



# 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.

## 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 Annadhana

6:00 pm Subrahmanya Sahasranama Archana, Vishvesha Aarati

**Sponsorship: \$51 - Entire Day Puja; \$31 - Morning Puja,**

**OR Evening Puja OR Paal Kudam and Kavadi**

**Sponsorship**

## Maha Sivaratri

**Saturday, February 18, 2023**

Maha Sivaratri celebrations at our temple will start with a Ganesha puja and Rudra Homa at 9:30 AM on Saturday, February 18, 2023. The evening pujas to Lord Siva will commence at 2:30 PM (Yaagashaala), 3:15 PM (Siva sannidhi) and continue until 6:30 AM the following day (Sunday, February 19). A sanctified Siva Linga will be available for devotees to personally offer their abhisheka throughout the evening and night.

The entrance to the temple in the evening will be through the lower level. Dinner will be available in the evening, coffee and tea will be available throughout the night.

### Maha Sivaratri Morning Puja

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

### First Kaala Puja

3:15 pm Ganesha Puja, Kalasa and Shanka Sthaapanam, Yagashala Puja Mahanyasa with Trishati Archana, Ekadasa Rudra Abhisheka (with 11 different ingredients to Lord Siva with recitation of Rudram 11 times), Alankaram, Trishati Archana (300 Names Archana), Mantrapushpa, Upacharam, Maha Deeparadhana

9:30 pm Prasadam distribution

10:00 pm Bhajans

### Second Kaala Puja

11:00 pm Rudra Abhisheka, Shankhaabhisheka, Vilwa Ashtotharashata Archana (108 Names Archana to the recitation of Vilwa Stotram)

1:00 am Deeparadhana and Bhajans

### Third Kaala Puja

1:30 am Rudra Abhishekam, 108 Kalasa Abhisheka, Trishati Archana (300 Names Archana)

3:30 am Deeparadhana and Bhajans

### Fourth Kaala Puja

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

6:30 am Deeparadhana and prasadam distribution

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

## Sarpabali

**Sunday, March 5, 2023**

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

6:30 pm Sankalpam

7:00 pm Sarpabali Puja

**Sponsorship: \$51**

## Kaaradaiyaan Nombu

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

Kaaradaiyaan Nombu, or Savitri Vratam, is a Tamil observance in which a married woman prays for the well-being and long life of her husband. Kaaradaiyaan Nombu date is March 14, 2023 and time of breaking the fast and to tie the Saradu is 9 to 9:10 PM on March 14, 2023. It is observed on the particular day when the transition between the Tamil months Maasi and Panguni takes place Kaaraadai is the name of a unique neivedya (holy offering) prepared on this day. Nombu means Vratam or upavasam (fasting)

## Ugadi Day

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023**

9:15 am Sivagni

9:30 am Maha Ganapathi Homa, Utsava Ganesha and Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka, Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka

10:00 am Siva Abhisheka

6:30 pm Vishvesha Arati to all Deities, Panchanga Patanam (reading of the Almanac)

## Ugadi Celebration

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**

7:00 am Suprabhatam

8:00 am Maha Ganapathi Homa, Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka, Ayyappa Abhisheka, Sri Venkateshwara Abhisheka

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# RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

## 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		<b>THAI POOSAM - SEE DETAILS</b>
	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
Fri 10	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sat 11	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Sun 12	9:30 AM	Sudarshana /Yoga Narasimha Homa - Swati
	10:30 AM	Sudarshana /Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka - Swati
Mon 13	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Vishakha
Thu 16	10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula
	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Fri 17	10:00 AM	Parvathi Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sat 18		<b>MAHA SIVARATRI CELEBRATIONS - SEE DETAILS</b>
Sun 19	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja
Thu 23	9:30 AM	Ganesh Homa - Chaturthi
	10:30 AM	Ganesh Abhisheka - Chaturthi
Fri 24	10:00 AM	Durga Abhisheka / Shashti Vratam
Sat 25	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Sun 26	9:30 AM	Navagraha Homa
	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Krittika
	10:30 AM	Navagraha Abhisheka
Mon 27	10:00 AM	Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
Thu 2	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Fri 3	10:00 AM	Durga Abhisheka
Sat 4	3:15 PM	Shani Maha Pradosham

