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Sri Siva Vishnu Temple wishes all devotees and volunteers a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

2025 New Years Day Celebration

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

The temple will be open from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm. To minimize the waiting time for all devotees all archanas will be done in batches. Due to the heavy traffic expected that day, no car pujas will be performed on January 1. Special archanas to all Utsava Deities will be performed every hour for a special sponsorship of \$51.

Devotees may also sponsor all the Abhishekams that day, Utsava Deity archana and archana to any two Ishta Devatas (Deities of their choice) for a sponsorship of \$151.

7:00 am Suprabhatam

7:15 am Sivagni

7:30 am Ananthapadmanabha and Ayyappa Abhishekas

8:00 am Siva Abhisheka

10:00 am - onwards - Archanas for Ganesha, Lakshmi, Siva, Venkateshwara and Ayyappa; every 30 mins. Other Moolava deities - on demand, when priests are available

11:00 am Sarva Devata Archana for all Utsava Deities every hour on the hour until 8:00 PM (last Archana will start at 7:00 PM; no Archana at 6:00 PM)

6:00 pm Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam for Loka Kalyanam (note: no Sarva Devata Archana will be performed at 6:00 PM)

Note: No Car Pujas will be performed on January 1, 2025

Sponsorship: \$151 - All day puja including all Abhishekas, Archana to all Utsava Deities, and two Archanas to any two (Moolava) deities of devotees choice; \$51 - Sarva Devata Archana (Archana to all Utsava Deities); \$31 - Any one Abhisheka

Thiruppaavai & Thiruvempaavai

Sunday, December 15, 2024 - Monday, January 13, 2025

Thiruppaavai, the divine hymn on Lord Vishnu composed by Goddess Andal (the Divine incarnation of Mother Earth), and Thiruvempaavai the divine Hymn on Lord Siva composed by Saint Maanickavaasagar will be recited daily during the Hindu "Dhanus" month (December 15, 2024 - January 13, 2025) at 9:30 AM.

Vaikuntha Ekadashi

Wednesday, January 8 - Thursday, January 9, 2025

Vaikuntha Ekadashi is one of the most important Ekadashis of the year. On this day, the traditional practice is that devotees enter the Vaikuntha Dwaara (special gate/entrance to Vaikuntha) of temples. This special symbolic event signified the belief that the devotee can be closer to God by observing special sadhanas such as fasting, and thinking of God on Vaikuntha Ekadashi day. In tune with this tradition, SSVT offers an opportunity for devotees to have Sameepa Darshana (see the Lord at a close distance) by allowing devotees to climb up the steps leading to the Lord Ananthapadmanabha shrine on this day. This sameepa darshana will be available ONLY on Vaikuntha Ekadashi Day, Thursday, January 9, 2025. We request all devotees to use this opportunity to receive the blessings of the Lord on this special day!

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

6:00 pm Anugnay, Vishwakshana Aradhana, Vasudeva

Punyahavachanam, Raksha Bandanam, Mritsangrahanam, Ankoorarpanam, Kalasa Sthapanam, Aradhana, Archana, Saatumurai Mahamangalarathi, Teerthaprasada Viniyogam

Thursday, January 9, 2025 (Vaikuntha Ekadashi Day)

4:30 am Suprabhatam, Sri Ashtakshari Moola Mantra Homam, Mahapoornahuti, Sri Ananthapadmanabha Nava Kalasabhishekam, Gadya Trayam Parayanam, Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam, Archana, Deeparadhana, Procession within the temple, Vaikuntha Dwaara Puja, Vaikuntha Dwaara Pravesham, Bali Haranam, Saatumurai, Mahamangalarathi, Sameepadarshanam, Teerthaprasada Viniyogam Prasadam Distribution. Continuous Sahasranama Parayanam till temple closes.

Note: Temple will be open from 4:30 AM to 9:00 PM

Sponsorship: \$91 - Entire Celebration; \$31 - Homa or Abhisheka

Andal Kalyanam

Sunday, January 12, 2025

SSVT will continue the yearly "Margazhi" tradition of performing Andal Kalyanam on Sunday, January 12, 2025. Goddess Andal, after observing the Paavai Nombu (vows) during the Dhanur month, merged with Lord Ranganatha in Srirangam and their union is celebrated as Andal Kalyanam

8:00 am Suprabhatam

8:30 am Andal Abhisheka, Tiruppavai recitation, Archana, and Deeparadhana

10:30 am Divine Kalyanam Utsavam of Goddess Andal with Lord Ranganatha

Sponsorship: \$51 - both Abhisheka and Kalyanam

Makara Sankranti / Thai Pongal

Tuesday, January 14, 2024

9:30 am Ganesha Puja, Navagraha Homa

10:30 am Lord Suryanarayana and Navagrahas Abhishekas, Aadithya Hridaya Stotra Parayanam, Archana, Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$51

Makara Vilakku / Ayyappa Puja

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

8:00 am Irumudi Preparation and Climbing of Holy Steps

10:00 am Makara Sankramabishekam Ayyappa Puja, Archana, Deeparadhana

6:00 pm Thiruvabharanam, Deeparadhana, Sahasranama Stotram, Seeveli with Thalapoli, Acharya Sambhavana, Bhasmabhishekam, Harivarasanam, Annadanam by Devotees

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RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

