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Sarpabali

Monday, October 9, 2023

Sarpabali is the worship of 54 divine names (including Siva's Vasuki, and Vishnu's Adisesha) 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

<u>Sponsorship:</u> \$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.

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 partici-pate 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 5-6.

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

October 20

PM on Saturday and Sunday) Sunday, October 15, 2023

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

Monday, October 16, 2023

- 9:30 am Devi Moola Mantra Homa, Sharada Abhisheka, Deeparadhana
- Tuesday, October 17, 2023
- 9:30 am Durga Sukta Homa, Durga Abhisheka, Deeparadhana

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

9:30 am Bhoo Sukta Homa, Andal Abhisheka, Deeparadhana

Thursday, October 19, 2023

9:30 am Devi Gayatri Homa, Durga Abhisheka, Deeparadhana

Friday, October 20, 2023

9:30 am Lalitha Sahasranama Homa, Paravati Abhisheka, Deeparadhana

Saturday, October 21, 2023

9:30 am Sharada Moola Mantra Homa, Sharada Abhisheka, Deeparadhana

Sunday, October 22, 2023

7:00 am Chandi Homa, Durga Abhisheka, Deeparadhana

Monday, October 23, 2023 (Vijaya Dashami)

- 9:30 am Durga Sukta Homa, Durga, Lakshmi, and Sarada Abhishekas, Deeparadhana; 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)

<u>Sponsorship:</u> \$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 occured 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

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		October 2023	October 2023		
Mon 2	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi	Sun 29 9:30 AM Navagraha Homa		
		Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Krittika	10:30 AM Navagraha Abhisheka		
		Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi	Mon 30 10:00 AM Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Krittika		
Wed 4		Sri Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini	Tue 31 9:30 AM Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi		
	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti	10:00 AM Sri Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini		
Fri 6		Mahalakshmi Abhisheka	7:00 PM Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi		
Sat 7	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu			
	6:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam			
Mon 9		SARPABALI			
Tue 10	7:00 PM	Ananthapadamanabha 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		Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Homa - Swathi			
		Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka - Swathi			
Tue 17		Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Vishakha			
Wed 18	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi			
	10:30 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi			
Fri 20		Parvati Abhisheka			
		Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula			
		Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti			
		Bhagavati Seva			
Sat 21	7:00 PM	AYYAPPA PADI PUJA	WEEKLY ABHISHEKAS		
Sun 22		DURGA ASHTAMI / MAHA NAVAMI	Monday: 9:30 AM Ganesha, Sri Rama		
		CHANDI HOMA			
	10:00 AM	SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA / IRUMUDI ABHISHEKA	Tuesday: 9:30 AM Durga, Anjaneya Wednesday: 9:30 AM Andal, Sarada, Navagrahas		
Mon 23		VIJAYA DASHAMI - SARADA NAVARATRI CONCLUDES	Thursday: 9:30 AM Krishna, Subrahmanya		
		VENKATESHWARA JAYANTHI - SEE DETAILS			
Tue 24		Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi	Friday: 9:30 AM Mahalakshmi, Parvati, Sudarsana/Yoga Narasimha Saturdav: 10:15 AM Venkateswara		
Thu 26		Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham			
Fri 27		Durga Abhisheka	DAILY ABHISHEKAS		
	7:00 PM		Daily: 9:30 AM Ayyappa, Ananthapadmanabha		
Sat 28	6:00 PM	SIVA ANNABHISHEKA	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 Devatas 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 Devatas 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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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 <u>AmazonSmile</u> 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			
<i>Puja Sponsorships are available online or by calling (301) 552 -3335.</i>			

Chairperson's Corner

Namaste Devotees!

I have some exciting news to share with you! The Board of Trustees has approved the much-anticipated SSVT Sai Aradhana Center (Sai Mandir) project. The Mandir will replace the old Balayala building – a complete reconstruction of the structure you immediately see on the left upon entering our main temple gate. The new, two-story facility will be approximately 2,100 square feet and will consist of a religious area for Sai Baba of Shirdi, along with a two-story vigraham for the deity. The second floor will consist of an open meditation hall. The total cost of the construction is anticipated to be between \$1M to \$1.2M and the project completion is slated for Fall/Winter 2024. This project will not be possible without your generous contribution and support. My heartiest congratulations to the Engineering Committee, led by my fellow Trustees, B.T. Nivas and Mahesh Kukata for working these past several months to move this project forward.

