



# Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

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**March 2024**

## Maha Sivaratri

*Friday, March 8, 2024*

Maha Sivaratri morning puja will start with a Ganesha Puja, and Rudra Homa at 9:30 AM. The evening Special Pujas to Lord Siva will start at 2:30 PM (in the yaagashaala), 3:15 PM (at the Siva sannidhi), and continue until 6:30 AM, the following day - Saturday, March 9. A sanctified Siva Linga will be available for devotees to personally offer their Abhishekam throughout the night. Archanas will be performed every 30 minutes from 3-8 PM Friday, to Ganesha, Lakshmi and Venkateshwara, and no Car Puja will be available. Car Puja will resume on Saturday at 2PM. Archanas will be performed every 30 minutes starting at 10 AM on Saturday to Ganesha and Siva. Entrance to the temple in the evening will be through the lower level. Dinner will be available from 6:00 PM, and coffee/tea will be available throughout the night.

### Maha Sivaratri Morning Puja

9:30 am Ganesha Puja, Mahaganapathi Homa, Rudra Homa, Vasordhara Homa, Siva Abhisheka, Archana, Deeparadhana

### First Kaala Puja

3:15 pm Ganesha Puja, Kalasa and Shanka Sthaapanam, Yagashala Puja Mahanyasa with Trishati Archana, Ekadasa Rudra Abhisheka (with 11 different ingredients to Lord Siva with recitation of Rudram 11 times), Alankaram, Trishati Archana (300 Names Archana), Mantrapushpa, Upacharam, Maha Deeparadhana

9:30 pm Prasadam distribution

10:00 pm Bhajans

### Second Kaala Puja

11:00 pm Rudra Abhisheka, Shankhaabhisheka, Vilwa Ashtotharashata Archana (108 Names Archana to the recitation of Vilwa Stotram)

1:00 am Deeparadhana and Bhajans

### Third Kaala Puja

1:30 am Rudra Abhishekam, 108 Kalasa Abhisheka, Trishati Archana (300 Names Archana)

3:30 am Deeparadhana and Bhajans

### Fourth Kaala Puja

4:30 am Sivaagni Homa and Abhisheka to Chandikeswara, Parvati, Rudra Abhisheka, 108 Silver Vilwapatra Archana, Utsavamurthy procession

6:30 am Deeparadhana and Prasadam distribution

**Sponsorship: \$151 - Rudra Homa & All 4 Kaala Pujas; \$125 - All 4 Kaala Pujas; \$75 - First Kaala Puja; \$31- 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Kaala Puja; \$31 - Rudra Homa or Rudra Abhisheka**

## Kaaradaiyaan Nombu

*Wednesday, March 13, 2024*

Kaaradaiyaan Nombu, or Savitri Vratam, is a Tamil observance in which the married woman prays for the well-being and long life of her husband. It is celebrated on March 13, 2024 this year, and time of breaking the fast and tie the Saradu is between 9:00 PM and 9:10 PM.

It is observed on the particular day when the transition between the Tamil months Maasi and Panguni takes place. Kaaraadai is the

name the a unique neivedya (holy offering) prepared on this day. Nombu means Vratam or Upavasam (fasting).

## Panguni Uttiram Day

*Sunday, March 24, 2024*

Panguni Uttiram (the day Uttaraphalguni star occurs in the solar month of Meena) is one of the rare festivals that have significance for several deities in our temple. It is the Jayanti (day of incarnation) of Lord Ayyappa, the day that Sri Valli married Lord Subrahmanya, the day that Goddess Mahalakshmi incarnated on earth from the ocean of milk, the day Goddess Parvathi in the form of Kamakshi (or Gowri) married Lord Siva in Kanchipuram. It is only fitting that we celebrate this festival in our temple with all the religious grandeur so that our congregation can receive the blessings of many Gods and Goddesses.

9:00 am Ganesha Puja, Kalasa Puja

9:30 am Subrahmanya Abhisheka, Tiruppugazh

10:00 am Ayyappa Puja, Mahalakshmi Abhisheka, Archana, Gadya Traya Parayana

6:00 pm Kamakshi-Kameswaran Kalyana Utsava, Mahalakshmi Puja by Devotees

**Sponsorship: \$61 - All Day Puja; \$31 - Mahalakshmi Puja by Devotees OR any one Abhisheka OR any one Kalyanotsava**

## Panguni Uttiram Day Celebration

*Saturday, March 30, 2024*

10:30 am Valli Kalyanam

**Sponsorship: \$31**

## Ugadi Day

*Tuesday, April 9, 2024*

9:15 am Sivagni

9:30 am Ganapathi Homa, Utsava Ganesha and Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka, Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka

