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September 2023

Sri Raghavendra Swamy Aradhana

Friday, September 1, 2023

10:00 am Sri Krishna Puja, Sri Raghavendra Swamy Stotras, Bhajans, Archana, Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$31

Sri Krishna Janmashtami/Sri Jayanti

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

The birthday of Lord Krishna will be celebrated with a Homa and Abhisheka. It begins with Krishna Moola Mantra Homa in the morning. The evening puja will be from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM with final Mangalaarati at midnight. Devotees will be able to personally offer milk Argyam (similar to offering Abhisheka) to the idol of Lord Krishna after the evening Pujas. Dinner will be available in the kitchen in the evening.

10:00 am Kalasa Puja, Divya Prabandha Paarayanam, Archana Deeparadhana

6:00 pm Sri Krishna Abhisheka, Aradhana, Archana, Upacharam, and Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$61 - Entire Janmashtami Day Puja; \$51 - Homa and Abhisheka; \$31 - Homa OR Abhisheka

Build your own Ganesha (BYOG)

Sunday, September 10, 2023

This year, SSVT will be holding the Build Your Own Ganesha (BYOG) program for children and young adults on Sunday, September 10, 2023. There will be 3 batches starting at 9:30 AM followed by Ganesha Puja on the hour thereafter. Come and make your own Ganapathy; materials and expert guidance will be provided by volunteers. Admission is free, but Registration is required for logistical purposes. A fun event for the whole family! [Click here to register.](#)

First Batch - 10:30 AM; Second Batch - 11:30 AM; Third Batch - 12:30 PM, and additional if required

Ganesha Chaturthi Celebration

Friday, September 15 - Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Ganesha Chaturthi falls on Monday, September 18th and the temple will celebrate all weekend - from Friday, September 15th through Tuesday, September 19th

Friday, September 15, 2023

9:30 am Mahaganapathi Homa, Utsava Ganesha Abhisheka, Archana, Deeparadhana

Saturday, September 16, 2023

9:30 am Mahaganapathi Homa

10:30 am Utsava Ganapathi Abhisheka, Deeparadhana

Sunday, September 17, 2023

9:30 am Ekavimshatvaara Ganapathi Atharvasheersha Japam and Abhisheka, Deeparadhana

4:00 pm Sahasramodaka Homa

Please Note: Both the conventional Modakas and deep fried Modakas will be accepted although the deep-fried variety is considered more appropriate as a Homa offering.

Monday, September 18, 2023 (Ganesha Chaturthi Day)

9:30 am Anugnay, Ganesha Puja, Mahaganapathi Homa, Ganesha Abhisheka, Archana, Deeparadhana

10:30 am Moolastana Ganapathi, Dwara Ganapathi, Nardana Ganapathi, Kanni Moola Ganapathi and Prakara Ganapathi Abhishekas, Archana, Deeparadhana

6:00 pm Visheshha Gagaara Sahasranama Archana to Moolastana Ganapathi with devotee participation, Deeparadhana

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

9:30 am Mahaganapathi Homa, Ganesha Abhisheka, Archana, Deeparadhana

6:00 pm Mahamangalahaarathi

Sponsorship: \$151 - Entire Celebration; \$61 - Ganesha Chaturthi Day Pujas; \$31 - any one homa or abhisheka

Sama Upaakarma

Saturday, September 16, 2023

There will be only one batch of Sama Upaakarma starting at 8:00 AM.

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

Sarpabali

Monday, October 9, 2023

Sarpabali is the worship of 54 divine names (including Siva's Vasuki, and Vishnu's Adishesha) to ward off bad effects of Sarpa Dosha, help mitigate and eradicate skin diseases, help people search for life partners, for progeny, and the overall well-being of all. Sarpa Dosha is recognized when all the other grahas in one's horoscope lie between Raahu and Kethu. It is often a reason for late marriages. Turmeric powder, rice, milk, coconuts, fruits and flowers are the ingredients generally brought by devotees for Sarpabali. Sankalpam for the Puja will begin at 6:30 pm. Sarpabali Puja will be performed in Kerala Tantric style from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

6:30 pm Sankalpam

7:00 pm Sarpabali Puja

Sponsorship: \$51

Solar Eclipse

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Please note the change in temple timings (on this day only) due to the Solar Eclipse. The Solar Eclipse starts at 12:00 PM Noon, and ends at 2:39PM.

