



# Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

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**FLOORING RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY:** The flooring along the main level and parts of the basement are being upgraded during the next 6 to 8 weeks. Work will occur Monday-Friday; please be mindful of the work zone, equipment, material, and any hazards this may create - including dust, noise, and other disturbances. All religious, cultural, and educational activities will take place as scheduled. We sincerely thank you for your patience and cooperation and apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you!

## 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 Srimad 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

## Hanumat Jayanti (Vedic)

**Sunday, May 14, 2023**

People in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh observe Hanumat Jayanti on Lunar Vaisakha Bahula (Krishna) Dasami. This day falls on Sunday, May 14 this year according to North American Panchanga. On this day, there will be Sahasranama, Archana and a special Vada alankara to Lord Anjaneya. Sponsorship is not a requirement to participate in the Sahasranama Archana. There will be no butter Alankaara during that day.

9:30 am Anjaneya Moola Mantra Homa

6:00 pm Anjaneya Panchamrutha Abhisheka, Special Vada Alankara, Sahasranama Archana, Deeparadhana, Prasadam distribution

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

## Venkateshwara Brahmotsavam

**Wednesday, May 24 - Sunday, May 28, 2023**

To ward off all sins, a Brahmotsavam is celebrated. Lord Brahma Himself is believed to have celebrated the first Brahmotsavam to please His father, Lord Vishnu and according to some legend this

was the beginning of the Brahmotsavam. In keeping with the tradition, Venkateswara Brahmotsavam will be celebrated at our temple from May 24 to May 28. One of the most important features of the Brahmotsavam is the Brahma Rathotsavam (Chariot Festival) on the final day.

**Wednesday, May 24, 2023**

9:00 am Suprabhatam, Vishwakshena Aaradhana, Anugnyam, Vasudeva Punyahavachana, Rakshabandanam, Mritsangrahanam, Angurarpanam, Prahtaraaradhana, Shanti patham, Veda Vinnappam, Satumurai, Chatusthanaarchana, Agni Prathishtha, Moolamantra Homa, Poornahuti, Vainatheya Prathishtapana, Dwaja Aarohanam, Garuda Prasadam (Santana Praptyartham), Bali Harana, Mangalasaashanam

5:00 pm Vishnu Sahasranama, Chatusthanaarchana, Moolamantra Homa, Poornahuti, Bhereetadanam, Devataahvaana, Bali Harana, Mangalasaashanam, Shayanotsava.

**Thursday, May 25, 2023**

9:00 am Suprabhatam, Seva Kalam, Prahtaraaradhana, Shanti Patham, Veda Vinnappam, Satumurai, Chatusthanaarchana, Moola Mantra Homa, Bali Harana, Mangalasaashanam

5:00 pm Vishnu Sahasranama, Chatusthanaarchana, Moolamantra Homa, Poornahuti, Bali Harana, Sangeeta Seva, Mangalasaashanam, Shayanotsava

**Friday, May 26, 2023**

9:00 am Suprabhatam, Seva Kalam, Prahtaraaradhana, Shanti Patham, Veda Vinnappam, Satumurai, Chatusthanaarchana, Moolamantra Homa, Sudarshana Homa, Poornahuti, Utsavaarambha Sthapanam, Bali Haranam, Mangalasaashanam, 108 Kalasa Sthapana

5:00 pm Vishnu Sahasranama, Chatusthanaarchana, Moolamantra Homa, Poornahuti, Bali Haranam, Mahalakshmi Aaradhana and Deepotsava, Mangalasaashanam, Shayanotsavam

**Saturday, May 27, 2023**

7:00 am Suprabhatam, Seva Kalam, Prahtaraaradhana, Shanti Patham, Veda Vinnappam, Satumurai, Chatusthanaarchana, Moolamantra Homa, Poornahuti, 108 Kalasa Venkateswara Abhisheka, Lakshaarchana, Sangeeta Seva, Tirupavada Seva, Bali Haranam, Mangalasaashanam

5:00 pm Vishnu Sahasranama

6:00 pm Garuda Vahana Praakaar Utsavam, Chatusthanaarchana, Moolamantra Homa, Poornahuti,

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# RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

