



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 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!

Samvatsara Mahotsavam

Sunday, June 25 to Tuesday, July 4, 2023

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

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 Anugray,
Maha Ganapathi Homa, Dravyahooti, Poornahooti,
Deeparadhana

5:30 pm Mrisangrhanam, Ankoorpanam, Raksha
Bandhanam, Pavitradhivasam, 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

Garuda Panchami

Monday, August 21, 2023

10:00 am Garuda Abhisheka, Archana Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$31

Vara Lakshmi Vratham

Friday, August 25, 2023

10:00 am Mahalakshmi Abhisheka, Archana Deeparadhana

7:00 pm Mahalakshmi Vratham Puja

Sponsorship: \$31

Vishnu Pavitrotsavam

Monday, August 28 to Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Pavitrotsavam is an annual ritual performed in Vishnu temples

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General Council Meeting - July 23, 2023

Members of the General Council are invited to the first meeting of 2023 on Sunday, July 23, 2023 at 10:00 AM in the Temple Auditorium. Please email gb_president@ssvt.org for more info

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

July 2023

Sat 1	10:00 AM	SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA / IRUMUDI ABHISHEKA
	6:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Sun 2	10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula
	5:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Poomima
Tue 4		SAMVATSARA MAHOTSAVAM CONCLUDES
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 - Krittika
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	DAILY BHAGAVATI SEVA UNTIL AUGUST 16, 2023
Mon 17	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
Fri 21		AADI POORAM DAY - PARVATHI - SEE DETAILS
	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
Sat 22		AADI POORAM DAY - ANDAL - SEE DETAILS
Sun 23	9:30 AM	Navagraha Homa
	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
	10:30 AM	Navagraha Abhisheka
Wed 26	9:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Homa
	10:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka - Swathi
Thu 27	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Vishakha
Fri 28	10:00 AM	Durga Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Sat 29		SIVA PAVITROTSAVAM BEGINS - SEE DETAILS
	7:00 PM	Ayyappa Padi Puja
Sun 30	10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula
	10:00 AM	Special Ayyappa Puja / Irumudi Abhisheka
	6:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Mon 31		SIVA PAVITROTSAVAM CONCLUDES
	7:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Poomima

August 2023

Tue 1	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shrivana
Fri 4	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi
		GUHA GHOSHANAM BEGINS - SEE FLYERS
Sat 5	6:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Sun 6	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Wed 9	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Krittika
Thu 10	10:00 AM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
Fri 11	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Sun 13		GUHA GHOSHANAM CONCLUDES
	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
		Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Wed 16		DAILY BHAGAVATI SEVA CONCLUDES
Fri 18	10:00 AM	Parvathi Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sat 19	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja - Uttara Phalguni
	7:00 PM	Ayyappa Padi Puja
Sun 20	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
	10:00 AM	Special Ayyappa Puja / Irumudi Abhisheka
	10:30 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi
Mon 21	10:00 AM	GARUDA PANCHAMI - SEE DETAILS
		<i>Rest of August in August Newsletter</i>

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

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!

On behalf of Sri Siva Vishnu Temple Board of Trustees, it is my great pleasure to invite you to come and participate in the celebration of "Sri Guha Ghoshanam", an Utsavam celebrating Sri Muthukumaraswamy of Sri Siva Vishnu Temple to understand the Universe and experience the divine entity within us.

We will celebrate the Mahotsavam from Friday, August 4 thru Sunday, August 13, 2023. This Mahotsavam will be presided over by the SSVT Asthana Saiva Agama Acharya, Shri Shanmukha Sivacharyar (from Kalikambal Temple, Chennai), along with a team of Sivacharyars from India, and our esteemed SSVT Priests.

The Mahotsavam has been planned with various pujas, lectures, and cultural activities. Starting from June 24th, there will be a weekly Subrahmanaya Aradhana led by our priests on Saturdays at 4:00 PM. This 6-week devotee participatory event will serve as a prelude to the Mahotsavam and will include the recitation of Sri Subrahmanya Bhujangam, Kanda Sashti Kavacham, Tiruppughaz and other stotras. The religious highlights of the Mahotsavam include daily Skandha Yagnam, Shathru Samhara Trishathi Archana, Laksharchana all the 10 days, Subrahmanya Bhujangam / Tiruppugaz / Kanda Sashti Kavacham Chanted everyday by the devotees, Kumara Puja on one day, Valli Kalyanam on the concluding day, Lectures by Sri Shanmukha Sivacharyar for youth and adults. We are planning to have live Nadaswaram on all ten days of the Mahotsavam.

