



# Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

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## Akshaya Trittiya

**Friday, May 10, 2024**

Akshaya Trittiya is Parasurama Jayanti, where Parasurama is one of the Avatars of Maha Vishnu. The word Akshaya means growth and Trittiya is the third tithi. It is believed that any ritual performed on that day leads to growth, therefore, jewelry and ornaments are bought on that day for overall prosperity. Gandha (Chandana) Alankara is traditionally performed for Lord Krishna on this day to cool the body of the Lord, so that he will bestow us all with wealth.

10:00 am Krishna Abhisheka, Chandana Alankara, Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam, Archana, Arati and Deeparadhana

**Sponsorship: \$31**

## Sri Ramaunja Tirunakshatra

**Saturday, May 11, 2024**

10:00 am Vishwakshena Aradhana, Sri Ananthapadmanabha and Ramanuja Tirumanjanam, Shodasha Upachaara, Acharya Puja, Deeparadhana, Acharya Stotra and Divya Prabandha Parayanam

**Sponsorship: \$31**

## Sri Sankara Jayanthi Day

**Sunday, May 12, 2024**

SSVT will be celebrating Sri Sankara Jayanthi on Sunday, May 12. The celebration will begin with a Ganesha Puja followed by Kalasa Sthapanam, Rudra (Siva) Abhisheka, and Shodasa Upachara Puja to Sri Adi Shankara. A highlight of the puja will be the chanting of Totakaashtakam and Guru Paduka Stotram.

9:30 am Ganesha Puja, Kalasa Sthapanam Abhisheka, and puja to Adi Shankara Pallaki Seva (procession of Adi Shankara), followed by Mahamangalarathi

**Sponsorship: \$31**

## Siva Brahmotsavam

**Saturday, May 18 - Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

According to both Shaiva and Vaishnava Agamas, a Brahmotsavam is considered to be the chief among the festivals conducted for the main deities of a temple. Legend says that Lord Brahma himself officiated the first utsavam to mitigate Indra's sins arising from a happenstance event. Since then, annual Brahmotsavams are carried out for both Siva and Vishnu to provide an opportunity for devotees to wash away their sins, and negativities. Even Lord Brahma and other Devas are said to visit such utsavams and bless the devotees. The word Brahma in Brahmotsavam denotes the supreme Brahman - the absolute one. By performing the Brahmotsavam, the Jeevaatmas reach the Supreme Brahman in the simplest way. The five-day annual event for Lord Siva starts on May 18th followed by special pujas for Lord Siva every day. Siva Brahmotsavam concludes on Vaikasi Vishaaka nakshatra day this year (Wednesday, May 22), a special day for His Divine Son, Lord Subrahmanya.

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

9:30 am Ganapathy Homa, Prasanna Abhisheka, Navagraha Homa, Skanda Homa, Pashupathasthra Santhi Homa  
5:30 pm Vighneshwara Puja, Deivanugnya, Pravesha Bali, Vasthu Santhi, Rakshoghna Homa, Mruthsangrahanam

**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

9:30 am Beri Thaadanam, Devatha Aavaahanam, Nava Sandhi Aavaahanam, Santhi Abhisheka for the Utsava Murthy  
5:30 pm Ankuraarpanam, Rakshaabandanam, Yagashalaarchana, Agni Kaarya, Dikbali Vidhanam, Special Deeparadhana to Utsava Murthy, Yaga Veekshanyam

**Monday, May 20, 2024**

9:30 am Yagashala Puja, Vishesha Homa, Dik Bali Vidhanam, Special Deeparadhana to the Utsava Murthy  
5:30 pm // same as morning schedule //

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

9:30 am Yagashala Puja, Vishesha Homa, Dik Bali Vidhanam, Special Deeparadhana to the Utsava Murthy  
5:30 pm // same as morning schedule //

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

9:30 am Yagashala Puja, Maha Poornahuthi, Special Abhisheka (Yaagalaya Yagnya Kalasa Abhisheka) to Lord Ramanatha, Choornotsavam, Teerthotsavam, Raksha Visarjanam, Beri Thadanam, Nava Sandhi Devatha Visarjanam, Swami Padakshina, Acharyotsavam, Bhakthotsavam, Bhagavathi Aasheerwadam, Prasadam distribution,

