



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 encouraged to continue wearing face masks**, but it is not mandatory. The temple kitchen remains open to devotees.

Geetha Jayanthi (Guruvayoor Ekadashi)

Saturday, December 3, 2022

The Shukla Ekadasi prior to Vaikunta Ekadasi was the day when Lord Krishna imparted the Bhagavad Gita to His devotee, Arjuna. This is celebrated as Geetha Jayanthi. It is also an important Ekadasi in many parts of India, especially in Guruvayoor. Special Pujas will be held to celebrate both events.

9:30 am Bhagavad Gita Homa, Aradhana to Lord Krishna, Narayaneyam Parayanam, Deeparadhana

10:30 am Sri Krishna Abhisheka, Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: Homa & Abhisheka - \$51; Homa or Abhisheka - \$31

Thiruppaavai & Thiruvempaavai

Friday, December 16, 2022 - Friday, January 13, 2023

Thiruppavai, the divine hymn on Lord Vishnu composed by Goddess Andal (the Divine incarnation of Mother Earth), and Thiruvempaavai, the divine Hymn on Lord Siva composed by Saint Maanickavaasagar, will be recited daily during the Hindu "Dhanus" month (December 16, 2021 - January 13, 2022) at 9:30 am.

Hanumat Jayanthi Celebration

Friday, December 23, 2022

Hanumat Jayanti falls on Friday, December 23, 2022. As in the past, there will be Sahasranama Archana, and a special Vada Alankaaram.

9:30 am Anjaneya Moola Mantra Homa

6:00 pm Anjaneya Abhisheka, Special Vada Alankara, Sahasranama, Ashtavadana Seva, Hanuman Chaleesa chanting, Satumurai, Mangalaarathi, Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: One Day Puja - \$51; Homa or Abhisheka - \$31

Ayyappa Mandala Puja

Tuesday, December 27, 2022

The Ayyappa Shrine at Sri Siva Vishnu Temple is a blessing to those who live all over North America and would like to observe the Ayyappa Vratam; and climb the the holy 18 steps every year. Devotees who have been to Sabarimala in India consider SSVT as the "Sabarimala of the West."

Devotees climbing the 18 holy steps at SSVT follow the same rigorous austerities of Ayyappa Vratam. The 2022-2023 Ayyappa Mandala Makarotsavam started on Thursday, November 17, 2022. Since then, hundreds of Ayyappa devotees from all over the country, observing Ayyappa Vratam, have already climbed the 18 Holy Steps with Irumudi to have darshan of Lord Ayyappa.

The Ayyappa Mandala Puja is on Tuesday, December 27, 2022.

Due to the large number of Ayyappa devotees expected for the Mandala Puja, the Irumudi preparation at the temple will start at 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM, and the trek and climbing of the 18 Holy Steps is planned from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM followed by Nirmalya Darsanam, Abhisheka, Mandala Puja Archana, Deeparadhana and Anandana by devotees.

The evening session will include Bhajans, Sahasranama Stotra, Deeparadhana, Athazha Puja, Seeveli with Thalapoli, Bhasmabhisheka, Harivarasnam.

Devotees who need Irumudi materials from the temple are requested to send an email to ssvt.ayyappa@gmail.com

2023 New Year's Day Celebration

Sunday, January 1, 2023

The temple will be open from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Sunday, January 1, 2023. To minimize waiting times for all devotees, all archanas will be done in batches. Due to the expected heavy traffic expected, devotees are requested to have car pujas performed the day before or day after - no car pujas will be honored the whole day. Special Archanas to all Utsava Deities will be performed every hour for a special sponsorship of \$51.

Devotees may also sponsor all abhishekas that day, Utsava Deity Archana, and Archana to any two Ishta Devatas (Deities of their choice) for a sponsorship of \$151.

6:00 am Suprabhatam

7:00 am Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka

8:00 am Ayyappa and Siva Abhishekas

10:30 am Archanas for Moolava deities in batches (timings will be posted at the temple)

11:00 am Sarva Devata Archana for all Utsava Deities every hour until 8:00 PM (Last Archana will start at 7:00 PM)

6:00 pm Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam for Loka Kalyanam (note: there will be NO Sarva Devata Archana at 6:00 pm)

No Car Pujas the entire day

Sponsorship: \$151 - All day Puja including all Abhishekas, Archana to all Utsava Deities and two Archanas to any two (moolava) deities of Devotee's choice; \$51 - Sarva Devata Archana (Archana to all Utsava Deities); \$31 - Any one Abhisheka

Vaikuntha Ekadashi Celebration

Sunday, January 1 - Monday, January 2, 2023

Vaikuntha Ekadashi is one of the most important Ekadashis of the year. On this day, the traditional practice is for devotees to enter the Vaikuntha Dwaara (special gate to Vaikuntha) of temples.

This is a symbolic event, that signifies the belief that the devotee can be closer to God, and by observing special sadhanas such as fasting and remembering God on Vaikuntha Ekadashi. In tune with this tradition, SSVT offers an opportunity for all devotees to have Sameepa Darshanam (seeing the Lord at a close distance), by allowing devotees to climb the steps leading to the Ananthapadmanabha shrine during this special day. This Sameepa Darshanam will be available ONLY on Vaikuntha Ekadashi day, Monday, Jan-

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General Council Meeting: 12/11/2022

The GC will be meeting at the temple on Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

Please email GB President, Dr. Rajagopala Rao Tripuraneni if you have any questions, at trgrao@gmail.com.