Our temple joined the Dharma into Action Foundation (DhIA) and Ebenezer Baptist Church of Atlanta for the WeAreOne campaign – to celebrate the 154th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi from October 1sth through October 8th. As you know, Gandhi led a nonviolent independence movement in India, which served as an inspiration for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's work on our nation's civil rights movement. As part of the celebrations, SSVT is holding a grocery distribution drive to our immediate community on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 10 AM. SSVT has been at the forefront of various humanitariaion activities for many year. If you would like to learn more, please feel free to contact me, or our Vice Chairperson for Operations, Raji Ramesh.

This year's Sharada Navaratri celebrations will be from October 15th through October 23rd. In tradition that just started a couple of years ago, Devis will be adorned with a 108 silk saree Alankara throughout Navaratri. Devotees can sponsor the sarees, as well as sponsor the festival. I humbly request you and your family to participate and receive the blessings of the Devis. Please see page 5-6 for more information.

As I mentioned in my previous message, please continue your daily Japam of "Om Kumaraya Namaha" on a regular basis and <u>submit your counts here</u> to reach our goal of 10 million recitations.

Please save the date – our Annual Fundraising Gala will be on December 2, 2023 – more information will be forthcoming.

There are many ways you can support the temple. Please consider donating to our temple to help with operations, and 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 <u>click here to donate</u>.

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 @ chairperson@ssvt.org or by phone at (501)960-2807 if I can be of any assistance.

Respectfully,

Murali Elawbilau

Murali Elambilan 2023 Chairperson, Board of Trustees Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

Solar Eclipse

Saturday, Oct 14, 2023 12:00 pm to 2:39 pm

Temple Timings Open from 4:00 am to 11:30 am Closed from11:30 am to 5:30 pm Reopens at 5:30 pm until 9:30 pm