## 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		<b>NARASIMHA JAYANTHI - SEE DETAILS</b>
Thu 4	7:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Poomima
Fri 5		<b>NARASIMHA TIRUNAKSHATRA - SEE DETAILS</b>
	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
Sat 6	10:30 AM	<b>MEENAKSHI KALYANAM - SEE DETAILS</b>
	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 - Shravana
Fri 12	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
Sun 14		<b>HANUMAT JAYANTHI - SEE DETAILS</b>
Mon 15	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Tue 16	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Fri 19	10:00 AM	Parvathi Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Krittika
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sat 20	10:00 AM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
	7:00 PM	Ayyappa Padi Puja
Sun 21	10:00 AM	Special Ayyappa Puja / Irumudi Abhisheka
Tue 23	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
	10:30 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi
Wed 24		<b>SRI VENKATESHWARA BRAHMOTSAVAM BEGINS - SEE DETAILS</b>
Thu 25	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Fri 26	10:00 AM	Durga Abhisheka
Sun 28		<b>SRI VENKATESHWARA BRAHMOTSAVAM ENDS</b>
	9:30 AM	Navagraha Homa
	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
	10:30 AM	Navagraha Abhisheka
Mon 29	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja - Uttara Phalguni

## May 2023

Mon 29 **SIVA BRAHMOTSAVAM BEGINS - SEE DETAILS**  
Tue 30 7:00 PM Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi

### 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, 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
Saturday, October 14, 2023	Padi Puja
Sunday, October 15, 2023	Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja

### 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 सद्भिर्बहुधा 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

### 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!

Cleanliness is an important virtue in Hinduism; the Bhagavad Gita describes it as one of the divine qualities one must practice. The concept of cleanliness is just as important within a Hindu temple – as it's a structure designed to bring people and the supreme being together.

At Sri Siva Vishnu Temple, we have undertaken several projects to epitomize the saying that 'cleanliness is next to Godliness.' One such initiative towards this goal is the replacement of existing flooring with granite on the main level and porcelain tiles on the lower level of the temple. The demolition and installation work is currently underway and anticipated to be completed by the end of June or mid-July at the latest. We are hopeful that there will be minimal impact during devotee visits, but everyone is asked to be cautious around the work zone, equipment, material, and any hazards the renovation may create – including dust, noise, and other disturbances. Some entrances, common areas, and Sannidhis may be temporarily closed off as work will be completed in phases. We anticipate minimal disruption to our normal operations; all religious, cultural, and educational programs will take place as scheduled. Once complete, I hope the added vibrancy and beauty will please your Ishta Devata even more; and bless all of us with their choicest blessings.

This project would not have been possible without your generous support – please consider donating towards this effort through [this link](#).

### Guha Ghoshana Mahotsavam

"Sri Guha Ghoshanam", the Mahotsavam celebrating Lord Sri Subramanya is from August 4th through 13th. This festival is conducted for Universal peace and prosperity. The entire event is led by our Pradhana Acharya Sri Shanmugha Sivacharyar ably supported by our learned Acharyas of the temple. All religious events during the ten days of Mahotsavam and cultural and educational events preceding the six weekends of the Mahotsavam have also been finalized. Please mark your calendar and participate in this rare event.

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



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Bali Harana

7:30 pm Venkateswara Deepotsava, Dolotsava, Sangeeta Seva, Mangalashaanam, Shayanotsava

### **Sunday, May 28, 2023**

8:00 am Suprabhatam, Seva Kalam, Prahtaraaradhana, Shanti Patham, Veda Vinnappam, Satumurai, Chatusthanaarchana, Moola Mantra Homa, Mahapoornahuti

10:00 am Special Kalyantosava (Srinivasa Kalyana)

12:00 pm Brahma Rathotsava, Bali Haranam, Mangalashaanam, Teerthagoshti

5:00 pm Sripushpayaagam, Dwadasha Aaradhana, Devata Udhvasana, Dwaja Aavaarohana, Chakra Teertham, Kumbha Prokshana, Acharya Sambhavana, Asheervadam, Mangalashaanam

**Sponsorship: \$251 - Entire Brahmotsavam; \$61 - One Day's puja; \$31 - One Homa or One Abhisheka or Kalyana Utsava or Rathotsavam**

## **Siva Brahmotsavam**

### **Monday, May 29 - Friday, June 3, 2023**

According to both Shaiva and Vaishnava Agamas, a Brahmotsavam is considered to be the chief among the festivals conducted for the main deities of a temple. Legend says that Lord Brahma himself officiated the first utsavam to mitigate Indra's sins arising from a happenstance event. Since then, annual Brahmotsavams are carried out for both Shiva and Vishnu to enable the devotees to wash away their sins and negativities. Even Lord Brahma and other Devas are said to visit such utsavams and bless the devotees. The word Brahma in Brahmotsavam, denotes the supreme Brahman - the absolute one. By performing the Brahmotsavam, the Jeevaatmas reach the Supreme Brahman in the simplest way. Siva Brahmotsavam concludes on Vaikasi Vishaaka nakshatra day this year (Friday, June 2), a special day for His Divine Son, Lord Subrahmanya.