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

December 2022

Fri 2	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
Sat 3		GURUVAYOOR EKADASHI / GEETHA JAYANTHI - SEE DETAILS
	8:00 AM	Irumudi Abhisheka / Special Ayyappa Puja
	5:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
	6:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka
Sun 4	8:00 AM	Irumudi Abhisheka / Special Ayyappa Puja
Mon 5	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Tue 6	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Kritika
	6:00 PM	Karthika & Vishnu Deepam
Wed 7	10:00 AM	Sarvalaya Deepam
	10:00 AM	Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
	7:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Poomima
Fri 9	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
Sat 10	8:00 AM	Irumudi Abhisheka / Special Ayyappa Puja
Sun 11	8:00 AM	Irumudi Abhisheka / Special Ayyappa Puja
	8:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
	6:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi
Tue 13	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Thu 15	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
Fri 16		TIRUPPAVAI / TIRUVEMPAVAI RECITATION BEGINS
	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja - Uttara Phalguni
	10:00 AM	Parvati Abhisheka
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sat 17	8:00 AM	Irumudi Abhisheka / Special Ayyappa Puja
Sun 18	8:00 AM	Irumudi Abhisheka / Special Ayyappa Puja
Mon 19	9:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Homa - Swathi
	10:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka - Swathi
	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Tue 20	8:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Vishakha
	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Fri 23		HANUMAT JAYANTI DAY - SEE DETAILS
	10:00 AM	Durga Abhisheka
Sat 24	8:00 AM	Irumudi Abhisheka / Special Ayyappa Puja
Sun 25	8:00 AM	Irumudi Abhisheka / Special Ayyappa Puja
	9:30 AM	Navagraha Homa
	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shravana

Sun 25	10:30 AM	Navagraha Abhisheka
Mon 26	8:00 AM	Irumudi Abhisheka / Special Ayyappa Puja
	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
	10:30 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi
Tue 27		VEDA PARAYANA CONCLUDES
	8:00 AM	Irumudi Abhisheka / Special Ayyappa Puja
	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti

January 2023

Sun 1		NEW YEAR'S DAY - SEE DETAILS
Mon 2		VAIKUNTHA EKADASHI - SEE DETAILS
	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Kritika
Tue 3	10:00 AM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Fri 6	6:00 AM	ARUDRA DARSHANAM - NATARAJA ABHISHEKA - SEE DETAILS
	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Shakambhari Poomima
Sat 7	8:00 AM	Irumudi Abhisheka / Special Ayyappa Puja
	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
	6:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Sun 8	8:00 AM	Irumudi Abhisheka / Special Ayyappa Puja
Tue 10	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
	7:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi
Wed 11	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
Thu 12	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja - Uttara Phalguni
		<i>Rest of January in January Newsletter</i>

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

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 are encouraged; 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

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

As we prepare to ring in 2023, there is a lot to celebrate at SSVT from 2022! After two years of experiencing the COVID-19 pandemic, we find ourselves in a position of strength attributed to our enthusiastic devotees. All our activities - Religious, Cultural, Educational and Humanitarian activities are near pre-pandemic participation and programming. With the support and blessings of our devotees, volunteers, Priests, and staff, we have achieved significant progress this year in materializing several of our goals as an organization. I am extremely proud and privileged to lead the 17-member Board of Trustees who are selfless, committed leaders of their own accord for our temple.

Every year, our temple inducts new trustees in place of retiring trustees. This year, one of our outstanding trustees, **Mr. Sreekumar Sreedharan** is retiring after completing his six-year term, and the Board of Trustees has selected **Mr. Hari Nambiar** in his place, effective January 1st, 2023. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I welcome Hari Nambiar to our team, and wish him the best as he enters this esteemed trusteeship. I give my heartfelt appreciation to Sreekumar for his service to our temple, including as our Treasurer and Vice Chairperson of Human Resources and Policy during his tenure on the Board of Trustees. We will miss his invaluable advice, and consensus building approach during vital discussions and deliberations.

I also thank the Board of Trustees for their continued confidence in the current Executive Committee (EC) by unanimously re-electing the current EC members to their existing roles for another year. **Mrs. Raji Ramesh** as Vice Chairperson of Operations, **Ms. Padma Tipimani** as Vice Chairperson of Human Resources and Policy, **Mr. Bangalore Ravindra** as Treasurer, and **Mr. Manju Shivacharan** as Secretary - I am confident in this team and the BOT, as we look ahead to the new year!

On November 19th, **The Embassy of India, Washington DC** in association with Sri Siva Vishnu Temple and VFS Global, hosted a Consular Camp (first ever in the DC region) in our auditorium. Applicants were able to get their completed applications verified and submitted in person for Passport, OCI, Renunciation, Police Clearance Certificate, Visa, and GEP applications. The response we received was overwhelming and we are planning to have this as an annual event benefitting several of our devotees and others residing in this area. I would like to thank **Mr. Anshul Sharma**, **Mr. Rajiv Ahuja** and **Mr. Anil Kumar** from the Embassy of India and **Ms. Marisse** from VFS Global for coordinating the event and making it a big success.