January 2025

Wed 1		NEW YEARS DAY - SEE DETAILS
Thu 2	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shrivana
Fri 3	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
	10:30 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi
Sat 4		SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA / IRUMUDI ABHISHEKA
	6:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Sun 5		SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA / IRUMUDI ABHISHEKA
	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Thu 9		VAIKUNTHA EKADASHI - SEE DETAILS
	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Kritika
Fri 10	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
Sat 11		SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA / IRUMUDI ABHISHEKA
	3:15 PM	Shani Maha Pradosham
Sun 12		SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA / IRUMUDI ABHISHEKA
	6:00 AM	Arudra Darshana - Nataraja Abhisheka
	5:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Poomima
Mon 13		BHOGI FESTIVAL
	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
Tue 14		THAI PONGAL - SEE DETAILS
		MAKARA VILAKKU / AYYAPPA PUJA - SEE DETAILS
Wed 15	7:30 PM	Malikapurathamma Puja
Thu 16	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
	7:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi
	7:30 PM	Malikapurathamma Puja
Fri 17	10:00 AM	Parvathi Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
	6:45 PM	Bhagavati Seva
	7:30 PM	Malikapurathamma Puja
Sat 18	9:30 AM	Ayyappa Kalabha Puja / Kalabhaabhisheka
Sun 19	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja
	6:00 PM	Guruthi Puja
Wed 22	9:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Homa - Swathi
	10:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka - Swathi
Thu 23	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Vishakha

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Fri 24	10:00 AM	Durga Abhisheka
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sat 25	4:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Sun 26	9:30 AM	Navagraha Homa
	10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula
	10:30 AM	Navagraha Abhisheka
	6:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Wed 29	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shrivana
Fri 31	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva

February 2025

Sat 1	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
	10:30 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi
Sun 2		VASANT PANCHAMI - SEE DETAILS
Mon 3	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Tue 4		RATHA SAPTAMI - SEE DETAILS
Wed 5	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Kritika
Thu 6		MADHVA NAVAMI - SEE DETAILS
Fri 7	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sat 8	4:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Sun 9	6:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Mon 10		THAI POOSAM - SEE DETAILS
	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
Tue 11	7:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Poomima

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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 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 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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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	

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2024 Chairperson's Report

Mahesh Kukata, Chairperson

Since its inception 40 years ago, SSVT has been a beacon of hope, serving thousands of devotees. And it has become not only a Hindu Dharmic leader in the DMV region but also well recognized across North America. The temple continues to earn the trust and respect of devotees by providing services in all the five pillars of the temple namely authentic religious services, cultural programs by acclaimed artists, educational seminars and classes, Seva and humanitarian activities. We take pride in providing these services and set an example for others to emulate and follow. All of this is possible because of our esteemed priests, staff, selfless volunteers, and a strongly supportive congregation.

I am very pleased to report the Temple financials are robust with steady growth of revenue, and carefully managed expenditure resulting in a strong balance sheet and good cash flow. Based on the good financial practices we follow, our temple remains debt free.

2024 was a very productive and memorable year for our temple - considering a very successful Mahotsavam and Annual Fund-raiser concert. With continuously increasing presence of our devotees, support of our priests, staff, and volunteers who went above and beyond to make sure that no devotee was left out, every visitor felt the good vibes when they visited the temple.

Here are some of the highlights of 2024. We had very successful "Ananthapadmanabha Vaibhava Mahotsavam", a Mahotsavam conducted for the first time since temple's inception for Lord Ananthapadmanabha, from Wednesday, August 7 through Sunday, August 11, 2024. Our Pancharatra Agama Acharyas guided by Sri Samudrala Narasimhachari from Chicago conducted this Mahotsavam. The highlight of this Mahotsavam was the presence of Her Excellency Gouri Parvathi Bayi Thampuratti, Princess of Travancore and custodian of the Sri Anantha Padmanabha Swamy Temple in Thiruvananthapuram. She conducted a Q&A session explaining the religious / social richness of Kerala particularly the Travancore region.

As a prelude to this event, we had "Bhagavata Saptaha Pravachanam" by renowned U.Ve. Dushyanth Sridhar from July 22 to July 28. The pravachanam was a great success with overflow crowds each and every day. During the same time in the morning (6:30 to 11:30 AM) we had Bhagavata Saptaha Parayanam by Sri Suresh Bhagavathar livestreamed from Chennai.

After the Mahotsavam our temple continued to celebrate our annual pujas like Upakarma, Varalakshmi Vratam, and Sravana Somavara Siva Abhishekas with great pomp and fervor. Krishna Janmashtami puja, 10th Annual Build Your Own Ganesha (BYOG) - with participation of over 250 children and their families this year as to celebrate the start of the new school year and seek Lord Ganesha's blessings. We followed this with Onam celebrations with a stunning Pookalam. The vibrant colors and intricate design truly capture the essence of Onam, symbolizing joy, unity, and prosperity. Onam Sadhya was the highlight of the day. Over 900 devotees were served a very special Sadhya (typical Kerala style food items prepared by our cooks) by Kitchen committee and PR committee volunteers.

Other events including Sarada Navaratri, Golu, 108 Vastra alan-karam of devis, Kartika Somvara, Deepavali, Skanda Sashti were well attended and participated by devotees. And Ayyappa Mandala celebration attended by many Ayyappa devotees who take their annual pilgrimage to SSVT.

After 4 years of a virtual Annual Fundraiser, this year and possibly for the first time we had an in-person live band performance

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Sponsorship: \$91 - Irumudi and Ayyappa Puja; \$31 - Ayyappa Abhisheka

Vasanth Panchami

Sunday, February 2, 2025

10:00 am Sri Sarada Abhisheka

4:00 pm Vidyarambham

Sponsorship: \$31

Ratha Saptami

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

9:30 am Ganesha Puja, Navagraha Homa and Abhisheka, Aruna Parayanam (Surya Namaskaram), Archana, Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$51

Madhva Navami

Thursday, February 6, 2025

10:00 am Purvanga Puja, Abhishekam to Sri Krishna, and Madhwacharya (in Shrine), Archana, Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$51

Madhva Navami Celebrations

Saturday, February 15, 2025

10:00 am Purvanga Puja, Abhishekam to Sri Krishna, Anjaneya and Madhwacharya (in Shrine), Archana, Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$41

Thai Poosam

Monday, February 10, 2025

10:00 am Subrahmanya Abhisheka, group Bhajans during Alankaram, Archana, Deeparadhana, Prasadam distribution

6:00 pm Subrahmanya Sahasranama Archana, Vishesh Aarati

Sponsorship: \$51 - Entire Day; \$31 - Morning or Evening Puja

Thai Poosam Celebration

Saturday, February 15, 2025

10:00 am Kavadi and Paal Kudam procession within the temple

Sponsorship: \$31

Maha Sivarathri

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Maha Sivarathri 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 yagashala), 3:15 PM (at the Siva sanidhi), and continue until 6:30 AM, the following day - Wednesday, February 26, 2025. A sanctified Siva Linga will be available for devotees to personally offer their Abhishekam throughout the night.

