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Sri Siva Vishnu Temple wishes all devotees and volunteers a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

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.

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.

7:00 am Suprabhatam

7:30 am Ananthapadmanabha and Ayyappa Abhishekas

8:00 am Siva Abhisheka

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

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 Maanickavasagar, will be recited daily during the Hindu "Dhanu" month (December 16, 2022 - January 13, 2023) at 9:30 am.

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, January 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 Anugnay, 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, Mahapoornahuti, 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 Sahasranama Parayanam until temple closes

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

Arudra 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

6:00 pm Thiruvabharanam, Deeparadhana, Sahasranama Stotram, Seeveli with Thalappoli, Acharya Sambhavana, Bhasmabhishekam, Harivarasanam, Annadanam by Devotees

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RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

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
Fri 13	10:00 AM Sarada Abhisheka
Sat 14	MAKARA SANKRANTI / MAKARA VILAKKU / THAI PONGAL / SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA - SEE DETAILS
Sun 15	ANDAL KALYANAM - SEE DETAILS
10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja
7:00 PM	Mallikapurathamma Puja
Mon 16	9:30 AM Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Homa - Swathi
10:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka - Swathi
7:00 PM	Mallikapurathamma Puja
Tue 17	10:00 AM Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Vishakha
7:00 PM	Mallikapurathamma Puja
7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi ** - changed from calendar
Wed 18	9:30 AM Ayyappa Kalaba Puja and Kalaabhisheka
Thu 19	10:00 AM Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula
7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
7:00 PM	Guruthi Puja
Fri 20	10:00 AM Parvati Abhisheka
7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
7:15 PM	Parvathi Puja
8:00 PM	Mahalakshmi Puja

Sun 22	9:30 AM Navagraha Homa
10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shravana
10:30 AM	Navagraha Abhisheka
Tue 24	9:30 AM Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
10:30 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi
Wed 25	VASANTA PANCHAMI - SEE DETAILS
Thu 26	10:00 AM Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Fri 27	RATHA SAPTHAMI - SEE DETAILS
10:00 AM	Durga Abhisheka
7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sun 29	MADHVA NAVAMI - SEE DETAILS
10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Kritika
Tue 31	10:00 AM Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi

February 2023

Thu 2	7:00 PM Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Fri 3	10:00 AM Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sat 4	THAI POOSAM - SEE DETAILS
5:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Poomima
6:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Wed 8	9:30 AM Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
7:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi
Thu 9	10:00 AM Ayyappa Puja - Uttara Phalguni

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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

Annual and Lifetime Puja Sponsorship

एकं सद्दिप्रा 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

Namaste Devotees!

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish you and your family a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year! A new year is a time for a fresh start, full of hope for what is to come and an opportunity to reflect on our past. We had a very successful 2022 at SSVT. While we made tremendous progress in achieving our goals - improving devotee satisfaction, move forward on major capital projects, and complete pending projects - we still have more to do, including finishing the Sai Aradhana Center (SAC). Our temple has been in existence for over 40 years. It started in a house called 'Balalaya' (located on the left as soon as your turn into our driveway and parking lot.) We are working to turn that house in to the SAC - to welcome many more devotees to our temple.

The temple has grown to the current architectural marvel by the sheer hard work and dedication of several thousands of volunteers and our staff members. I take this opportunity to salute all our volunteers and staff including our founder trustees; without their initiative, our temple wouldn't be what it is today. SSVT serves the needs of its 25,000 plus congregation in many ways. For some, it's a beacon of hope for their religious activities while for others, it's a cultural center that promotes the rich and varied Indian culture that are integral part of Hindu religion. For a few, it's an education center that provides opportunity to orient their children to learn Bhagawat Gita and Yoga. For our Ayyappa devotees, it is the "Sabarimala of the West" as we try to replicate most of the services provided at Sabarimala.

In order to protect and preserve this great institution, the management has launched an ambitious plan of creating an endowment fund of \$30 million by 2030. None of us is immortal but every one of us can live for ever through our temple by being part of its endowment fund as it provides a permanent resource to support the community you care about for generations to come. SSVT is a temple for today and for future. To achieve this goal, an endowment committee has been established under the leadership of Dr. Siva Subramanian, one of our founder Trustees and a long term volunteer. Please contribute generously to this cause; even a small donation can make a big impact.