One of the highlights of the Mahotsavam is the chanting of 10 million Skanda Japam by devotees. Please visit the temple and take Deeksha from our Acharyas and submit your Japam counts [here](#)

I would like to thank again to 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 the end of July.

Thanks for making our mini food bazaar a grand success on June 24th. Many devotees enjoyed the delicious food, sweets, and drinks - we will plan to have another food bazaar in the Fall.

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 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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(that follow Paancharaatra Agama or Vaikaanasa 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.

Monday, August 28, 2023

5:00 pm Anugnay, Viswaksena Aaradhana, Punyahavachanam, Rakshabandanam, Mrisangrahanam, Ankurarpanam, Aradhanam, Mangalashasanam, Theerthaprasadam

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

9:00 am Chathusthana Archana, Havanam, Prayaschitha Homa, Pavithrachayadivasam, Poornahuthi, Theerthaprasadha Goshti

5:00 pm Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam, Homa, Poornahuthi, Mangalashasanam, Theerthaprasadha Goshti

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

9:00 am Suprabatham, Aaradhana, Homa, Sri Venkateshwara Abhisheka, Alankara, Mahapoornahuthi, Saathumurai

12:30 pm Yajamana Aasheervachanam, Thiruvudhi Utsavam

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

Rig Upakarma

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

There will be only one batch of Rig Upakarma starting at 7:00 AM and concluding with Homa (start time – after conclusion of the only batch) and Aasheervaadam. Devotees are requested to avail of the facilities and resources provided by the temple in performing this important ritual.

Suggested Donation (including Acharya Sambhavana): \$5 for Brahmacharis; \$25 for newly initiated Brahmacharis; \$11 for others else

Yajur Upakarma

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Yajur Upakarma batches will start at 7:00 AM. The last batch of Yajur Upakarma will start at 10:00 AM. Homa will start at 11:00 AM and followed by Aasheervaadam. Veda Aarambham (Commencing the study of Vedas), Rishi Tarpanam (Propitiating the Sages who handed down the Vedas to the future generations) are the most important aspects of any Upakarma. Devotees are requested to avail of the facilities and resources provided by the temple in performing this important ritual.

Suggested Donation (including Acharya Sambhavana): \$5 for Brahmacharis; \$25 for newly initiated Brahmacharis; \$11 for others

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:

Fri, June 30, 2023	Padi Puja
Sat, July 1, 2023	Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja
Sat, July 29, 2023	Padi Puja
Sun, July 30, 2023	Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja
Sat, Aug 19, 2023	Padi Puja
Sun, Aug 20, 2023	Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja
Sat, Sept 16, 2023	Padi Puja
Sun, Sept 17, 2023	Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja
Sat, Oct 14, 2023	Padi Puja
Sun, Oct 15, 2023	Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja

Save the Date - Sri Guha Ghoshanam

Devotee Participatory Puja

As a prelude fo the Sri Guha Ghoshanam, Sri Siva Vishnu Temple has organized 6 weeks of Devotee Participatory Pujas, starting Saturday June 24, 2023. Dates are below, puja begins at 4:00 PM and will last through 5:30 PM.

- Saturday, June 24, 2023; 4:00 PM
- Saturday, July 1, 2023; 4:00 PM
- Sunday, July 9, 2023; 4:00 PM
- Saturday, July 15, 2023; 4:00 PM
- Saturday, July 22, 2023; 4:00 PM
- Saturday, July 29, 2023; 4:00 PM

No sponsorship needed, but registration is required. Please [click here to register online.](#)

Please see page 10 for more information

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 / (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

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 Shiridi Sai Baba Aradhana Center at SSVT. The Sai Aradhana Center is currently being built on the temple grounds. Please consider supporting this effort. For more information please contact: Sreekumar Sreedharan 703-622-5542; Shobha Prasad 240-568-9151; Mythili Bachu 301-526-5135; Sridevi Umesh 301-560-3102; Srinu 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



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"/>
Sponsor	All Pujas for One Weekend	\$151	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sponsor	All Pujas for One Day	\$101	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sponsor	Annadanam / Nityamala / Vastram / Nadaswaram	\$51	<input type="checkbox"/>