Temple Timings: Open from 4:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Closed from 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Reopens at 5:30 PM until 9:30 PM

4:00 am Suprabhatam

5:00 am Venkateshwara Abhisheka

6:00 am Nitya Abhisheka: Siva Ananthapadmanabha, Ayyappa Archanas will be performed until close at 11:30 AM and will resume at 5:30 PM.

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RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

September 2023

Fri 1	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Raghavendra Swamy Aradhana
Sat 2	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
	6:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi
	6:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Mon 4		LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Tue 5	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Kritika
Wed 6		KRISHNA JANMASTHAMI - SEE DETAILS
Fri 8	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
Sat 9	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
Sun 10		BUILD YOUR OWN GANESHA (BYOG) - SEE DETAILS
	6:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Mon 11	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Thu 14	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
Fri 15		GANESHA CHATURTHI BEGINS - SEE DETAILS
	10:00 AM	Parvathi Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja - Uttara Phalguni
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sat 16	8:00 AM	SAAMA VEDA UPAKARMA - SEE DETAILS
	7:00 PM	AYYAPPA PADI PUJA
Sun 17	10:00 AM	Special Ayyappa Puja / Irumudi Abhisheka
	6:00 PM	Swarna Gowri Vratam
Mon 18		GANESHA CHATURTHI DAY
	9:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Homa - Swathi
	10:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka - Swathi
Tue 19		GANESHA CHATURTHI CELEBRATIONS CONCLUDES
	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Vishakha
Wed 20	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Fri 22	10:00 AM	Durga Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula
Sun 24	9:30 AM	Navagraha Homa
	10:30 AM	Navagraha Abhisheka
Mon 25	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shravana
	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Tue 26	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Wed 27	10:00 AM	Nataraja Abhisheka

September 2023

Thu 28	7:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Poomima
Fri 29		MAHALAYA PAKSHA BEGINS
	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka

October 2023

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	7:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi
Wed 4	10:00 AM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
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Fri 6	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
Sat 7	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
	6:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Mon 9	6:30 PM	SARPABALI
Tue 10	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Wed 11	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Thu 12	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja - Uttara Phalguni
Fri 13	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
Sat 14		SOLAR ECLIPSE: 12PM - 2:39PM - SEE DETAILS
		MAHALAYA PAKSHA ENDS
Sun 15		SARADA NAVARATRI BEGINS - SEE DETAILS
Mon 16	9:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Homa - Swathi
	10:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka - Swathi
Tue 17	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Vishakha
Wed 18	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi

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WEEKLY ABHISHEKAS

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

DAILY ABHISHEKAS

Daily:	9:30 AM	Ayyappa, Ananthapadmanabha
	10:00 AM	Siva

Annual and Lifetime Puja Sponsorship

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

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

The one God, in His/Her infinite compassion, takes on several forms (*Ishta Devata* – personal God) to fulfill the needs and aspirations of His/Her devotees. Sri Siva Vishnu Temple was founded on this principle of having several Ishta Devas to meet the needs of a wide range of devotees. Worship of Ishta Devata and Kula Devata (Family Deity) is a special tradition to all Hindus. Supporting the rituals to various Deities according to one's choice and ability not only helps in maintaining this tradition, but it is recommended by the scriptures as one's duty. By supporting such activities in the temple, benefits accrue to the masses, and it sets a good example for future generations to follow.

Certain pujas are not conducive to be performed at home on a regular basis (ex. Siva Abhisheka, Padi Puja for Lord Ayyappa, or Butter Alankara for Lord Anjaneya) but are easily possible in a temple setting. Our scriptures place an emphasis on doing Pujas for the various deities on important days at the appropriate time (thithis); but due to schedules and other responsibilities, devotees may not be able to personally participate in these activities.

Supporting the worship of your Ishta Devas on important days during the year has been made easy through the *Annual and Lifetime Sponsorship Program* at SSVT. Sponsorship of your favorite deities will ensure that Pujas are done on your behalf on special days regardless of if you are present on that day. These tax-deductible sponsorship donations are at a discount compared to sponsorship of individual programs during the course of the year. Annual sponsorships are valid for one year from the date of sponsorship. Lifetime sponsorships are valid in perpetuity and are deposited into the Sri Siva Vishnu Temple Endowment.

