



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.

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 Vishwaksena 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, Vishesha 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

Panguni Uttiram Day

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Panguni Uttiram (the day Uttaraphalguni star occurs in the solar month of Meena) is one of the rare festivals that have significance for several deities in our temple. It is the Jayanti (day of incarnation) of Lord Ayyappa, the day that Sri Valli married Lord Subrahmanya, the day that Goddess Mahalakshmi incarnated on earth from the ocean of milk, the day Goddess Parvathi in the form of Kamakshi (or Gowri) married Lord Siva in Kanchipuram.

It is only fitting that we celebrate this festival in our temple with all the religious grandeur so that our congregation can receive the blessings of many Gods and Goddesses.

- 9:00 am Ganesha Puja, Kalasa Puja
- 9:30 am Subrahmanya Abhisheka, Tiruppugazh
- 10:00 am Ayyappa Puja, Mahalakshmi Abhisheka, Archana and Gadya Traya Parayana

6:00 pm Mahalakshmi Puja by devotees

6:15 pm Kamakshi-Kameswarana Kalyana Utsava

Sponsorship: \$61 - Entire Day Pujas; \$31 - Mahalakshmi Puja by devotees OR any one Abhisheka OR any one Kalyanotsava

Panguni Uttiram Celebration

Saturday, April 8, 2023

- 10:30 am Sri Valli Kalyanam

Sponsorship: \$31

Tamil & Tulu New Year

Friday, April 14, 2023

Tamil and Tulu New year are celebrated by worshiping the family deities, preparation of sweet and other delicacies and the reading of the Panchanga (Religious Almanac). The panchanga reading provides a list of all good and auspicious things as well as any adverse events that are likely to occur that year due to the transitory movements of planets as well as due to the presiding deity for the year. It is believed that listening to the panchanga reading will magnify the predicted good effects and mitigate the effect of adverse events. A unique feature of the celebration is the Archana for all deities of our temple in sequence starting from 7:15 PM

9:30 am Mahaganapathi Homa

10:00 am Siva and Ananthapadmanabha Abhishekas

10:30 am Ganesha Abhisheka

7:00 pm Sarva Devataha Arathi

7:30 pm Panchanga Patanam

Sponsorship: \$35 - Sarva Devata Archana; \$31 - One Homa or One Abhisheka

Vishu Kani

Friday, April 14, 2023

Vishu signifies the entry of Sun into Mesha Raasi and it is believed to bring good luck if one views auspicious things the first thing in the morning. Hence on this day in Kerala, homes are beautifully decorated and auspicious items are kept at the family altar.

9:30 am Vishu Kani

10:30 am Ayyappa Puja

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RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

April 2023

Sat 1	5:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
	6:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Sun 2		SITA RAMA KALYANAM
Mon 3	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Tue 4		PANGUNI UTTIRAM DAY / MAHALAKSHMI JAYANTHI
	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja - Uttara Phalguni
Wed 5	7:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Poomima
Fri 7		SRI RAMA NAVAMI FESTIVAL CONCLUDES
	9:30 AM	Sudarshana /Yoga Narasimha Homa - Swati
	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
	10:30 AM	Sudarshana /Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka - Swati
Sat 8	10:30 AM	PANGUNI UTTIRAM CELEBRATION - VALLI KALYANAM
Sun 9	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
	6:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi
Tue 11	10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula
	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka
Fri 14		TAMIL, TULU NEW YEAR AND VISHU - SEE DETAILS
	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shrivana
Sat 15	7:00 PM	Ayyappa Padi Puja
Sun 16	10:00 AM	Special Ayyappa Puja / Irumudi Abhisheka
	6:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Mon 17	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Fri 21	9:30 AM	Guru Mesha (Payarchi) - Navagraha Homa / Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Parvati Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Kritika
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sat 22		AKSHAYA TRITIYA - SEE DETAILS
Sun 23	9:30 AM	Navagraha / Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
	10:00 AM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
	10:30 AM	Navagraha Abhisheka
	10:30 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi
Mon 24		SANKARA JAYANTHI - SEE DETAILS
Tue 25		RAMANUJA TIRUNAKSHATRA - SEE DETAILS
	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti

April 2023

Wed 26	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
Fri 28	10:00 AM	Durga Abhisheka
Sun 30	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka

May 2023

Mon 1	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Tue 2	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja - Uttara Phalguni
	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Wed 3		NARASIMHA JAYANTHI - SEE DETAILS
Thu 4	7:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Poomima
Fri 5		NARASIMHA TIRUNAKSHATRA - SEE DETAILS
	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
Sat 6	10:30 AM	MEENAKSHI KALYANAM - SEE DETAILS
	5:00 PM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Vishakha
	6:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Mon 8	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
	7:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi
Tue 9	10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula
Wed 10	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Thu 11	10:00 AM	Nataraja Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shrivana
Fri 12	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
Sun 14		HANUMAT JAYANTHI - DETAILS IN MAY NEWSLETTER
Mon 15	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Tue 16	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham

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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 सद्भिप्रा बहुधा वदन्ति (Ekam Sat Vipraha Bahuda Vadanti)
- Rig Veda (1.164.46)

The truth is one; but the wise, talk of many.

The one God, in His/Her infinite compassion, takes on several forms (*Ishta Devata* – personal God) to fulfill the needs and aspirations of His/Her devotees. Sri Siva Vishnu Temple was founded on this principle of having several Ishta 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 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!

Besides fulfilling the religious and spiritual needs of our devotees, our temple is also a place for learning, and dedication to music and dance. Our "Dharma Vidhyalayam" conducts education classes for children and adults of all ages, covering a wide range of topics. In addition to these in-person and virtual classes, the Education Committee organizes seminars and discussions by scholars and known in the Hindu community. If you wish to join any of the programs, please email our education committee at education@ssvt.org.

Our temple also serves to preserve the cultural significance of dance and music expressed in Hinduism. Our cultural committee hosts a wide variety of performances and concerts from local talent to internationally recognized artists. To learn more about upcoming events, please email our cultural committee at cultural@ssvt.org

Guha Ghoshana Mahotsavam

The Mahotsavam celebrating Lord Sri Subramanya is from August 4th through 13th. This festival is conducted for Universal peace and prosperity. The entire event will be led by our Pradhana Acharya Sri Shanmugha Sivacharyara and ably supported by our learned Acharyas of the temple. The ten days will be filled with Skanda Yagnyams, Sthotra Parayanams, Prayers by the devotees, and special lectures to understand the subtle form of Lord Skanda - Guha, the Paramathma. In addition to the religious programs, a series of cultural and educational events are also planned during the Mahotsavam. Please mark your calendar and participate this unique event.

Vishu/Tamil, Tulu New Year celebrations

Our temple will be celebrating Malayalam, Tamil, and Tulu New Year (Shobhakruthu Nama Samvatsaram) on Friday, April 14th and Saturday, April 15th. We are arranging for a 'Vishukkani' and offering 'Vishukkaineettam' for our devotees on April 14th. A special lunch will be served on banana leaves on April 15th. I invite you and your family to celebrate with us at SSVT!

Granite Flooring - On Schedule!

As you may know, our temple is continually looking for areas to improve our infrastructure and we identified the main level flooring as an area due for an improvement to granite. Last year, after a competitive open-bid process, we selected a vendor to undertake this project. We are on schedule to begin this work towards the beginning of May, with the first shipment of granite flooring arriving by mid-month. I humbly request you all to be patient with us as the installation of this will cause some disruption to our normal operations. We anticipate this project to complete by the end of June at the latest. Once complete, I hope the added vibrance and beauty will please your Ishta Devata even more; and bless all of us with their choicest blessings.

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 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

Sponsorship: \$31

Akshaya Tritiya

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Akshaya Tritiya is Parasurama Jayanti, where Parasurama is one of the Avatars of Maha Vishnu. The word Akshaya means growth and Tritiya is the third tithi. It is believed that any ritual done on that day leads to growth and hence jewelry and ornaments are bought on that day for overall prosperity. Gandha (Chandanam) Alankaram is traditionally performed for Lord Krishna on this day to cool the body of the Lord so that he will bestow us with all wealth.