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 Sivarathri 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

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 jaitm@gmail.com / (571) 214-3198 - Delivery volunteers needed - please email Manju at manju4space@gmail.com

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by Vijay TV Super Singers with a catered dinner. It was a great success as a relaxing/family entertainment event and met the fundraising goals. With over 300 attendees the evening was a fun time, with many taking part in dancing as well along with the super singers.

Working collaboratively with Kitchen Committee, and staff, policy was changed to allow 2 volunteers in the kitchen during weekends/special events - devotee interaction only. Overall things went well and smoothly with the kitchen this year.

As for as the IT improvements for devotee services Kitchen kiosks for purchase of prasadam items have mostly been switched to the new system and the kiosks have been operating in stable fashion. A new website roll out is expected soon. After that kiosks for devotee services in the upper level will be installed.

With our focus was on devotees need & satisfaction, we have added two more priests and one neivedyam Acharya who is expected to take on additional operational responsibilities. We realize this comes only by having satisfied employees and towards this we have implemented a 401K retirement plan for all employees with a 4% match from the temple. In addition, employee children's education fund (for college going children & up to \$5k) has been modified to include children attending college in India.

The HVAC replacement project is mostly complete; systems are fully operational. In addition to the original scope of replacing the large air handling units, chillers, boiler and pumps, we replaced two additional boilers that are quite old. The total cost of this project was about \$2M. We completed training and commissioning, and final inspections are pending. In addition, we are upgrading the life safety systems. This includes replacing the Fire Alarm

Panel and fire protection system sprinkler system.

On the SSVT Sai Mandir project, WSSC permits have been received. All underground plumbing work has been completed and passed inspections. Concrete slab pour will be completed within the next few weeks (pending weather) and the building work will start. We apologize for the delays with the project. Rest assured, we are fully committed to complete the project in Spring 2025. Our Asthana Stapathi has provided the layouts and detailed drawings for placing the Sai Baba murti on a raised platform (Peetam) and prabhavali design. Additionally, we are in conversation with Stapathi regarding the design and manufacture of Vasavi Mata (Kannika Parameswari) Sannidhi and Vighraha.

For the main temple, we received a design for the upper level roof replacement and prakaram repair project. Bid and construction for these improvements are expected in the next three to six months. In addition the renovation of the auditorium, dining hall and restrooms will be primary projects we will complete in 2025. We will also start planning for Jeernodharana Kumbhabhishekam 2027 (JK2027) - a renovation and reconsecration of our temple shrines after 12 years in accordance with our agama shastras.

New Board of Trustees and Executive Committee for 2025: The Board of Trustees elected a new Executive Committee (EC) led by me, as Chairperson; Sri Bangalore Ravindra as Vice Chairperson of Operations; Sri S.V. Krishnaswamy as Vice Chairperson of Human Resources and Policy; Sri Thenappan (Theo) Meyyappan as Treasurer; and Smt. Nalini Iyer as Secretary. Additionally, with the retirement of three Trustees, including Smt. Raji Ramesh, Sri Swami Reddy and Sri Umesh Kumar, the BOT selected Smt. Geetha Somasundar, Sri Krishnakanth (KK) Jagarapu, and Sri Ramesh Bhargava to the 2025 Board of Trustees. My heartfelt congratulations to the new Trustees and my sincere appreciation to our retiring Trustees.

Our focus is to make sure that SSVT is a temple for today and for the future generations. To achieve this goal, the BOT has started contributing 10% of gross revenue to the endowment that brought the current balance to \$5.85M. Our goal is to achieve \$15M by 2030. Please contribute generously to this cause so that SSVT will be self-sufficient in the future.

On behalf of the entire Board of Trustees, I wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. We start 2025 with Sankaranthi and Makarotsavam marking the completion of Ayyappa Mandala. In January, we have several important events such as Vaikunta Ekadashi permitting Sameepa Darshanam, Arudra Darshanam, Andal Kalyanam (during which the new Trustees will take sankalpam), Thai Pongal & Makara Vilakku.

As always, may the deities of Sri Siva Vishnu Temple bless you, and your family with good health and prosperity. May 2025 be the peaceful year. 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.

2024 Human Resources & Policy Report *S. V. Krishnaswamy, Vice Chairperson of Human Resources & Policy*

From a HR & Policy perspective, the last year has been very fruitful. Both HR related and Policy related topics were addressed. During open health care enrollment this year, the staff unanimously agreed to continue with Kaiser Permanente. As regards utilizing the federal holidays, during which the staff is expected to work and take holiday in the same month or within a reasonable time, the cooks and two Shilpis could not follow policy because their work schedule did not permit to take all the holidays. So, a

request was made to carry over these holidays to next year. But we recommended that they take it before the end of the year or as one time exception can cash the holidays @50%. Ultimately most of them managed to utilize the holidays by the end of the year.