**Sponsorship: \$501 - Entire Brahmotsavam; \$101 - One Day puja; \$31 - One Abhisheka or Homa**

## Narasimha Jayanthi

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

9:30 am Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Homa  
5:00 pm Praakaara Narasimha Abhisheka, Archana, Deeparadhana  
6:00 pm Sri Sudarshana and Sri Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka, Sri Narasimha Avataara Parayana from Srimad Bhaagavatam, Sri Narayaneeyam, Archana, Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Sthotra Parayana, Deeparadhana

**Sponsorship: \$51 - Homa and Abhisheka; \$31 - Homa or Abhisheka**

## Vaikasi Visakam Day

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

During the month of Vaikasi (Vrishabam) the Nakshatram Vishakam generally falls on the full moon day. This day signifies the birth of Lord Subrahmanya, the second son of Lord Siva. Lord Subrahmanya was born with the mission of saving Earth from demons such as Soorapadman. He emerged as 6 sparks from the third eye of Siva, and passing through sky, wind, fire and the waters of Ganga, reached Earth, formless at first and finally acquiring form in a pond. That the Almighty comprises the five elements is demonstrated by the manifestation of Lord Subrahmanya. Lord Subrahmanya is also known by many names including as Vishaka, Senthil, Kumara, Shanmugam, Lord Karthikeya and fondly

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# RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

## May 2024

Wed 1	9:30 AM	Guru Transition - Navagraha Homa / Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Nataraja Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shravana
Fri 3	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
Sat 4	4:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
	6:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Sun 5	6:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Wed 8	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Krittika
Thu 9	10:00 AM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
Fri 10		<b>AKSHAYA TRITIYA - SEE DETAILS</b>
	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
Sat 11		<b>RAMANUJA TIRUNAKSHATRA - SEE DETAILS</b> <b>BASAVA JAYANTHI CELEBRATION</b>
	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
	10:30 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi
Sun 12		<b>SANKARA JAYANTHI - SEE DETAILS</b>
	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
Mon 13	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Fri 17	10:00 AM	Parvathi Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sat 18		<b>SIVA BRAHMOTSAVAM BEGINS - SEE DETAILS</b>
	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja - Uttara Phalguni
	6:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
	7:00 PM	Ayyappa Padi Puja
Sun 19	10:00 AM	<b>SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA / IRUMUDI ABHISHEKA</b>
Mon 20	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Tue 21		<b>NARASIMHA JAYANTHI - SEE DETAILS</b>
Wed 22		<b>VAIKASI VISAKAM DAY</b> <b>SIVA BRAHMOTSAVAM CONCLUDES</b> <b>VENKATESHWARA BRAHMOTSAVAM BEGINS - SEE DETAILS</b>
	7:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Poomima
Fri 24	10:00 AM	Durga Abhisheka
Sat 25		<b>VAIKASI VISAKAM CELEBRATIONS - SEE DETAILS</b>
	10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula
Sun 26		<b>VENKATESHWARA BRAHMOTSAVAM CONCLUDES</b>
	9:30 AM	Ganesha / Navagraha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi

## May 2024

Sun 26	10:30 AM	Navagraha Abhisheka
	6:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi
Tue 28	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shravana
Fri 31	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka

## June 2024

Sat 1		<b>HANUMAT JAYANTHI - SEE DETAILS</b>
	6:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Sun 2	6:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Mon 3	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Tue 4	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Krittika
Thu 6	10:00 AM	Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
Fri 7	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
Sun 9	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
	10:30 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi
Tue 11	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Thu 13	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
Fri 14	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja - Uttara Phalguni
Sat 15	7:00 PM	Ayyappa Padi Puja
Sun 16	10:00 AM	<b>SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA / IRUMUDI ABHISHEKA</b>
Mon 17	9:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Homa - Swathi
	10:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka - Swathi
	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi

Rest of June will be in the June Newsletter

### WEEKLY ABHISHEKAS

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

### DAILY ABHISHEKAS

<b>Daily:</b>	9:30 AM	<b>Ayyappa, Ananthapadmanabha</b>
	10:00 AM	<b>Siva</b>

### Annual and Lifetime Puja Sponsorship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information and sponsorship details – please contact Manager Ananth Iyengar at [puja@ssvt.org](mailto:puja@ssvt.org) or by phone at

(301) 552-3335. Thank you for your support!