10:00 am Siva Abhisheka

6:30 pm Vishesh Arati to all Deities, Panchanga Patanam (reading of the Almanac)

**Sponsorship: \$75 - All Pujas; \$51 - Kalyana Utsava; \$31 - One Abhisheka OR One Homa**

## Ugadi Day Celebration

*Saturday, April 13, 2024*

7:00 am Suprabatham

8:00 am Mahaganapathi Homa, Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka, Ayyappa Abhisheka, Sri Venkateshwara Abhisheka

8:15 am Sivagni

9:00 am Ganehsa and Siva Abhisheka

10:00 am Panchanga Patanam (reading of the Almanac)

11:00 am Srinivasa Kalyana Utsava

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# RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

## March 2024

Fri 1	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
Sat 2	6:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Mon 4	10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula
Wed 6	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Thu 7	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shravana
	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Fri 8		<b>MAHA SIVARATRI - SEE DETAILS</b>
	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
Wed 13	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
	10:30 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi
Thu 14	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Fri 15	10:00 AM	Parvathi Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sun 17	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja
Tue 19	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
Wed 20	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Fri 22	10:00 AM	Durga Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Sat 23	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
Sun 24		<b>PANGUNI UTTIRAM DAY - SEE DETAILS</b>
	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja - Uttara Phalguni
	4:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Poomima
	6:00 PM	Kamakshi Kalyanam
Wed 27	9:30 AM	Sudarshana /Yoga Narasimha Homa - Swathi
	10:30 AM	Sudarshana /Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka - Swathi
Thu 28	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
	7:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi
Fri 29	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Vishakha
Sat 30	10:30 AM	<b>VALLI KALAYANAM</b>
Sun 31	9:30 AM	Navagraha Homa
	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
	10:30 AM	Navagraha Abhisheka
Mon 1	10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula

## April 2024

## April 2024

Thu 4	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shravana
Fri 5	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Sat 6	3:15 PM	Shani Maha Pradosham
	6:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Tue 9		<b>UGADI DAY - SEE DETAILS</b>
		<b>VASANTA NAVARATRI BEGINS - SEE DETAILS</b>
Thu 11	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Kritika
	10:30 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi
Fri 12	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
Sat 13		<b>TAMIL AND TULU NEW YEAR - SEE DETAILS</b>
		<b>UGADI CELEBRATION - SEE DETAILS</b>
	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
	7:00 PM	Ayyappa Padi Puja
Sun 14	9:30 AM	<b>VISHU KANI - SEE DETAILS</b>
		<b>SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA / IRUMUDI ABHISHEKA</b>
Mon 15	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
Tue 16		<b>VASANTA NAVARATRI CONCLUDES</b>
		<b>SRI RAMA NAVAMI FESTIVAL BEGINS - SEE DETAILS</b>
Fri 19	10:00 AM	Parvathi Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva

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### 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.

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Receive temple announcements including upcoming religious, cultural, and educational events! Open the camera on your phone, point to this QR code on the left, and click on the WhatsApp link to join!

### Temple Hours

Monday - Friday	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM & 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Saturday - Sunday	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
The Temple is open on all Federal Holidays from 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	
Temple Prasadam Counter (Kitchen) is open during temple hours. However, it is closed all day Wednesday	

## Chairperson's Corner

Namaste Devotees!

It is great to see a good number of devotees each and every weekend at the temple - especially during a traditionally slow time of the year. SSVT belongs to the entire congregation and it is important for all devotees to play an active role in the temple operation. The best way to understand how SSVT operates and serves to a large congregation consisting of a diverse cultural and linguistic background is to be an active volunteer. On your next visit, please stop by the front desk to see if there are any areas you may be able to assist. The volunteer-led committees: Religious, Cultural, Education, Public Relations, and Kitchen Committees, falls within the Operations Committee - led by the Vice Chairperson of Operations, Smt. Padma Tipirneni. You can reach her at vc-ops@ssvt.org

**Maha Sivaratri (March 8-9):** As you know, this annual religious puja to Lord Siva marks the remembrance of "overcoming darkness and ignorance." It is believed that a devotee who performs sincere worship of Lord Siva on the auspicious day of Sivaratri is absolved of sins and attains Moksha. As always, our staff and volunteers have made extensive arrangements to accommodate a seamless flow devotees for darshan throughout the night. Please refer to pages 6-10 for more information.