The Priest Selection Committee (PSC) was reconstituted in January 2024 to look for qualified individuals to fill priest vacancies. The PSC went through multiple interviews and selected new priests. Regarding the priest hiring, Priest Satyanarayana Ghana-patigal (a replacement for Priest Murali Shankar Sastrigal's position) who was approved by the BOT last year had to go through a second immigration interview before getting his Visa and joined us in July 2024.

The PSC recommended Priest Shekar Santhanam, a Kramanti as additional Tamil Smarta Vaidhika priest, Priest Ramaswamy Rajagopalan, as Tamil Vaishnava Vaishika (a backfill for Priest Srinivasa Ramanujam's position), and the BOT approved these candidates. Following this, the executive committee recommended hiring a Neivedyam Acharya – Yahukrishnan Namboothiri, who will serve neivedyam functions in the beginning and slowly assist in other operational areas. He just joined us. R-2 Approval was obtained for Priest Harish Kumar's wife so she could join him. An additional Telugu Saiva Vaidhika priest is in progress with the PSC.

Another successful HR accomplishment was the processing of a second extension of P-3 visas for our resident Nadaswaram Artists extending their stay until March 31, 2025. Their presence has improved the ambiance of the temple, and they have provided support for many devotees' personal events like weddings, special pujas etc. The EC and BOT will need to decide what to do going further about possibly applying for an R-1 visa for them.

While there were many new additions to our staff, our Procurement Manager, Viji Krishnan resigned from her position in July of this year.

On the policy side, we revised Employees children education fund policy extending the opportunity to priests' children going to college in India in addition to those going to college domestically in the United States. This year, three scholarships were provided: one to Cook Haridas' son and two to Priest Souriraja Perumalu's children who attend college in India.

Other Policy accomplishments include making modifications to Spending Authority as defined in the Operations Manual and providing consistency throughout the document. Also, we removed personal names through most of the Appendix 11 of the document.

I thank the Board of Trustees, our temple volunteers and our priests and staff for their continued support to help our temple serve all devotees. I look forward to serving the temple in the coming year with the same dedication as I have done in the past. Thank you all & Happy 2025!

2024 Treasurer's Report *Thenappan Meyyappan, Treasurer*

Our finances are in reasonably good shape, thanks to the generosity of our devotees and the service provided by our priests, staff and volunteers. We continue to monitor our expenses closely while also investing in additional infrastructure improvements to enhance devotee satisfaction and service.

Revenue vs Expenditure:

Revenues have continued to increase steadily. Historically, our revenue sources are split across three main categories - 1/3rd from Religious Services, 1/3rd from Donations, and 1/3rd from

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Prasadam (Kitchen) sales. After the COVID-19 pandemic, it nearly returned to that historical breakdown in 2023, however, this year, our revenue from donations is back up to 41%, revenue from Prasadam (Kitchen) sales is down to 27%, and revenue from Religious Services is down to 23%. The main expense for the temple is personnel expenses at 33%. Followed by Prasadam-kitchen expenses and religious services expenses at 14% and 8% respectively. All other uses are predominantly towards temple operations - including maintenance, repairs, and cultural/education programs.

Endowment:

Starting in the previous fiscal year we have contributed 10% of Gross Revenue towards endowment and we continue to contribute the lifetime puja sponsorships to the endowment fund. Thus far, during this calendar year, total contributions to endowment are upwards of \$745k. As of November month-end, the endowment balance is upwards of \$5.8M, up from \$4.2M this time last year. Our goal is to grow the endowment as aggressively as possible to reach \$15M by 2030.

Capital Projects:

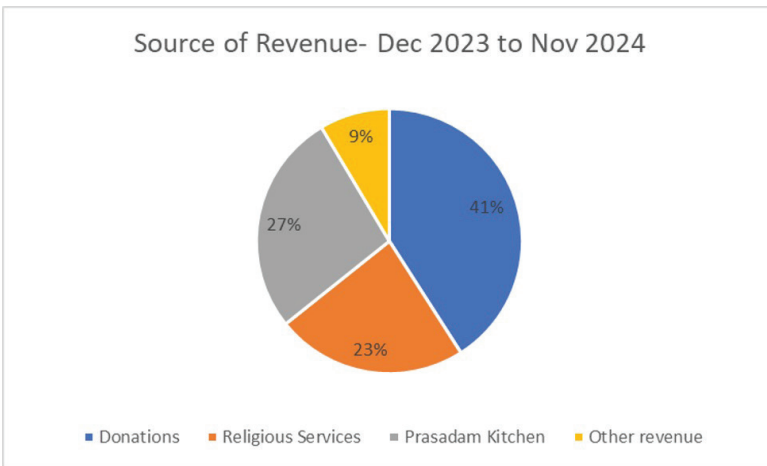
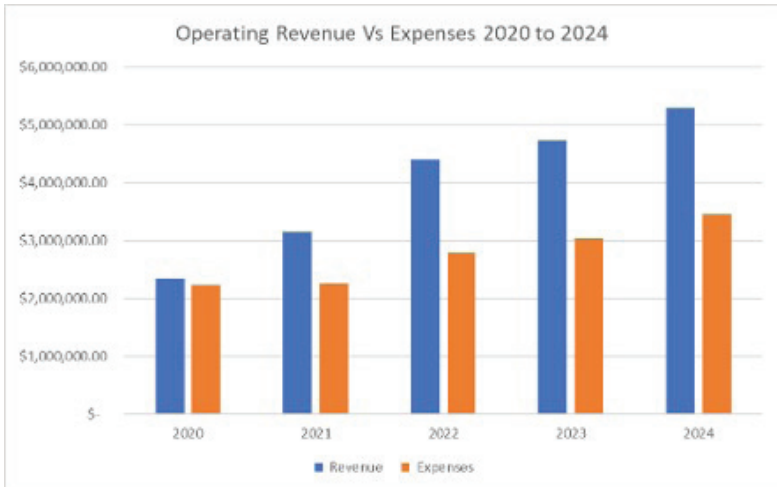
The following projects were completed during calendar year 2024:

- Granite Flooring installation - completed August 2024
- New HVAC system (~\$1.65M) - waiting on final inspections, however, the system has been operational since early Fall 2024
- Boiler Repair (\$265K) - completed, awaiting final inspection

The following projects are in different stages of planning and implementation. The BOT is committed to taking these projects to completion to meet the expectations from our devotees and congregation:

- SSVT Sai Mandir (~\$1.27M) - construction has resumed after some delay due to a WSSC permit processing timelines
- Fire Alarm Repair (\$75K) - scheduled for early 2025
- Sprinkler Repair (\$36K) - scheduled for early 2025
- Roof Repair and Replacement - design completed, will bid out for proposals in Q1 CY2025

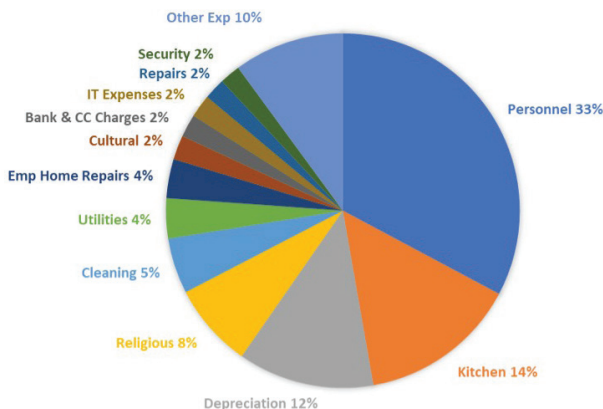
We will also start planning for Jeernodharana Kumbhabhishekam 2027 (JK2027). And account renovation projects for the auditorium, restrooms and dining hall. I sincerely thank our temple devotees, volunteers, priests and staff - the temple has endured significant growth in many areas in part by many. Thank you!



SSVT SENIOR CITIZENS MEET UP

The SSVT Senior Citizens Group meets once a month on the third Tuesday in the auditorium from 12 pm to 1 pm. We invite all seniors 55+ to join us at the meetings and share our seniors-related common interests. The group celebrated their annual day on December 17th. 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, and travel. For more information please email Satyen Verma, Senior Citizen Group Coordinator, at seniorcitizensgroup2022@gmail.com

USE OF FUNDS BY CATEGORY - DEC 2023 TO NOV 2024



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New Year Day Celebrations

Happy New Year - 2025

7:00 AM Suprabhatham

7:15 AM Sivagni

7:30 AM Ayyappa, Anantapadamanabha Abhishekams

8:00 AM Siva Abhishekam

10:00 AM Ishta Devata Archana begins

11:00 AM Anantapadmanabha, Ayyappa, Siva Archana begins

11:00 AM Sarva Devatha Archana begins in batches at every hour

Last batch at 7:00 PM (no Sarva Devata Archana at 6:00 PM)

6:00 PM Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam

Archanas to Mulavar deities will be performed in batches as per the schedule published at Temple on New Year Day

No Car Puja all day

Due to the large crowd expected, we appreciate everyone's patience.

Special offsite Parking arranged at:

Eleanor Roosevelt Highschool

7601 Hanover Pkwy, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Free shuttle service runs between Temple and Offsite parking from

10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Sponsorships

All Day Puja - \$151 (includes all Abhishekams, one Sarva Devatha Archana and two Ishta Devata Archanas)

Sarva Devatha Archana - \$51

Any One Abhishekam - \$31



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Deities Adorned Vastram Sale

Wednesday, January 1, 2025, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
(until supplies last)

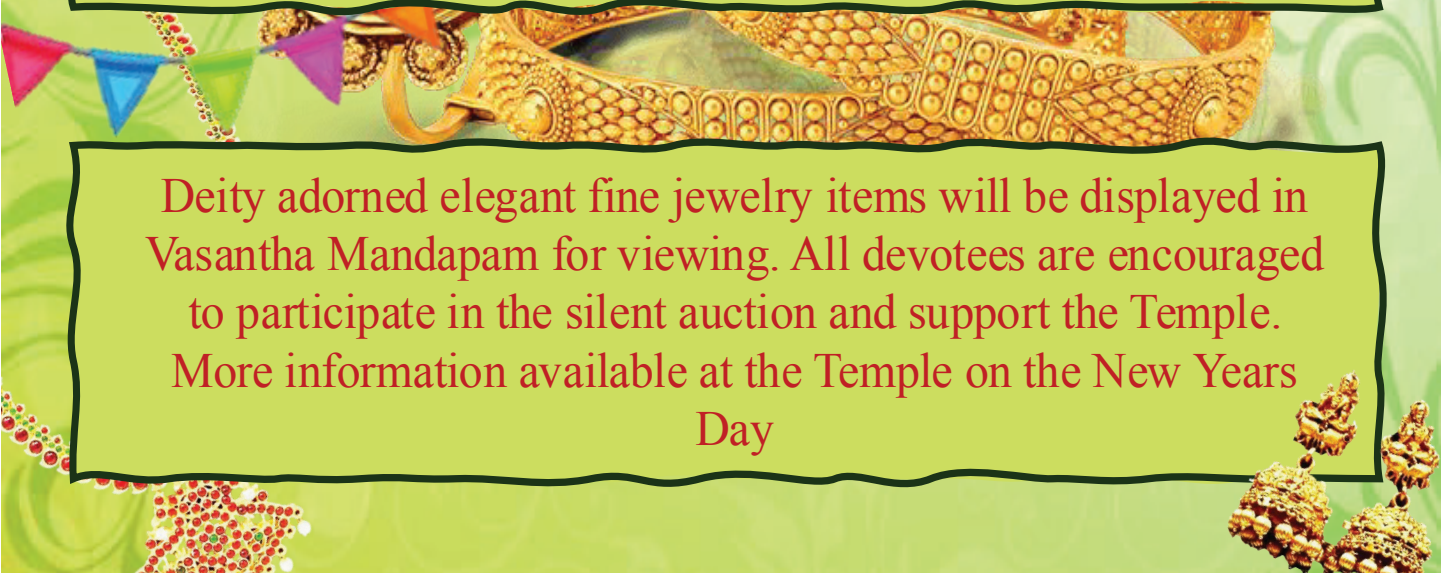
Sarees & Dhotis adorned to Deities will be available for purchase on New Year Day. Please limit to 5 sarees per family