### **Monday, May 29, 2023**

9:30 am Ganapathi Homa, Prasann Abhisheka, Navagraha Homa, Skanda Homa, Pashupathasthra Santhi Homa  
5:30 pm Vighneshwara Puja, Deivanugnya, Pravesha Bali, Vasthu Santhi, Rakshoghna Homa, Mruthsangrahanam

### **Tuesday, May 30, 2023**

9:30 am Beri Thaadanam, Devatha ahwaanam, Nava Sandhi Aavaahanam, Santhi Abhisheka for the Utsava Murthy  
5:30 pm Ankuraarpanam, Rakshaabandanam, Yagashalaarchanam, Agni Kaaryam, Dikbali Vidhanam, Special Deeparadhana to Utsava Murthy, Yaga Veekshanyam

### **Wednesday, May 31, 2023**

9:30 am Yagashala Pooja, Vishesh Homa, Dik Bali Vidhanam, Special Deeparadhana to the Utsava Murthy  
5:30 pm Same as Morning Pujas

### **Thursday, June 1, 2023**

9:30 am Yagashala Pooja, Vishesh Homa, Dik Bali Vidhanam, Special Deeparadhana to the Utsava Murthy  
5:30 pm Same as Morning Pujas

### **Friday, June 2, 2023**

9:30 am Yagasala Puja, Maha Poornahuthi, Special Abhisheka (Yaagalaya Yagnya Kalasa Abhisheka) to Lord Ramanatha, Choornotsavam, Teerthotsavam, Raksha Visarjanam, Beri Thadanam, Nava Sandhi Devatha Visarjanam, Swami Pradakshina, Acharyotsavam, Bhakthotsavam, Prasadam Distribution, Bhagavath Aasheerwadam

**Sponsorship: \$501 - Entire Brahmotsavam; \$101 - One Day's puja; \$31 - One Abhisheka or Homa**

## **Vaikasi Visakam Day**

### **Friday, June 2, 2023**

During the month of Vaikasi (Vrishabam) the Nakshatra Vishakam generally falls on the Full Moon day. This day signifies the birth of Lord Subrahmanya, the second son of Lord Siva. His mission was to save Earth from demons such as Soorapadman. He emerged as 6 sparks from the third eye of Siva, and passed through sky, wind, fire and the waters of Ganga, reached Earth, formless at first and finally acquiring form in a pond. His manifestation represents that the Almighty is comprised of the five elements. He is also known by many names including Lord Karthikeya and fondly as Muruga. Lord Murugan has six faces and because of that He is also known as Lord Arumugam. Due to His six faces Lord Murugan can see in East, West, North, South, Heaven and Patala (netherworld) simultaneously. Vaikasi Visakam is celebrated with much religious importance and fervor at the Arupadaiveedu of Lord Muruga or the six abodes of Lord Murugan in Tamil Nadu. These temples are the Pazhani Hill Temple, Thiruchendur Murugan Temple, Arulmigu Swaminatha Swami Temple, Thiruthani Murugan Temple, Sri Subrahmanya Temple at Pazhamudircholai, and Thiruparamkundram Subrahmanya Swamy Temple. It is also celebrated in many a Murugan Temples throughout the world including SSVT.