We have grand plans for this year's New Year celebrations starting from 7 am on January 1st followed by Vaikuntha Ekadasi on Monday, January 2nd. Devotees will have an opportunity for 'sameepa-darshanam-seeing Lord Anantha Padmanabha at a close distance. Looking ahead to February, we are planning to celebrate Sivaratri with all the pomp and circumstance including the 4 Kaala puja throughout the day and night.

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
2023 Chairperson, Board of Trustees
Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

Veda Parayanam for Lord Ayyappa

Please join Ananth's Veda Group (AVG) in recitation of Veda Parayanam for Lord Ayyappa on Saturday, January 7th 2023 at 9:00 AM, as part of Ayyappa Mandala-Makara season celebrations.

Please email Sri Sudhakar Vinjamuri for more information at ranga_vs@hotmail.com or by phone at (646) 339-2034. Thank you!

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 Suprabhatam

8:30 am Andal Abhisheka, Tiruppavai recitation, Archana, Deeparadhana

10:30 am Divine Kalyanam Utsavam of Goddess Andal with Lord Ranganatha

12:30 pm Annadaanam

Sponsorship: \$51

Vasanta Panchami

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

10:00 am Sri Sharada Abhisheka

7:00 pm Vidyarambham

Sponsorship: \$31 - Abhisheka or Vidyarambham

Ratha Saptami

Friday, January 27, 2023

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

Sponsorship: \$51

Madhva Navami

Sunday, January 29, 2023

10:00 am Purvanga Puja, Abhisheka to Sri Krishna, Anjaneya and Madhwacharya (in Shrine), Archana, Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$41

Thai Poosam

Saturday, February 4, 2023

10:00 am Kavadi and Paal Kudam procession within the temple

10:30 am Subrahmanya Abhisheka, group bhajans during alankara

12:30 pm Archana, Deeparadhana, Prasadam distribution and Annadhanam

6:00 pm Subrahmanya Sahasranama Archana, Vishesh Aarati

Sponsorship: \$51 - Entire Day Puja; \$31 - Morning Puja, OR Evening Puja OR Paal Kudam and Kavadi Sponsorship

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 Satyanaryana Puja

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

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

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 were adorned to deities will be available for purchase on January 1, 2023, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm or as long as supplies last

2022 Chairperson's Report

Murali Elambilan, Chairperson

One of the special features of our temple is that it has a well-established governance structure that consists of the General Council (GC), Governance Board (GB), and a 17-member Board of Trustees (BOT). There are several volunteer-run operational committees and task forces to carry out the temple functions, that are overseen by the BOT. The roles, and responsibilities of the governance structure is well guided by SSVT Deed of Trust, Bylaws, Operations Manual, and any amendments thereto. The financials are subject to statutory financial audit every year. All of these efforts ensures complete transparency and compliance in decision making.

2022 was a phenomenal year for Sri Siva Vishnu Temple as we moved forward past the COVID-19 pandemic strongly in all fronts. In fact, the lessons we learned from the pandemic period better prepared us to meet any kind of strategic challenges. While prioritizing cost management, our main focus for 2022 was to always to provide the best devotee experience for all, with an emphasis on devotee satisfaction and the most authentic religious services.

Mahotsavam

The Sri Rama Bhakti Samrajya Mahotsavam was celebrated from Saturday, August 6 through Sunday, August 14, 2022. Several religious, educational, and cultural events for Sri Rama were conducted as part of the Mahotsavam, including devotee participatory pujas in the six-weekends leading up to the nine-day mahotsavam in August.

Pujas on all nine days were performed under the guidance of our Pradhana Vaishnava Acharya Sri Koti Ramaswarupa Raghavacharyulu, Chief Priest, Bhadrachalam Sri Sita Ramachandra Temple in Telangana along with Sri Vishnu Vardhan, another learned Acharya from India, and our Temple Acharyas. The Mahotsavam was concluded with the celebration of Rama Pattaabhishekam on Sunday, August 14, 2022.

Additionally, Srimad Valmiki Ramayana Parayanam was chanted in the mornings, and U. Ve. Sri Dushyanth Sridhar presented discourses in the evening on Ramayanam in English on all nine days of the Mahotsavam.

The Mahotsavam was preceded by a well-attended Marquee concert by Padma Bhushan Smt. Sudha Raghunathan in July.