Deities Adorned Jewelry Auction

Wednesday, January 1, 2025, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Deity adorned elegant fine jewelry items will be displayed in Vasantha Mandapam for viewing. All devotees are encouraged to participate in the silent auction and support the Temple. More information available at the Temple on the New Years Day





2025 Annual Calendar



Print copy of the SSVT 2025 Calendar will be available at the front desk starting

Sunday, December 15, 2024

The print copies are free of cost; devotees are welcomed to donate to support the Temple. Please limit to one copy per family. Digital copy of the calendar is also available on the website for download for your convenience.



Scan the QR code or use the URL to download

<https://ssvt.org/annual-calendar>



New Year Week Temple Hours

Day	Hours
Christmas Eve Day Tuesday, December 24	9:00 am to 1:00 pm & 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25	9:00 am to 9:00 pm
Ayyappa Mandalam Day Thursday, December 26	9:00 am to 9:00 pm
Friday, December 27	9:00 am to 1:00 pm & 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Saturday, December 28	9:00 am to 9:00 pm
Sunday, December 29	9:00 am to 9:00 pm
Monday, December 30	9:00 am to 1:00 pm & 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
New Year Eve Day Tuesday, December 31	9:00 am to 1:00 pm & 5:00 pm to 12:00 am
New Year Day Wednesday, January 1	7:00 am to 9:00 pm



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2024-2025 Ayyappa Mandala Makarotsavam Schedule

DAILY PUJA SCHEDULE

9:30 am - 11:00 am Ayyappa Puja (Abhishekam, Ashtothra archana, Deeparathana)

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Sahasranama Stotram, Athaazha Puja, Seeveli, Harivarasanam

SPECIAL PUJA SCHEDULE

8:00 am - 10:00 Irumudi Preparation & Climbing of Holy Steps

9:30 am Suprabhatham

10:00 am Abhishekam

10:30 am Alankaram, Bhajan

11:15 am Sahasranamam, Ashtothram, Ayyappa Ashtakam, kavacham,

Deeparadhana, Namaskaram, Padi Pattu, Temple Song

1:00 pm Prasadam distribution

PLEASE NOTE – CLIMBING OF HOLY STEPS IS ONLY ON SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA DAYS.
Registration is mandatory. To register click here: <https://www.ssvt.org/ayyappa-mandalam/>

Friday, November 15, 2024

9:30 am - 10:30 am Bimba Sudhi

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Praasatha Sudhi

Saturday, November 16, 2024

MANDALA UTSAVA AARAMBHAM

7:00 am - 9:00 am Ganapathi Homam,

9:00 am - 9:30 am Dwaja Aarohanam,

10:00 am - 1:00 pm Sahasraabhishekam, Ayyappa Puja, Deeparadhana

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm **PADI PUJA,**

8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Athaazha Puja, Seeveli, Harivarasanam

Sunday, November 17, 2024

8:00 am - 2:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja, **UDAYAASTAMANA PUJA**

Saturday, November 23, 2024

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja, **PUSHPAALANKARAM**

Sunday, November 24, 2024

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm **PUSHPABHISHEKAM,** Seeveli, Harivarasanam

Saturday, November 30, 2024

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja, **NEIYABHISHEKAM**

Sunday, December 1, 2024

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja

Saturday, December 7, 2024

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja, **KALABHAABHISHEKAM**

Sunday, December 8, 2024

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja,

Saturday, December 14, 2024

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja, **DEEPALANKARAM**

Sunday, December 15, 2024

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja

Saturday, December 21, 2024

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja, **ASHTABHISHEKAM**

Sunday, December 22, 2024

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja,

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja, **NAVAKA KALASA ABHISHEKAM**

Thursday, December 26, 2024

MANDALA PUJA

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Nirmalya Darshanam, Special Ayyappa Puja, Abhishekam, **MANDALA PUJA** Archana, Deeparadhana

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Bhajan, Sahasranama Stotram, Deeparadhana, Athazha Puja, Panappara, **Seeveli with THALAPOLI,** Bhasmabhishekam, Harivarasanam

Saturday, December 28, 2024

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja, **SPECIAL PAYASA NIVEDYAM**

Sunday, December 29, 2024

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja

Saturday, January 4, 2025

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja, **CHANDANAKKAPPU**

Sunday, January 5, 2025

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja

Saturday, January 11, 2025

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja, **SPECIAL MAHA NIVEDYAM [Appam & Modakam]**

Sunday, January 12, 2025

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

MAKARA VILAKKU

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Special Ayyappa Puja, **MAKARA SANKRAMAABHISHEKAM,** Archana, Deeparadhana

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm **THIRUVABHARANAM,** Deeparadhana, Sahasranama Stotram, Panappara, **Seeveli with THALAPOLI,** Acharya Sambhavana, Bhasmabhishekam, Harivarasanam