**Ananthapadmanabha Mahotsavam (August 7-11):** Save the Date - the first Mahotsavam for Lord Ananthapadmanabha will be this August. The religious festivities, and program events are being finalized within the next few weeks.

**SSVT Sai Mandir:** Demolition of the old Balalaya is scheduled for March 11-15. Following demo, the existing foundation will be inspected and may be removed and replaced depending on inspection findings. New construction for the SSVT Sai Mandir will begin soon, and we anticipate work to be completed by October 2024. We held an informative Town Hall on February 10th to update the congregation on the project progress. I presented a proposal (which is with the BOT for consideration) for a Vasavi/Kanyaka Parameswari Idol installation on the 2nd floor of the SSVT Sai Mandir building. This town hall was held in true transparency with the congregation.

**HVAC Replacement:** The new equipment to serve the Maha Mandapam and Auditorium has been delivered. Decommissioning of the existing systems will begin after Sivaratri, and the new system installation will start in April. We anticipate the new HVAC systems will be commissioned this Summer.

**Roof Repairs:** The Engineering Committee has been tasked with replacing the old roofing system that shelters the temple today. During heavy rains, there are different areas that leak and I think we've exceeded the life span of the existing roof long enough. The committee expects a design to complete in the next couple of months, and we anticipate putting out a request for proposal by the Summer. Based on the bids we receive and if costs are reasonable, we expect to award the contract and get the roof replacement done by end of this year.

As always, may the deities of Sri Siva Vishnu Temple bless you, and your family with good health and prosperity. Please feel free to contact me by email at chairperson@ssvt.org or by phone at (410) 300-6379 if I can be of any assistance or if you have any suggestions.

Respectfully,

**Mahesh Kukata**  
2024 Chairperson, Board of Trustees  
Sri Siva Vishnu Temple



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**Sponsorship:** \$75 - All Pujas; \$51 - Kalyana Utsava; \$31 - One Abhisheka OR One Homa

## Vasantha Navaratri

**Tuesday, April 9 to Tuesday, April 16, 2024**

Navaratri are important festival days for Devi (the Divine Mother). The Goddess who appears in the fierce (Ugram) form (to destroy our sins) in the autumn appears in a peaceful and benevolent form in the Spring. By worshiping Her during the two Navaratri, one destroys one's sins and begets peace and prosperity.

### Daily Program:

11:00 am Trishati Archana, Durga Sapta Shati Parayana (6:00 pm on April 13, and April 14 - part of Chandi Homa)

7:15 pm Lalitha Sahasranama Archana, Deeparadhana, Mahishasura Mardini Stotra, Devi Namaskara

Note: Evening puja will begin at 6:00 PM on April 13 and April 14. There is no Evening Puja on the concluding day, Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

### Tuesday, April 9, 2024

9:30 am Maha Ganapathi Homa, Mrisangrahana, Ankooraarpana, Purvanga Puja, Durga, Lakshmi, Saraswathi Aavaahana, Durga Homa

10:30 am Durga Abhisheka

### Wednesday, April 10, 2024

9:30 am Sharada Homa

10:30 am Sharada Abhisheka

### Thursday, April 11, 2024

9:30 am Durga Moola Mantra Homa

10:30 am Durga Abhisheka

### Friday, April 12, 2024

9:30 am Sri Sukta Homa

10:30 am Lakshmi Abhisheka

### Saturday, April 13, 2024

9:30 am Devi Gayatri Homa

10:30 am Sharada Abhisheka

### Sunday, April 14, 2024

7:00 am Chandi Homa

11:00 am Kanya, Suhasini, and Bhairava Puja

12:00 pm Durga Abhisheka

### Monday, April 15, 2024

9:30 am Durga Moola Mantra Homa

10:30 am Parvathi Abhisheka

### Tuesday, April 16, 2024 (concluding day of Vasantha Navaratri)

9:30 am Devi Pancha Suktha Homa

10:30 am Durga, Lakshmi, and Sharada Abhishekas

**Sponsorship:** \$151 - Entire Navaratri; \$75 - One Day's Puja; \$51 - Chandi Homa OR One Day Sapta Shati Parayana; \$31 - Any one Homa or Abhisheka; \$15 - Sahasranama Archana

## Tamil and Tulu New Year

### Saturday, April 13, 2024

Tamil and Tulu New year are celebrated by worshiping the family deities, preparation of sweet and other delicacies and the reading of the Panchanga (Religious Almanac). The panchanga reading provides a list of all good and auspicious things as well as any adverse events that are likely to occur that year due to the transitory movements of planets as well as due to the presiding deity for the year. It is believed that listening to the panchanga reading will magnify the predicted good effects and mitigate the effect of adverse events. A unique feature of the celebration is the Sarva Devata Archana for all deities of our temple in sequence starting from 7:15 PM.