Monthly Ayyappa Padi Puja

As part of the 25th anniversary of Ayyappa Kumbhabhishekam, Panchaloha Kavacham for the Holy 18 steps was adorned in November 2021. As an endeavor to provide the most authentic service and true to our reputation as the "Sabarimala of the West," we started offering monthly padi puja and irumudi abhishekam starting from April 2022 with the exception of winter months. We look forward to resuming this service in 2023.

Consular Camp @ SSVT

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 have 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 make this an annual event benefiting several of our devotees and others residing in this area.

Capital Projects

From the beginning of 2022, we vigorously pursued several pending projects that had been suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we made some significant progress. A contract for the long pending HVAC replacement project was awarded and finalized with Protec Construction, Inc. after a rigorous vetting process. The project is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2023. The Board of Trustees has decided to upgrade the main level

flooring with granite tiles to create a welcoming and aesthetically pleasing atmosphere for our devotees. The project was awarded to the vendor Elegant Granites after strictly following the processes and procedures laid out by the BOT. These two projects are projected to cost about \$2.2 million for the temple over the next 12 months.

Earlier in the year we completed the much-awaited LED lighting project. All lighting throughout the temple is now LED - and we have saved on our utilities bills from this effort. Late last summer, we installed a children's playground that offers a fun, interactive environment for our children between the ages of 5 to 12 years old to connect with each other. Lastly, we also resurfaced our temple parking lots and driveways in mid-November.

Employee Children's Education Fund

Like any other organization, our employees are the backbone of our temple. As part of our efforts to keep the employee morale high, we created the "Employee Children Education Fund" to help the children of our full-time staff to defray some of the tuition fees during their undergraduate studies. The policies and procedures for determining eligibility and disbursement of funds was approved by the Board of Trustees. This fund is intended only for this specific purpose, and I am glad to report that we have processed student applications this year and disbursed funds. This will be an ongoing effort that will be sustained by donations - disbursements will only occur as long as there are funds.

Acknowledgments

I am thankful to many people for a successful year. Our temple is blessed with thousands of faithful devotees who offer their best to sustain and support the growth of this temple. We also have hundreds of selfless and committed volunteers who always go above and beyond to support the temple's needs. Our Pradhana Acharyas and priests help us to provide the best and most authentic religious services for the devotees. I am grateful as well for the administrative staff members and cooks who are invaluable in keeping our temple and kitchen running every day. Lastly, I would like to express my immense gratitude to the tireless Board of Trustees and the General Council members for their excellent support and guidance during this year. I look forward to their continued support in the new year!

2022 Operations Report

Raji Ramesh, Vice Chairperson of Operations

Firstly, I would like to thank the temple staff, volunteers, and committee members for their hard work to help our temple ease back into normal operations in this near post-COVID era. It was a pleasure to work with a dedicated group of people who have our temple in their best interests at all times. Devotees have resumed visiting our temple for pujas and prayers and to seek solace from our temple. In-person cultural, and educational activities have resumed, with the temple seeing hundreds of people week after week.

On the religious services front, we organized and celebrated all the pujas and festivities with great pomp and circumstance. Devotees came in the thousands for Sivarathri, Ugadi, Tamil & Tulu New Year, Sri Venkateshwara Brahmotsavam, Siva Brahmotsavam, Rama Mahotsavam, Onam, Navarathri, Deepavali, and Ayyappa Mandala season. Under the auspicious guidance of our Pradhana Vaishnava Acharya Sri Ramakoti Swaroopa from Bhadrachalam, we held a successful nine-day Rama Mahotsavam which culminated with a Rama Pattaabhishekam and procession around the temple. It was attended by hundreds of devotees who received the special blessings during the Mahotsavam. Navarathri celebrations included the grand 11 step Golu and 108 Vastram alankara for the deities. Devotees thronged to see the beautiful decorations. Diwali celebrations showcased the grand fireworks that enthralled hundreds of devotees.

We were fortunate and blessed to have visits from various religious leaders including Mahamahopadhyaya Bhadrashdas

Swami - a Sanskrit scholar, and an ordained Swami of the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha and Shri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji of Puthige Matha, Udipi. Various Religious discourses were held including: Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Pravachanam in Telugu By Brahma Sri Samavedam Shanmukha Sarma garu; Ramayana Navaham by Sri. Dushyanth Sridhar; and Yoga and meditation sessions by Swami Mukundananda.