You have helped build one of the largest temples in the United States; now consider extending the same generosity to ensure its future. Sponsor an Ishta Deity for a year, or in perpetuity and preserve Dharma today and for the future.

“धर्मो रक्षति रक्षितः” meaning *Dharma protects those who protect Dharma*.

For more information and sponsorship details – please contact Manager Ananth Iyengar at puja@ssvt.org 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
Note: SSVT is open on all Federal Holidays from 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	
Puja Sponsorships are available online or by calling (301) 552-3335.	

Chairperson's Corner

Namaste Devotees!

Now that the much-anticipated Mahotsavam – “Sri Guha Ghoshanam” is behind us, I would like to use this forum to thank all the players for its successful culmination. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to our Pradhana Acharya, Sri Shanmukha Sivacharyar for leading the Mahotsavam with all divinity and sincerity. A cohesive team, comprised of esteemed Acharyas from India and our own temple Acharyas, supported him throughout the ten day Mahotsavam. I sincerely thank our priests, their families, our staff, and sponsors for helping conclude the program with all fervor and grandeur. As always, your active participation and support are the ultimate measure of success for any event of this magnitude. And without a doubt, you and your family delivered! I am extremely proud of our devotees for their support. My sincere thanks from the bottom of my heart also goes to the management, staff, and devotees of Murugan Temple of North America, and Sri Bhaktha Anjaneya Temple (SBAT) for joining our temple during the celebrations! Please see page 10 for some photos.

The Mahotsavam is not complete without achieving the goal of “Koti Skandha Japam.” Please continue your daily Japam of “Om Kumaraya Namaha” and [submit your counts here](#) on a regular basis – help us reach our goal of 10 million recitations.

The temple celebrated Onam on Saturday, August 26th with a traditional Onasadhya feast on banana leaves, followed by a cultural program. Over a thousand people were served a gourmet Onam feast which was well appreciated by all. My heartfelt congratulations and appreciation to Mr. Sasi Menon and his team for making this happen, with their untiring efforts for the past several years.

Wearing appropriate attire is one of the basic etiquettes of any Hindu temple or religious institution. To maintain the religious sanctity of our place of worship and encourage devotees and visitors to any Hindu temple to dress appropriately, SSVT will be implementing a Suggested Dress Code in the coming weeks. Our intent is to remind devotees that a temple is a place of solace. I hope you understand and appreciate this effort.

I am glad to announce that our temple is partnering with Dharma Into Action Foundation (DhIA) to promote the “WeAreOne” campaign to celebrate Mahatma Gandhi’s 154th birth anniversary on October 2, 2023. The campaign focuses on building a society free of hunger and violence. As you may know, Gandhi’s non-violent independence movement in India inspired Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s work on civil rights in this country. As a Local Anchor partner, along with Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta Georgia (which Dr. King was the Co-Pastor of), SSVT is organizing a food distribution service – “Truck to Trunk” on October 7th to help our immediate Lanham community. Look forward for additional information in the coming weeks.

I am happy to share some good news about the much-awaited Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Aradhana Center and Meditation Hall project. We have submitted all the necessary documentation, drawings and supporting material to the county and we are anticipating the building permit approval shortly. Concurrently, we have solicited and received proposals from competent contractors with experience supporting this type of project. We plan an awarding the work soon, with a target completion date by Winter 2024. Please stay tuned for further updates and consider supporting this project – no amount is too small!

As a reminder, the Board of Trustees at our temple is always available and we are working hard to continue to provide a temple that supports you. Please feel free to contact me or any of the Trustees if you need assistance. I can be reached by email at [chairperson@ssvt.org](#) or by phone at (501) 960-2807 May the deities of SSVT bless you, and your family with good health and prosperity!

Murali Elambilan

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2023 Chairperson, Board of Trustees
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Sharada Navaratri

Sunday, October 15 - Monday, October 23, 2023

Sharada Navaratri, as it is called since it occurs during the Fall season (Sharad Ritu), is one of the most popular Hindu festivals spanning a period of nine nights. The Goddess, in the form of the Universal Mother, is commonly worshipped during the nine nights and ten days and hence it is also known by the name of Devi Navaratri. Three aspects of the Divine Mother, namely Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswathi are worshipped during the nine nights, the tenth day is celebrated as Vijaya Dashami. It is considered auspicious to start new ventures, especially in the field of education, on Vijaya Dashami. Reading the Durga Sapta Sati (also known as Devi Mahaatmyam) and Ramayanam is also common practice during the Navaratri. Special Pujas are scheduled at the temple during the ten days. Devotees are encouraged to participate personally in the Sahasranama Archana daily. (Sponsorship is not a requirement for participation in this archana).

