



# 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 4 to 6 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!

## 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 Siva 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 Jeevaathmas 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.

**Thursday, June 1, 2023**

9:30 am Yagashala Pooja, Vishesha 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 Subramanya Temple at Pazhamudircholai, and Thiruparamkundram Subramanya 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 Deeparadhana 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)

## Samvatsara Mahotsavam

**Sunday, June 25 to Tuesday, July 4, 2023**

**Sunday, June 25, 2023**

9:30 am Ganesha Puja, Anugnay, Dwaja Arohanam, Ankurarpanam, Rakshabandhanam, Ganapathi & Navagraha Homa

10:30 am Navagraha Abhisheka

**Monday, June 26, 2023**

9:30 am Ganapathi Homa

10:30 am Ganapathi Abhisheka

**Tuesday, June 27, 2023**

9:30 am Durga Homa

10:30 am Durga Abhisheka

**Wednesday, June 28, 2023**

9:30 am Sudarshana and Andal Homas

10:30 am Sudarshana and Andal Abhishekas

**Thursday, June 29, 2023**

9:30 am Subrahmanya Homa

10:30 am Subrahmanya Abhisheka

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# RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

## June 2023

Thu 1	9:30 AM	Sudarshana /Yoga Narasimha Homa - Swathi
	10:30 AM	Sudarshana /Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka - Swathi
	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Fri 2		<b>VAIKASI VISAKAM DAY - SEE DETAILS</b>
		<b>SIVA BRAHMOTSAVAM CONCLUDES - SEE DETAILS</b>
Sat 3	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
		<b>VAIKASI VISAKAM CELEBRATIONS - SEE DETAILS</b>
	5:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Poomima
	6:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Mon 5	10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula
Tue 6	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
	7:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi
Thu 8	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shrivana
Fri 9	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
Tue 13	6:30 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Thu 15	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Kritika
Fri 16	10:00 AM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
	10:00 AM	Parvathi Abhisheka
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sun 18	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja
Tue 20	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
Wed 21	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
	10:30 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi
Fri 23	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
	10:00 AM	Durga Abhisheka
Sat 24	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
Sun 25		<b>SAMVATSARA MAHOTSAVAM BEGINS - SEE DETAILS</b>
	9:30 AM	Navagraha Homa
	10:00 AM	Aani Tirumanjanam - Nataraja Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja - Uttara Phalguni
	10:30 AM	Navagraha Abhisheka
Wed 28	8:00 AM	<b>SUDARSHANA JAYANTHI - SEE DETAILS</b>
Thu 29	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Fri 30	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Vishakha
	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham

## June 2023

## July 2023

Fri 30	7:00 PM	<b>AYYAPPA PADI PUJA</b>
Sat 1	10:00 AM	<b>SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA / IRUMUDI ABHISHEKA</b>
	6:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Sun 2	10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula
	5:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Poomima
Tue 4		<b>SAMVATSARA MAHOTSAVAM CONCLUDES</b>
Wed 5	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shrivana
	7:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi
Fri 7	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
Sat 8	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Wed 12	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Kritika
Thu 13	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Fri 14	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Sun 16	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja
	7:15 PM	<b>DAILY BHAGAVATI SEVA UNTIL AUGUST 16, 2023</b>
Mon 17	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
Fri 21		<b>AADI POORAM DAY - PARVATHI - SEE DETAILS</b>
	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
Sat 22		<b>AADI POORAM DAY - ANDAL - SEE DETAILS</b>
Sun 23	9:30 AM	Navagraha Homa

*Rest of July in July Newsletter*

### 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 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](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!

I hope you and your family is excited for a refreshing summer season ahead. Some may have children finishing up with the school year and might be planning for summer activities to keep them busy. Others may be looking forward to taking some time a way, maybe a vacation. As you plan for your summer, I hope you consider volunteering at our temple.

Whether it's helping in the temple gardens, helping us with organizing for the upcoming Guha Ghoshanam Mahotsavam, or even volunteering during our upcoming Summer Camp - there is an opportunity for all in the family to help us welcome devotees from near and far this Summer. Our temple is a place of worship, where one can connect with the divine. Apart from it's marvelous architecture, it serves as a community center - where our traditions are preserved, showcased, and taught to the masses. This is only possible with the active involvement of our devotees, especially our younger generation.