Our annual fundraising Gala event is on Saturday, December 3rd. This virtual (via YouTube) event is an opportunity for all of us to meet and enjoy performances by Abby V, a young and acclaimed artist, a Singer Songwriter-Music Producer-Composer from Toronto, Canada. He covers all Genres of music including classical - Carnatic, Hindustani, Filmy - South Indian, Hindi, and Pop Music. We also plan to include local youth presenting dance and fusion music. Our keynote speaker this year is **Dr. Vasanth Narasimhan**, who is the CEO of the Pharmaceutical giant, **No-vartis**. I would like to personally invite you to our virtual Annual Fundraiser event starting at 5.30 PM on December 3, 2022.

As we approach the end of the year, I know there are many organizations you may be considering supporting, and I hope you consider SSVT as one such organization. I understand that overall financial circumstances may be difficult for you - however, no amount is too small. Your tax-deductible contribution will help our Temple today and for the future!

As always, 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

uary 2, 2023. We request all devotees to participate in this special opportunity, and to have the special darshanam of the Lord on that day.

Sunday, January 1, 2023

7:30 pm Anugay, Vishwakshena Aradhana, Vasudeva Punyahavachanam, Raksha Bandanam, Mrisangrahanam, Ankoorapanam, Kalasa Sthapanam, Aradhana, Archana, Saatumurai Mahamangalahaarati, Teerthaprasada Vinayogam.

Monday, January 2, 2023 (Vaikuntha Ekadashi Day)

8:00 am Suprabatham, Sri Ashtakshari Moola Mantra Homam, Mahapoorinahuti, Sri Ananthapadmanabha Nava Kalasabhishekam, Gadya Trayam Parayanam, Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam, Archana, Deeparadhana, Procession within the temple, Vaikuntha Dwaara Puja, Vaikuntha Dwaara Pravesham, Bali Haranam, Saatumurai, Mahamangalahaarati, Sameepadarshanam, Teerthaprasada Vinayogam.

1:00 pm Prasadam Distribution. Continuous Saharanama Parayanam until temple closes

Sponsorship: \$91 - One Day Puja; \$31 - Homa or Abhisheka

Aardra Darshanam

Friday, January 6, 2023

6:00 am Ganesha Puja, Abhisheka to Nataraja, Archana, Deeparadhana, Nataraja procession within the temple

Sponsorship: \$31

Makara Sankranti

Saturday, January 14, 2023

Makara Sankranti: Suryanarayana Puja

9:30 am Ganesha Puja, Navagraha Homa

10:30 am Abhisheka to Lord Suryanarayana and the Navagrahas, Aaditya Hridaya Stotra Parayanam, Archana, Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$51

Makara Vilakku / Ayyappa Puja

Saturday, January 14, 2023

8:00 am Irumudi Preparation and Climbing of 18 Holy Steps

10:00 am Makara Sankramabhisheka, Ayyappa Puja, Archana, Deeparadhana

5:00 pm Thiruvabharanam, Deeparadhana, Sahasranama Stotram, Seeveli with Thalapoli, Acharya Sambhavana, Bhasmabhishekam, Harivarasanam, Annadanam by Devotees

Sponsorship: \$91 - Irumudi and Ayyappa Puja; \$31 - Ayyappa Abhisheka

Andal Kalyanam

Sunday, January 15, 2023

SSVT will continue the yearly Margazhi tradition of performing Andal Kalyanam on Sunday, January 15, 2023. Goddess Andal, after observing the Paavai Nombu (vows) during the Dhanur month, merged with Lord Ranganatha in Srirangam and their union is celebrated as Andal Kalyanam

8:00 am Suprabatham

9:00 am Andal Abhisheka

10:30 am Andal Kalyanam

Sponsorship: \$51

SSVT COMMUNITY SERVICE

Join the Charity Committee

The primary objective is to integrate and formalize SSVT's charitable activities and to conduct these activities in a systematic and continual basis. The Charity Committee has helped strengthen the fourth pillar of the temple which involves social outreach and community service. The committee has conducted several charitable events and programs including a Grab 'n Go Grocery distribution drive (in partnership with other organizations) at the temple. To learn more and to join the Charity Committee, please contact Raji Ramesh at (630) 337-3814, or Murali Elambilan at (501) 960-2807.

Homeless SEVA - Sandwich Program

(Resumed - 2nd Saturday of each month)

Each month, on the 2nd Saturday, volunteers make sandwiches for the homeless. Every time, roughly about 1500 sandwiches are prepared and delivered to Martha's Table, a DC shelter. SSVT encourages all devotees, especially youth, to participate in this program. Maryland school students can earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours - a high school graduation requirement. Please meet at Temple Dining Hall at 10:30 AM. For additional information, please contact T.H. Mishra at Jaithm@gmail.com / (571) 214-3198

Garden Committee Updates

Many volunteers have come together to help improve and keep the temple grounds clean and beautiful. They have volunteered over many weeks to transform the gardens and temple greenery to what you see today. Their constant stewardship to maintain our landscapes has allowed for the gardens to grow and bloom beautifully. Many devotees enjoy the temple grounds whenever they visit and so can you. We have dedicated garden plots to a variety of plants and flowers as well as a large plot to grow various vegetables for temple use. We are still a long way from a perfect garden, and we can use your help. Please consider volunteering your time (just a couple of hours over the weekend). Maryland school students can earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours - a high school graduation requirement. To sign-up, please visit our website at www.ssvt.org.

Please consider donating to this effort as well; no amount is too small - all contributions will go towards beautifying our temple grounds. We sincerely thank you for your support in this effort.