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Malikappurathamma Puja

Thursday, January 16, 2025

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Malikappurathamma Puja

Friday, January 17, 2025

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Malikappurathamma Puja

Saturday, January 18, 2025

9:30 am - 12:30 pm **Kalabha Puja & KALABHAABHISHEKAM**

Sunday, January 19, 2025

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Bhajan, Dwaja Avarohanam, Athaazha Puja, **GURUTHI PUJA,** Bhasmabhishekam, Harivarasanam

SSVT AYYAPPA MANDALA MAKARA SANKRANTI PUJA SPONSORSHIP



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Puja Sponsorship & Register to Climb the Holy Steps



SSVT Prayer Books



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Date(s) of Puja	Puja Sponsored	Amount
All Year	ALL PUJA FOR SEASON & MONTHLY PUJA	\$ 501.00
11/15/2024 – 01/19/2025	ALL PUJA FOR ENTIRE SEASON	\$ 351.00
See Schedule	ALL SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA	\$ 251.00
11/16/2024	MANDALOTHSAVA AARAMBHAM	\$ 61.00
11/16/2024	MANDALA PADI PUJA	\$ 101.00
11/24/2024	Pushpabhishekam	\$ 31.00
12/26/2024	MANDALA PUJA	\$ 61.00
01/14/2025	MAKARA SANKRANTHI	\$ 61.00
	One Day Weekend Special Puja	\$ 51.00
	One day Regular Puja	\$ 31.00
	Irumudi Materials & Abhishekam	\$ 91.00
	Irumudi Abhishekam	\$ 51.00
	Annadhanam	\$
	Donation	\$
TOTAL Sponsorship (Check/Cash Enclosed):		\$

Please make check payable to SSVT

FOR REGISTRATION AND SPONSORSHIP: <https://www.ssvt.org/ayyappa-mandalam/>

AYYAPPA MANDALA - MAKAROTSAVAM

Austerities and Preparation required for the Pilgrimage to Ayyappa Sannidhi with Irumudi

Ayyappa Vratam

Devotees who wish to go to Sabarimala have to observe vratam (follow certain austerities) for one mandalam (41 days) to purify the mind and soul. On the first day of the month of Karthika/ Vrichikam (the middle of November), devotees wear the mudra maala and start the vratam.

Manthram to be Chanted Before Wearing Mudra Maala

Gjaana Mudraam Saasthru Mudraam Guru Mudraam Namaamyaham
Vana Mudraam Sudha Mudraam Rudra Mudraam Namaamyaham
Saantha Mudraam Sathya Mudraam Vritham Mudraam Namaamyaham
Sabaryaasrama Sathyena Mudraam Paathu Sathaapi Me
Gurudakshinaaya Poorvam Thasyaanugraha Kaarine
Saranaagatha Mudraakam Thvan Mudraam Dhaarayaamyaham
Chin Mudraam Khechari Mudraam Bhadra Mudraam Namaamyaham
Sabaryaachala Mudraayay Namasthubhyam Namah

Devotees wear the mudra maala after chanting the above manthram

Manthram to Remove Mudra Maala

Apoorvam Achaalaroha Divya Darsanakaarana
Saasthrumudraath Makaadeva Dehi Me Vrithamochanam

Devotees remove the mudra maala after chanting the manthram. The mudra maala and Irumudi be kept under the feet of Lord Ayyappa and used again.

“SWAMIYE SARANAM AYYAPPA”

Important austerities to be observed during vratam

- Observe Brahmacharyam during the vratam
- Always start the conversation with “Swami Saranam”
- Take shower twice daily and chant the names of Lord Ayyappa
- Control your temper and be kind to others
- Consume only freshly cooked vegetarian food
- Do not smoke or consume alcoholic beverages
- Attend Puja either at the temple or wherever conducted
- Treat your body, mind and intellect as the abode of Ayyappa

How to Prepare Irumudi (in brief)

After performing Ayyappa Puja, fill the mudra coconut with melted ghee. If you are a Kanni Ayyappan or Kanni Maalikappuram (first timer), Guruswamy will help you to fill the mudra coconut with ghee. Mudra coconut and other Pujaitems must be placed in the front pocket of the Irumudi and the other two coconuts must be placed in the rear pocket. Always keep chanting the names of Lord Ayyappa while preparing the Irumudi. Never place the Irumudi on the floor; always place it on a towel and treat it with Bhakthi.

For Further Information email ssvt.ayyappa@gmail.com or contact by phone:

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Irumudi Items

ITEMS	QTY	COMMENTS
I. MUNMUDI (FRONT)		
01. Kanikka panam (coin)	1	-
02. Beetel Leaf	1	-
03. Areca Nut - Supari	1	-
04. Mudra coconut with Ghee	1	The shell has to be polished drained by removing the middle eye of the coconut; find a cork to tightly seal the opened eye
05. Honey	1bottle	Plastic; small
06. Turmeric Powder	1 packet	Small Packet
07. Sandal -		Few tablets or powder
08. Vibhoothi	1 packet	Small Packet
09. Rose Water	1bottle	Plastic; small
II. PINMUDI (BACK)		
01. Coconut	2(Min)	One to break before climbing Holy Steps and one to break after coming down the Steps after puja
02. Rice	1 packet	Small Packet
03. Avil	1 packet	Extra small zip lock
04. Malar	1 packet	Extra small zip lock
05. Kadali pazham or Jaggery	1	1 small piece
06. Kalkandam (Sugar Candy)	-	Few tablets
07. Dry Grape	1 packet	Extra small zip lock
08. Kumkum	1 packet	Small Packet
09. Camphor	-	Few tablets

2025 MONTHLY AYYAPPA PADI PUJA AND IRUMUDI ABHISHEKAM

Consequent to the Installation and consecration of the Panchaloha Kavacham for the 18 Holy Steps, Sri Siva Vishnu Temple has been conducting monthly PADI PUJA and Irumudi Abhishekam and Puja from April to October every year. This will enable devotees to take Irumudi and climb the Holy steps during warm weather. Devotees can prepare Irumudi at the temple. Please email ssvt.ayyappa@gmail.com for additional details.