I have more updates on "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 and ably supported by our learned Acharyas of the temple. One of the major highlights of the Mahotsavam is one crore "Skandha Japam" on Guha by the devotees. All devotees can take part in the Japam. Our Pradhana Acharya will be at the temple from June 1st through 3rd for giving 'Deeksha' to the devotees. For more details about Japam and the submission of its count, please [click here](#)

I would like to thank all our devotees for their patience and understanding while the flooring work is underway at both levels of the temple. The installation is anticipated to be completed by mid-July.

Our annual food bazaar is on Saturday, June 24th from 11 am to 7 pm at the temple. I am inviting all of you to this event to enjoy your favorite delicacies and socialize with fellow devotees.

I would like to request our devotees to visit our Dharma Library and make use of its resources. Several hundreds of books are cataloged and made available to the devotees. My sincere appreciation to Mrs. Sumitha Ajith, the Education Committee Coordinator for undertaking this herculean task. Additionally, if you know any school age children - please consider having them attend our Summer Camp from July 10 - 14; please email [education@ssvt.org](mailto:education@ssvt.org) for more information.

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 Deities 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*

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2023 Chairperson, Board of Trustees  
Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

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### Friday, June 30, 2023

9:30 am Mahalakshmi Homa  
10:30 am Mahalakshmi Abhisheka

### Saturday, July 1, 2023

9:30 am Venkateshwara Homa  
10:30 am Venkateshwara Abhisheka

### Sunday, July 2, 2023

9:30 am Mahavishnu and Ayyappa Homas  
10:30 am Mahavishnu and Ayyappa Abhishekas

### Monday, July 3, 2023

9:30 am Siva Homa  
10:30 am Siva Abhisheka

### Tuesday, July 4, 2023

9:00 am Suprabhatam  
10:30 am Kalyana Utsavam for Siva, Subrahmanya, and Srinivasa  
12:00 pm Rathotsavam, Visheshha Harathi, Acharya Sambhavana, Dwaja Avarohana, Prasada distribution

**Sponsorship: \$601 - Entire Samvatsara Mahotsavam; \$125 - One Day's puja; \$61 - All Pujas for a Deity; \$31 - per Homa, or Abhisheka or any Kalyanam**

## Sudarshana Jayanti (Maha Sudarshana Homa)

### Wednesday, June 28, 2023

Sudarshana, the holy discus (wheel) in the hands of Lord Narayana (Vishnu), is the embodiment of the power of Lord Vishnu in destroying the evil and protecting the righteous as he took the shape of the claws in Narasimha Avataram, arrows in Rama Avataram, axe in Parasurama Avataram and Chakra (wheel) in Krishna Avataram. Therefore, the worship of Sudarshana as a devata (deity) is extolled in Vaishnava agama Sastras.

The worship of Sudarshana bestows good knowledge and good faculties as the syllable "Su" stands for "Good" and "Darshana" for "Vision". Our temple will be conducting a grand Sudarshana Homa followed by an Abhisheka on Wednesday June 28, 2023. Devotees are encouraged to participate to receive all the beneficial effects of worship of Lord Sudarshana.

8:00 am Suprabhatam, Viswaksena Aradhana, Sri Bhagavad Vasudeva Punyahavachanam, Agni Prathishta  
8:30 am Sudarshana Sathaka Homa  
10:30 am Mahasudarshana and Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka, Alankara, Sudarshanashtaka Parayana, Archana, Sengolam, Sathurmurai Seva, Maha Mangala Arathi, Thertha, Prasada Viniyogam

**Sponsorship: \$75 - Yagnam and Abhisheka; \$51 - Yagnam; \$31 - Abhisheka**

## Bhagawati Seva (during Kataka month)

### Sunday, July 16 - Friday, August 16, 2023

Dakshinayana marks the southern transition of the Sun for a period of six months. The first of these six Hindu months is especially important for the worship of Devi (the Universal Mother). These six months are considered the night time for the Gods and Goddesses. Bhagawati Seva, which is the worship of Devi in the Kerala tantric tradition, will be performed daily from July 16 through August 16 at 7:15 PM. All devotees are encouraged to participate through Lalitha Sahasranama recitation, Devi Stotram, and Devi Namasakaaram.

