



# 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.

## 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

5:30 pm Vishesh Arati to all Deities

6:00 pm Panchanga Patanam (reading of the Almanac)

7:00 pm Srinivasa Kalyana Utsava

Boxed Dinner available from 5:00 PM

## Ugadi Celebration

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**

7:00 am Suprabhatam

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

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 are 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, Mrityanghara, 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

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## RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

### March 2023

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
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 Homam - 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 - Shravana
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
	10:30 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi
Sat 25		<b>UGADI CELEBRATIONS - SEE DETAILS</b>
	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Kritika
Sun 26	10:00 AM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Thu 30		<b>VASANTHA NAVARATRI CONCLUDES</b>
		<b>SRI RAMA NAVAMI FESTIVAL BEGINS - SEE DETAILS</b>

### March 2023

Fri 31 10:00 AM Parvathi Abhisheka

### Monthly Ayyappa Padi Puja and Irumudi Ayyappa Abhisheka and Puja

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

Saturday, April 15, 2023	Padi Puja
Sunday, April 16, 2023	Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja
Saturday, May 20, 2023	Padi Puja
Sunday, May 21, 2023	Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja
Friday, June 30, 2023	Padi Puja
Saturday, July 1, 2023	Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja
Saturday, July 29, 2023	Padi Puja
Sunday, July 30, 2023	Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja
Saturday, August 19, 2023	Padi Puja
Sunday, August 20, 2023	Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja
Saturday, September 16, 2023	Padi Puja
Sunday, September 17, 2023	Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja

#### WEEKLY ABHISHEKAS

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

#### DAILY ABHISHEKAS

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

### 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 Devas 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 Devas 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!

It's extremely gratifying to note that there has been a steady increase in the number of devotees visiting our temple over the past couple of months, and recently the number of visitors has even exceeded pre-pandemic tallies. This is your temple, and as we welcome the Spring season I invite you, your family, and friends to visit our beautiful temple. The spiritual vibrations from pujas, cultural performances, and educational classes – all organized by our volunteer-led devotee committees have really kicked it up a notch this year. They have worked in unison, and with our esteemed priests to create thoughtfully planned programs, executed to a perfection. We are always looking for volunteers – volunteer with your family and friends – and help our temple welcome more devotees, and visitors. If interested, please email [ssvt@ssvt.org](mailto:ssvt@ssvt.org)

### Ugadi

Ugadi has always been an important festival for the Hindu faith – it is believed that it was on this day that Lord Brahma started the creation of the Universe, and for this reason Ugadi is also referred to as the day of the beginning of a new age.

This year, Ugadi is on March 22, 2023 and a celebration is scheduled for Saturday, March 25th. We have planned a Srinivasa Kalyana Utsava on both days. For more information see pages 5 - 7.

### Guha Ghoshana Mahotsavam

"Guha Ghoshana" Mahotsavam celebrating Lord Subramanya Preparation continues for the Guha Ghoshana Mahotsavam celebrating Lord Subramanya – August 4 – August 13, 2023. This festival is conducted for Universal peace and prosperity. Our Pradhana Sivacharyar, Sri Shanmukha Sivacharyar will preside over the Mahotsavam and will be assisted by other Acharyas. The Mahotsavam will be preceded by six weekends of devotee participatory pujas. Various educational and cultural programs are also arranged during the period. For more details, please see the flyer on pages 10 - 11.

### Employee's Children Education Fund.

As I have previously mentioned in this column, the temple Board of Trustees has instituted an "Employee's Children Education Fund" with a sole objective to support the children of all SSVT full time staff for their higher education. It's my pleasure to inform you all that we have already made the first distribution. This is long-term fund and I request you to consider donating to this effort. Any amount made will be distributed to the children of our full time staff – as they continue on to higher studies.

There are many ways you can support the temple. Please consider donating to our temple to help with operations, support special projects for the year. Your tax deductible contribution of any amount will help our temple as we embark on several capital projects. Please [click here to donate!](#)

May the Gods and Goddesses of Sri Siva Vishnu Temple bless you, and your family with good health and prosperity. Each one of the Board of Trustees here at SSVT is always available and working hard to give you a temple that supports you. Please feel free to contact me by email at [chairperson@ssvt.org](mailto: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



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**

The temple will celebrate the festival over a nine-day period.