10:00 am Krishna Abhisheka, Chandana Alankaram, Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam, Archana, Arthi, Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$31

Sri Sankara Jayanthi Day

Monday, April 24, 2023

SSVT will be celebrating Sri Sankara Jayanthi on Monday, April 24. The events will start with Ganesha Puja followed by Kalasa Sthapanam, Rudra (Siva) Abhisheka and Shodasa Upachara Puja to Sri Adi Shankara. A highlight of the Puja will be the chanting of Totakaastakam and Guru Paduka Stotram. The details of the program are given below:

9:30 am Ganesha Puja, Kalasa Sthapanam Abhisheka and puja to Adi Sankara Pallaki Seva (procession of Adi Sankara), Mahamangalarathi

Sponsorship: \$31

Sri Ramanuja Thiru Nakshatra

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

10:00 am Vishwakshena Aradhana, Sri Ananthapadmanabha and Ramanuja Tirumanjanam, Shodasha Upachara, Acharya Puja, Deeparadhana, Acharya Stotra, Divya Prabandha Parayanam

Sponsorship: \$31

Narasimha Jayanthi

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

9:30 am Sudarsana / Yoga Narasimha Homa
10:00 am Praakaara Narasimha Abhisheka, Archana, Deeparadhana
11:00 am Sri Sudharshana and Sri Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka, Sri Narasimha Avataara Parayana from Srividya Bhaagavatam, Sri Narayaneeyam, Archana, Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Sthotra Parayana, Deeparadhana

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

Narasimha Tirunakshatra

Friday, May 5, 2023

10:00 am Utsava Narasimha Abhisheka (in Ananthapadmanabha Sannidhi)

Sponsorship: \$31

Meenakshi Kalyanam

Saturday, May 6, 2023

The union of Lord Siva with Parvati in the form of Meenakshi took place in Madurai on the Chitra Poornima day. This union is celebrated in many of the Siva temples around the world as Meenakshi Kalyanam. Lord Vishnu, who is the brother of Meenakshi, gave away the bride to Lord Siva. This festival has an added significance at our temple

9:30 am Wedding procession and Oonjal Seva
10:30 am Meenakshi Kalyanam, Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$31

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

SSVT COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

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: Sree Kumar 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

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

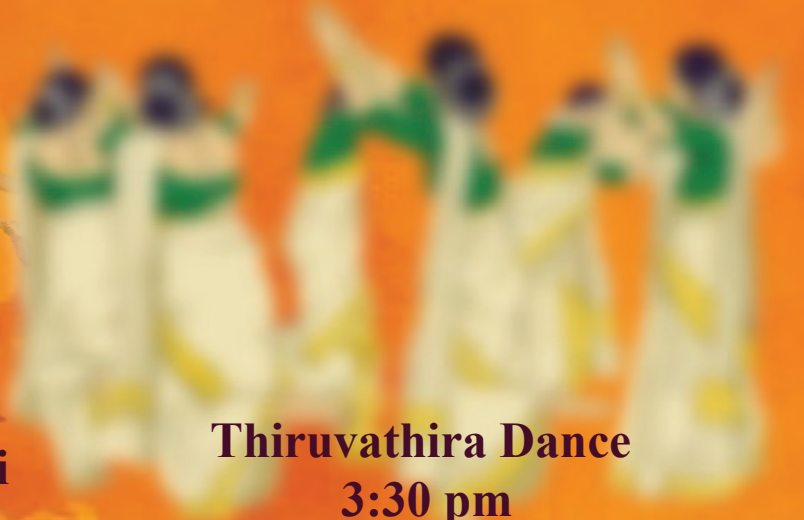
11:00 am Siva Parvathi Kalyanam



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 Shobhakruth 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' (घोषणं) 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.