**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 email Satyen Verma, Senior Citizen Group Coordinator, at seniorcitizensgroup2022@gmail.com

Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Aradhana Center at Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

Sri Siva Vishnu Temple's dedicated Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Aradhana Center is now open in the Aakaar area (behind the Auditorium stage). Please consider donating to support the Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Aradhana Center at SSVT. The Sai Aradhana Center is currently being built on the temple grounds. Please consider supporting this effort. For more information please contact: Sreekumar Sreedharan 703-622-5542; Shobha Prasad 240-568-9151; Mythili Bachu 301-526-5135; Sridevi Umesh 301-560-3102; Srini Tirumalasetti 443-540-4110; Rohini Homnappa 240-441-1266; Sujatha Badrinath 301-805-1943

Virtual Personal/Group Purva Prayoga Pujas

In addition to livestreams over YouTube, devotees can request Virtual Personal/Group Purva Prayoga Pujas through a temple provided Zoom for Archanas, Abhishekas, Homas, and Satyanarayana Puja

For more information, please contact Sri Ananth Iyengar at puja@ssvt.org or (301) 552-3335

Christmas Weekend Temple Hours

Friday, Dec 23 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday, Dec 24 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Sunday, Dec 25 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Monday, Dec 26 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec 27 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

New Years Weekend Temple Hours

Friday, Dec 30 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday, Dec 31 9:00 am to 12:30 am (Jan 1, 2023)

Sunday, Jan 1 7:00 am to 9:00 pm

Monday, Jan 2 8:00 am to 9:00 pm

Deity Adorned Saree Sale – January 1, 2023

Sarees that adorned the deities throughout the year will be available for purchase on January 1, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM or as long as supplies last!



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2022-2023 Ayyappa Mandala Makarotsavam Schedule

DAILY PUJA SCHEDULE

9:30 am - 11:00 am Ayyappa Puja (Abhishekam, Ashtothra Archana, Deeparadhana)
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Sahasranama Stotram, Athaazha Puja, Seeveli, Harivarasanam

SPECIAL PUJA SCHEDULE

8:00 am Suprabhatham
8:45 am - 11:00 am Climbing of Holy Steps & Neyyabhishekam
11:00 am - Noon Alankaram, Bhajan
Sahasranamam, Ashtothram, Ayyappa Ashtakam, Kavacham,
Deeparadhana, Namaskaram, Padi Pattu, Deeparadhana, Temple Song

PLEASE NOTE - CLIMBING OF HOLY STEPS ONLY ON SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA DAYS.
Registration on temple website is mandatory. After registration devotee will be notified of reporting time to the temple.
To register click here
<https://www.ssvt.org/ayyappa-mandalam/>

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

9:30 am - 10:30 am Bimba Sudhi
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Praasatha Sudhi

Thursday, November 17, 2022

MANDALA UTSAVA AARAMBHAM

8:00 am - 9:00 am Ganapathi Homam
9:00 am - 9:30 am Dwaja Aarohanam
9:00 am - 1:00 pm SAHASRAABHISHEKAM, Ayyappa Puja, Deeparadhana
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm PADI PUJA,
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Athaazha Puja, Seeveli, Harivarasanam

Saturday, November 19, 2022

8:00 am - Noon Special Ayyappa Puja, **UDAYASTHAMANA PUJA**

Sunday, November 20, 2022

8:00 am - Noon Special Ayyappa Puja

Saturday, November 26, 2022

8:00 am - Noon Special Ayyappa Puja, **PUSHPAALANKARAM**

Sunday, November 27, 2022

8:00 am - Noon Special Ayyappa Puja
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm **PUSHPABHISHEKAM**, Seeveli, Harivarasanam

Saturday, December 3, 2022

8:00 am - Noon Special Ayyappa Puja, **NEYYABHISHEKAM**

Sunday, December 4, 2022

8:00 am - Noon Special Ayyappa Puja

Saturday, December 10, 2022

8:00 am - Noon Special Ayyappa Puja, **KALABHAABHISHEKAM**

Sunday, December 11, 2022

8:00 am - Noon Special Ayyappa Puja

Saturday, December 17, 2022

8:00 am - Noon Special Ayyappa Puja

Sunday, December 18, 2022

8:00 am - Noon Special Ayyappa Puja

Saturday, December 24, 2022

8:00 am - Noon Special Ayyappa Puja

Sunday, December 25, 2022

8:00 am - Noon Special Ayyappa Puja

Monday, December 26, 2022

8:00 am - Noon Special Ayyappa Puja

Tuesday, December 27, 2022

MANDALA PUJA

8:00 am - Noon Special Ayyappa Puja, Nirmalya Darshanam, Abhishekam,
MANDALA PUJA, Archana, Deeparadhana

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Bhajan, Sahasranama Stotram, Deeparadhana, Athazha Puja, **Seeveli with Thalapoli, Bhasmabhishekam**, Harivarasanam

Saturday, December 31, 2022

8:00 am - Noon Special Ayyappa Puja

Saturday, January 7, 2023

8:00 am - Noon Special Ayyappa Puja

Sunday, January 8, 2023

8:00 am - Noon Special Ayyappa Puja

Saturday, January 14, 2023

MAKARA VILAKKU

8:00 am - Noon Special Ayyappa Puja, **Makara Sankramabhishekam**, Archana, Deeparadhana

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm **Thiruvabharanam**, Deeparadhana, Sahasranama Stotram,
Seeveli with Thalapoli, Acharya Sambhavana, Bhasmabhishekam,
Harivarasanam,