In the evening Nama Ramayanam will be chanted followed by Hanuman Chaleesa. Sundara Kanda from Valmiki Ramayanam will be read by the priests everyday and all devotees are welcome to participate in this reading. Bhadrachala Raamadas was a great saint devotee of Lord Rama. Devotional songs composed by him will be sung during the Aradhana to this saint followed by Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam on Sunday, April 17th

**Daily Program:**

9:30 am Sankshepa Ramayana Homa, Sri Rama Moola Mantra Homa

5:15 pm Valmiki Sundara Kaanda Paaraayana (except on concluding day)

7:00 pm Naama Ramayana and Hanuman Chaleesa (except on concluding day; 6:30 pm on Weekends)

**Thursday, March 30, 2023 (Sri Rama Navami Day)**

9:30 am Anugya, Swasthivachanam, Sri Vishwakshana Puja, Punyahvachanam, Ankurapanam, Rakshabandanam, Kalasa Staapanam

11:00 am Sri Rama Abhisheka

7:15 pm Naama Ramayanam, Hanuman Chaleesa

8:15 pm Deeparadhana

**Sunday, April 2, 2023**

8:00 am Suprabhatam, Nitya Homa, Rama Jananaparayana, Beeja Daanam, Sri Rama Abhisheka, Naama Ramayanam, Archana

10:00 am Bhadrachala Raamadas Aradhana

10:30 am Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam

12:00 pm Deeparadhana

6:30 pm Sri Rama Durbar Puja

7:30 pm Naama Ramayanam, Vishesh Aarati, Hanuman Chaleesa

**Friday, April 7, 2023**

11:00 am Sri Rama Pattabhisheka

**Sponsorship: \$151 - Entire Sri Rama Navami Festival; \$75 - Sri Rama Navami Day Puja; \$31 - Sri Rama Pattaabhisheka OR One Day Homa OR Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam; \$15 - One Day Sundara Kaanda Parayanam**

**Scenes from Maha Sivaratri 2023!**

SSVT welcomed thousands of devotees for Maha Sivaratri 2023 - we sincerely thank all devotees for your participation as we celebrated this auspicious occasion!



Photos from our Maha Sivaratri Celebrations are available on our Facebook page [here](#)

**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





# Ugadi Day

Shobhakrutu Nama Samvatsaram

Wednesday, March 22, 2023



## Ugadi Celebrations

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Panchanga Patanam, Srinivasa Kalyanam

Special Kalyana Bhojanam







# Ugadi Day

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

- 09:15 am Sivagni  
09:30 am Maha Ganapati Homam, Utsava Ganesha, Utsava  
Srinivasa & Anantapadmanabha Abhishekams  
10:00 am Siva Abhishekam  
05:30 pm **Vishesha Arati to all Deities**  
06:00 pm **Panchanga Patanam** (Almanac Reading)  
07:00 pm **Srinivasa Kalyana Utsavam**

Boxed dinner available from 5:00 pm

## Ugadi Celebrations

Saturday, March 25, 2023

- 07:00 am Suprabhatham  
08:00 am Maha Ganapathi Homam, Ananthapadmanabha,  
Ayyappa, Venkateshwara Abhishekams  
08:15 am Sivagni  
09:00 am Ganesha, Siva Abhishekams  
10:00 am **Panchanga Patanam** (Almanac Reading)  
10:45 am **Srinivasa Kalyana Utsavam**

### Sponsorships

One Abhishekam \$31; One Homam \$31  
Kalyana Utsavam \$51; All Pujas \$75



Scan QR Code to Sponsor

Kalayna Bhojanam \$12  
Saturday, March 25, 2023  
Time: 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm







# Kalyana Bhojanam

Saturday, March 25, 2023

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Burfi

Vada

Poori

Kosambari

Mutter Paneer

Sambar

Cabbage Curry

Water bottle

White Rice

Papad

Rasam

Pickle

Curd Rice

Kalayna Bhojanam \$12

Served in Trays

Click or Scan QRcode to buy tickets





# **Vishu, Tamil, Tulu New Year**

## **Shobhakruthu Nama Samvatsaram**

### **Friday, April 14, 2023**

**9:30 am Mahaganapathi Homam**

**9:30 am Vishu Kani**

**10:00 am Siva & Ananthapadmanabha Abhishekam**

**10:30 am Ganesha & Ayyappa Abhishekam**

**6:45 pm Sarva Devata Archana \* & Arathi**

**7:00 pm Sarva Devata Aarthi, Panchanga Patanam**

**\* Archana to Ayyappa, Siva, Subrahmanya, Anantapadmanabha  
All other deity archanas will be done upon devotee's request**

**Sponsorship**

**Sarva Devata Archana \$35**

**One Homam \$31; One Abhishekam - \$31**

**Vishukani \$31**



# **Vishu, Tamil, Tulu New Year** *Celebrations*

**Saturday, April 15, 2023**

**9:30 am Ayyappa Abhishekam**

**10:00 am Siva & Ananthapadmanabha Abhishekam**

**10:15 am Venkateswara Abhishekam**

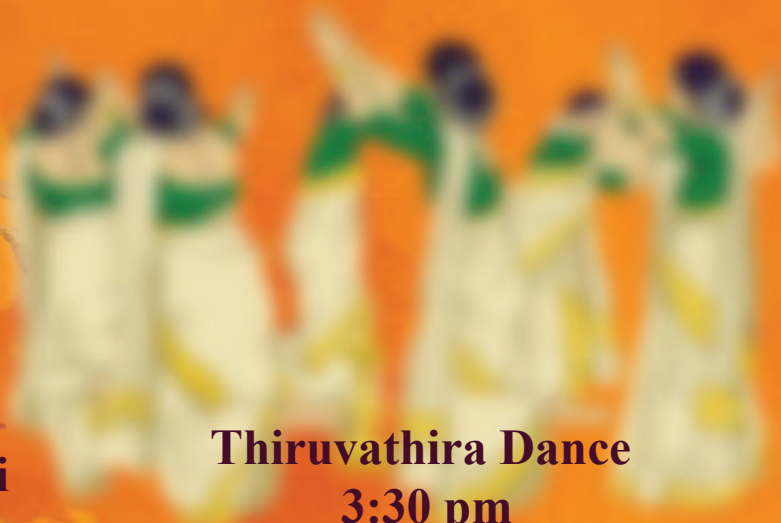
**11:00 am Siva Parvathi Kalyanam**



**Special Lunch Served on Banana Leaf - \$12**  
**11:00 am – 2:00 pm**



**Dasavatharam Dance**  
**Choreographed by Lakshmi**  
**Hari` Krishnan**  
**3:00 pm**



**Thiruvathira Dance**  
**3:30 pm**





# 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





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Under the guidance of our Pradhana Sivacharyar, Sri Shanmukha Sivacharyar, and our Acharyas, Sri Siva Vishnu Temple is planning a special ten-day festival during the auspicious Shobhadruth Varsham, from August 4, 2023 to August 13, 2023, filled with rituals by the dedicated Acharyas and special prayers by the ardent devotees to Sri Valli Devasena Sametha Sri Siva Subrahmanya.

This festival is conducted for peace and prosperity of the United States of America and to understand and experience the secrets of the three entities namely - Lord Skanda, The Paramathma – known as 'Guha:' who resides in the beings at the 'Hrudaya Guhaa' - The heart cavern, Ourselves the Jeevathmas and the world we live in!

The Sanskrit word 'Goshanam' (गोषणम्) means proclamation or announcement. 'Guha Goshanam' is to understand the true nature of ourselves by understanding the four Maha Vakhyas - 'Tattvamasi', Aham Brahmasmi', 'Ayamaathma Brahma' and 'Pragnyaanam Brahma'.

'Kumara Tantra' an upagama [there are 28 Principal Saiva Agamas, Moola Agamas, and the 207 Secondary Agamas, Upagamas] talks about different forms of Lord Subrahmanya and elaborate rituals are prescribed to be blessed with the grace of Lord Siva Subrahmanya with wisdom.