## March 2023

Sat 4	6:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Sun 5	10:00 AM	Nataraja Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	<b>SARPABALI - SEE DETAILS</b>
Mon 6	7:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Poomima
Tue 7	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
Wed 8	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja - Uttara Phalguni
Fri 10	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi
Sat 11	9:30 AM	Sudarshana /Yoga Narasimha Homa - Swati
	6:00 PM	Sudarshana /Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka - Swati
Sun 12	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Vishakha
Mon 13	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Wed 15	10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula
Fri 17	10:00 AM	Parvathi Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sat 18	10:15 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shrivana
Sun 19	9:30 AM	Navagraha Homa
	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja
	10:30 AM	Navagraha Abhisheka
	6:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Wed 22		<b>UGADI DAY - SEE DETAILS</b>
		<b>VASANTHA NAVARATRI BEGINS - SEE DETAILS</b>
Fri 24	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka

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### WEEKLY ABHISHEKAS

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

### DAILY ABHISHEKAS

<b>Daily:</b>	9:30 AM	<b>Ayyappa, Ananthapadmanabha</b>
	10:00 AM	<b>Siva</b>

### Annual and Lifetime Puja Sponsorship

एकं सद्विप्रा 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](mailto: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 <a href="#">online</a> or by calling (301) 552-3335.	

## Chairperson's Corner

Namaste devotees!

I wish to thank all the devotees who visited our temple on New Year's Day and the very next day for Vaikuntha Ekadashi. Coupled with the unseasonably warm weather, and a long holiday weekend, we welcomed an unprecedented number of devotees from near and far on both days. Frankly, we under-planned for the crowds and some may have been inconvenienced during their temple visit. On behalf of the Board of Trustees (BOT), the temple management, I humbly apologize to all who may have faced some difficulties during their visit. I sincerely appreciate everyone's patience across these two days, as we all rang in 2023. The BOT has taken measures to ensure we avoid such problems for future large scale events, including for Maha Sivaratri this month.

### Maha Sivaratri

This year, we will be celebrating Maha Sivaratri from Saturday, February 18th into the early hours of Sunday, February 19th. As you all know, this is an annual religious puja for Sri Siva that marks a remembrance of "overcoming darkness and ignorance". It is believed that a devotee who performs sincere worship of Lord Siva on the auspicious day of Sivaratri is absolved of sins and attains Moksha. We have made/are planning to make extensive arrangements to accommodate a seamless flow of devotees for the darshan throughout the night. Satellite parking arrangements have been made from 3 p.m. to midnight on Saturday at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The details are available on pages 5-8. Last year, several of you donated towards Swarna Tiryak Pundram for adorning Lord Ramanathaswamy. I am very happy to inform you that we are lucky enough to have it in time for this year's Sivaratri celebrations. Thanks to all of those who have participated in this divine opportunity. May the Lord Ramanathaswamy bless you all.

**"Guha Ghoshana" Mahotsavam celebrating Lord Subramanya**  
Traditionally, SSVT hosts at least one Mahotsavam every year. This year we are planning to conduct a Mahotsavam celebrating Sri Subramanya to "understand the universe and experience the divine entity within us." The celebration is from Friday, August 4th through Sunday, August 13th - save the date! Our Pradhana Sivacharyar, Sri Shanmukha Sivacharyar will preside over the Mahotsavam. He will be assisted by our esteemed Acharyas from the temple as well as visiting Acharyas. For more information, please see page 10.

With the recent uptick in the number of cases of COVID-19 and its variants, I request you and your family to take every precaution necessary to prevent the spread of this deadly disease. The temple highly encourages all devotees to wear a face mask during your visit to the temple.

May the Gods and Goddesses of Sri Siva Vishnu Temple bless you, and your family with good health and prosperity. Every Trustees on the Board of Trustees is always available and is working hard to create a temple that supports you and your family. Please feel free to contact me by email @ chairperson@ssvt.org or by phone at (501)960-2807 if I can be of any assistance.

Respectfully,

*Murali Elambilan*

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2023 Chairperson, Board of Trustees  
Sri Siva Vishnu Temple



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8:15 am Sivagni

9:00 am Ganesha and Siva Abhisheka

10:00 am Panchanga Patanam (reading of the Almanac)

10:45 am Srinivasa Kalyana Utsava

**Sponsorship: \$75 - all Pujas; \$51 - Kalyana Utsava;**

**\$31- One Abhisheka or One Homa**

## Vasanth Navaratri

**Wednesday, March 22 - Thursday, March 30, 2023**

Navaratri is important festival days for Devi (the Divine Mother). The Goddess who appears in the fierce (Ugram) form (to destroy our sins) in autumn appears in a peaceful and benevolent form in the Spring. Therefore, by worshipping Her during the two Navaratri, one destroys one's sins and begets peace and prosperity.