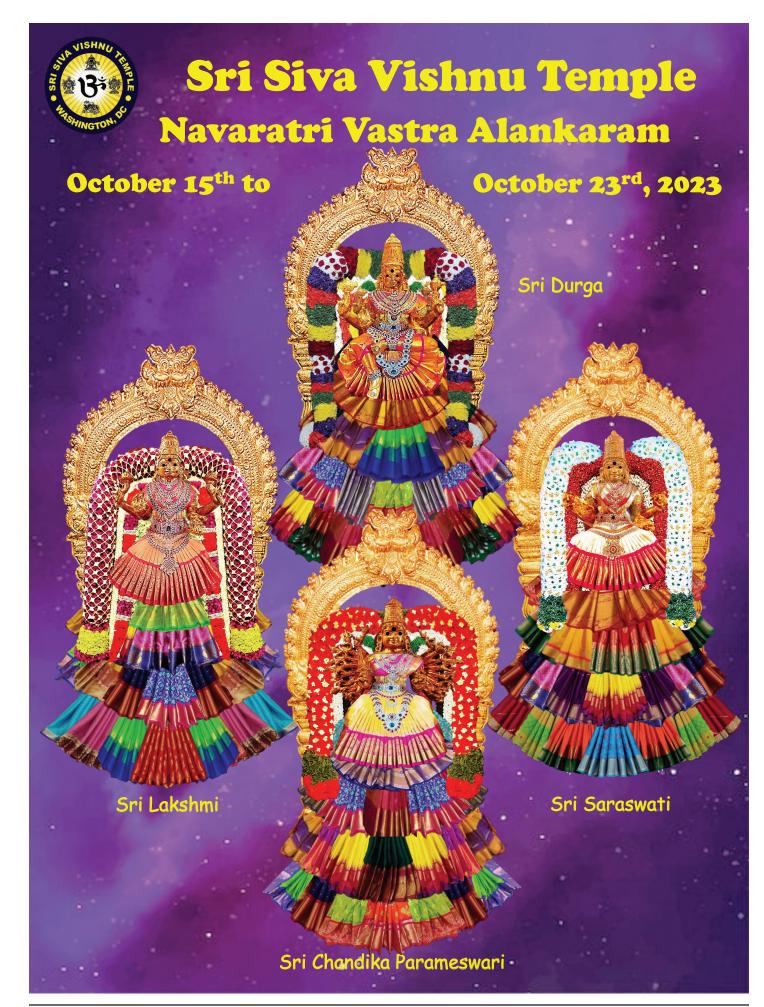


Puja Timings 4:00 am Suprabhatam 5:00 am Venkateshwara Abhishekam 6:00 am Nitya Abhishekams: Siva Ananthapadmanabha, Ayyappa Archanas will be performed until close at 11:30 am and will resume at 5:30 pm

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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. Devote a consponsor for Sarees & Puja. We request all devotees to participate and take the devings 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



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Bathukamma Puja

Saturday, October 21, 2023

2:00 pm Gowri Alankaram/Decoration 3:30 pm Gowri Puja & Arati 4:30 pm Bathukamma Attam / Devotional Dance 5:00 pm Gowri Immersion Followed by Prasadam Distribution

Sponsorship - \$31

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Monthly Ayyappa Padi Puja



Saturday, October 21, 2023, 7:00 pm Padi Puja

Sunday, October 22, 2023, 10:00 am Ayyappa Abhisheka & Puja

Deepavali Celebration

Sunday, November 12

Deepavali (meaning the row of lights), is celebrated in different ways in many parts of India. In Bengal, it is celebrated as Kaali Puja. In most other parts it is observed by performing Lakshmi-Kubera Puja

10:00 AM

Kalasa Puja
 Mahalakshmi Abhishekam
 Ashttotara, Aradhana
 Deeparadhana

4:30 PM

Deepotsavam
 Lakshmi-Kubera puja
 (Mahalakshmi Kumkuma Archana)
 Mahalakshmi Stotra Parayanam
 Deeparadhana

6:30 PM ➡ Fireworks

→ Sponsorship

➡ Morning Puja - \$31
➡ Evening Puja - \$31
➡ Both Morning & Evening Puja - \$51

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Sweets & Special Food available all day for purchase



Flooring Upgrades Underway

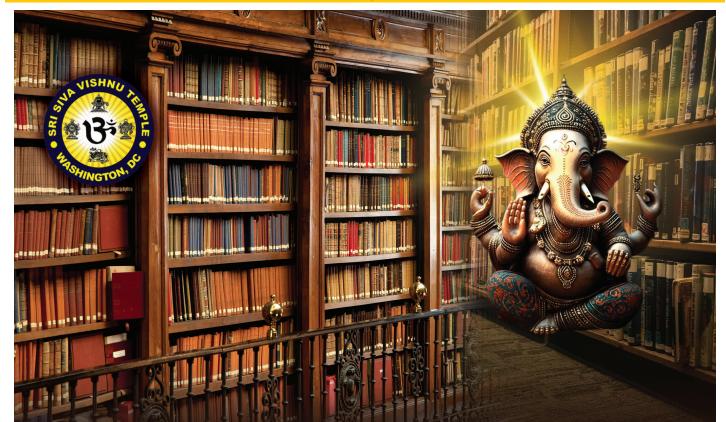
Flooring Upgrades nearing completion – majority of work is expected to wrap up in September; one large medallion will be installed in the Venkateshwara Sannidhi this Fall/early Winter.