8:00 am Mahaganapathi Homa, Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka

9:00 am Siva and Ganapathi Abhishekas

7:00 pm Sarva Devata Harathi/Archana

7:30 pm Panchanga Patanam (reading of the Panchanga)

**Sponsorship:** \$35 - Sarva Devata Archana; \$31 - One Homa or One Abhisheka

## Vishu Kani

### Sunday, April 14, 2024

Vishu signifies the entry of sun into Mesha Raasi and it is believed to bring good luck if one views auspicious things the first thing in the morning. Hence on this day in Kerala, homes are beautifully decorated and auspicious items are kept at the family altar.

9:30 am Vishu Kani

10:30 am Ayyappa Puja

**Sponsorship:** \$31

## Sri Rama Navami Festival

### Tuesday, April 16 - Wednesday, April 24, 2024

The temple will celebrate the festival over a nine-day period. In the evening Nama Ramayanam will be chanted followed by Hanuman Chaleesa. Sundara Kanda from Valmiki Ramayanam will be read by the priests everyday and all devotees are welcome to participate in this reading. Bhadrachala Raamadas was a great saint devotee of Lord Rama. Devotional songs composed by him will be sung during the Aradhana to this saint followed by Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam on Sunday, April 21.

### Daily Program:

9:30 am Sankshepka Ramayana Homa, Sri Rama Moola Mantra Homa

5:15 pm Valmiki Sundara Kaanda Paaraayanam (except on concluding day)

7:00 pm Naama Ramayanam and Hanuman Chaleesa (except on concluding day)

### Tuesday, April 16, 2024 (Sri Rama Navami Day)

9:30 am Anugya, Swasthivachanam, Sri Vishwaksena Puja, Punyahavachanam, Ankurarpanam, Rakshabandanam, Kalasa Staapanam

11:00 am Sri Rama Abhisheka

8:15 pm Deeparadhana

### Sunday, April 21, 2024

8:00 am Suprabatham, Nitya Homa, Rama Jananaparayanam, Beeja Daanam, Sri Rama Abhisheka, Naama Ramayanam, Archana

10:00 am Bhadrachala Raamadas Aradhana

10:30 am Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam

12:00 pm Deeparadhana

6:30 pm Sri Rama Durbar Puja

7:30 pm Naama Ramayanam, Vishesha Aarathi, Hanuman Chaleesa

### Wednesday, April 24, 2024

11:00 am Sri Rama Pattabishekam

**Sponsorship:** \$151 - Entire Festival; \$75 - Sri Rama Navami Day Puja; \$31 - Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam OR Sri Rama Pattabishekam or One Day Homa; \$15 - One Day Sundara Kaanda Parayanam

## 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. 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. For more information please email Satyen Verma, Senior Citizen Group Coordinator, at [seniorcitizensgroup2022@gmail.com](mailto:seniorcitizensgroup2022@gmail.com)



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# Maha Sivaratri

## Friday, March 8, 2024



Maha Sivaratri morning puja will start with Ganesha Puja and Rudra homam at 9:30 am. The afternoon/evening pujas to Lord Siva will commence at 2:30 pm (yagashala), and from 3:15pm to 6:30 am the next day in the Siva sannidhi. A sanctified Siva Linga will be available to devotees to personally offer Abhisheka throughout the night





# Program Details

## Morning Puja

9:30 am	Ganesha Puja, Mahaganapathi Homam, Rudra Homam, Siva Abhishekam, Archana, Deeparadhana
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## First Kaala Puja

3:15 pm	Ganesha Puja, Kalasam and Shanka Sthaapanam, Yagasala Puja, Mahanyasam, Ekadasa Rudra Abhishekam, (Abhishekam with 11 different ingredients to Lord Siva, with recitation of Rudram 11 times) Alankaram, Trishati Archana (300 Names Archana) Mantrapushpam, Upacharam, Mahadeeparadhana
10:00 pm	Bhajans

## Second Kaala Puja

11:00 pm	Rudra Abhishekam, Shankha Abhishekam, Vilwa Ashtothara Shata Nama Archana, (108 Names Archana to the recitation of Vilwa Stotram)
1:00 am	Deeparadhana and Bhajans