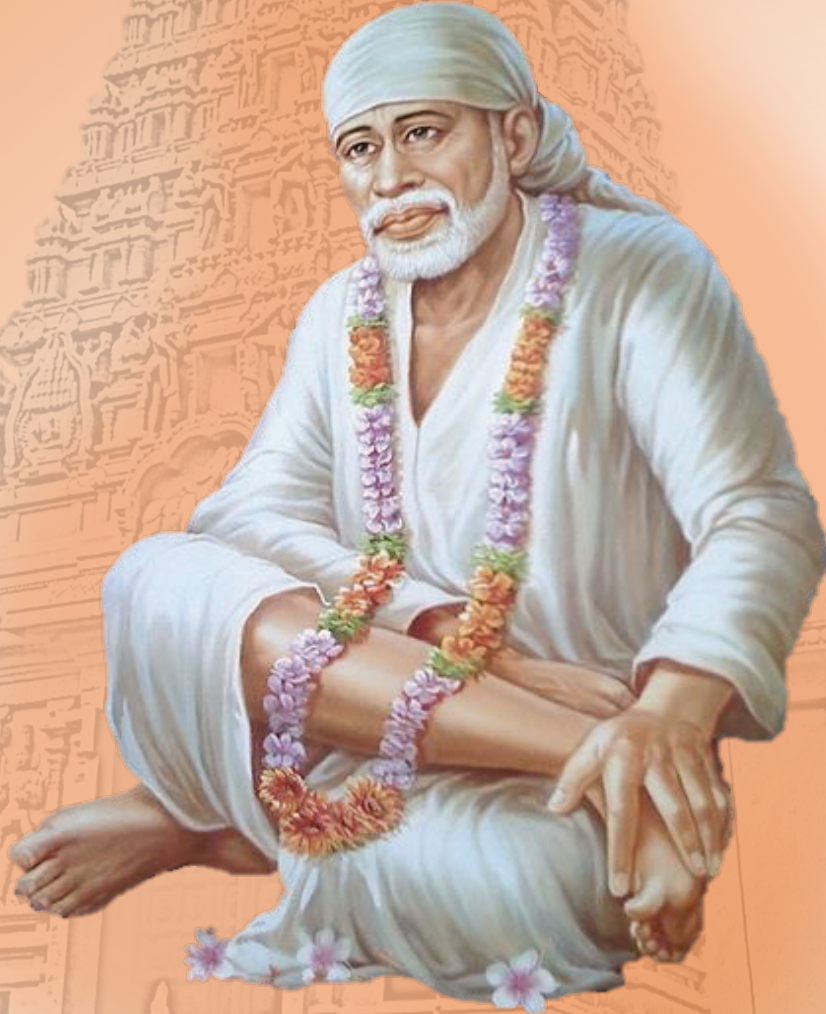
Worshipping of the six faces of Lord Shanmukha during this period will bless your family with knowledge, wealth and health. You will be blessed with courage and be fearless in this world and attain Moksha. Once again, we welcome you and your active participation in this mission to be blessed by Lord 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



For more information please contact

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HariKatha by Shri Tukaram Ganapathi Maharaj

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The Varkari (वारकरी) tradition started by Sant Jnaneshwar [Mauvli] over 700 years ago sowed the seeds of "Bakthi" in every individual irrespective of caste, creed or status. Varkari in Marathi means travellers or more precisely periodic travellers.

VARKARI-SAMPRADAY

The Varkari sampraday (religious movement) is so called because the followers travel hundreds of miles to the holy town of Pandharpur on foot, every year on the Ekadashi (11th day by lunar calendar) in the Hindu calendar month of Aashaadha (which falls sometime in July) and Kartik Ekadashi (which falls sometime in November). This pilgrimage is called vari (वारी) in the Marathi language and thus one who performs it in the path of devotion (Bhakti Marga) is a varkari.