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### About Sri Siva Vishnu Temple (SSVT):

Located outside of Washington D.C., Sri Siva Vishnu Temple is a premier Hindu temple with a congregation and community base of tens of thousands of Indian Americans, Hindu Americans and devotees across the globe. The temple houses several Sannidhis (shrines) which were consecrated between 1990 and 2002. As a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, SSVT serves the religious, cultural, and educational needs of the Hindu community and has represented the Hindu American community.

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SSVT Combined Federal Campaign Number: 47090



### Join Sri Siva Vishnu Temple's WhatsApp Group!

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

Now that we all may have enjoyed a Spring Break and most plants and trees are blooming and sprouting - we witness an explosion of new life! With warmer weather, we hope to see more devotees visiting our temple. The Garden Committee volunteers, led by Chandra and Ramini have done a wonderful job with the beautification of our temple grounds, and keep the blooms blossoming throughout the various seasons. With an anticipated annual budget of \$15,000, there are opportunities for up donate for this effort. All it takes is 100 donors to step up with a \$151 donation each to fill this budget. Our temple is your temple; help us keep it beautiful all year long, so many have an enjoyable visit.

**Holi Celebrations** (held April 7) organized by Trustee Jaishri Shankar, and the Education Committee, was a grand success! A good number of families with their children participated along with local students from area universities. Thank you to our great volunteers for treating the children with Bhel puri and Thandai and for making it a memorable experience!

With **Ugadi, Vishu, Tamil, and Tulu New Year** all so close in date this year (April 9 and 13th), we celebrated with much pomp and circumstance the festivities on Saturday, April 13th. All the events (Srinivasa Kalyanam, Panchanga Patanam) along with a cultural program in the evening went very well, and a large number of devotees participated! A special Kalyana Bhojanam was served on a banana leaf - over 1,000 meals were served! Special thanks to our volunteers, including the Kitchen Committee Volunteers, PR Committee, as well as the Religious and Cultural Committee volunteers!

Earlier last month, SSVT had the privilege to provide puja services, and counseling support to the crew members aboard the Klara Oldendorff cargo ship in Baltimore. SSVT Priests Sri Janakiram Marthi and Sri Rakesh Bhatt performed a puja service for those who were affected by the unfortunate Key bridge collapse in the Baltimore Harbor. Lunch was prepared by our temple cooks. Many thanks to our priests and to our partners at HACSI for supporting the community affected by the unfortunate bridge collapse.

**Sri Ananthapadmanabha Vaibhava Mahotsavam** (August 7-11): As I shared previously, in keeping with our temple tradition, we will be conducting a five-day grand Mahotsavam for Lord Ananthapadmanabha. Princess Gouri Parvati Bai of Travancore Royal Family, an Ananthapadmanabha sevini, will be gracing us during the occasion. She has agreed to give a keynote address during the event. Be on the look out for additional details.

**HVAC Replacement Project:** The old Air Handling Units (AHU) and chillers were removed and replaced with the new systems. The pumps in the Mechanical Room at the rear entrance were also installed. The contractor, ProTec, is working on piping and duct work. ProTec is doing a great job, and we anticipate the new units to be fully operational by the Summer season. It's important to highlight that we are replacing a 30-year-old system that was not operational or efficient for our temple needs. Please note the lower-level Southwest entrance (back corner of dining hall) will be closed until the installation work is complete.

The Engineering Committee is working towards replacing the old roof over the Mahamandapam and Balaji sides, and exploring options to fix the prakaram and upgrade the flooring. Please consider a charitable contribution to our temple - to help with these large capital improvement projects, or for our operations, or to the endowment. Your tax-deductible contribution will help our temple as me forward on many efforts. 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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as Muruga. Lord Muruga has six faces and because of this. He is also known as Lord Arumugam. Due to His six faces Lord Muruga can see in East, West, North, South, Heaven and Patala (netherworld) simultaneously. Vaikasi Visakam is celebrated with much religious importance and fervor at the Arupadaiveedu of Lord Muruga or the six abodes of Lord Muruga in Tamil Nadu. These temples are the Pazhani Hill Temple in Pazhani, Thiruchendur Muruga Temple at Tiruchendur, Arulmigu Swaminatha Swami Temple at Swamimalai, Thiruthani Muruga Temple, Sri Subramanya Temple at Pazhamudircholai, and Thiruparamkundram Subramanya Swamy Temple. It is also celebrated in many a Muruga Temple throughout the world, including SSVT.