- 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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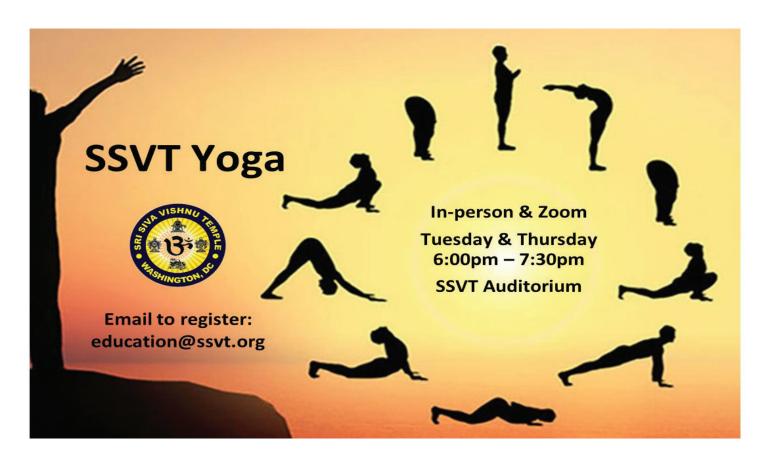
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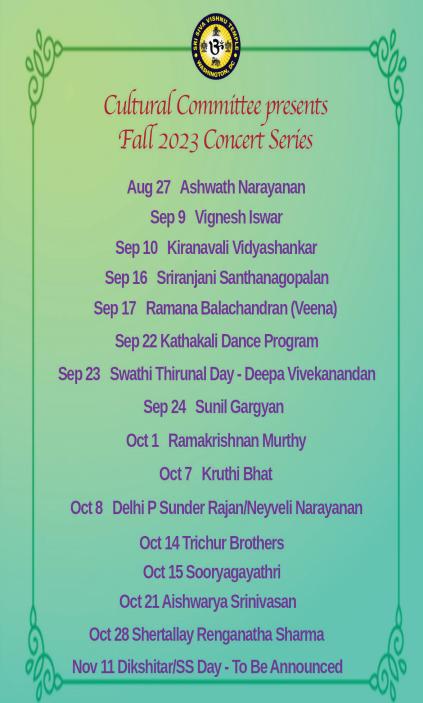




Scenes from Sunday Dharma Class



S UPCOMING CULTURALEVENTS			
Date & Time	Event / Artist	Venue & Admission Fee	
October 14, 2023; 5:30 PM	Trichur Brothers (Vocal); Vid Viswesh Chandrasekaran (Violin); Vid Trichur R Mohan (Mridangam)	Auditorium/\$20	
October 15, 2023; 4:30 PM	Kum Sooryagayathri (Vocal); Vid PV Sanil Kumar (Violin); Vid PV Anil Kumar (Mri- dangam); Vid Prashant Shankar (Tabla); Vid Silesh Marar (Extra Percussion)	Auditorium/\$20	
October 21, 2023; 5:00 PM	Vid S Aishwarya and Kum S Soundya (Vocal); Vid Sanjith Narayanan (Violin); Vid Srihari Raman (Mridangam)	Auditorium/Free	
October 22, 2023; 5:00 PM	Sri Govinarasu Venkatesan (Nadaswaram); Sri Nallukumar Raju (Tavil)	Auditorium/Free	
October 28, 2023; 4:30 PM	Vid Shertallay Renganatha Sharma (Vocal); Vid Rajeev Mukundan (Violin); Thanja- vur Murugaboopathi (Mridangam)	Auditorium/Free	



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



Tickets: \$20 (general admission) (\$15 children under 18, Adults over 65)

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Tickets: \$20 (\$15 for children under 18 and adults over 65)



Sanjith Narayanan (Violin)



Srihari Raman (Mridangam)

Saturday, October 21, 2023 5:00 pm

Admission Free. Donations Welcome.



Madaswaram Concert

Sri Govindarasu Venkatesan (Nadaswaram) Sri Nallukumar Raju (Tavil)

Sunday, October 22, 2023 5:00 pm SSVT Auditorium

They are SSVT summer resident artists participating in special religious events and 'Guha Ghoshanam' Mahotsavam. They are high Grade B and Grade A artists of AIR/DD, Trichy.

In South Indian culture, the Nadaswaram (Nada - Pleasing sound) (Swaram - Musical Note) is considered to be very auspicious, and it is a key musical instrument played in almost all Hindu weddings and Temples.





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> Nov 11, 2023 (all-day) Nov 12, 2023 (half-day)

Nov 11, 2023 main concert at 4 pm by:

Akkarai Sisters (Vocal) (more details will follow)

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