9:30 am Subrahmanya Moola Mantra Homa

10:30 am Subrahmanya Abhisheka, Skandashashti Kavacham recitation, Bhajans, Archana, Deeparadhana

12:30 pm Subrahmanya procession around the temple will be done as a part of the Siva Brahmotsavam, followed by Deeparadhana

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

## **Vaikasi Visakam Celebrations**

### **Saturday, June 3, 2023**

10:30 am 108 Milk Kalasas (Paal Kudam), Kaavadi and Abhisheka

12:00 pm Deepaaradhana and Prasadam

## **Vaikasi Visakam Paadha Yaathirai**

### **Saturday, June 3, 2023**

Devotees will walk 6.5 miles from Riverdale Community Park to SSVT. Please see page 6 for more info. [Click here to register](#). POC: Ramanathan Narayanan (301) 440-9258, [ram\\_utk@yahoo.com](mailto:ram_utk@yahoo.com)

## **SSVT COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **Homeless SEVA - Sandwich Program**

#### **(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

## **SSVT SENIOR CITIZENS MEET UP**

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)





# 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 several Siva temples around the world as Meenakshi Kalyanam. Lord Vishnu, who is the brother of Meenakshi, gave away the bride to Lord Siva. Hence in our temple which is dedicated to Siva and Vishnu (and their families) this festival has an added significance



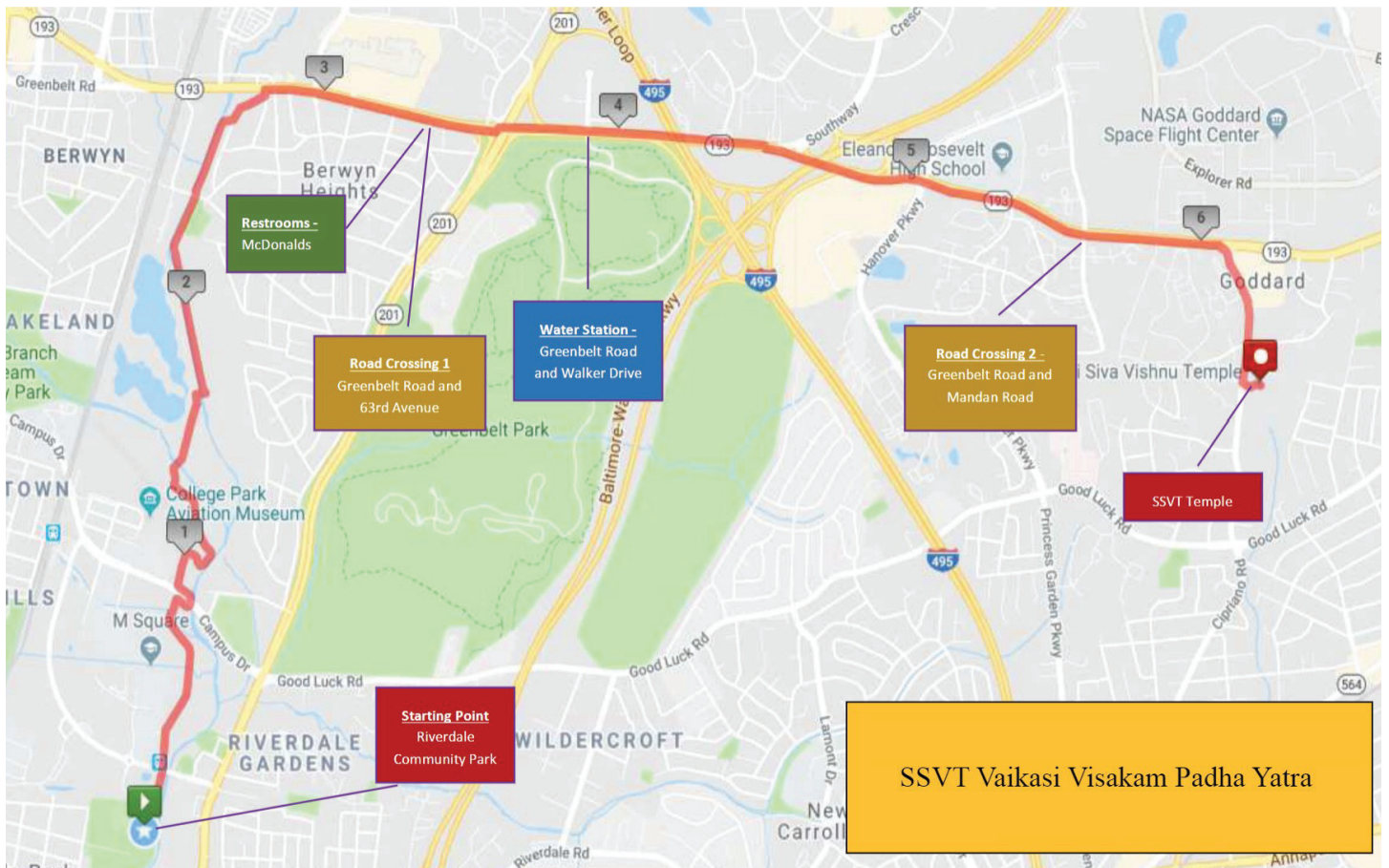
9:30 am Wedding Process & Oonjal Seva

10:00 am Meenakshi Kalyanam

12:00 noon Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$31 - Scan or click QR code for Sponsorship