9:30 am Subrahmanya Moola Mantra Homa

10:30 am Subrahmanya Abhisheka, Skandashasthi Kavacham recitation, Bhajans, Archana, Deeparadhana

12:30 pm Subrahmanya procession around the temple will be done as part of Siva Brahmotsavam, followed by Deeparadhana

**Sponsorship:** \$51 - Homa and Abhisheka; \$31 - Homa or Abhisheka

## Vaikasi Visakam Celebrations

**Saturday, May 25, 2024**

10:00 am 108 Milk Kalasas (Paal Kudam), Kaavadi and Abhisheka

12:00 pm Deeparadhana and Prasadam distribution

## Venkateshwara Brahmotsavam

**Wednesday, May 22 - Sunday, May 26, 2024**

To ward off all sins, Brahmotsavam is celebrated. Lord Brahma Himself is believed to have celebrated the first Brahmotsavam to please His father Vishnu and according to some legend this was the beginning of the Brahmotsavam. In keeping with tradition, Venkateswara Brahmotsavam will be celebrated in our temple from May 22 to May 26. One of the most important features of the Brahmotsavam is the Brahma Rathotsavam (Chariot Festival) on the final day.

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

9:00 am Suprabhatam, Vishwakshena Aaradhana, Anugnyam, Vasudeva Punyahavachana, Rakshabandanam, Mritsangrahanam, Angurarpanam, Prahtaraaradhana, Shanti patham, Veda Vinnappam, Satumurai, Chatusthanaarchana, Agni Prathishta, Moolamantra Homa, Poornahuti, Vainatheya Prathishtapana, Dwaja Aarohanam, Garuda Prasadam (Santana Praptyartham), Bali Harana, Mangalasaashanam

5:00 pm Vishnu Sahasranama, Chatusthanaarchana, Moolamantra Homa, Poornahuti, Bhereetadanam, Devataahvaana, Bali Harana, Mangalasaashanam, Shayanotsava.

**Thursday, May 23, 2024**

9:00 am Suprabhatam, Seva Kalam, Prahtaraaradhana, Shanti Patham, Veda Vinnappam, Satumurai, Chatusthanaarchana, Moola Mantra Homa, Bali Harana, Mangalasaashanam

5:00 pm Vishnu Sahasranama, Chatusthanaarchana, Moolamantra Homa, Poornahuti, Bali Harana, Sangeeta Seva, Mangalasaashanam, Shayanotsava

**Friday, May 24, 2024**

9:00 am Suprabhatam, Seva Kalam, Prahtaraaradhana, Shanti Patham, Veda Vinnappam, Satumurai, Chatusthanaarchana, Moolamantra Homa, Sudarshana Homa, Poornahuti, Utsavaarambha Snananam, Bali Haranam, Mangalasaashanam, 108 Kalasa Sthapana

5:00 pm Vishnu Sahasranama, Chatusthanaarchana, Moolamantra Homa, Poornahuti, Bali Haranam, Mahalakshmi Aaradhana and Deepotsava, Mangalasaashanam, Shayanotsavam

**Saturday, May 25, 2024**

7:00 am Suprabhatam, Seva Kalam, Prahtaraaradhana, Shanti Patham, Veda Vinnappam, Satumurai, Chatusthanaarchana, Moolamantra Homa, Poornahuti, 108 Kalasa Venkateswara Abhisheka, Lakshaarchana, Sangeeta Seva, Tirupavada Seva, Bali Haranam, Mangalasaashanam

5:00 pm Vishnu Sahasranamam

6:00 pm Garuda Vahana Praakaar Utasavam, Chatusthanaarchana, Moolamantra Homa, Poornahuti, Bali Harana

7:30 pm Venkateswara Deepotsava, Dolotsava, Sangeeta Seva, Mangalasaashanam, Shayanotsava