Apr 21, Friday 2023
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm



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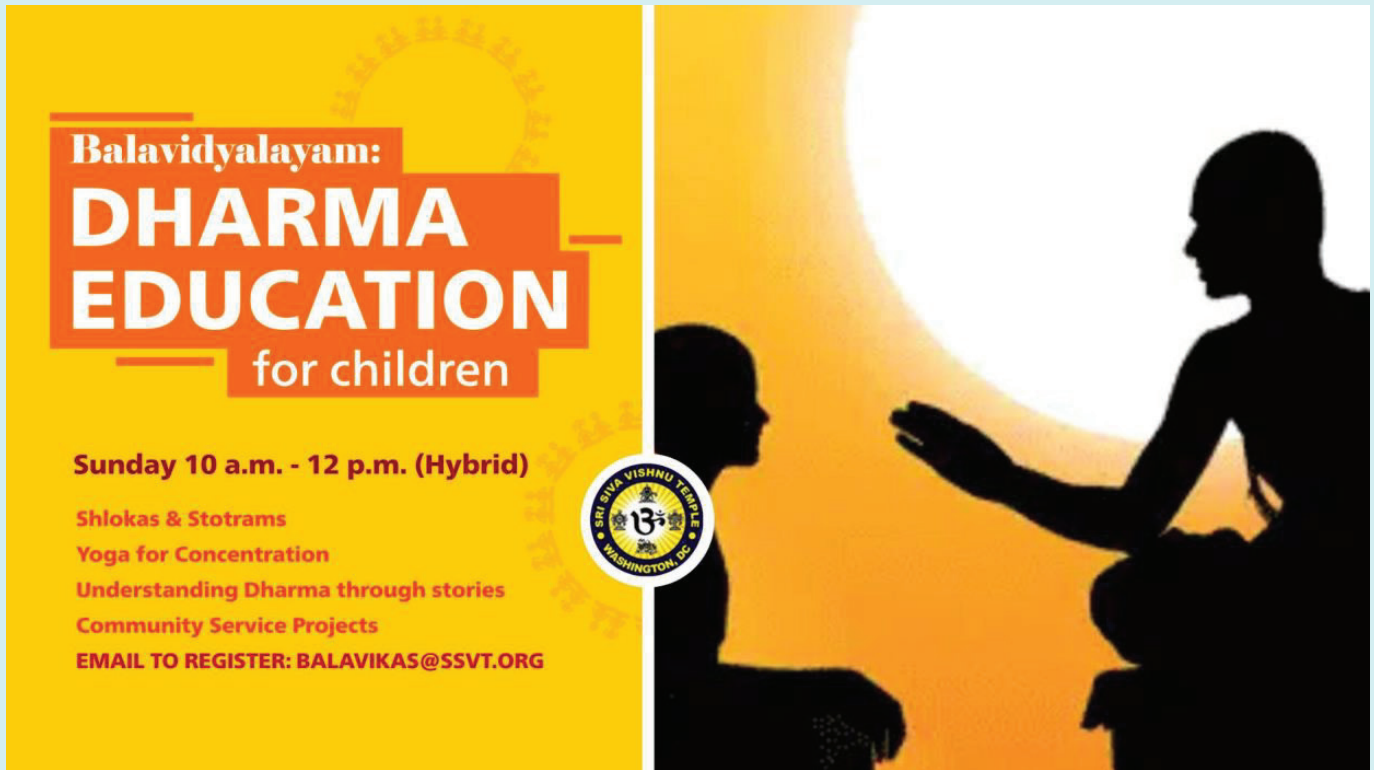
the founder and Adhikari of Vishwa Varakari Samsthan, has performed Abhang Harikeertan, worldwide and recipient of multiple awards, including from Shankaracharya of Shringeri peetam and the Maharaja of Travancore

SHRI.
RAGHUNATHDAS
MAHARAJ

the Uttaradhikari of Vishwa Varakari Samsthan, a spiritual institute for propogating Namasankeethanam. He has published extensively and performs teaches worldwide



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!				



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)



Bhagavad Gita Class

- GROUP DISCUSSION FORMAT
- SATURDAY, 10:00AM
- ON ZOOM
- EMAIL EDUCATION@SSVT.ORG TO REGISTER



YOGA & HEALTH

CELEBRATING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SSVT YOGA

JUNE 17, 2023

9:00AM - 1:00PM

Sri Siva Vishnu Temple auditorium
6905 Cipriano Road, Lanham, MD 20706
Email: education@ssvt.org

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UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

Date & Time	Event / Artist	Venue & Admission Fee
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
May 7, 2023; 4:30 PM	Vivek Moozhikulam (Vocal), Gokul Alankode (Violin), Sajinlal Edapal (Mridangam), Tripunithura Kannan (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

Limited slots available for individual performance

Main Concert:

Vid Suma Sudhindra (Veena)

Bhargav Tumkur (Violin)

Vid Anoor Dattatreya Sharma (Mridangam)

Samyuktha Sreeram (Ghatam)



For more information, please contact:

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SSVT Cultural Committee: cultural@ssvt.org





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**

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



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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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Grand Vocal Concert

Tribute to the Legend Late Sri TV Sankaranarayanan



April 30, 2023

4:30 pm

SSVT Auditorium

Vid R Suryaprakash (Vocal)

Vid Kamalakaran Vinjamuri (Violin)

Vid KH Vineeth (Mridangam)

Vid Sowmiya Narayanan (Ghatam)

Admission Free. Donations Welcome.

Contact: cultural@ssvt.org



Grand Vocal Concert

Featuring a Rising Star



Vid Vivek Moozhikulam (Vocal)

Vid Gokul Alankode (Violin)

Vid Sajinlal Edapal (Mridangam)

Vid Tripunithura Kannan (Ghatam)

Sunday, May 7, 2023 4:30 pm

SSVT Auditorium

Admission Free. Donations Welcome.