## Third Kaala Puja

1:30 am	Rudra Abhishekam, 108 Kalasa Abhishekam, Trishati Archana (300 Names Archana)
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## Fourth Kaala Puja

4:30 am	Sivaagni Homam, Abhishekam to Chandikeswara, and Parvati, Rudra Abhishekam, 108 Silver Vilwapatra Archana, Utsavamurthy Procession
6:30 am	Deeparadhana





# Puja Sponsorship

Sponsorship Level	Amount
Rudra Homam & All 4 Kaala Pujas	\$151
All 4 Kaala Pujas	\$125
First Kaala Puja	\$75
2nd or 3rd or 4th Kaala Puja	\$31
Rudra Homam & Morning Puja	\$31

## Puja Materials Sponsorship

Devotees can sponsor towards the Puja Materials of their choice to be used for Abhishekam, Alankaram and Aradhana

- |               |                 |                   |              |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Apples        | Oranges         | Bananas           | Vilva Patram |
| Coconut       | Grapes          | Coconut Water     | Honey        |
| Ghee          | Turmeric Powder | Yogurt            | Rice flour   |
| Garlands      | Mango Leaves    | Vibuthi           | Milk         |
| Loose Flowers | Rose water      | Sandalwood Powder |              |

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Vastram Sponsorships	Amount
All Sivaratri Vastrams	\$108
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# **Sri Siva Vishnu Temple**

## **Maha Sivaratri**

## **Puja Schedule**

**Friday, March 8, 2024**

No car Puja all day

Archanas every 30 minutes  
Ganesha, Lakshmi and Balaji  
between 3-8 pm

**Saturday, March 9, 2024**

Car Puja available after 2 pm

Archanas every 30 minutes  
starting at 10 am for Ganesha and Siva

Archana to Balaji every 30 minutes  
after Abhishekam





SRI SIVA VISHNU TEMPLE

PRESENTS

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SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 7, 2024

### SSVT COMMUNITY SERVICE

#### **Join the Charity Committee**

The primary objective is to integrate and formalize SSVT's charitable activities and to conduct these activities in a systematic and continual basis. The Charity Committee has helped strengthen the fourth pillar of the temple which involves social outreach and community service. To learn more or if you have any community service ideas, please contact Manju Shivacharan at (240) 678-7752 or Padma Tipirneni at (240) 604-5981



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

Each month, on the 2nd Saturday, volunteers make sandwiches for the homeless. Every time, roughly about 1500 sandwiches are prepared and delivered to area shelters. 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. For additional information, please contact T.H. Mishra at [Jaithm@gmail.com](mailto:Jaithm@gmail.com) / (571) 214-3198



In February, the Dharma Class students completed a Seva project – creation of Valentine’s Day care bags for Veterans. It was distributed on February 13. To see more photos, [click here](#)





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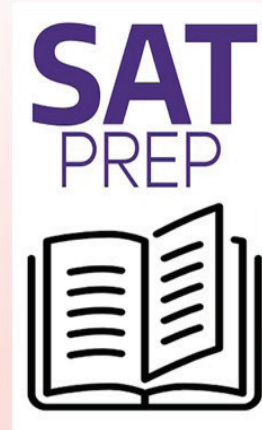


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  - UPANISHAD
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Tuesday & Thursday  
6:00pm – 7:30pm  
SSVT Auditorium



# Bhagavad Gita Class

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

## UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

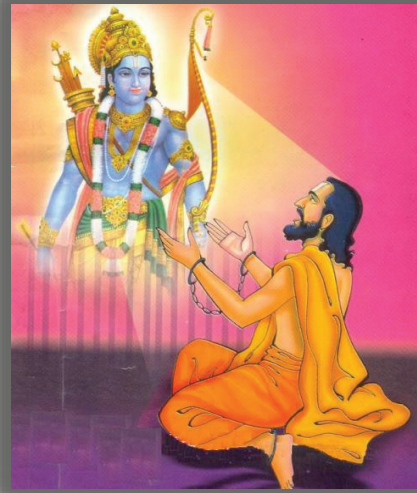
Date & Time	Event / Artist	Venue & Admission Fee
March 17, 2024, 9:00 AM	Annamacharya/Bhadrachala Ramadasu Day	Auditorium/Free



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# Annamacharya and Bhadrachala Ramadasu Music Festival

**on Sunday, March 17 (all day)**



**Individual/group  
renditions, mini-concerts,  
dances by local artists**



**Main concert by  
Sri Sarma Bandi**