**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

8:00 am Suprabhatam, Seva Kalam, Prahtaraaradhana, Shanti Patham, Veda Vinnappam, Satumurai, Chatusthanaarchana, Moola Mantra Homa, Mahapoorahuti

10:00 am Special Kalyanotsava (Srinivasa Kalyana)

12:00 pm Brahma Rathotsava, Bali Haranam, Mangalasaashanam, Teerthagoshti

5:00 pm Sripushpayaagam, Dwadasha Aaradhana, Devata Udhvasana, Dwaja Aavaarohana, Chakra Teertham, Kumbha Prokshana, Acharya Sambhavana, Asheervadam, Mangalasaashanam

**Sponsorship:** \$251 - Entire Brahmotsavam; \$61 - One Day Puja; \$31 - One Homa or One Abhisheka or Kalyana Utsava or Rathotsavam or any one puja

## Hanumat Jayanthi

**Saturday, June 1, 2024**

People in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh observe Hanumat Jayanthi on Lunar Vaisakha Bahula (Krishna) Dasami. This day falls on Saturday, June 1, 2024 according to the North America Panchanga. On this day, there will be Sahasranama, Archana, and a special Vada alankara to Lord Anjaneya. Sponsorship is not required to participate in the Sahasranama Archana. There will be no butter Alankara during the day

9:30 am Anjaneya Moola Mantra Homa

6:00 pm Anjaneya Panchamrutha Abhisheka, Special Vada Alankara, Sahasranama Archana, Deeparadhana, Prasadam distribution

**Sponsorship:** \$51 - Homa and Abhisheka; \$31 - Homa or Abhisheka

## Samvatsara Mahotsavam

**Tuesday, June 25 - Thursday, July 4, 2024**

Complete Details in the June Newsletter

## SSVT COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Homeless SEVA - Sandwich Program

Each month, on the 2nd Saturday, volunteers make sandwiches for the homeless. Every time, roughly about 1000 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. Please meet at Temple Dining Hall at 10:30 AM. For additional information, please contact T.H. Mishra at [laithm@gmail.com](mailto:laithm@gmail.com) / (571) 214-3198 - Delivery volunteers needed - please email Manju Shivacharan at [manju4space@gmail.com](mailto:manju4space@gmail.com)

## 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)

# SRI SIVA VISHNU TEMPLE



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**Devotees are requested to follow this dress code when entering the Temple.**



**Please see someone at the front desk for assistance or if you have questions**



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# Bhagavata Saptaham

Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Pravachanam by

**U. Ve. Dushyanth Sridhar**

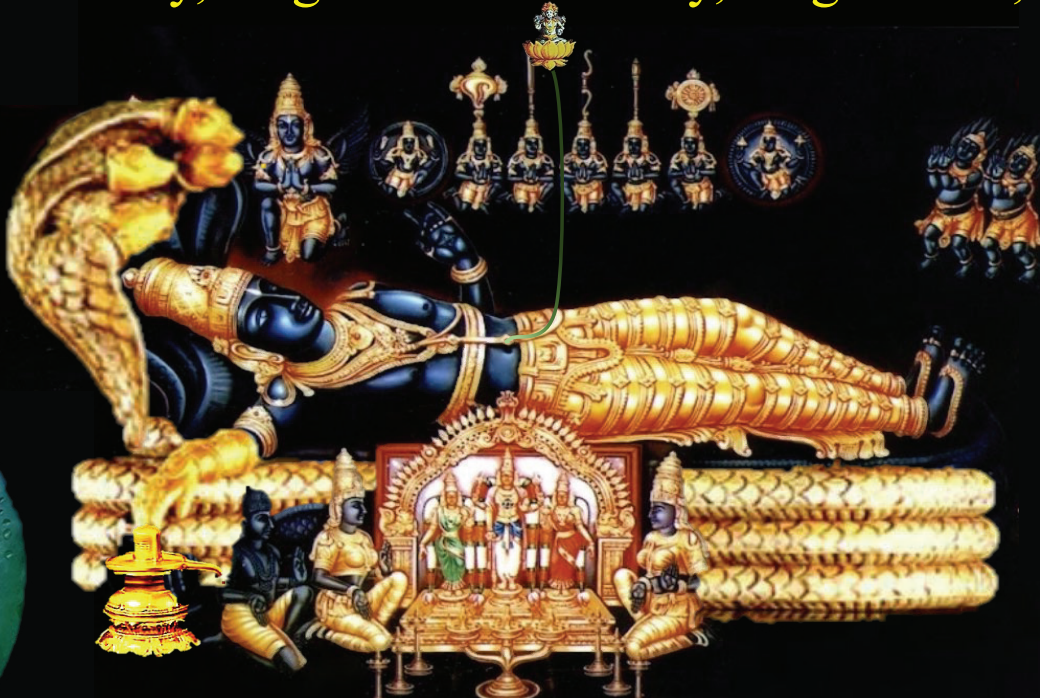
Day	Topic
Monday, July 22, 2024 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Bhagavata Mahatmyam, Parikshit Jananam, Varaha Avataram
Tuesday, July 23, 2024 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Kapilopadesham, Dhruva & Prithu Charitram
Wednesday, July 24, 2024 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Ajamila Charitram, Narasimha Avataram, Gajendra Moksham
Thursday, July 25, 2024 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Matsya, Kurma & Vamana Avataram, Sri Krishna Jananam
Friday, July 26, 2024 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Poothana Vadham, Govardhana Udharanam, Kamsa Vadham
Saturday, July 27, 2024 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Sathyabama Parinayam, Narakasura Vadham, Kuchelopakyanam
Sunday, July 28, 2024 10:30 am to 12:30 pm	Uddava Gita, Markandeya Upakhyanam & Rukmini Kalyanam