### Daily Program:

11:00 am Trishati Archana, Durga Sapta Shati Parayana  
(6:00 PM on March 25, and part of Chandi Homa on March 26)

7:15 pm Lalitha Sahasranama Archana, Deeparadhana, Mahishasura Mardini Stotra, Devi Namaskara  
Note: Evening Puja will begin at 6:00 PM on Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26. There is no evening puja on the concluding day - Thursday, March 30

### Special Pujas:

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023**

9:30 am Maha Ganapathi Homa, Mrisangrahana, Ankooraarpana, Purvanga Puja, Durga, Lakshmi, Saraswathi Aavaahana, Medha Sukta Homa

10:30 am Sharada Abhisheka

**Thursday, March 23, 2023**

9:30 am Devi Moola Mantra Homa

10:30 am Durga Abhisheka

**Friday, March 24, 2023**

9:30 am Sri Sukta Homa

10:30 am Mahalakshmi Homa

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**

9:30 am Devi Gayathri Homa

10:30 am Sarada Abhisheka

**Sunday, March 26, 2023**

7:00 am Chandi Homa

11:00 am Kanya, Suhasini and Bhairava Puja

12:00 pm Durga Abhisheka

**Monday, March 27, 2023**

9:30 am Lalitha Sahasranama Homa

10:30 am Parvathi Abhisheka

**Tuesday, March 28, 2023**

9:30 am Durga Sukta Homa

10:30 am Durga Abhisheka

**Wednesday, March 29, 2023**

9:30 am Sharada Moola Mantra Homa

10:30 am Sharada Abhisheka

**Thursday, March 30, 2023 (Concluding day)**

9:30 am Devi Pancha Sukta Homa

10:30 am Abhisheka to Durga, Mahalakshmi, and Sarada

**Sponsorship: \$151 - Entire Navaratri Festival; \$75 - One Day puja; \$51 - One Day Sapta Shati Parayana OR Chandi Homa; \$31 - Any One Homa OR Abhisheka; \$15 - Sahasranama Archana**

## Sri Rama Navami Festival

**Thursday, March 30 - Friday, April 7, 2023**

More information in our March newsletter!

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:puja@ssvt.org) or (301) 552-3335





# 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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# Maha Sivaratri Parking Arrangements

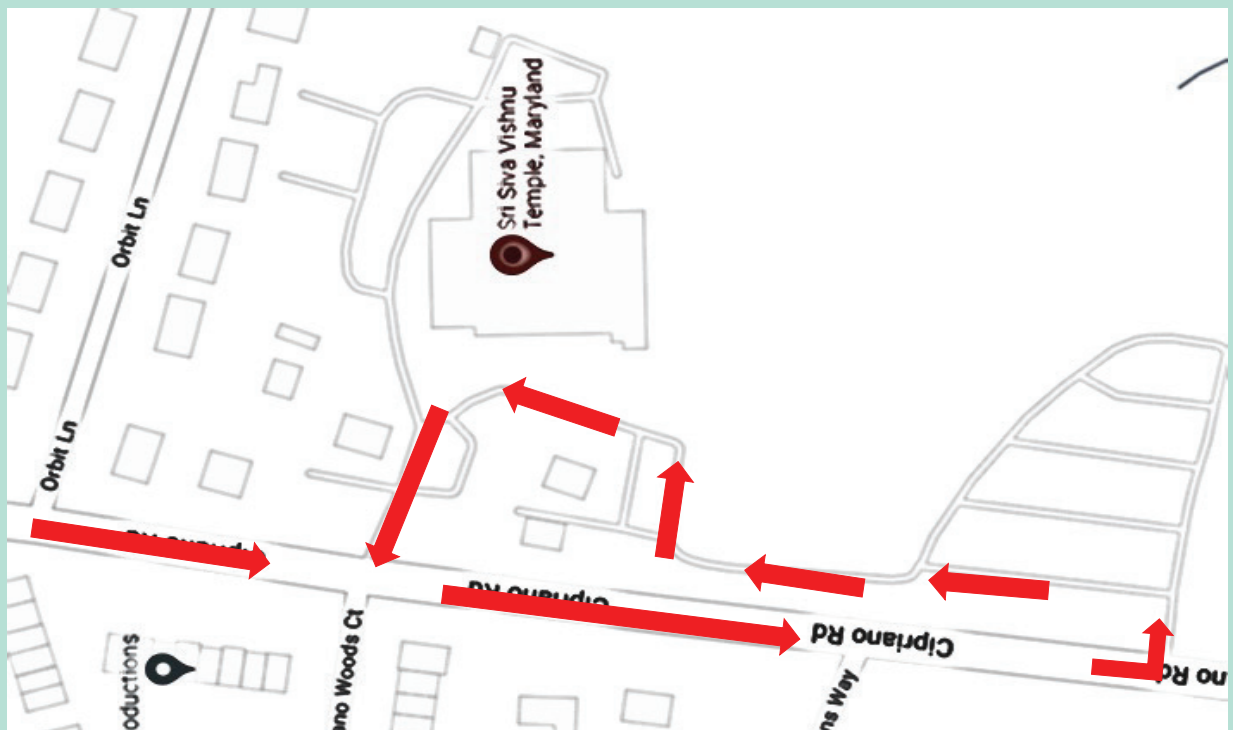
We are expecting large number of devotees to attend Maha Sivaratri celebrations at our Temple. Parking arrangements are made at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, with shuttle service from 3 pm to Midnight on Saturday, February 18, 2023. Shuttle will be running every 20 minutes or so