**Sponsorship: \$501 - Entire Bhagawati Seva; \$101 - all Fridays during Kataka month; \$31 - per day during Kataka month**

## Aadi Pooram (Kataka Purvaphalguni)

### Sri Parvathi Aradhana

#### Friday, July 21, 2023

9:30 am Parvathi Abhisheka, Decoration with Bangles, Archana,

Deeparadhana

**Sponsorship: \$31**

## Aadi Pooram (Kataka Purvaphalguni)

### Sri Andal Aradhana

#### Saturday, July 22, 2023

10:30 am Andal Abhisheka; Thiruppaavai Seva Kaalam, Godha Stuti, Archana, Deeparadhana

8:00 pm Andal Puja

**Sponsorship: \$31**

## Siva Pavitrotsavam

### Saturday, July 29 to Monday, July 31, 2023

Pavitrotsavam is an annual ritual performed in Saiva temples (that follow Saiva Agama) to make up for the acts of omission and commission in the temple rituals during the course of the year. At the conclusion of this 3 day ritual, Pavitram (holy thread) that has been offered to the Lord is distributed as Prasadam to sponsors.

#### Saturday, July 29, 2023

9:30 am Ganapathi Puja Punyahavachanam, Devata Anugay, Maha Ganapathi Homa, Dravyahooti, Poornahooti, Deeparadhana

5:30 pm Mritsangrhanam, Ankoorpanam, Raksha Bandhanam, Pavitrardhivasam, Yagasalaarchana, Latalinga Mandala Puja, Vedikaarchana, Agnikaryam, BhogangaDravya Puja, Gandha Pavitramalankaram, Poornahooti, Deeparadhana

#### Sunday, July 30, 2023

9:30 am Ganapathi Puja, Surya Puja, Vedikaarchana, Tatva Pavitraalankaram, Deeparadhana

5:30 pm Ganapathi Puja, Soma Kumbha Puja, Mandala Puja, Agni Karyam, Mukhavasa Pavitra Puja, Visheshha Homa, Poornahooti, Mukhavasa Pavitra Alankaram, Deeparadhana

#### Monday, July 31, 2023

8:00 am Vigneswara Puja, Mandalaarchana, Visheshha Dravya Homam, Pavitra Puja, Poornahooti, Kalash Abhisheka, Gangadhara Pavitra Alankaram, Bhogadravya Samarpanam, Upacharam, Deeparadhana, Prasadam Distribution Acharya Sambhavana

**Sponsorship: \$61 - Entire Utsavam; \$31 - per day**

## 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. **The group will have their annual picnic on June 21, weather permitting.**

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 Guha Ghoshanam

An utsavam celebrating Sri Muthukumaraswamy  
(Sri Subrahmanya/Karthikeya) to understand the  
Universe and experience the divine entity within us

Friday, August 4 to Sunday, August 13, 2023



Presided by

**Sri Shanmukha Sivachariyar**

SSVT Asthana Saiva Agama  
Acharya along with SSVT & visiting  
Acharyas

Kumara Pujanam, Icha Sakthi,  
Kriya Sakthi & Gnana Sakthi Puja  
Worship of Children under age 14

**Saturday, August 5, 2023**

- ❖ 10 million Skanda Naama Japam by Devotees Initiation by Sri Shanmukha Sivachariyar
- ❖ Daily Skanda Yagnyam & Subrahmanya Sahasranama Archana
- ❖ Laksharchana over the ten days
- ❖ Devotee participatory pujas over 6 Saturdays prior to the Mahotsavam  
Click or Scan QR Code to register
- ❖ Tiruppugazh / Skanda Sashti Kavacham chanting by Devotees
- ❖ Special Lectures by Sri Shanmukha Sivachariyar
- ❖ Daily Shathru Samhara Trishathi Archana
- ❖ Stotra Parayanams
- ❖ Marquee Concert





# Puja Sponsorship

Category		Amount	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Patron	Entire Mahotsavam, Lifetime Puja for Sri Muthukumaraswamy**, Annadanam, Nitya Mala, Vastram, Memento	\$30,001	<input type="checkbox"/>
Platinum	Entire Mahotsavam, 2 Years of Annual Puja for Sri Muthukumaraswamy**, Annadanam, Nitya Mala, Vastram, Memento	\$10,001	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diamond	All Pujas, Japam, One Year of Annual Puja for Sri Muthukumaraswamy**, Annadanam, Nitya Mala, Vastram, Memento	\$5,001	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gold	All Pujas, Japam, Annadanam, Nitya Mala, Vastram, Memento	\$2,501	<input type="checkbox"/>
Silver	All Pujas, Japam, Memento	\$1,001	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bronze	All Pujas	\$501	<input type="checkbox"/>
Copper	Shatru Samhara Trishati Archana for all 10 days	\$301	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sponsor	All Pujas for Two Weekends	\$251	<input type="checkbox"/>
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# *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 Guha Ghoshanam