# Sri Anantapadmanabha Vaibhava Mahotsavam

Shantham (Serenity) Sowkhyam (Wellbeing) Shouryam (Courage)

Sri Siva Vishnu Temple is conducting  
**Sri Anantapadmanabha Vaibhava Mahotsavam**  
a five-day Grand Mahotsavam from  
**Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



## Mahotsavam Highlights

Special Pujas including Special Homams conducted by  
Temple Acharyas and visiting Acharyas  
Special Devotee Participatory Pujas  
Cultural Concert  
Bhagavata Sapthaham Parayanam  
Pravachanam by **Sri Dushyanth Sridhar**

More details to come soon

## **JAYA ANANTHAPADMANABHA – An Iconic Pratishta**

### **SHANTHAM (Serenity) SOWKHYAM (Wellbeing) SHOURYAM (Courage)**

This year SSVT is celebrating the Mahotsavam for Lord Anantha Padmanabha – “**Sri Ananthapadmanabha Vaibhava Mahotsavam**” for the first time in 40 years since the temple was founded. Modeled from the deity in the Thiruvananthapuram temple, the uniqueness of the Sannidhi is that it has - Vishnu as Ananthapadmanabha, Siva as Lingam below the Right hand, Brahma from his Nabhi in the middle up on a lotus on the wall behind along with SriDevi and Bhudevi on either side on the back wall with the representation of 33 crore+ Devas distributed in the back wall. This Sannidhi at SSVT is the only one of its kind in the United States, and SSVT is one of only three temples in the world with this deity, the other two being in India.

#### **Pratishta of Lord Ananthapadmanabha:**

In 1992, the Anantha Padmanabha Pratishta was completed at our temple. The story of this Pratishta is fascinating, and is proof of the triumph of the human spirit over obstacles and hardships through faith in God, dedication, and the intervention of divine grace.

**The Creation:** The late Sri Ganapathy Sthapati, past Principal of College of Temple Architecture, directed the actual carving of the granite by Perumal Sthapati in Mahabalipuram. The Vighraha has 3 piece parts to it – 1) The Lord’s body, which is 9.5 ft. – 11 ft. carved from a single piece of granite, (2) the Adishesha body or Snake Bed (3) the Adishesha Heads. **Jaya Ananthapadmanabha!**

**The Transportation:** After many months of carving, and obtaining clearances, the Vighraha was finally shipped from Chennai port. However the container landed in Seattle, Washington state, and it took a lot of effort to convince the Customs authorities there not to drill holes in the Vighraha to check for drugs and contraband goods!!!