** If already a sponsor for Sri Muthukumaraswamy choose another deity

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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

Sri Siva Vishnu Temple in Lanham, MD is celebrating **Sri Guha Goshanam**, an Utsavam celebrating Sri Muthukumarasamy (Sri Subrahmanya/Karthikeya) to understand the Universe and experience the divinity within us. The event held from August 4th to August 13th, 2023, will be presided over by **Sri Shanmukha Sivachariyar**. As part of this Utsavam, we are organizing **Koti Skandha Japam** where the devotees can chant Sri Muthukumaswamy's name – **Om Kumaaraaya Namaha** one crore times. Please join us in chanting Om Kumaaraaya Namaha One Crore times!!



[Click here](#) for significance of the event explained by Sri Shanmuka Sivachariyar

[Click here](#) for significance & instructions of chanting the Japam and to get virtual Deeksha from Sri Shanmukha Sivachariyar before starting the japam for the first time

- ❖ Devotees can Perform as many Japams as possible from their home, at the Temple or anywhere else
- ❖ 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 Total count
- ❖ Puja prasadam will be mailed after the Mahotsavam is completed
- ❖ Please share the message with your friends and family

[Click here for the significance and instructions of chanting the japam and recieve virtual Deeksha](#)



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
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Sri Guha Ghoshanam[★]

Friday, August 4 to Sunday, August 13, 2023

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

Devotee Participatory Puja

As a prelude to the Sri Guha Ghoshnam, SSVT has
organized 6 weeks of Devotee Participatory Puja
starting Saturday, June 24th, 2023



Saturday, June 24, 2023

Saturday, July 1, 2023

Sunday, July 9, 2023

Saturday, July 15, 2023

Saturday, July 22, 2023

Saturday, July 29, 2023

Puja time 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

- ❖ All Devotees including children 10 years and above can participate
- ❖ Participation is free but registration is mandatory - Click or Scan QR code to register
- ❖ Each puja day, 75 devotees will be doing puja
- ❖ Registered devotees are requested to be seated no later than 3:30 pm
- ❖ Puja materials will be provided by Temple
- ❖ Devotees are welcome to bring fruits/flowers





Sri Guha Ghoshanam Cultural Events

Sri Guha Ghoshanam Mahotsavam has been planned with various pujas and cultural activities. Beginning June 24th, there will be a weekly devotee participatory Puja led by our priests on Saturdays (Sunday on July 9th) from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. This 6-week devotee participatory event will serve as a prelude to the Mahotsavam. Before and after the puja we will have several cultural programs. GSS USA presents the Namasankeerthanam - Valli Kalyanam, the divine celestial wedding of Lord Muruga with Goddess Valli. This celestial wedding signifies the union of Jeevatma (Individual soul) with the Paramatma (Lord Muruga). We invite all devotees and their families to participate in these devotee pujas and attend the cultural activities

Saturday, June 24, 2023

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Vocal music by Vaidehe Kannan & Students
3:00 pm - 3:45 pm Stotra Parayanm by Dharma Students
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Thiruppugazh by Shankar Iyer & Students

Saturday, July 1, 2023

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Vocal music by Raghu Pantula & Students
3:00 pm - 3:45 pm Shashti Kavacham by Amudha Sethu Group
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Shashi Murthi & Group
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Dances on Lord Muruga by Nrithya Shala Dance Group

Saturday, July 8, 2023

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Valli Kalaynam - Namasankeerthanam by GSS Group

Sunday, July 9, 2023

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Vocal music by Prabhakar Thyagarajan
3:00 pm - 3:45 pm Vel Maral & Shashti Kavacham by NJ Bhajan Group

Saturday, July 15, 2023

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Vocal music by Gamakam Group
3:00 pm - 3:45 pm Bhajans on Lord Guha by Svardhara Group

Saturday, July 22, 2023

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Vocal music by Vignesh Subrahmanian Students
3:00 pm - 3:45 pm Stotrams by Balavikas Group
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm PM Kanchi K Children
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Dances on Lord Muruga by Prarthana Samarth,
Anjali Paliyam, Niranjana

Sunday, July 23, 2023

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Mahotsavam Main Vocal Concert
by Raji Gopalakrishnan & Party

Saturday, July 29, 2023

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Vocal music by Gokul Iyer Students
3:00 pm - 3:45 pm Shashti Kavacham by Kalyani Group