In continuing with a tradition that started in 2021, SSVT will be offering a special and unique Vastra (Saree) Alankara to Shri Durga, Lakshmi, Saraswathi, and Lalitha Parameshwari Utsava Murthis. 108 vastrams will be adorned on the Devis and devotees will have an opportunity to sponsor. Please find details attached on pages 11-12.

Daily Program

- 11:00 am Lalitha Trishati Archana, Durga Sapta Shati (Devi Mahaatmyam) Parayanam
- 5:15 pm Sundara Kanda (Valmiki) Parayanam
- 7:15 pm Lalitha Sahasranama Archana, Deepaaradhana, Mahishasura Mardini Stotram, Devi Namaskaram (6:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday)

Sunday, October 15, 2023

- 9:30 am Ganesha Puja, Purvanga Puja, Durga Avahanam, Durga Homa, Durga Abhisheka, Deepaaradhana

Monday, October 16, 2023

- 9:30 am Devi Moola Mantra Homa, Sharada Abhisheka, Deepaaradhana

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

- 9:30 am Durga Sukta Homa, Durga Abhisheka, Deepaaradhana

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

- 9:30 am Bhoo Sukta Homa, Andal Abhisheka, Deepaaradhana

Thursday, October 19, 2023

- 9:30 am Devi Gayatri Homa, Durga Abhisheka, Deepaaradhana

Friday, October 20, 2023

- 9:30 am Lalitha Sahasranama Homa, Paravati Abhisheka, Deepaaradhana

Saturday, October 21, 2023

- 9:30 am Sharada Moola Mantra Homa, Sharada Abhisheka, Deepaaradhana

Sunday, October 22, 2023

- 7:00 am Chandi Homa, Durga Abhisheka, Deepaaradhana

Monday, October 22, 2023 (Vijaya Dashami)

- 9:30 am Durga Sukta Homa, Durga, Lakshmi, and Sarada Abhishekas, Deepaaradhana; Conclusion of Sundara Kanda Parayanam

- 11:00 am Sri Rama Pattaabhisheka, Vidya Aarambham for Children (morning session)

- 11:30 am Devi Navaratri Concluding Pujas

- 7:00 pm Vidya Aarambham for Children (evening session)

Sponsorship: \$175 - Entire Navaratri Celebration;

\$51 - Sundara Kanda Parayanam and Sri Rama Pattaabhisheka; \$51 - Durga Sapta Shati Parayanam; \$51

- Suvasini Puja OR Kanya Puja OR Bhairava Puja; \$31

- One Day Abhisheka per deity OR Homa; \$31 - Sri Rama

Pattabhisheka OR Vidya Aarambham; \$15 - Sahasranama Archana

Vedanta Desika Tirunakshatra / Venkateshwara Jayanthi

Monday, October 23, 2023

The incarnation of Lord Vishnu in the form of Venkateshwara occurred on Kanya Sravanam and this day is celebrated as Sri Venkateshwara Jayanthi. The day is also the Jayanthi of Acharya Vedanta Desikar whose Tirunakshatram is Sravana.

9:00 am Suprabhatam

10:00 am Kalasa Puja, Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka, Sri Vedanta Desika Acharya Aradhana, Recitation of Stotras composed by Acharya, Sahasranama Parayanam

Sponsorship: \$31

Monthly Ayyappa Padi Puja and Irumudi Ayyappa Abhisheka and Puja

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

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

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 Shirdi Sai Baba Aradhana Center at SSVT. The Sai Aradhana Center is currently being built on the temple grounds. Please consider supporting this effort. For more information please contact: Sreekumar Sreedharan 703-622-5542; Shobha Prasad 240-568-9151; Mythili Bachu 301-526-5135; Sridevi Umesh 301-560-3102; Srini Tirumalasetti 443-540-4110; Rohini Homnappa 240-441-1266; Sujatha Badrinath 301-805-1943



Krishna Janmashtami & Sri Jayanthi

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

10:00 am Moola Mantra Homam

6:00 pm Puja starts

10:00 pm Aradhana

12:00 am Mangalaarathi

Live Nadaswaram

Devotees will be able to
personally offer milk
Argyam to Lord
Krishna after the puja

Sponsorship

Entire Janmashtami Day - \$61

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[Click here to sponsor](#)





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Come and make your own Ganapathy; materials and expert guidance will be provided by volunteers. Admission is free, but Registration is required for logistical purposes.