For further clarification please contact temple at (301) 552-3335 or email [ssvt@ssvt.org](mailto:ssvt@ssvt.org)

Satellite parking from 3:00 pm to midnight,  
at **Eleanor Roosevelt High School**  
**6701 Hanover Parkway Greenbelt, MD 20770**

Devotees are encouraged to drop off passengers at the temple before parking at the satellite lot. Please enter through the southwest entrance to the large parking lot, drive up to the southwest basement entrance of the temple to drop off passengers. Parking for handicapped individuals will be available at the temple

[Click here](#) for Eleanor Roosevelt High School Location







# Ugadi Day

Shobhakrutu Nama Samvatsaram

Wednesday, March 22, 2023



## Ugadi Celebrations

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Panchanga Patanam, Srinivasa Kalyanam

Special Kalyana Bhojanam







# Guha Goshanam

Celebrating Lord Skanda (Muruga, Karthikeya, Subrahmanya) to understand the Universe and experience the divine entity within us



Friday, August 4 to Sunday, August 13, 2023

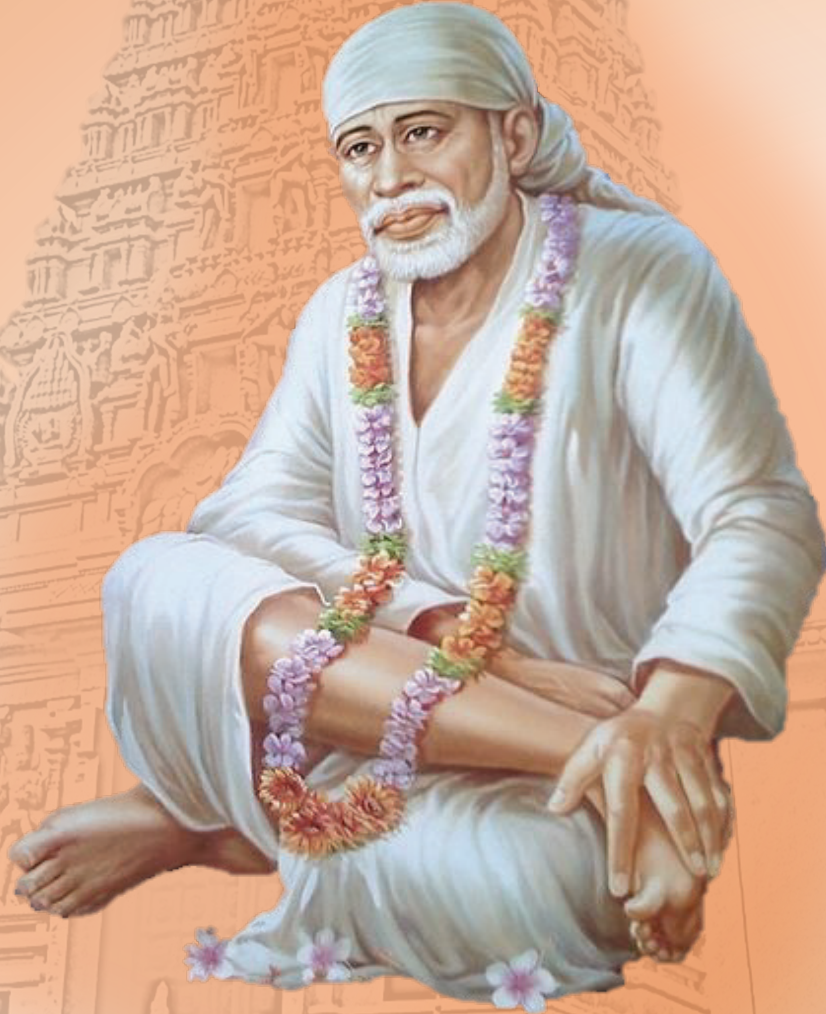
Skanda Naama Japam, Devotee Participatory Pujas, Laksharchana  
Special Homams & Pujas, Sahasra Kalasa Abhishekam  
Special Cultural & Educational Programs, Annadhanam