The next difficulty was how to transport the Vighraha from Seattle to Lanham, MD in one piece. Fortunately, one of the founder trustees worked with a trucking company conglomerate, and he managed to arrange for the shipping of the Vighraha by road on a flat-bed truck all the way to SSVT. By Divine grace, the 8 Ton Vighraha arrived intact. **Jaya Ananthapadmanabha!**

**Placing in the Garbhagruha:** The Engineering Committee then pondered on how to move the Vighraha inside the temple building. So a huge crane was used to lift the Vighraha to the Praakaram level i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> floor. But it still had to be brought into the Mahamandapam, and to do this, they had to widen the front entrance. The final problem was how to get it inside Garbhagruha (Sanctum Sanctorum).

The Shilpies themselves resolved the issue by enlarging the entrance to the Garbhagruha to allow the pieces inside. They staggered sandbags over the steps, placed large wooden rollers on top of the sandbags, covered by sacking all the way to the inner sanctum, and dragged the piece parts one by one into the Garbhagruha. **The Shilpies explained that this is the practice they have been using over centuries to move Vighrahas, so they were adept at it - Jaya Ananthapadmanabha!**

Another interesting fact is that each of the major deities in SSVT rests on a hollow structure or pillar filled with earth all the way up to the Vighraha. You can find more details in the souvenir that SSVT will publish during the Mahotsavam.

**We invite all the congregation members to come and participate in this unique Mahotsavam to Sri Ananthapadmanabha and seek his blessings.**

**JAYA ANANTHAPADMANABHA!**





# Annual Food Bazaar

Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

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

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

Light music, Cultural programs including various traditional Dances

Contact  
Phone: 301-552-3335  
Email: [vc-ops@ssvt.org](mailto:vc-ops@ssvt.org)

Discounted Food tokens  
\$6 tokens for \$5 until **June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Click or Scan QR code to buy tokens

Vendor Stalls selling household & other items





The poster features a central image of a library with a Ganesha statue. On the left, there are four icons of books. The top right corner has the SSVT logo and the text 'SSVT Dharma Library'. The main title 'OPEN HOUSE' is in large, glowing letters. Below it, the text reads 'An opportunity to explore, register and checkout books in person!'. The dates 'FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM' are highlighted. A glowing box contains the dates: 'FEB 4, MARCH 3, APRIL 7, MAY 5, JUNE 2, JULY 7, AUG 4'. A QR code is provided for the library website, with the text 'Library Website:'. The location is 'SSVT Education room, 6905 Cipriano Rd, Lanham, MD 20706'. The contact information is 'Contact: library@ssvt.org'.

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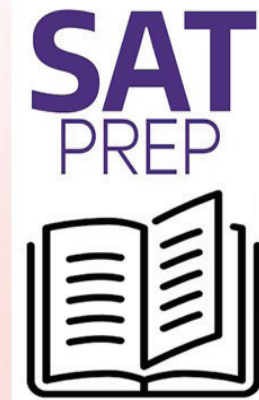
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## UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

Date & Time	Event / Artist	Venue & Admission Fee
May 11, 2024; 5:00 PM	Jugalbandhi Concert	Auditorium/Free
May 18, 2024	11th Annual Sri Papanasam Sivan Festival	Auditorium/Free



**Sri Siva Vishnu Temple**  
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# Jugalbandhi Concert:

**Ambi Subramaniam (Carnatic violin)**  
**Pravin Godkhindi (Hindustani flute)**

# Saturday, May 11 at 5pm



accompanied by

**Kapil Ramnarayanan**  
on mrdangam

**Suryaksha Deshpande**  
on tabla



**TICKETS (please use this QR code)**

**\$20 regular**

**\$15 seniors/students**

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# 11TH ANNUAL SRI PAPANASAM SIVAN FESTIVAL



## SPECIAL INCLUSION

Kritis of Sri Mysore Vasudevachar

Saturday, May 18, 2024



Registration opens on April 15, 2024

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Individual/ Group Presentations – Vocal & Instrumental Music &  
Dances of the Krithis of Sri Sivan & Vasudevachar

by local area

artistes, teachers, and their students

**Main Concert:**

**Vid Vishnudev (Vocal)**

**Vid VVS Murari (Violin)**

**Vid Patri Satish Kumar (Mridangam)**

**Vid Vazhapally R. Krishnakumar (Ghatam)**

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