A fun event for the whole family!

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1 st Batch	9:30 am	10:30 am
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[Click here to register](#)



Ganesha Chaturthi



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Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja

Join Sri Siva Vishnu Temple's WhatsApp Group!

Receive temple announcements including upcoming religious, cultural, and educational events! Open the camera app on your phone, point at this QR code, and click on the WhatsApp link to join! Or [Click Here](#)



Scenes from Sri Guha Ghoshanam Mahotsavam!



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Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

Navaratri Vastra Alankaram

October 15th to

October 23rd, 2023

Sri Durga



Sri Saraswati



Sri Lakshmi



Sri Chandika Parameswari



Navaratri Vastra Alankaram Sponsorships

Sri Siva Vishnu Temple is celebrating this year's Sharada Navaratri through Vastra Alankaram to Devis. Devis will be adorned with 108 silk sarees throughout the Navaratri. Devotees can sponsor for Sarees & Puja. We request all devotees to participate and take the blessings of Devis

Sarees Sponsorship	Amount	Memento (Sarees adorned to Devis)
108 Sarees + 9 Days Mulavar Sarees + Chandi Homam Saree	\$1001 Puja sponsorship for all 9 days included	1 Silk Saree + 1 Soft Silk Saree + Puja Prasadam
54 Sarees + 9 Days Mulavar Sarees + Chandi Homam Saree	\$501 Puja sponsorship for all 9 days include	1 Silk Saree + Puja Prasadam
27 Sarees	\$251 Puja sponsorship for last 3 days included	1 Soft Silk Saree + Puja Prasadam
11 Sarees	\$121 Puja sponsorship for last day included	1 Cotton Saree + Puja Prasadam
Mulavar Sarees for all 9 days + Chandi Homam Saree	\$121 Puja sponsorship for last day included	1 Cotton Saree + Puja Prasadam
Any Amount		Puja Prasadam

Puja Sponsorship	Amount
Entire Navaratri Celebrations	\$175
Durga Saptha Sathi Parayanam	\$51
One Day Abhishekam	\$31
One Day Homam	\$31
Suvasini / Kanya / Bhairava Puja (each Puja)	\$51
Vidayarambam	\$31
Sahasranama Archana	\$15
Sundarakanda Parayanam & Sri Rama Pattabhishekam	\$51
Sri Rama Pattabhishekam	\$31

Scan QR code to sponsor





Flooring Upgrades Underway

Flooring Upgrades nearing completion – majority of work is expected to wrap up in September; one large medallion will be installed in the Venkateshwara Sannidhi this Fall/early Winter.