Sunday, January 15, 2023

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Malikappurthamma Puja

Monday, January 16, 2023

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Malikappurthamma Puja

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Malikappurthamma Puja

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

9:30 am - 12:30 pm **Kalabha Puja & KALABHABHISHEKAM**

Thursday, January 19, 2023

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Bhajan, **Dwaja Avarohanam**, **GURUTHI PUJA**, Bhasmabhishekam,
Harivarasanam

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First Name	Last Name	Burth Star

Date(s) of Puja	Puja Sponsored	Amount
All Year	All Puja for Season & Monthly Puja	\$ 501.00
11/16/2022 – 01/19/2023	All Puja for Entire Season	\$ 351.00
See Schedule	All Special Ayyappa Puja	\$ 181.00
11/17/2022	MANDALOTSAVA AARAMBHAM	\$ 61.00
11/17/2022	PADI PUJA	\$ 31.00
11/27/2022	Pushpabhishekam	\$ 31.00
12/27/2022	MANDALA PUJA	\$ 61.00
01/14/2023	MAKARA SANKRANTHI	\$ 61.00
	One Day Weekend Special Puja	\$ 35.00
	One day Regular Puja	\$ 31.00
	Irumudi Abhishekam	\$ 31.00
	Annadhanam	\$
	Donation	\$
TOTAL Sponsorship (Check/Cash Enclosed):		\$

Please make check payable to SSVT

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AYYAPPA MANDALA - MAKAROTSAVAM

Austerities and Preparation required for the Pilgrimage to Ayyappa Sannidhi with Irumudi

Ayyappa Vratam

Devotees who wish to go to Sabarimala have to observe vratam (follow certain austerities) for one mandalam (41 days) to purify the mind and soul. On the first day of the month of Karthika/ Vrichikam (the middle of November), devotees wear the mudra maala and start the vratam.

Manthram to be chanted before wearing mudra maala

Gjaana Mudraam Saasthru Mudraam Guru Mudraam Namaamyaham
 Vana Mudraam Sudha Mudraam Rudra Mudraam Namaamyaham
 Saantha Mudraam Sathya Mudraam Vritham Mudraam Namaamyaham
 Sabaryaasrama Sathyena Mudraam Paathu Sathaapi Me
 Gurudakshinaaya Poorvam Thasyaanugraha Kaarine
 Saranaagatha Mudraakam Thvan Mudraam Dhaaraayaamyaham
 Chin Mudraam Khechari Mudraam Bhadra Mudraam Namaamyaham
 Sabaryaachala Mudraayay Namasthubhyam Namah

Devotees wear the mudra maala after chanting the above manthram

Manthram to remove mudra maala

Apoorvam Achaalaroha Divya Darsanakaarana
 Saasthrumudraath Makaadeva Dehi Me Vrithamochanam

Devotees remove the mudra maala after chanting the manthram. The mudra maala and Irumudi be kept under the feet of Lord Ayyappa and used again.

“SWAMIYE SARANAM AYYAPPA”

Important austerities to be observed during vratam

- Observe Brahmacharyam during the vratam
- Always start the conversation with “Swami Saranam”
- Take shower twice daily and chant the names of Lord Ayyappa
- Control your temper and be kind to others
- Consume only freshly cooked vegetarian food
- Do not smoke or consume alcoholic beverages
- Attend Puja either at the temple or wherever conducted
- Treat your body, mind and intellect as the abode of Ayyappa

How to prepare irumudi (in brief)

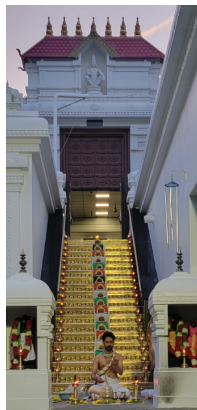
After performing Ayyappa Puja, fill the mudra coconut with melted ghee. If you are a Kanni Ayyappan or Kanni Maalikappuram (first timer), Guruswamy will help you to fill the mudra coconut with ghee. Mudra coconut and other Pujaitems must be placed in the front pocket of the Irumudi and the other two coconuts must be placed in the rear pocket. Always keep chanting the names of Lord Ayyappa while preparing the Irumudi. Never place the Irumudi on the floor; always place it on a towel and treat it with Bhakthi.

Irumudi Items

ITEMS	QTY	COMMENTS
I. MUNMUDI (FRONT)		
01. Kanikka panam (coin)	1	-
02. Beetel Leaf	1	-
03. Areca Nut - Supari	1	-
04. Mudra coconut with Ghee	1	The shell has to be polished drained by removing the middle eye of the coconut; find a cork to tightly seal the opened eye
05. Honey	1bottle	Plastic; small
06. Turmeric Powder	1 packet	Small Packet
07. Sandal -		Few tablets or powder
08. Vibhoothi	1 packet	Small Packet
09. Rose Water	1bottle	Plastic; small
II. PINMUDI (BACK)		
01. Coconut	2(Min)	One to break before climbing Holy Steps and one to break after coming down the Steps after puja
02. Rice	1 packet	Small Packet
03. Avil	1 packet	Extra small zip lock
04. Malar	1 packet	Extra small zip lock
05. Kadali pazham or Jaggery	1	1 small piece
06. Kalkandam (Sugar Candy)	-	Few tablets
07. Dry Grape	1 packet	Extra small zip lock
08. Kumkum	1 packet	Small Packet
09. Camphor	-	Few tablets

For Further Information email ssvt.ayyappa@gmail.com or contact by phone: Suresh Babu 301-330-5533, BT Nivas 703-635-4939, Ekambar Bomma 702-527-8692, Theo Meyyappan 443-756-4466

MONTHLY AYYAPPA PADI PUJA AND IRUMUDI ABHISHEKAM



Consequent to the Installation and consecration of the Panchaloha Kavacham for the 18 Holy Steps, Sri Siva Vishnu Temple will be conducting monthly PADI PUJA and Irumudi Abhishekam and Puja from April to October every year. This will enable devotees to take Irumudi and climb the Holy steps during warm weather.