Lord Shanmukha – The commander in chief of the Devas destroys the evil forces. His worship is both elaborate and simple based upon the devotees. He controls the nature. He will be listening to the Veda mantras. He will be present in his peacock witnessing the Agama rituals at the temples. He will be present with his consort Goddess Devasena at the war field to give strength to the soldiers. He is experienced at all the times by Siddha Purushas. He enters into the devotees through the vital air during their fasting and prayers. He will be seen as a child – Bala Murugan at hills, mountains, waterbodies and wherever the nature is preserved dancing with his peacock. His presence can be felt along Goddess Valli Devi at places where the women in hills and forests apply white mustard seeds mixed with ghee at their houses to invite the Lord. He accepts their food filled with devotion like his uncle Lord Vishnu in his Sri Rama Avatara accepted the food from Sabari.

The Vital air which keeps us alive – The Prana is - HE – Lord Skanda. Lord Siva blessed him to remove the worries of the beings in all the worlds. Mother Sakthi gave him the Sakthi Vel to destroy the Asuras. He burns all our Karmas and transforms us to our real immaculate nature. Once you prayerfully call him, you will experience him in his peacock.

We welcome each and every one of you on behalf of the Management of Sri Siva Vishnu Temple to participate every day in the 'Guha Goshanam' - festival dedicated to Lord Sivasubrahmanya on the occasion of the auspicious Aadi Kruthikai day. 'Aadi' known as the Kataka Maasam is special for offering worship- as the Sun stays in the Moon's house for the whole month. Lord Siva and Goddess Sakthi together bless the Universe. Every moment is filled with divinity in this month and star Kruthikaa – the source of Sakthi is very special in this month.

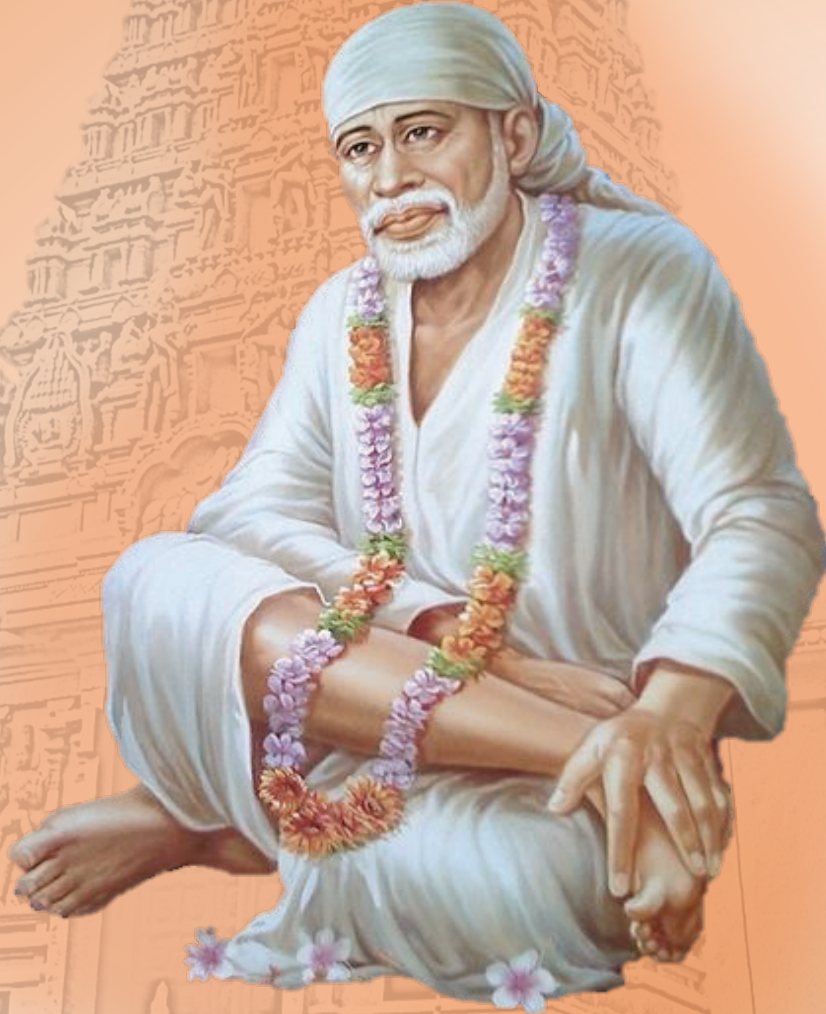
Worshipping of the six faces of Lord Shanmukha during this period will bless your family with knowledge, wealth and health. You will be blessed with courage and be fearless in this world and attain Moksha. Once again, we welcome you and your active participation in this mission to be blessed by Lord Karthikeya. These ten days are filled with Skanda Yagnyams, Sthotra Parayanams, Prayers by the devotees and also special lectures to understand the subtle form of Lord Skanda – Guha

