship for all 9 days included | 1 Silk Saree + 1 Soft Silk Saree + Puja Prasadam |
| 54 Sarees + 9 Days Mulavar Sarees + Chandi Homam Saree | \$501 Puja sponsorship for all 9 days include | 1 Silk Saree + Puja Prasadam |
| 27 Sarees | \$251 Puja sponsorship for last 3 days included | 1 Soft Silk Saree + Puja Prasadam |
| 11 Sarees | \$101 Puja sponsorship for last day included | 1 Cotton Saree + Puja Prasadam |
| Mulavar Sarees for all 9 days + Chandi Homam Saree | \$121 Puja sponsorship for last day included | 1 Cotton Saree + Puja Prasadam |
| Any Amount | | Puja Prasadam |

| Puja Sponsorship | Amount |
|--|--------|
| Entire Navaratri Celebrations | \$175 |
| Durga Saptha Sathi Parayanam | \$51 |
| One Day Abhishekam | \$31 |
| One Day Homam | \$31 |
| Suvasini / Kanya / Bhairava Puja (each Puja) | \$51 |
| Vidayarambam | \$31 |
| Sahasranama Archana | \$15 |
| Sundarakanda Parayanam & Sri Rama Pattabhishekam | \$51 |
| Sri Rama Pattabhishekam | \$31 |



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| Sri Siva Vishnu Temple Educational Class Offerings | | | | Spring 2022 Operation Status |
|--|--|---------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Class/Program | Day(s) | Time | Age Level | - |
| Family Dharma Class | Sunday | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | All ages | In-Person & limited online |
| SAT Exam Preparation | 1 st & 3 rd Sunday | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm | High School | Online (Zoom) |
| Bhagavatham | Sundays | 3:45 pm – 5:45 pm | Adults | Teleconference/Online (Zoom) |
| Bhagavad Gita | Saturdays | 10:00 am – 11:30 am | Adults | Online (Zoom) |
| Spoken Samskrtham | Mon & Wed | 8:30 pm | All ages | Online (Zoom) |
| Yoga | Tues & Thur | 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm | All ages | In-Person & Live Stream |
| Enrollment Details: For more information, please email education@ssvt.org Thank you! | | | | |


Balavidyalayam:
DHARMA
EDUCATION
 for children

Sunday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Hybrid)

Shlokas & Stotrams
 Yoga for Concentration
 Understanding Dharma through stories
 Community Service Projects

EMAIL TO REGISTER: BALAVIKAS@SSVT.ORG





Due to COVID-19 pandemic, Sri Siva Vishnu Temple's education program went through some significant adjustments resulting in suboptimal educational connections with our children. As life returns to some level of normalcy, we remain committed to strengthening Dharmic education via the reinvigorated Balavidyalayam program. We are dedicated to educating children about Hindu practices; distilling essential Hindu values and teaching children to incorporate them into their everyday life. The curriculum focuses on four components with age-appropriate content:

- Shloka & Stotra
- Yoga for concentration
- Understanding Dharma through stories
- Seva - community service projects.

Please contact us at balavikas@ssvt.org to enroll your child in this program. In addition, stay tuned for future announcements as we look to significantly expand and strengthen our Dharmic educational program.

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EDUCATION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS

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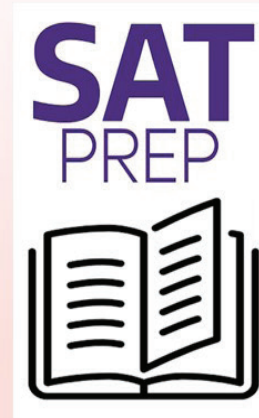
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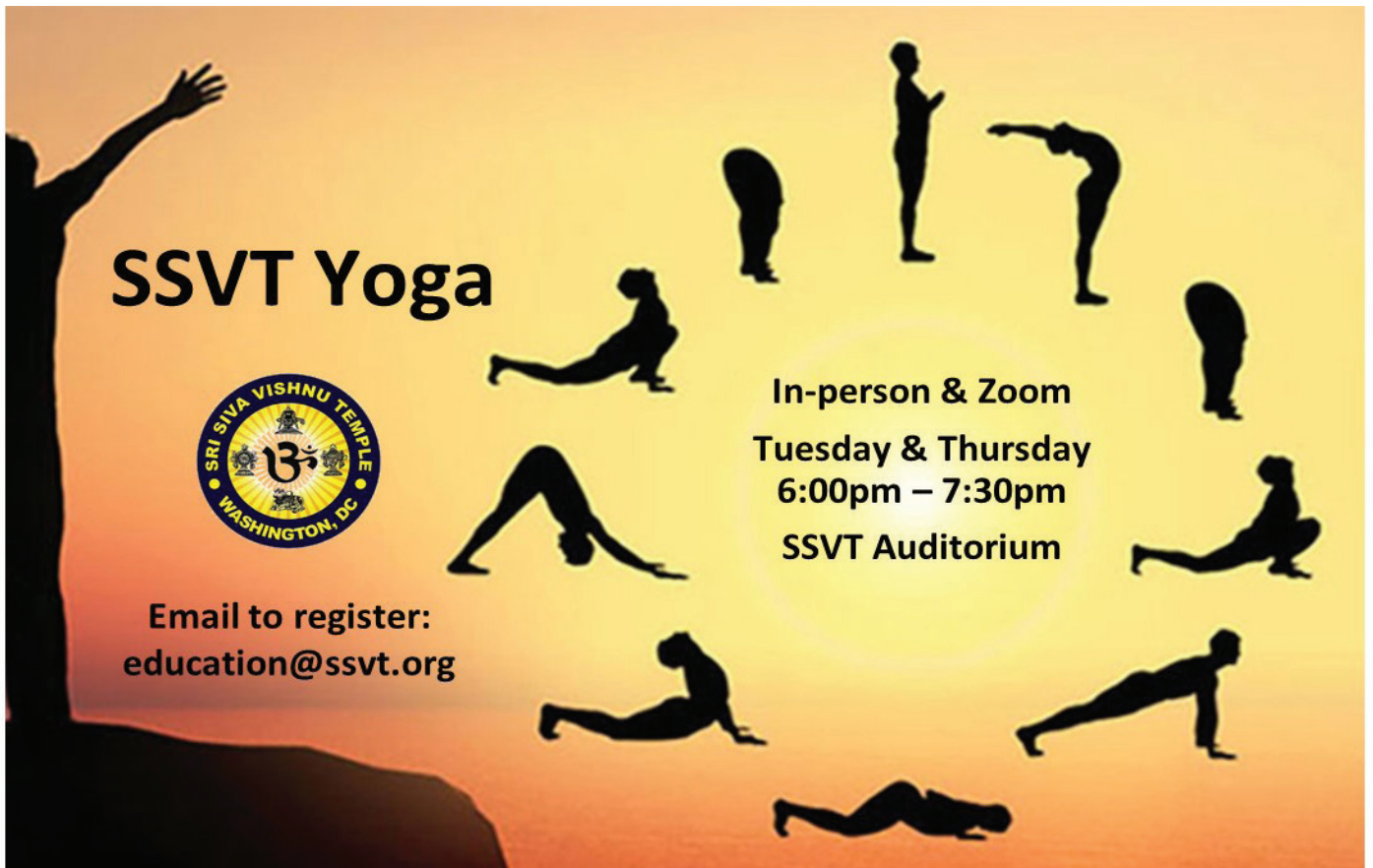


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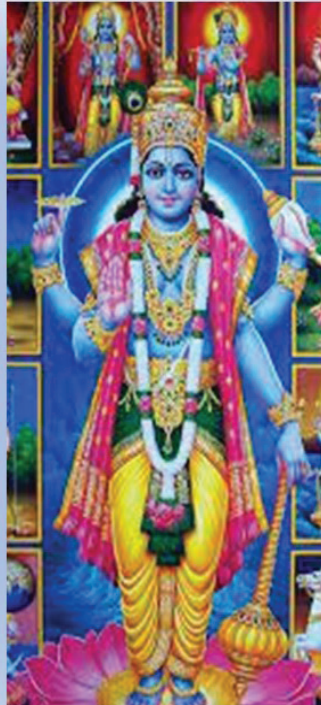


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- 15+ years of teaching experience
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UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

| Date & Time | Event / Artist | Venue & Admission Fee |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| August 20; 3:30PM - 9:00PM | Krishna Janmashtami Cultural Program | Auditorium/Free |
| The Cultural Committee is reviving the Saturday afternoon <i>Vasanth Mantapam Mini-Concert Series</i> , 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 | | |



Krishna Janmashtami Cultural Events

Saturday, August 20, 2022

3:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Dance Performances by

Students of Aishwarya Iyer

Thapasya School of Dance

Students of Kalamandapam

Niranjana Ramanath

Revati Masilamani

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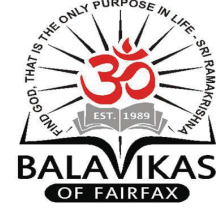
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on

Saturday, September 3rd, 2022

10:30 AM*

Durga Temple Auditorium

8400 Durga Place, Fairfax Station VA 22039

(*Puja starts on time. In order not to disrupt the Puja, all people are requested to be in their seats by 10 :15 am)

Prasadam will be served after the Puja.