The Cultural Committee organized and held various carnatic and Hindustani artists throughout the year. These included Padma Bhushan Sudha Raghunathan, Vidhushi Amritha Murali, and Gayathri Venkataraghavan. The Education Committee resumed many in-person classes to a hybrid format, including Family Dharma Class, Yoga class, and SAT Prep class. These programs were well attended and we received a positive reception from our devotees. A first for this year was a cross-collaboration program between the Education Committee and Cultural Committee - Spirituality in Indian Classical Music and Dance, which was well received.

On the Temple infrastructure and staff housing maintenance side - both routine and ad-hoc maintenance activities were completed. Three staff houses were remodeled and made more energy efficient. This is an ongoing effort which will continue into 2023 for the remaining staff houses. LED lighting was installed throughout the temple. Efforts are underway to change the lighting at the staff housing as well to LED. Air duct cleaning was completed for the temple and staff housing. The children's playground was cleaned up and new playground equipment was installed for families to enjoy the space in front of the temple. The temple parking lot and driveway surrounding the immediate temple was resurfaced, and the concrete sidewalks were leveled and repaired to improve pedestrian safety. Leaks from the roof and the outer prakara were addressed by professional assistance. Annual maintenance and certification of our elevator, kitchen, and fire safety was conducted. The temple gardens continue to be maintained by a devoted group of volunteers.

The Operations Committee has met frequently to plan for future programs, and address any concerns. The Executive Committee, and members of the BOT have continually met with the priests to discuss upcoming programs, address concerns and maintain an open communication with everyone.

I sincerely thank the devotee committee coordinators for their steadfast support of our temple operations. Along with their committee members, they volunteer their time without anything in return. I am humbled by the selfless dedication our volunteers have for our temple and I look forward to serving as our Vice Chairperson of Operations in the new year!

2022 Human Resources & Policy Report

Padma Tipirneni, Vice Chairperson of Human Resources & Policy

As part of a revision to the Temple Bylaws (that was ratified by the General Council in 2021), the role of the Vice Chairperson of Policy was revised to include Human Resources and Policy. The reason behind this change was to accommodate the growing needs of employee related issues and streamlining the process and procedures to address them delicately while maintaining high employee morale.

From the HR & Policy perspective this year has been a very fruitful year. All changes were discussed at length with numerous stakeholders including staff and approved by the BOT. This year, we moved all staff to a Kaiser Permanente group policy which was beneficial to both staff and the temple from a cost savings perspective.

We also updated the employee handbook, employee contracts, and expanded their health benefits to include dental and vision.

We updated the leave policy and provided clarity on the bereavement policy to include extended family. Also travel related to bereavement has been reviewed and revised. All these policy changes were discussed with all staff and put in action with their concurrence and BOT approval.

A major change to the leave policy was aligning leave accrual to the calendar year instead of our fiscal year and ensure all federal holiday leaves are used during the calendar year. Staff are also limited in the amount of comp time and comp days they can carry over to the following calendar year.

A major policy accomplishment for 2022 was establishing a BOT led Salary Review Board to analyze the current compensation of all positions at the temple and ensure it meets or exceeds comparable positions at temples regionally and nationally. Led by Krishnaswamy Mama, myself, the Chairperson and two other Trustees, we collected input from the EC, employees, advisors, former trustees, as well as leadership from other temples on their practices regarding comp time, sambhavana, and other key metrics. The aim of this review was to keep things simple and uniform and maintain parity amongst all employees. It established a fixed percentage annual increase along with a small merit-based percentage to avoid subjective and arbitrary decisions. The policy also addresses anniversary-based increases. The Salary Review Board recommendations were discussed and approved by the BOT with an effective date of July 1, 2022. Going forward, this revised salary structure will be adhered to in the hiring process for any employee and can only be changed after BOT approval.

Other policy accomplishments include formalizing donations to the temple in-cash or in-kind: anything donated to the temple is temple property at the point of donation. Conditions cannot be set with any donation; the temple cannot accept the donation if strings are attached. Another policy accomplishment is establishing the policies and guidelines for the Employee Children's Education Fund. The BOT instituted this fund with the sole objective to support the children of all SSVT full time staff for their higher education. The need was realized when children of a few SSVT Employees started attending College and needed financial assistance. This policy document defines the scope and eligibility for receiving this scholarship.