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



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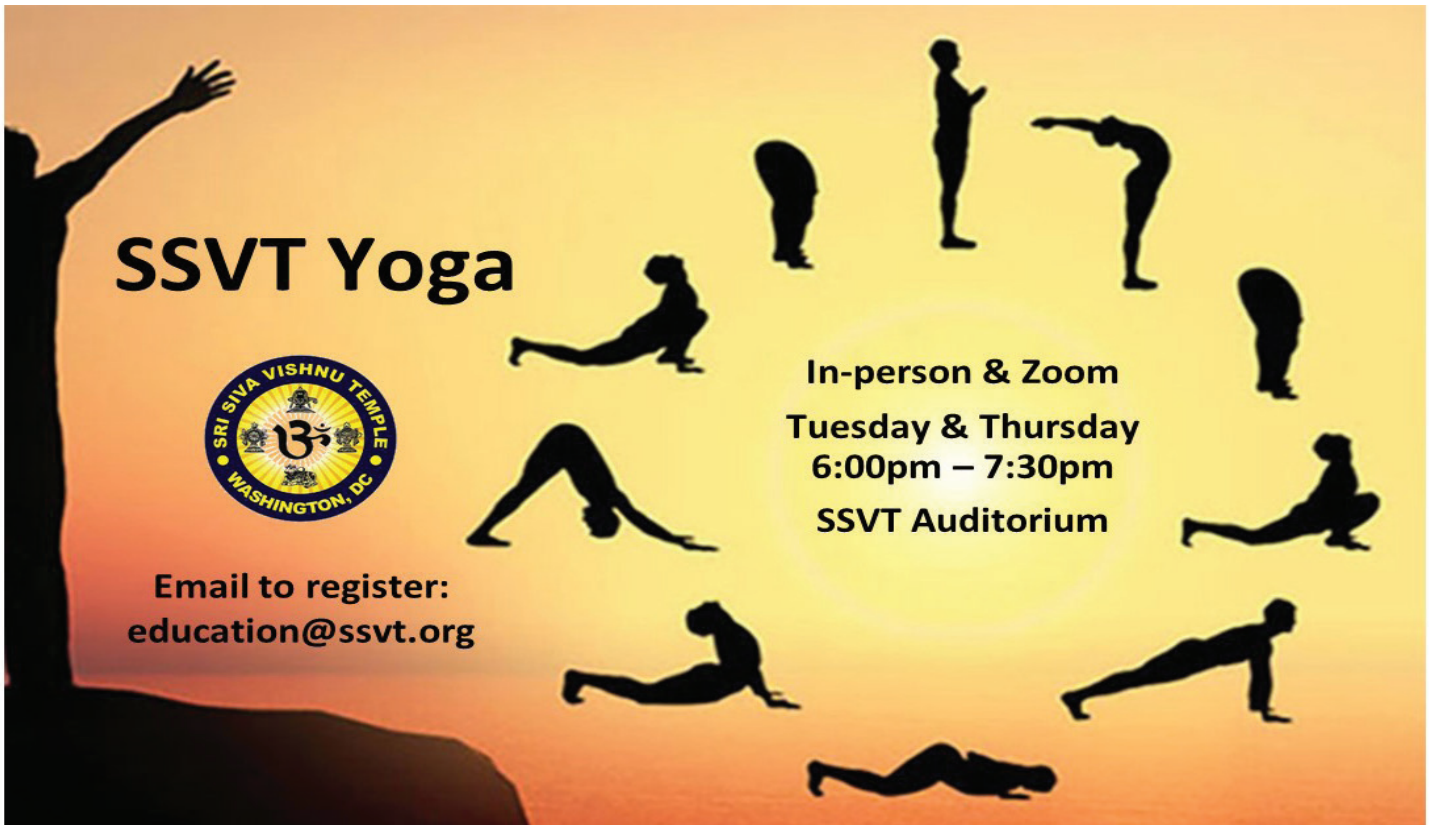


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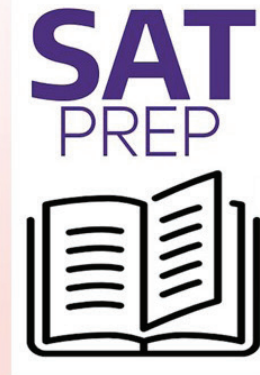
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UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

Date & Time	Event / Artist	Venue & Admission Fee
September 9, 2023; 5:00 PM	Vignesh Iswar (Vocal), Kamalakiran Vinjamuri (Violin), Sumesh Narayanan (Mridangam), Anirudh Athreya (Kanjira)	Auditorium/Ticketed
September 10, 2023; 4:30 PM	KiranaVali Vidyashankar and Akshara Samskriti (Vocal), Sandhya Anand (Violin), Srikar Chittari (Mridangam)	Auditorium/Free
September 16, 2023; 5:00 PM	Sriranjani Santhanagopalan (Vocal), Sayee Rakshith (Violin), Praveen Sparsh (Mridangam)	Auditorium/Free
September 17, 2023; 4:30 PM	Ramana Balachandran (Veena), Patri Satish Kumar (Mridangam), Sowmiya Narayanan (Ghatam)	Auditorium/Free
September 22, 2023; 6:00 PM	Kathakali Dance Program	Auditorium/Free
September 23, 2023; 9:00 AM	Swathi Thirunal Day; Main Concert: Deepa Vivekanandan (Vocal)	Auditorium/Free
September 24, 2023; 4:30 PM	Sunil Gargyan (Vocal), Vijay Muralidharan (Violin), VS Raghavan (Mridangam)	Auditorium/Free
October 1, 2023; 4:30 PM	Ramakrishnan Murthy (Vocal), Charumathi Raghuraman (Violin), NC Bharadwaj (Mridangam)	Auditorium/TBD