# **Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Bajan at SSVT**

**First Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm**



**For more information please contact**

**Shoba Prasad (240) 568-9151**

**Rohini Homnappa (240) 441-1266**

**Srini Tirumalasetti (443) 540-4110**

**Sujatha Badrinath (301) 805-1943**

**Sridevi Bangalore (301) 793 9531**


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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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
<b>Enrollment Details:</b> For more information, please email <a href="mailto:education@ssvt.org">education@ssvt.org</a> 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)



## UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

Date & Time	Event / Artist	Venue & Admission Fee
February 18, 2023; 5:00 PM	Maha Sivaratri Dance Festival	Auditorium/Free
April 1, 2023	Bhadrachala Ramadasu / Annamacharya Day	Auditorium/Free
April 22, 2023	Annual Nadataranginini Program	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](mailto:cultural@ssvt.org) if you have any questions, or to schedule your mini-concert; *SSVT YouTube channel*: <https://www.youtube.com/c/SSVTStreaming>

**Abhinaya Tharangini**  
**Aikyam Selva Natanam**  
**Arpan Dance Academy**  
**Bhumika**  
**Brihadisha School of Music & Dance**  
**Jhanak Dance School**  
**Jayamangala**  
**Kalairani Natya Salai**  
**Kalamandapam**  
**Kalanidhi Dance**  
**Kalavaridhi Center**  
**Kasi Aysola Prakriti Dance**  
**Kuchipudi Dance Academy**  
**Lasya Kathak Dance Academy**  
**Madhuvanthi Sunderarajan**  
**Muvva Kuchipudi Dance School**  
**Natananjali School of Dance**  
**Natya Dance Theatre**  
**Natya Kala Mandir**

**FEBRUARY 18th, 2023**  
**5 pm onwards**  
**SSVT Auditorium**  
**Sannidi Dance 10 pm**

**Natyabhoomi**  
**Natyarchita**  
**Nrithya Geethanjali**  
**Nrityaniketan**  
**Nrityanjali**  
**Nrityasadhana**  
**Nupura Naadam Dance Academy**  
**Prajakta's School of Kathak**  
**Pranava Natyam**  
**Roomjhoom Nrityalaya**  
**Salangai Arts**  
**Samskrithi Art Academy**  
**Sangeetha Menon & Kala Ashok**  
**Sharanya**  
**Shree Narayani Natyalaya**  
**Sindhura School of Bharatanatyam**  
**Sri Sai Dance Academy**  
**Srishti School of Dance**  
**Thapasya School of Dance**



**13th Annual**  
**MAHA SIVARATRI**  
**DANCE FESTIVAL 2023**



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Dharma into Action Foundation \(DhIA\)](#) is a U.S. non-profit organization that applies the principles of Dharmic traditions (Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Jainism) in the modern world. Our activities include events and discussions, educational resources, and practical applications of Dharmic concepts, like teaching meditation to first responders and in schools.

To create the most relevant content and programming, we periodically conduct research to understand the attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors of the Dharmic community. As a person of Dharmic heritage in the U.S., we ask that you take a few minutes to respond to this survey to share your thoughts.

[Dharma into Action Beliefs and Attitudes Survey 2022-23](#)

To learn more about this survey, please check out the following article by [The American Bazaar](#).