With the increase in devotee attendance, we also brought on part-time staff to assist with procurement and inventory management, as well as manage the front desk during the week. We also hired two new cooks to support our kitchen prasadam preparation. Additional positions across the temple will be filled as the need arises and with BOT approval - to help improve devotee services. I thank the Board of Trustees, our temple volunteers and our priests and staff for their continued support to help our temple serve all devotees. I look forward to what is to come in the coming year for our temple.

2022 Treasurer's Report

Bangalore Ravindra , Treasurer

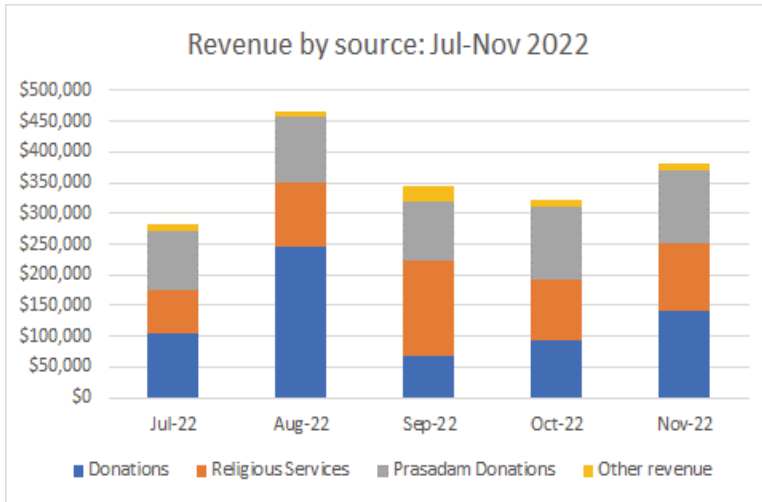
SSVT has made significant strides throughout 2022 to return to normalcy coming off of the COVID-19 pandemic. Major religious, cultural, and educational programs were well attended throughout the year. Many thanks to our devotees and donors for their contributions throughout the year.

Following a trend from September 2021, donations and request for religious services has continued to increase, resulting in a revenue growth rate that is comparable to pre-pandemic numbers. While most of the cost management measures that were implemented in the last couple of years remains in place, we are committed to invest selectively in areas where it is necessary to meet the needs of devotee services and long-term interest of the temple.

Revenue:

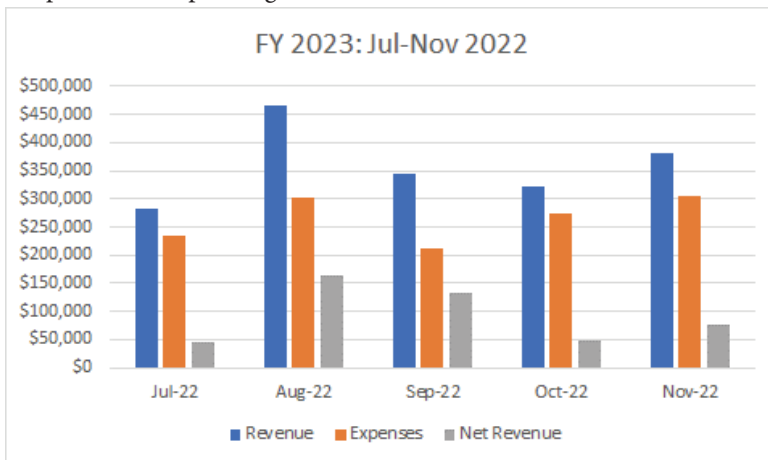
Revenues have continued steady increase and are now comparable

to pre-pandemic levels. As shown in the chart below, of the three primary revenue sources, donations make up 36% of the revenue while religious services and prasadam donations make up 30% each.



Expenses:

While we have continued the strong cost management steps implemented by the BOT since the start of the pandemic, we have started to invest selectively in some areas. These include interior painting, LED lighting, equipment/ground maintenance contracts, temple repair, priests housing repair, resurfacing the temple parking lot and driveways and the addition of children playground equipment. With increased revenue and managed costs, for each of the month thru November this year, we have had positive net operating revenue.