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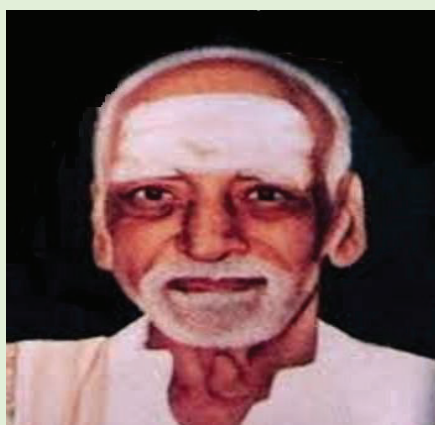
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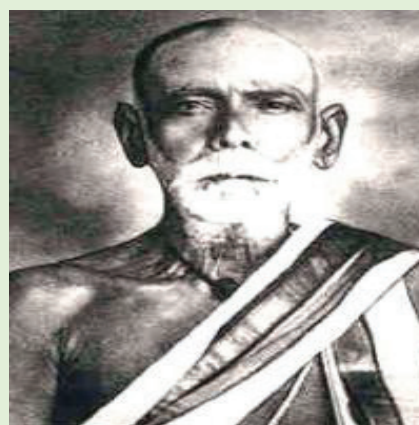


10TH ANNUAL SSVT SRI PAPANASAM SIVAN FESTIVAL SPECIAL INCLUSION – KRITHIS OF KOTEESWARA IYER

Saturday May 13, 2023



Papanasam Sivan (09/26 1890 -10/01 1973)



Koteeswara Iyer (01/1870 – 10/21/1936))

Program: Registration Opens April 15 – Registration

Individual/ Group Presentations – Vocal & Instrumental Music & Dances of the Krithis of Sri Sivan & Koteeswara Iyer by local area artistes, teachers, and their students

Main Concert – Kalyanapuram Arvind (Vocal); R. Raghul (Violin);
NC Bharadwaj (Mrudangam); Chandrasekara Sharma (Ghatam)

DONATIONS WELCOME!

Contact: papanasam.ssvt@gmail.com / cultural@ssvt.org

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Date & time: April 8-9, 2023 9:30 am to 4:30 pm on Saturday & 9:30 am to 2:00 pm on Sunday.

Venue: Sri Siva Vishnu Temple auditorium, 6905 Cipriano Rd, Lanham, MD 20706.

***Registration is required to attend the event-Please Register online at
<https://vhpadc.org/event/hindu-dharma-convention-2023/>**

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OBITUARY

Smt. Sarada Subramanian



Shrimati Sarada Subramanian, wife of Late Valliyur Subramanian, passed away peacefully on Feb 4, 2023 at the age of 90 in her daughter Revati's home in New Delhi, India. Along with her husband, World Bank Valliyur Subramanian, Sarada Maami (as she was affectionately known to all) was a regular fixture during the early days of our dear SSVT. Her contributions to temple prasadam, bakshanams, food committee volunteering, and bhajanai singing were well known to the Temple community.

Sarada Maami was a great devotee of Swami BalaMurugan and Swami BalaKrishnan and her love of children showcased this affection. Sarada Maami is remembered for her warm smile, tenacity, love of nature, and above all faith through Seva and Bhakti yoga. She spent her later years in a regular routine of chanting slokas & bhajans, writing Sri Rama Jayam, enjoying word puzzles, sharing recipes, reading, and instilling a strong sense of duty as a Hindu in her family.

She is remembered fondly by her three daughters and their families including six grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She would want all to be comforted in her Atma's transition to peace. Please join us in giving true voice to her belief of "Eeshwaro Rakshadai" and "Om Shanti Shanti Shanti!"

Smt. Visalam Subramanyan



Smt. Visalam Subramanyan attained the lotus feet of Lord Narayana on Sunday, March 12, 2023 in Coimbatore, India. She was the beloved mother of S. Sriramachandran, former President of the Governance Board, and the mother-in-law of Smt. Anjana Sriram, former chairperson of the Board of Trustees, whom she stayed with for the majority of the last thirty years.

Visalam was an ardent devotee, enthusiastic volunteer, and a frequent visitor to SSVT. She volunteered in the Hundi task force, garland making, and kitchen activities of the temple. When the Temple Kitchen switched to a token system, Visalam was the first volunteer to help ensure its success. She actively participated in various Poojas and the chanting of Lalitha and Vishnu Sahasranama at the Temple.

Even at an advanced age, she was often seen performing Anga Pradakshinas at the Temple, praying for her grandchildren. She is survived by her three loving children and their spouses and her seven cherished grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Om Shanthi!!



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