Vaikasi Visakam Padha Yatra

June 3rd, 2023

**TOTAL DISTANCE: 6.5 MILES**  
**EXPECTED DURATION: 2 HOURS**  
**WALK START TIME: 6:00-7:00 AM**

**LINK TO ONLINE MAP:**  
<https://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/2498748223>

**STATING POINT: RIVERDALE COMMUNITY PARK**  
**Address: 5400 Haig Dr, Riverdale, MD 20737**

**RESTROOM STOP: 7-ELEVEN OR MCDONALDS ON GREENBELT ROAD – 3.5 MILES**  
 You can use the 7-Eleven or McDonalds on Greenbelt Road.

**ROAD CROSSINGS 1: ON GREENBELT ROAD – 63<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE (FROM RIGHT TO LEFT SIDE OF ROAD)**  
 On Greenbelt road at 63rd avenue after the McDonalds. (Don't continue straight, there is no side walk after Kenilworth avenue).

**WATER STATION: ON GREEN BELT ROAD AT WALKERS DR JUNCTION – 4 MILES - OPEN 7:30 – 8:30 AM**  
 Address: 7802 Walker Dr, Greenbelt, Maryland (After crossing the Kenilworth Avenue Bridge)  
 Water, Refreshment, no Restrooms.

**CAUTION: When crossing road on Baltimore Washington parkway exit, watch for speeding incoming cars.**

**ROAD CROSSINGS 2: ON GREENBELT ROAD-MANDAN ROAD (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT SIDE OF ROAD)**

On Greenbelt Road at the road crossing on Mandan Road.

**FINISHING POINT: SSVT: 8:30 – 9:00 AM**  
 Breakfast, Water, Refreshment, and Restrooms.

**TRAIL AND ROAD ETIQUETTE:**

- Please remember to stay on the right side of the trail, inside the yellow dividing line. If you are walking as a group, please get to single file and give way for bikers.
- If you hear a biker's voice saying, "On your left", please move over to the right side and let them pass. It's also courteous to acknowledge bikers with a wave to let them know that you have heard them.
- For safety reasons, if your kids are walking, make sure you or another adult responsible for them are with them at all time.
- Please be careful when you are at the road crossing. Wait for road signal and watch for vehicle on the road.
- Use the trail and path way with caution as it is open to all public.

**ITEMS TO BRING:**

**WATER BOTTLE:** Please bring water bottle. We will have ONE water stations on the way, you can refill at the water stations.

**CAP AND SUNSCREEN:** It is going to be hot and humid on that day, especially when you walk on the road side for the last 3 miles.





# 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 Siva Vishnu Temple

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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.