MAY SRI VALLI DEVASENA SAMETHA SRI SIVA SUBRAMANYA BLESS YOU & YOUR FAMILY.  
Vetri Vel Muruganukku Haro Haraa! Jayathu Sri Siva Subrahmanya!



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

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



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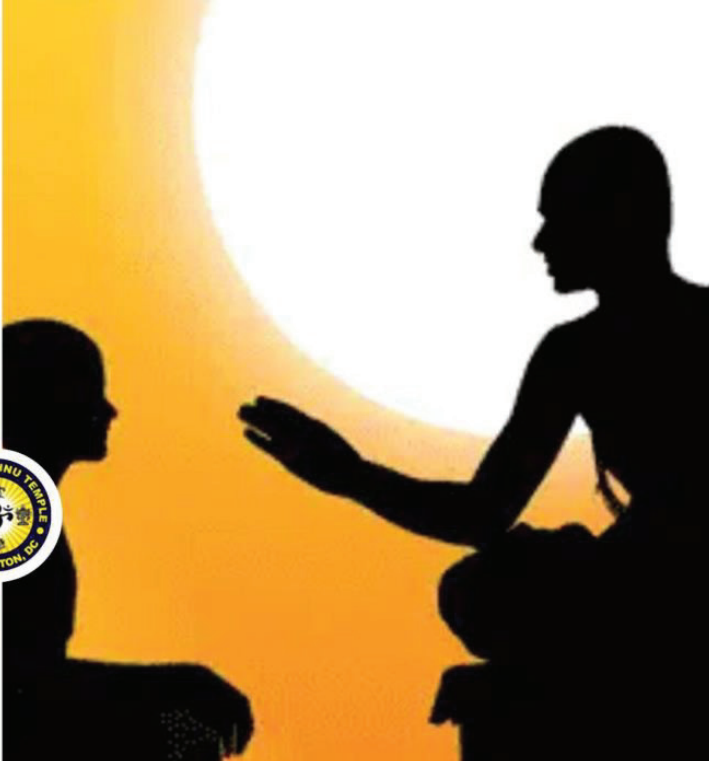