## Koti Skandha Japam



As part of Sri Guha Ghoshanam - an utsavam celebrating Sri Muthukumaraswamy (Subrahmanya/Karthikeya), **One Crore Skandha Japams** on Guha is done by our congregation. All devotees can take part in the Japam. Click 'Japam' button for more details

Once you complete the Japam, please submit the count online by clicking the button below

Count as of 06/05/2023 - 206,165

### 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:

Friday, June 30, 2023  
Saturday, July 1, 2023

Padi Puja  
Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja

Saturday, July 29, 2023  
Sunday, July 30, 2023

Padi Puja  
Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja

Saturday, August 19, 2023  
Sunday, August 20, 2023

Padi Puja  
Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja

Saturday, September 16, 2023  
Sunday, September 17, 2023

Padi Puja  
Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja

Saturday, October 14, 2023  
Sunday, October 15, 2023

Padi Puja  
Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja





# Sri Guha Ghoshanam Koti Skandha Japam

Naama Japam in Sanskrit

ॐ कुमाराय नमः

Naama Japam in English

Om Kumaaraaya Namaha

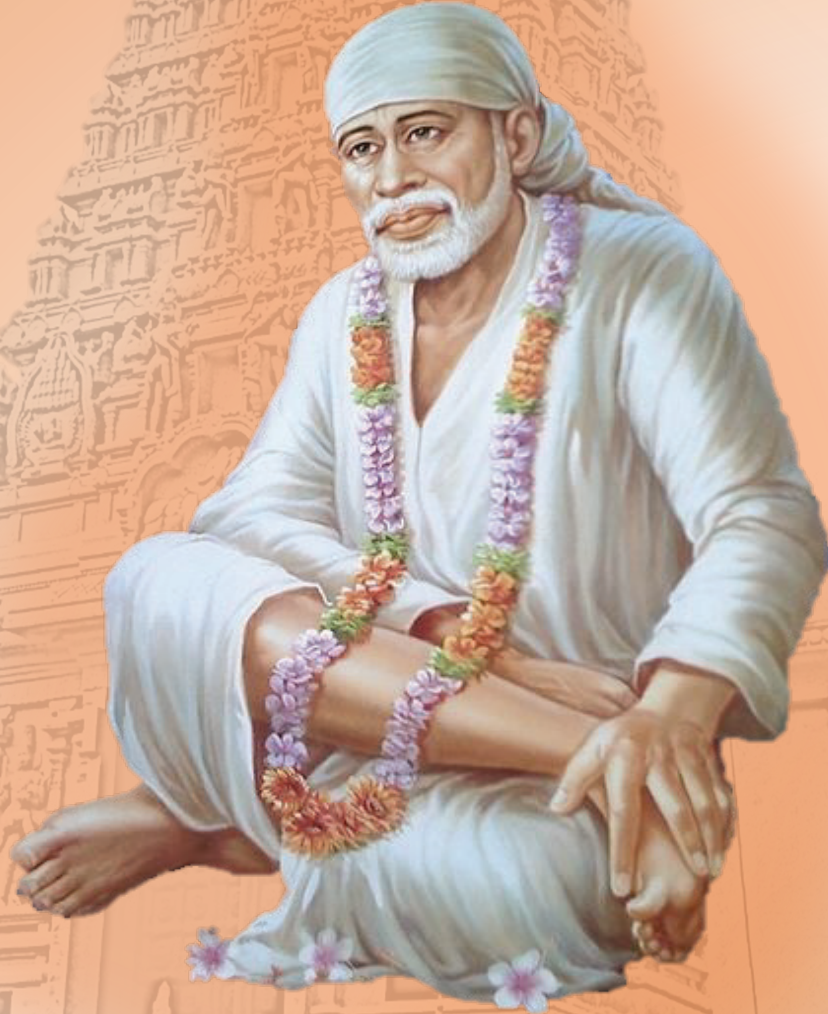
- ❖ Perform as many Japams as possible from home or at Temple
- ❖ At home perform Japam in front of your Puja room/Altar
- ❖ Click or Scan the QR Code to submit the Japam Count
- ❖ Enter your name and Japam count
- ❖ All family members can submit in one entry with individual names and the count
- ❖ Puja prasadam will be mailed after the Mahotsavam completes
- ❖ Share the message to your friends and family





# Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Bajan at SSVT

First Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm



For more information please contact

Shoba Prasad (240) 568-9151

Rohini Homnappa (240) 441-1266

Srini Tirumalasetti (443) 540-4110

Sujatha Badrinath (301) 805-1943

Sridevi Bangalore (301) 793 9531



# Annual Food Bazaar

Saturday, June 24, 2023, 11:00 am 7:00 pm

Sri Siva Vishnu Temple invites all for the Annual Food Bazaar to enjoy your favorite delicacies and to socialize with the congregation members

Masala Dosa, Mirchi Bajji, Onion Pakoda, Puri, Bhel Puri, Paani Puri, Dhahi Puri, Pav Bajji, Sweets, Mango Lassi, Tea, Fruit Custard, Ice Cream and more

Light music, Cultural programs including various traditional Dances

Contact  
Vijay Veldruthi: 301-529-7057  
Temple Manger: 301-552-3335  
Cultural: [Cultural@ssvt.org](mailto:Cultural@ssvt.org)

Discounted Food tokens  
\$6 tokens for \$5 until June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Click or Scan QR code to buy tokens





## 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!



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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!				

### 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)



**SSVT**  
**Summer Camp**

education@ssvt.org

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



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

Friday night Cultural show by campers  
Parent volunteers needed

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



**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)

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YOGA PRACTICE & PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Please Register

## UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

Date & Time	Event / Artist	Venue & Admission Fee
June 3, 2023; 5:30 PM	Hindustani Concert - Snehesh 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
June 17, 2023; 5:30 PM	Special Carnatic Concert with Devotional Songs	Auditorium/Free
July 2, 2023; 4:30 PM	Mahotsavam Concert 1 : Sangeetha Kalanidhi A Kanyakumari (Violin) with support by Kamalakiran Vinjamuri and Sivateja Mallajosyula, Vid Akshay Ananthapadmanabhan (Mridangam), Vid Sowmiya Narayanan (Ghatam)	Auditorium/\$20
July 23, 2023; 5:30 PM	Mahotsavam Concert 2: Vid Raji Gopalakrishnan (Vocal), Vid Kamalakiran Vinjamuri (Violin), Vid Vinod Seetharaman (Mridangam), Vid Sowmiya Narayanan (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** Snehesh Nag (Sitar)  
**June 10** D Balakrishna (Veena)

We look forward to your attendance and support.

\* Ticketed



# *Grand Veena Concert*

## *Torch Bearer of the Traditional Mysore Style*

**Vid D Balakrishna (Veena)**  
(son of late Saneetha Kalanidhi V Doreswamy Iyengar)



**Dr Anand Iyer (Mridangam)**



**Kum Samyuktha Sreeram (Ghatam)**

**Saturday, June 10, 2023, 5:30 pm**  
**SSVT Auditorium**

**Admission Free. Donations Welcome.**





# SPECIAL CARNATIC CONCERT

## WITH DEVOTIONAL SONGS



Smt KR Sudharani (Vocal)

Sri CK Vijayaraghavan (Violin)

Sri Kumarbabu (Flute)

Sri BV Ganesh Rao (Mridangam)

Saturday, June 17, 2023 5:30 pm

Admission Free. Donations Welcome.



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# Grand Violin Recital



Sangeetha Kalanidhi  
A KANYAKUMARI  
with support by  
Kamalakiran Vinjamuri  
and  
Sivateja Mallajosyula

Vid Akshay Ananthapadmanabhan (Mridangam)  
Vid Sowmiya Narayanan (Ghatam)

Sunday, July 2, 2023 4:30 pm

Tickets: \$20

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



M a h o t s a v a m

C o n c e r t

# Grand Vocal Concert

Vid Raji Gopalakrishnan



Vid Kamalikiran Vinjamuri

Vid Vinod Seetharaman



Vid Sowmiya Narayanan

*SVT Auditorium*

*Admission Free. Donations Welcome*

*Sunday, July 23, 2023, 4:30 pm*



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