[Click here for Devotee Participatory Puja Details](#)



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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**DHARMA
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for children

Sunday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Hybrid)

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Yoga for Concentration
Understanding Dharma through stories
Community Service Projects


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WASHINGTON, DC

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
- Yoga for concentration
- Understanding Dharma through stories
- Seva - community service projects



SSVT Yoga



In-person & Zoom
Tuesday & Thursday
6:00pm – 7:30pm
SSVT Auditorium

Email to register:
education@ssvt.org



Bhagavad Gita Class

- GROUP DISCUSSION FORMAT
- SATURDAY, 10:00AM
- ON ZOOM
- EMAIL [EDUCATION@SSVT.ORG](mailto:education@ssvt.org) TO REGISTER

UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

Date & Time	Event / Artist	Venue & Admission Fee
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 8, 2023; 3:00 PM	Vali Kalyanam Namasankeerthanam	Auditorium/Free
July 9, 2023; 2:00 PM	Prabhakar Thyagarajan	Vasantha Mantapam
July 9, 2023; 3:00 PM	NJ Bhajan Group	Vasantha Mantapam
July 15, 2023; 2:00 PM	Gamakam Group - Shivakumar Jagadeesan and students	Vasantha Mantapam
July 15, 2023; 3:00 PM	Swardhaara Group	Vasantha Mantapam
July 22, 2023; 2:00 PM	Vignesh Subramanian and students	Vasantha Mantapam
July 22, 2023; 3:00 PM	GVV Rao students (Bala Vikas)	Vasantha Mantapam
July 22, 2023; 5:30 PM	Kanchi K Children	Vasantha Mantapam
July 22, 2023; 6:30 PM	Dances on Lord Guha - Various Dancers	Auditorium/Free
July 23, 2023; 4:30 PM	Mahotsavam Concert 2: Vid Raji Gopalakrishnan (Vocal), Vid Kamalakiran Vinjamuri (Violin), Vid Vinod Seetharaman (Mridangam), Vid Sowmiya Narayanan (Ghatam)	Auditorium/Free
July 29, 2023; 2:00 PM	Gokul Iyer and students	Vasantha Mantapam
July 29, 2023; 3:00 PM	Kalyani Group, Kanda Shashti	Vasantha Mantapam

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT: Sri Prasanna Venkata Dasaru Movie Showing

We are planning to screen a movie "Sri Prasanna Venkatadaasaru" on July 16 at Cinema Arts theatre, Fairfax, VA. This is the movie about 17th century haridaasaru Sri Prasanna Venkatadaasaru. He has spread the message of Devotion. He travelled all over the country and has composed songs on Hanuman temple in Punjab.

The movie has English subtitles, wonderful music, acting, Direction and Cinematography etc. It gives an authentic portrayal of life in the 17th century. Haridasas used to travel from village to village singing songs in the city and receiving alms from devotees, cooking and distributing prasada and food to everybody. It was a life of simple living with complete devotion to God.

Non-Kannada speaking people can also enjoy this movie. People will feel good and will increase their consciousness and devotion after seeing this movie. This film is made to represent the History of Haridasas in an authentic and devotional manner. This film is not expected to make any money.

This can be a very good for members of VHP and others who appreciate sanatana dharma who want to get a glimpse of how life of purity and simplicity was lived in the 17th century. It is a very uplifting movie.

Details:

<https://fb.me/e/4kBlQRFH3>



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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



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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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BALAVIKAS OF FAIRFAX PRESENTS YOUTH DAY COMPETITIONS 2023



(Competitions For Pre-Elementary To High School Students.)

Saturday, July 15, 2023

Check-In: 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

(Competitions start immediately afterwards.)

at

Durga Temple

8400 Durga Place

Fairfax Station, VA 22039-3079

All are welcome to participate. There is no cost for participation.
All participants will be recognized with certificates. Winners will be awarded Trophies.

Competitors Pre-register Online at <http://www.balavikas.org/youthregform.asp>

Registration closes July 14, 2023 at 11:59 PM

****Onsite registration NOT available****

Judges/Volunteers Pre-register Online at <http://www.balavikas.org/jvregform.asp>

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE Contact

Vivek Vangala (571) 421 4051 or Rakendu Malladi (703) 853 5354

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Competition Director(s): Vivek Vangala (571) 421-4051 and Rakendu Malladi (703)853-5354

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