Sri Siva Vishnu Temple Educational Class Offerings				Fall 2022 Operation Status
Class/Program	Day(s)	Time	Age Level	-
Family Dharma Class	Sunday	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	All ages	Hybrid
SAT Exam Preparation	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	High School	Online (Zoom)
Bhagavatham	Sundays	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
March 18, 2023; 5:30 PM	Ugadi Concert by Carnatica Brothers (Shashikiran & Ganesh), KV Prasad (Mridangam) Bhargav Tumkur (Violin)	Auditorium/Free
April 1, 2023; 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Bhadrachala Ramadasu / Annamacharya Day, Main Concert Gayathri Girish (Vocal), VVS Murari (Violin), KH Vineeth (Mridangam)	Auditorium/Free
April 2, 2023; 4:30 PM	Sri Ramanavami Concert by Vittal Ramamurthy (Violin), VVS Murari (Viola), Vijay Ganesh (Mridangam), Samyuktha Sreeram (Ghatam)	Auditorium/Free
April 9, 2023; 4:30 PM	Amrutha Venkatesh (Vocal), Rajeev Mukundan (Violin), Arjun Ganesh (Mridangam)	Auditorium/Free
April 15, 2023; 5:00 PM	Kunnakudi Balamuralikrishna (Vocal), L Ramakrishnan (Violin), Tanjavur Muruga-boopathi (Mridangam), Shree Sundarkumar (Kanjira)	Auditorium/ \$20/Tix
April 16, 2023; 4:30 PM	Spoorthi Rao (Vocal), Gyandev Pappu (Violin), KV Prasad (Mridangam)	Auditorium/Free
April 22, 2023; 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Annual Nadatarangini Festival, Main Concert : Suma Sudhindra (Veena), Bhargav Tumkur (Violin), Anoor Dattatreya Sharma (Mridangam), Samyuktha Sreeram (Ghatam) :	Auditorium/Free
April 23, 2023; 4:30 PM	Lalgudi GJR Krishnan & Lalgudi GJR Vijayalakshmi (Violin), R Sankaranarayanan (Mridangam), S Sunil Kumar (Kanjira)	Auditorium/ \$20/Tix
April 30, 2023; 4:30 PM	R Suryaprakash (Vocal), Kamalakiran Vinjamuri (Violin), KH Vineeth (Mridangam), Sowmiya Narayanan (Ghatam)	Auditorium/Free



### SSVT and NADATARANGINI CELEBRATE THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL



## SRI PURANDARA DASA & SRI THYAGARAJA MUSIC FESTIVAL

on  
April 22, 2023  
8am - 9pm

In-person at  
SSVT Auditorium

Register at: [www.nadatarangini.org](http://www.nadatarangini.org)  
Limited slots available for individual performance

#### Main Concert:

Vid Suma Sudhindra (Veena)  
Bhargav Tumkur (Violin)  
Vid Anoor Dattatreya Sharma (Mridangam)  
Samyuktha Sreeram (Ghatam)

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## *Cultural Committee presents Spring 2023 Concert Series*

March 18	Shashikiran & Ganesh - Carnatica Brothers
April 1	Gayathri Girish
April 2	Vittal Ramamurthy (Violin)/VVS Murari (Viola)
April 9	Amrutha Venkatesh
April 15	Kunnakudi Balamurali Krishna *
April 16	Spoorthi Rao
April 22	Nadatarangini - Suma Sudhindra (Veena)
April 23	Lalgudi GJR Krishnan & Vijayalakshmi (Violin) *
April 30	R Suryaprakash
May 7	Vivek Moozhikulam
May 13	Papanasam Sivan Day - Kalyanapuram Aarvind
May 14	Sandeep Narayan/Trichy Sankaran *
June 3	Snehesh Nag (Sitar)
June 10	D Balakrishna (Veena)

We look forward to your attendance and support.

\* Ticketed





# Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

## Annamacharya and Bhadrachala Ramadasu Day

with inclusion of Kritis by Narayana Teertha

April 1, 2023  
SSVT Auditorium  
9:00 am

Individual Singing, Group Presentations  
Mini-Concerts

Main Concert at 5:30 pm



Vid Gayathri Girish (Vocal)  
Vid VVS Murari (Violin)  
Vid KH Vineeth (Mridangam)

\*\*\* Please note the change \*\*\*

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Vishu Tamil/Tulu New Year

Grand Vocal Concert

April 15, 2023

5:00 pm



Kunnakudi Balamurali Krishna

L Ramakrishnan



B Shree Sundarkumar



Tanjavur Murugaboopathi

SSVT Auditorium

Tickets: \$20

Questions? Contact [cultural@ssvt.org](mailto:cultural@ssvt.org)



*Violin Duet featuring...*

## **2022 Sangeetha Kalanidhi Awardees**

**Vid Lalgudi GJR Krishnan**

**&**

**Vid Lalgudi GJR Vijayalakshmi**

**Vid R Sankaranarayanan (Mridangam)**

**Vid S Sunil Kumar (Kanjira)**

**April 23, 2023, 4:30 pm**

**SSVT Auditorium**



**Tickets: \$20**

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