Endowment:

This year, the Finance Committee recommended the temple make a 5% monthly contribution of the gross operating revenue to our endowment and the BOT approved this measure. We started these monthly contributions at the start of FY2023. As of November month-end, the endowment balances are relatively the same as compared to the prior year, though additional contributions included 5% monthly contribution and the life time puja sponsorships contributions to the endowment fund.

Capital Projects and Major Initiatives:

The following projects are in different stages of planning and implementation. The BOT is committed to taking these projects to completion to meet expectations from our devotees.

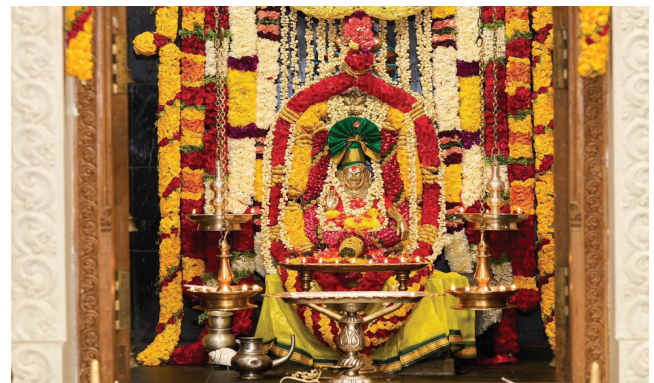
1. HVAC Replacement (~\$1.6M): contractor selected, new equipment orders are in progress - project completion slated for end of 2023.
2. Granite Flooring (\$~500k) - contractor selected, finalizing the design, colors, and procuring the material - project com-

pletion slated for mid-2023.

3. Temple Roof and Prakaara Repairs (\$~400k) - Engineering Committee Review is in progress regarding next steps - project completion slated for first half of 2023.
4. Sai Aradhana Center and Meditation Hall (SAC) (~\$500k) - permits are in progress with Prince George's County.
5. Lot line Adjustments (~\$200k) - dependent on SAC completion.

I thank the BOT, and our donors - no amount is too small for our temple. Your contributions during the pandemic as well as sponsorship of our religious pujas help sustain our temple for the future. Thank you!

Scenes from Ayyappa Mandala Puja





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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

2022-2023 SSVT AYYAPPA MANDALA MAKARA SANKRANTI PUJA SPONSORSHIP FORM



Family Name: _____
 Gothram: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 E-mail: _____

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 SANKRANTI	\$ 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

FOR REGISTRATION AND SPONSORSHIP: <https://www.ssvt.org/ayyappa-mandalam/>

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)

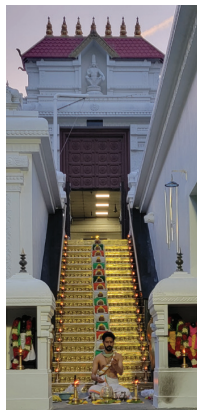
After performing Ayyappa Puja, fill the mudra coconut with melted ghee. If you are a Kanni Ayyappan or Kanni Maalikappuram (first timer), Guruswamy will help you to fill the mudra coconut with ghee. Mudra coconut and other Pujaitems must be placed in the front pocket of the Irumudi and the other two 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.cognitofirms.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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Vastram Sponsorships



All Vastrams for Vaikuntha Ekadashi

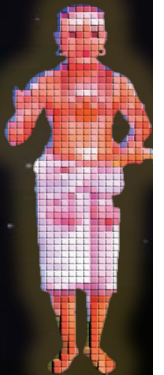
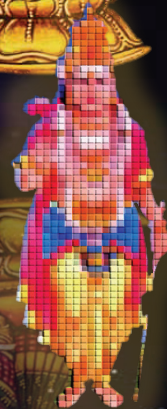
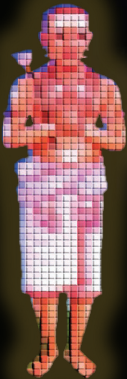
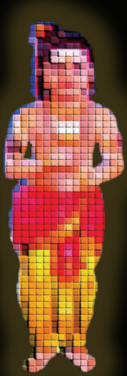
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Ananthapadmanabha	\$51	Mahalakshmi	\$41
Venkateswara	\$51	Andal	\$31
Sita Rama Set	\$51	Narasimha	\$25
Utsava Vishnu Set	\$51	Prakara & Utsava Narasimha	\$25
Utsava Srinivasa Set	\$51	Garuda	\$15
Krishna	\$41		