All are welcome, but children are special guests.

All children present will participate in the Puja.

The specialty of this Puja is that Children will conduct the entire proceedings and explain the Puja procedure.

All are requested to come in traditional Indian Puja attire.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE Contact:

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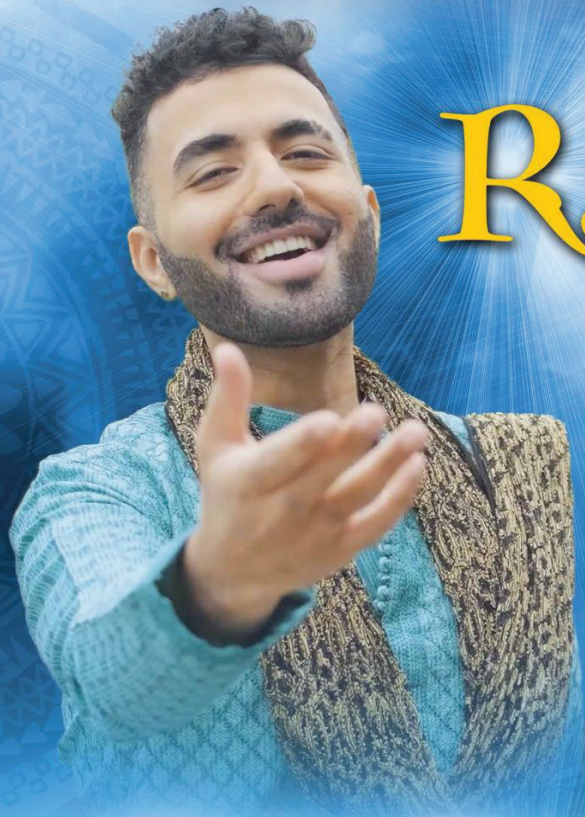
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**** Balavikas Ganesh Puja at Durga Temple was featured in PBS Documentary
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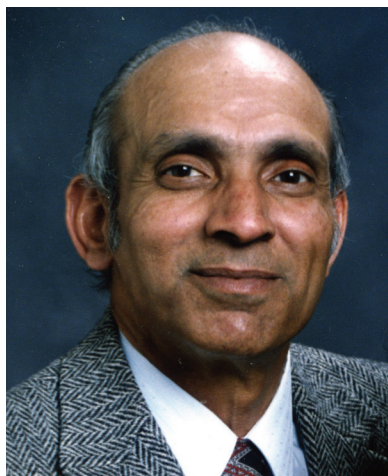
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NAGA BHUSHAN MANDAVA

Dr. Naga Bhushan Mandava deceased on July 7, 2022 leaving behind his wife (Leela), Daughter (Santi), son (Srinivas). He was also the grandfather of 4 beautiful children who grew up under his nurturing and care.

Dr. Mandava was a world renowned scientist. He dedicated 24 years of public service to the USDA and EPA, and served as Director of United Nations Agencies (UNIDO, UNDP, FAO) to advise 15 countries in Asia and the Pacific Region on agricultural productivity and crop safety.



Sireesh Kumari Tripuraneni

Dr. Sireesh Kumari Tripuraneni passed away on July 20, 2022. She entered Rangaraya Medical College in 1963, and married Dr. Rajagopala Rao Tripuraneni in 1974. They both moved to the United States for post-graduate training and established a family with two children. Sireesh practiced internal medicine for 42 years at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. She was beyond well-respected in the hospital; everyone knew Dr. Sireesh. Generations of families visited for annual exams, ailments, and some, just for a personal visit to receive her advice. Initially, she started her own practice, and she eventually joined the Good Samaritan Hospital practice. She stayed in the same location and treated her own patients while the environment around her changed.

She devoted her time outside of her practice and family to the Sri Siva Vishnu Temple in Lanham, Maryland for more than 20 years. The numerous days spent at the temple helped create a community where families could rely on one another when there was no one else. She was person of great intellect, integrity and strong character. She always had a warm smile and kind words for everyone.

Beyond her medical practice and volunteerism, she led a simple, fulfilling life while always being a genuine, caring individual who sought to help others every day. She never turned down an opportunity to lend a hand to her family, friends and even strangers, while never forgetting her heritage and roots. She was a symbol of selflessness and dedication and she brought extraordinary energy to everything she did.