Cultural Committee presents Fall 2023 Concert Series

- Aug 27 Ashwath Narayanan
 Sep 9 Vignesh Iswar
 Sep 10 KiranaVali Vidyashankar
 Sep 16 Sriranjani Santhanagopalan
 Sep 17 Ramana Balachandran (Veena)
 Sep 22 Kathakali Dance Program
 Sep 23 Swathi Thirunal Day - Deepa Vivekanandan
 Sep 24 Sunil Gargyan
 Oct 1 Ramakrishnan Murthy
 Oct 7 Kruthi Bhat
 Oct 8 Delhi P Sunder Rajan/Neyveli Narayanan
 Oct 14 Trichur Brothers
 Oct 15 Sooryagayathri
 Oct 21 Aishwarya Srinivasan
 Oct 28 Shertallay Renganatha Sharma
 Nov 11 Dikshitar/SS Day - To Be Announced

Saturdays: 5:00 pm Sundays: 4:30 pm



GRAND VOCAL CONCERT

Saturday, September 9, 5:00 pm



Vid Vignesh Ishwar (Vocal)

Vid Kamalakiran Vinjamuri (Violin)

Vid Sumesh Narayanan (Mridangam)

Vid Anirudh Athreya (Kanjira)

General Admission : \$15
Children Under 18/Senior Citizens: \$10



Grand Vocal Concert



Sriranjani
Santhanagopalan
(Vocal)



Praveen Sparsh (Mridangam)



Sayee Rakshith (Violin)

Saturday, Sep 16, 2023 5:00 PM

Admission Free. Donations Welcome.



GRAND VEENA CONCERT



Vid Ramana Balachandran (Veena)

Vid Patri Satish Kumar (Mridangam)

Vid Sowmiya Narayanan (Ghatam)

Sunday, September 17, 2023 4:30 pm

Admission Free. Donations Welcome.

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Uniting for a society free of hunger and violence

Dharma Into Action Foundation (DhIA) invites you to join the "WeAreOne" campaign to build a society free of hunger and violence. The campaign centers around Mahatma Gandhi's 154th birth anniversary on October 2, 2023. Gandhi led a non-violent independence movement in India, which inspired Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s work on civil rights and immigrant rights that directly drove the dramatic growth of the Indian diaspora in the United States.

WHO WE ARE

DhIA brings together Dharmic American leaders, tech entrepreneurs, business executives and philanthropists to create action-oriented programs that address community needs while embodying secular and inclusive values. Our heritage is from Dharmic traditions--Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism. We apply our Dharmic principles to address current day issues.

WHY "WE ARE ONE" MATTERS

The need to take action on hunger and violence in the US is clear.

- 10% of US households were food insecure in 2021 and income inequality has increased and is now greater than in peer countries.
- Violence and self-harm using guns have increased. A record 48,830 gun deaths in 2021 reflects a 23% increase since 2019. Gun deaths among children and teens rose 50%.

WeAreOne is a coalition of organizations taking on this challenge in a secular, non-partisan way.

Sources: PEW Research, USDA, CDC



HOW HISTORY INSPIRES US

Indian-Americans and African Americans have a shared history of confronting discrimination together. Dr. King, Jr. was inspired by Gandhi's non-violent struggle for liberation, and his adoption of Gandhi's non-violent methods both fueled the US civil rights movement and led to the [Hart-Celler Act of 1967](#), which allowed for the growth of the Indian diaspora in the United States. Our connected history shows that non-violent efforts transcend all boundaries. WeAreOne builds on their legacy to tackle today's hunger and violence challenges in the US.



HOW WE ARE TAKING ACTION

DhIA is partnering with Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. preached, and Sri Siva Vishnu Temple in the DC-Metro area to lead WeAreOne.

We are organizing activities for the week of **October 1-8, 2023**, to address hunger and violence. Activities will include food drives, educational initiatives, health awareness campaigns, mental health clinics, mindfulness and meditation events, and skill development workshops.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Help power WeAreOne through sponsorships, fundraising, logistics support, and volunteers. Join us to promote this critical and collaborative initiative!

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