Devotees can prepare Irumudi at the temple. Please email ssvt.ayyappa@gmail.com for additional details.

Sponsorship:

All Monthly PADI PUJAS (From April to October) - \$501.00
 Monthly PADI PUJA - \$101.00
 Irumudi Abhishekam and Puja - \$91.00 (Irumudi provided by Temple)
 Irumudi Abhishekam and Puja - \$31.00 (Irumudi provided by devotee)

Please click below to sponsor:

<https://www.cognitiforms.com/SriSivaVishnuTemple/MonthlyAyyappaPadiPuja>

Swamiye Saranam Ayyappa!!

To receive email notifications about the ayyappa pujas please join ssvtayyappa google group by sending an email to ssvtayyappa+subscribe@googlegroups.com and by replying to the auto-response email to confirm joining the group. Note that clicking on join this group on the auto response email does not work.



Vaikuntha Ekadashi

Sunday January 1st to
Monday January 2nd, 2023

Vaikuntha Ekadashi is the most important Ekadashi of the year. On this day, devotees walk through the Vaikuntha Dwaara (a special gate to Vaikuntha) of Temples. This is a symbolic event, that signifies the belief that devotee can be closer to the Lord by observing special sadhanas such as fasting and remembering Lord on Vaikuntha Ekadashi day

In tune with this tradition, SSVT offers an opportunity for devotees to have Sameepa Darshanam (seeing the Lord at a close distance) by allowing the devotees to climb up the steps leading to Ananthapadmanabha. This sameepa darshanam will be available **ONLY** on the Vaikuntha Ekadashi day, Monday, January 2, 2023. All devotees can make use of this opportunity





Program Details

Sunday January 1, 2023, 07:30 pm

Anugnay, Vishwaksena Aradhana, Vasudeva Punyahavachanam, Raksha Bandanam, Mrisangrahanam, Ankurarpanam, Kalasa Sthapanam, Aradhana, Archana, Saatumurai Mahamangalahaarati, Teerthaprasada Viniyogam

Monday January 2, 2023, 8:00 am

Vaikuntha Ekadashi Day

Suprabatham, Sri Ashtakshari Moola Mantra Homam, Mahapoornahuti, Sri Ananthapadmanabha Nava Kalasabhishekam, GadyaTrayam Parayanam, Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam, Archana, Deeparadhana, Procession within the temple, Vaikuntha Dwaara Puja, Vaikuntha Dwaara Pravesham, Bali Haranam, Saatumurai, Mahamangalahaarati, Sameepadarshanam, Teerthaprasada Viniyogam
1:00 pm Prasadam Distribution.

Continuous Sahasranama Parayanam till temple closes

Sponsorships

One Day Puja - \$91

Homa - \$31

Abhisheka - \$31

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All Vastrams for Vaikuntha Ekadashi

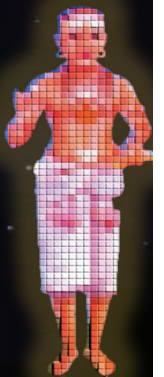
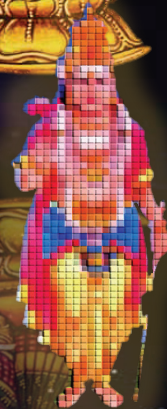
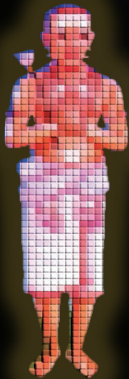
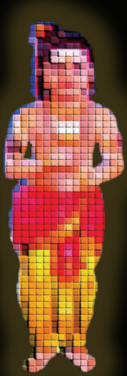
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Ananthapadmanabha	\$51	Mahalakshmi	\$41
Venkateswara	\$51	Andal	\$31
Sita Rama Set	\$51	Narasimha	\$25
Utsava Vishnu Set	\$51	Prakara & Utsava Narasimha	\$25
Utsava Srinivasa Set	\$51	Garuda	\$15
Krishna	\$41		

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Arudra Darshanam



Friday, January 6, 2023

**6:00 am Ganesha Puja, Nataraja Abhishekam,
Archana, Deeparadhana
Nataraja procession within the temple**

Sponsorship: \$31



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Marghazi Festivities

SSVT CELEBRATES THE DIVINE ĀNDĀL KALYANAM ON JANUARY 15th, 2023

mattaḷam koṭṭa varicaṅgam niṇṇūda

muttuḍai tāmam nirai tāzhnda
pandarkīzh

maittuṇaṇ nambi madusūdaṇ vandu
eṇṇai

kaittalam paṇṇa kaṇā kaṇḍēṇ tōzhī nāṇ

Āndāl says to her friend – ‘He came
into the marriage hall that was

decorated with pearl garlands hanging from the ceiling. As He came there was the beating of drums and blowing of conches. He came to take my hand into His’. (A verse from *Nacchiyar Tirumozhi*)