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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



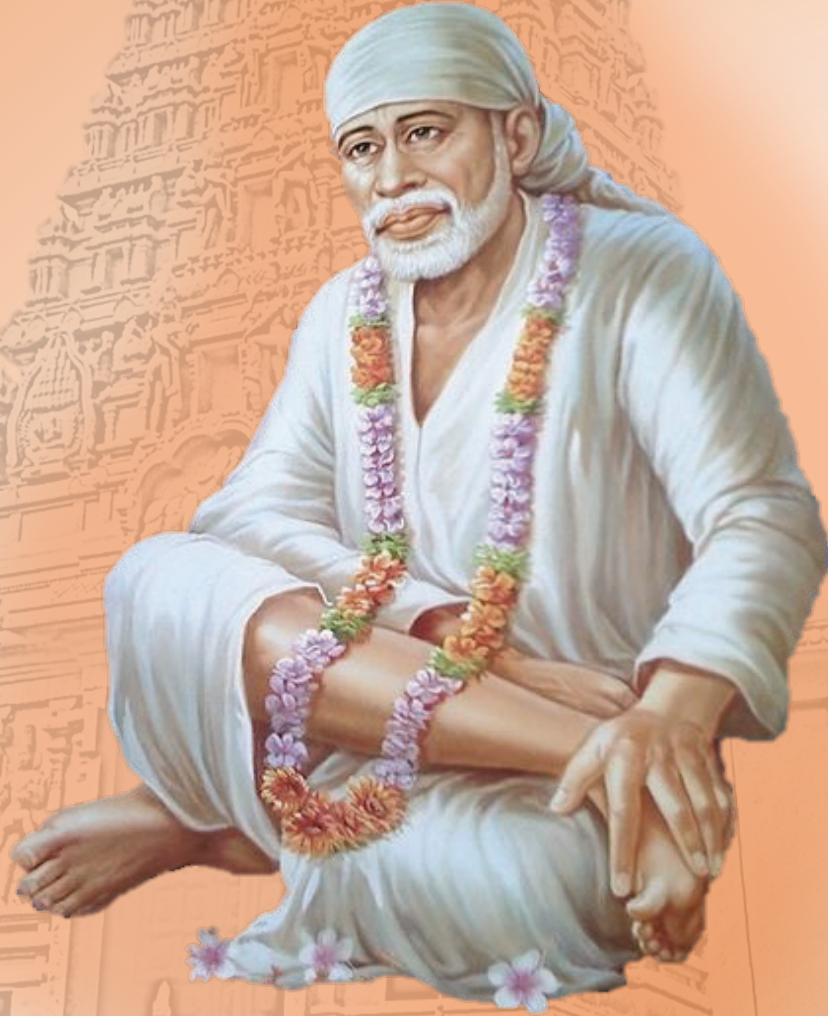
Vastram Sponsorships	Amount
All Sivaratri Vastrams	\$108
1st Kaalam Siva Silk Dhoti & Silk Prabhavali	\$51
2nd Kaalam Dhoti	\$35
3 rd Kaalam Dhoti	\$25
4th Kaalam Silk Dhoti	\$41
Utsava Siva & Parvati Vastrams	\$51
Parvati Mulava Silk Saree	\$35
Chandikeswara & Nandhikeswara Vastram	\$15 (Each)

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Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Bajan at SSVT

First Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm



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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

EMAIL TO REGISTER: BALAVIKAS@SSVT.ORG





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)



College ADMISSIONS

**COUNSELING & GUIDANCE
WEBINAR FOR HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENTS.**

**FEBRUARY
5 SUNDAY
4-5 PM**

**FREE WEBINAR
OFFERED VIA ZOOM**

Meeting ID: **8111882 9395**

Passcode: **101130**

Please Register



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TOPICS COVERED:

- Roadmap/Timeline for High Schoolers
- College admissions
- SAT or ACT
- Summer Internships
- Career guidance
- AP Requirements/ Course selection
- Extracurricular activities
- How can parents support students?
- College students & young professionals sharing their experiences



Audience:
Focus on High School
students 9th-11th.
Parents are welcome to join

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!