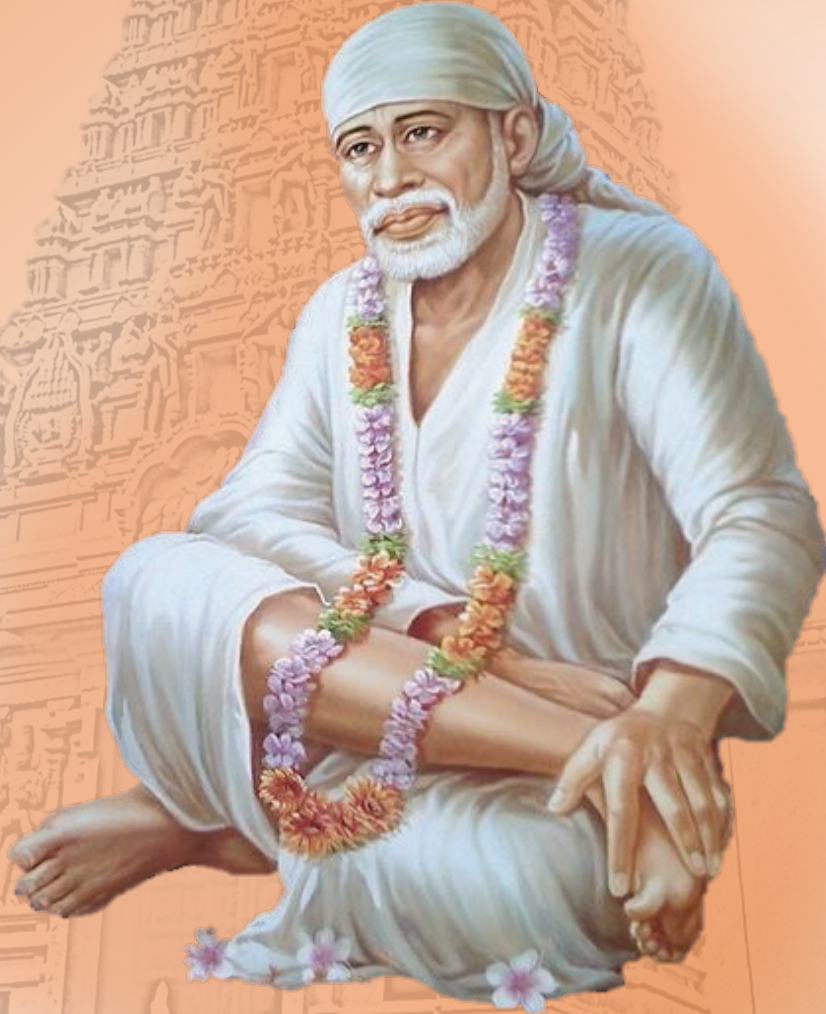
Worshipping of the six faces of Lord Shanmukha during this period will bless your family with knowledge, wealth and health. You will be blessed with courage and be fearless in this world and attain Moksha. Once again, we welcome you and your active participation in this mission to be blessed by Lord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

Shoba Prasad (240) 568-9151

Rohini Homnappa (240) 441-1266

Srini Tirumalasetti (443) 540-4110

Sujatha Badrinath (301) 805-1943

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## Flooring Upgrades Underway

Main level flooring and parts of the basement are being upgraded through the end of June/early July:

- Work will occur Monday through Friday;
- Some entrances, common areas, and Sannidhis may be temporarily closed off as work will be completed in phases;
- All devotees are asked to be cautious around the work zone, equipment, material, and any hazards this may create – including dust, noise, and other disturbances
- All religious, cultural and educational activities will take place as scheduled

We sincerely thank you for your patience and cooperation and apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you!



[Click here](#) to donate for this effort – thank you for your support!



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)



# Balavidyalayam

## Dharma Class Annual Day

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 2023

10:00am – 12:00pm

SSVT Auditorium

[www.ssvt.org](http://www.ssvt.org)

[balavikas@ssvt.org](mailto:balavikas@ssvt.org)



# YOGA & HEALTH

CELEBRATING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SSVT YOGA

## JUNE 10, 2023

### 9:00AM - 1:00PM

Sri Siva Vishnu Temple Auditorium  
6905 Cipriano Road, Lanham, MD 20706  
Email: [education@ssvt.org](mailto:education@ssvt.org)

OPEN TO PUBLIC | FREE OF CHARGE

YOGA PRACTICE & PANEL DISCUSSIONS



Please Register





### Holi Celebrations at Sri Siva Vishnu Temple, Sunday, April 2, 2023

On Sunday, April 2, students from the Family Dharma Class gathered at the temple to celebrate Holi.



[Click Here to see more photos and videos](#)



# SSVT Summer Camp



[education@sstv.org](mailto:education@sstv.org)

July 10 – 14, 2023  
Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm  
At Sri Siva Vishnu Temple, Lanham, MD



Friday night Cultural show by campers  
Parent volunteers needed

Registration  
Opens on  
May 14th

Camp Fee  
\$175

Age: 7 years or older

- ✓ Campers should have completed 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- ✓ Counselors must have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- ✓ Student Service Learning Hours (SSL)
- ✓ Shlokas, yoga, dharma study, dance, music, play, story time, games, artwork, and more
- ✓ Hot vegetarian lunch and nutritious snacks are provided every day

Volunteers needed to teach and support during Camp Week - please email [education@sstv.org](mailto:education@sstv.org) for more information



## UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

Date & Time	Event / Artist	Venue & Admission Fee
May 6, 2023; 1:00 PM	Jagat Janani: A Bharathanatyam Presentation by Revathy Ananthkrishnan	Auditorium/Free
May 13, 2023; All Day	Sri Papanasam Sivan Day	Auditorium/Free
May 13, 2023; 5:30 PM	Kalyanapuram Aravind (Vocal), R Raghul (Violin), NC Bharadwaj (Mridangam), Chandrashekara Sharma (Ghatam)	Auditorium/Free
May 14, 2023; 4:30 PM	Trichy Sankaran 80 - Sandeep Narayan (Vocal), VVS Murari (Violin), Trichy Sankaran (Mridangam), KV Gopalakrishnan (Kanjira)	Auditorium/\$20
June 3, 2023; 5:30 PM	Hindustani Concert - Snehes Nag (Sitar), Anirudh Alva Changkakoti (Tabla)	Auditorium/Free
June 10, 2023; 5:30 PM	D Balakrishna (Veena), Anand Iyer (Mridangam), Samyuktha Sreeram (Ghatam)	Auditorium/Free



### 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 Meezhikulam~~  
**May 13** Papanasam Sivan Day - Kalyanapuram Aarvind  
**May 14** Sandeep Narayan/Trichy Sankaran \*  
**June 3** Snehes Nag (Sitar)  
**June 10** D Balakrishna (Veena)

We look forward to your attendance and support.

\* Ticketed









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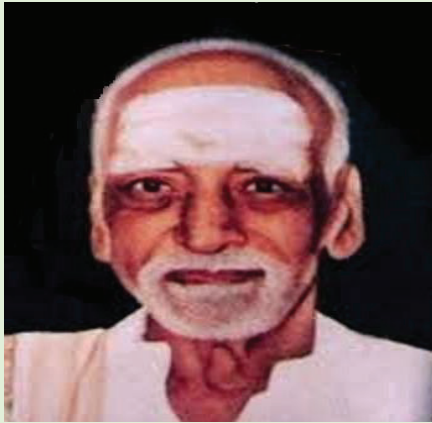
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## 10TH ANNUAL SSVT SRI PAPANASAM SIVAN FESTIVAL

### 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](mailto:papanasam.ssvt@gmail.com) / [cultural@ssvt.org](mailto:cultural@ssvt.org)





# Sri Papanasam Sivan Day Main Concert

*Saturday May 13, 2023  
5:30 pm*



**Vid Kalyanapuram Aravind (Vocal)**

**Vid R Raghul (Violin)**

**Vid NC Bharadwaj (Mridangam)**

**Vid Chandrashekara Sharma (Ghatam)**

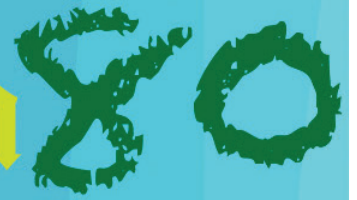
Admission Free. Donations Welcome.

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





# Trichy Sankaran 80



*A great opportunity to listen to the Legend*

Sandeep Narayan (Vocal)



VVS Murari (Violin)

Saneetha Kalanidhi Dr. Trichy Sankaran



KV Gopalakrishnan (Kanjira)

**Sunday May 14, 2023 4:30 pm**

**Tickets: \$20**

Contact: [cultural@sst.org](mailto:cultural@sst.org)





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&*

*Anirudh Alva Changkakoti*

SITAR AND TABLA

at SSVT Auditorium

on June 3rd, 2023

6-8.30 pm

Admission free (donations welcome)

Seating: 5.45 pm

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**KHNA DC REGION — SHUBHARAMBHAM &**  
**MATHRUPOOJA**

ON MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023  
SRI SIVA VISHNU TEMPLE (SSVT), 6905 CIPRIANO ROAD,  
LANHAM, MD 20706

**MATHRUPOOJA: 9:00 - 10:30 AM**

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN TO PAY RESPECT AND TRIBUTE TO  
THEIR AMMA ON MOTHER'S DAY AT SRI SIVA VISHNU TEMPLE.  
ALL MOTHERS & CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POOJA

**SHUBHARAMBHAM**  
**CULTURAL PROGRAMS & LUNCH**  
**11 AM - 2 PM**

KHNA NATIONAL PRESIDENT,  
SRI. G. K. PILLAI & TEAM WILL BE PRESENT

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND, SUPPORT, AND BLESS THE EVENTS  
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

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