Date and Time: SUNDAY JANUARY 15, 2023

8:00 AM - Suprabhatam, Āndāl Abhishekam, Tiruppavai recitation, Archana and Deeparadhana

Followed by

10.30 AM Divine Thirukalyanam of Goddess Āndāl (Kodai) with Lord Ranganatha

(Kalyana Tambulam packets for sponsors will be available at the completion of the Kalyana Utsavam)

12.30 to 2.30 PM Annadaanam

Please click on the link to sponsor:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/SriSivaVishnuTemple/AndalKalyanam>

Sponsorship: \$51 both Abhishekam & Kalyanam



Vastram Sponsorships



Sponsorship
Moolavar Vastram - \$45
Kalyana Vastram - \$45

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Maha Sivaratri

Saturday, February 18, 2023



Maha Sivaratri morning puja will start with Ganesha Puja and Rudra homam 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



Program Details

Morning Puja

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

3:15 pm	Ganesha Puja, Kalasam and Shanka Sthaapanam, Yagasala Puja, Mahanyasam, 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 Nama 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 Abhishekam, Trishati Archana (300 Names Archana)
3:30 am	Deeparadhana and Bhajans

Fourth Kaala Puja

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



Puja Sponsorship

Sponsorship Level	Amount
Rudra Homam & All 4 Kaala Pujas	\$151
All 4 Kaala Pujas	\$125
First Kaala Puja	\$75
2nd or 3rd or 4th Kaala Puja	\$31
Rudra Homam & Morning Puja	\$31

Puja Materials Sponsorship

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

Apples	Oranges	Bananas	Vilva Patram
Coconut	Grapes	Coconut Water	Honey
Ghee	Turmeric Powder	Yogurt	Rice flour
Garlands	Mango Leaves	Vibuthi	Milk
Loose Flowers	Rose water	Sandalwood Powder	

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Vastram Sponsorships



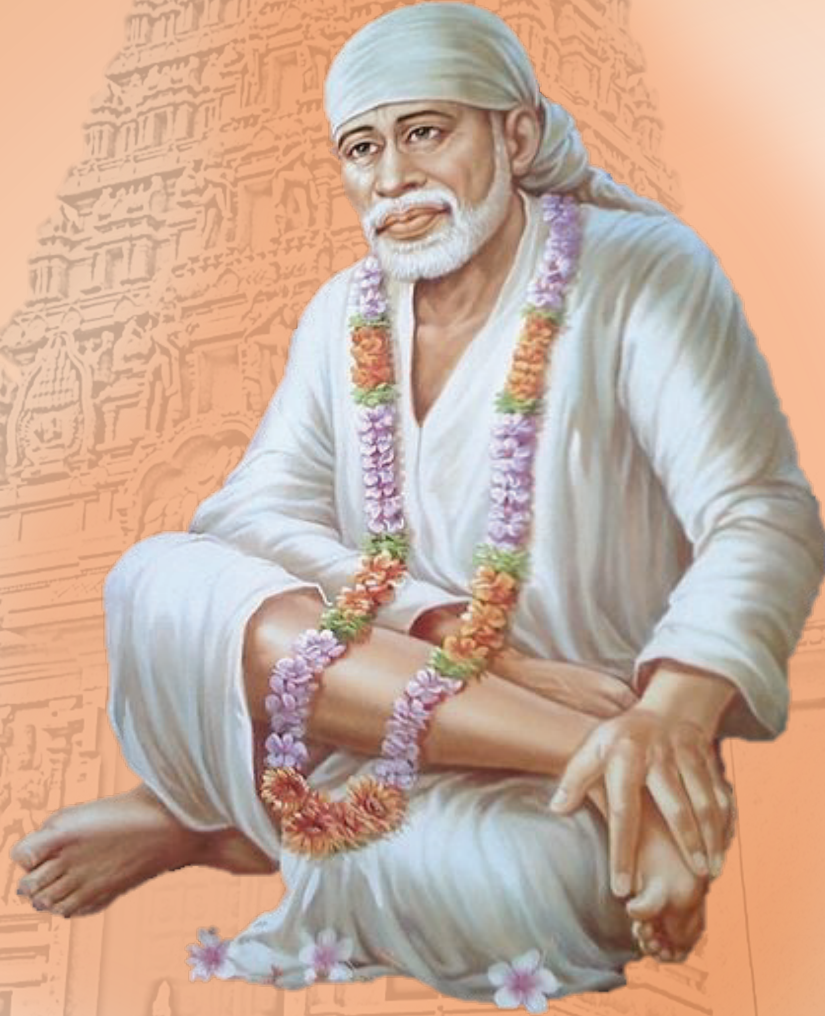
Vastram Sponsorships	Amount
All Sivaratri Vastrams	\$108
1st Kaalam Siva Silk Dhoti & Silk Prabhavali	\$51
2nd Kaalam Dhoti	\$35
3 rd Kaalam Dhoti	\$25
4th Kaalam Silk Dhoti	\$41
Utsava Siva & Parvati Vastrams	\$51
Parvati Mulava Silk Saree	\$35
Chandikeswara & Nandhikeswara Vastram	\$15 (Each)

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Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Bajan at SSVT

First Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm



For more information please contact

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Sri Siva Vishnu Temple Educational Class Offerings				Fall 2022 Operation Status
Class/Program	Day(s)	Time	Age Level	-
Family Dharma Class	Sunday	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	All ages	Hybrid
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

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Educational Program on Hindu Culture

Balavidyalayam is dedicated to educating children about Hindu practices, distilling essential Hindu values and teaching children to incorporate them in their everyday life in the US. While teachers strive to maintain the integrity of Hindu teachings, their dedication is to foster a child's curiosity & interest in an ancient tradition – a way of life that follows an eternal code of dharma, Sanatana dharma. Using a strong program built on Samskritha verses, Indian mythology, music, arts & games, teachers inspire students to inquire into their cultural & social relevance. The emphasis is on an engaging & responsive teaching style that encourages children to learn traditional practices while concurrently developing a clear individual culture that embodies Hindu dharma. The curriculum focuses on four components with age-appropriate content:

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

Time & Location: Sundays, 10am - 12pm (Eastern US) via Zoom + 1 monthly class at SSVT

Class fee: Donation to SSVT **Ages:** Pre-K - Grade 8

Teaching Assistants (TAs): Grades 9 - 12 (SSL hours provided)

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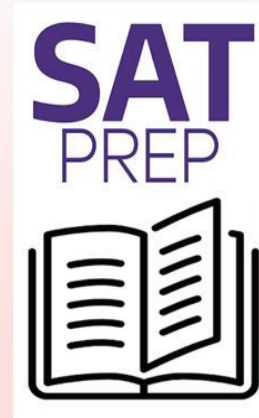
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UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

Date & Time	Event / Artist	Venue & Admission Fee
January 14, 2023; All Day	Sankranti Dance Festival	Auditorium/Free
January 28/29, 2023	40th Annual Tyagaraja Aradhana Pancharatnam practice begins on 12/10/2022 Please contact Raghu Tumkur (240-476-5411), J Shivakumar (703-627-2241), or cultural@ssvt.org for details.	Auditorium/Free

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>

The 40th annual
SSVT Tyagaraja Aradhana
will be held on
JANUARY 28/29 2022
IN THE SSVT AUDITORIUM.



- * Pancharatnam Rendition
- * Individual Singing
- * Mini-Concerts
- * Lecture Demonstrations
- * Main Concerts

*Please watch out for the registration announcement
in the SSVT Email Blast*

Please join in celebrating the life of the great composer!

Spirituality in Indian Classical Music and Dance

November 12, 2022

All good things start with a good idea. The idea was to create a program where two of our devotee committees could work together. This set up for a challenge for the Education and Cultural Committees – to work together in making a creative, thoughtfully developed program to complement our competencies.

The Education Committee mostly serves our devotees through classes (including the Family Dharma Class, Yoga, SAT Prep, and others) and discourses on Dharma and Spirituality. The Cultural Committee Music and Dance – celebrating all the festivals with performances. Combining the two, the topic of the event was titled “Spirituality in Indian Classical Music and Dance.”

The Education Committee took the lead and put in a lot of work in planning the event. Artists representing the different genres were identified by both Committees and schedules were worked out. The topics for the panel discussions were finalized.

On November 12, 2022, the event started at 11 am with a welcome address by the Temple Chairperson, Murali Elambilan. The first program was an energetic presentation on Namasamkeertanam by Vignesh Subramaniam and his young students. Vignesh spoke about how this form of music would be held for several days with a large group of people. He highlighted the spiritual aspects of this form of music.

The next program was a Kathak dance performance by Purvi Bhatt and her students. Purvi highlighted the evolution of the dance form over centuries and demonstrated it using different pieces. She also spoke about the influences of different time periods on the dance form.



This was followed by a presentation on Bharathanatyam by Vidya Shankaranarayanan.



Next was a Panel Discussion on Expression & Experience of Spirituality in Indian Performing Arts. Aparna Ramaswamy set the tone for the discussion by suggesting some ideas. The discussion was moderated by Lakshmi Swaminathan. The other panelists were J. Shivakumar, Vidya Shankaranarayanan and Purvi Bhat. The panelists spoke about their experiences of spirituality with their art forms.

After a quick break, it was the turn of J Shivakumar to present ‘Raga & Bhakti in Carnatic Music’.

After this was the presentation on ‘Rasa: Essence of Emotion’ in Kuchupudi by Anuradha Nehru and her student.

This was followed by an instrumental presentation on Veena by Hari Kapiyoor on ‘Bhavam in Music through Ragam and Laya’. Hari spoke about how based on the lyrics and context of the song, the appropriate raga and pace (Laya) are very important. He demonstrated them with examples.

It was time for the second panel discussion of the day. Once again, Aparna Ramaswamy set the tone for the discussion as before and this time the moderator was Gokul Chandramouli. The other panelists were Lisa Santhanam, Anuradha Nehru and Sudeshna Basu.

Spirituality in Indian Classical Music and Dance

November 12, 2022

Following the panel discussion, Lisa Santhanam and her student gave an excellent presentation on the topic of Bhakti in Odissi.

The day concluded with a soulful presentation on Hindustani and Rabindra Sangeet by Sudeshna Basu.

One of the families that stayed through the event said that the information presented through the day was priceless. The video of the event on YouTube has been garnering a steady stream of viewers. In all, a unique and successful event was held under the banner of two SSVT Committees.

Photos from the program:





Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

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