MONTH	PADI PUJA	SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA
APRIL 2025	Saturday, April 19, 2025	Sunday, April 20, 2025
MAY 2025	Saturday, May 17, 2025	Sunday, May 18, 2025
JUNE 2025	Saturday, June 14, 2025	Sunday, June 15, 2025
JULY 2025	Saturday, July 19, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2025
AUGUST 2025	Saturday, August 16, 2025	Sunday, August 17, 2025
SEPTEMBER 2025	Saturday, September 20, 2025	Sunday, September 21, 2025
OCTOBER 2025	Saturday, October 18, 2025	Sunday, October 19, 2025

Sponsorship:

40 ft. Garland for Holy 18 Steps - \$1001.00

All Monthly PADI PUJAS (From April to October) - \$501.00

Monthly PADI PUJA - \$101.00

Irumudi Abhishekam and Puja - \$91.00 (Irumudi provided by Temple)

Irumudi Abhishekam and Puja - \$51.00 (Irumudi provided by devotee)

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Vaikuntha Ekadashi

Wednesday, January 8 to
Thursday, January 9, 2025

Vaikuntha Ekadashi is the most important Ekadashi of the year. On this day, devotees walk through the Vaikuntha Dwaaram (a special gate to Vaikuntha) of Temples. This is a symbolic event, that signifies the belief that devotee can be closer to the Lord by observing special sadhanas such as fasting and remembering Lord on Vaikuntha Ekadashi day

In tune with this tradition, SSVT offers an opportunity for devotees to have Sameepa Darshanam (seeing the Lord at a close distance) by allowing the devotees to climb up the steps leading to Ananthapadmanabha. **ONLY** on the Vaikuntha Ekadashi day, Friday, January 9, 2025. All devotees can make use of this opportunity

Temple hours on Thursday, January 9, 2025
4:30 am to 9:00 pm



Program Details

Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 6:00 pm

Anugnay, Vishwaksena Aradhana, Vasudeva Punyahavachanam, Raksha Bandanam, Mritsangrahanam, Ankurarpanam, Kalasa Sthapanam, Aradhana, Archana, Saatumurai Mahamangalahaarati, Teerthaprasada Viniyogam

Thursday, January 9, 2025, 4:30 am
Vaikuntha Ekadashi Day

Suprabatham, Sri Ashtakshari Moola Mantra Homam, Mahapournahuti, Sri Ananthapadmanabha Nava Kalasabhishekam, Gadya Trayam Parayanam, Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam, Archana, Deeparadhana, Procession within the Temple, Vaikuntha Dwaara Puja, Vaikuntha Dwaara Pravesham, Bali Haranam, Saatumurai, Mahamangalahaarati, Sameepa Darshanam, Teerthaprasada Viniyogam. Prasadam Distribution.

Continuous Sahasranama Parayanam till temple closes



Sponsorship

One Day Puja - \$91

Homam - \$31

Abhishekam - \$31



Arudra Darshanam



Sunday, January 12, 2025

**6:00 am Ganesha Puja, Nataraja Abhishekam
Archana, Deeparadhana
Nataraja procession within the temple**

Sponsorship: \$31





Andal Kalyanam

**Sunday
January 12, 2025**

mattaḷam koṭṭa varicaṅgam niṅṟūda
muttuḍai tāmam nirai tāzhnda pandarkīzh
maittuṅṅ nambi madusūdanḍ vandu eṅṅai
kaittalam parṛa kaṅā kaṅḍēṅ tōzhī nāṅ`



Āndāl says to her friend – ‘He came into the marriage hall that was decorated with pearl garlands hanging from the ceiling. As He came there was the beating of drums and blowing of conches. He came to take my hand into His’.
(A verse from *Nacchiyar Tirumozhi*)

SSVT celebrates the divine **Āndāl Kalyanam** on **Sunday, January 12, 2025**

8:00 am Suprabhatam, Āndāl Abhishekam, Tiruppavai recitation, Archana and Deeparadhana

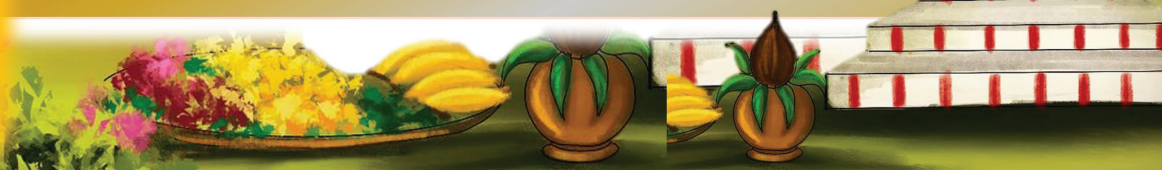
10.30 am Thirukalyanam of Goddess Āndāl (Kodai) with Lord Ranganatha

Kalyana Tambulam packets for sponsors will be available at the completion of the Kalyana Utsavam

Abhishekam & Kalyanam Sponsorship: \$51



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Maha Sivaratri

Tuesday, February 25, 2025



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 Abhishekam 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
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10:00 pm	Bhajans
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Second Kaala Puja

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

1:30 am	Rudra Abhishekam, 108 Kalasa Abhishekam Trishati Archana (300 Names Archana)
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3:30 am	Deeparadhana and Bhajans
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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
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6:30 am	Deeparadhana
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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

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|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 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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Vastrams	Amount
All Sivaratri Vastrams	\$108
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4th Kaalam Silk Dhoti	\$41
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Chandikeswara & Nandhikeswara Dhoti	\$15 (Each)

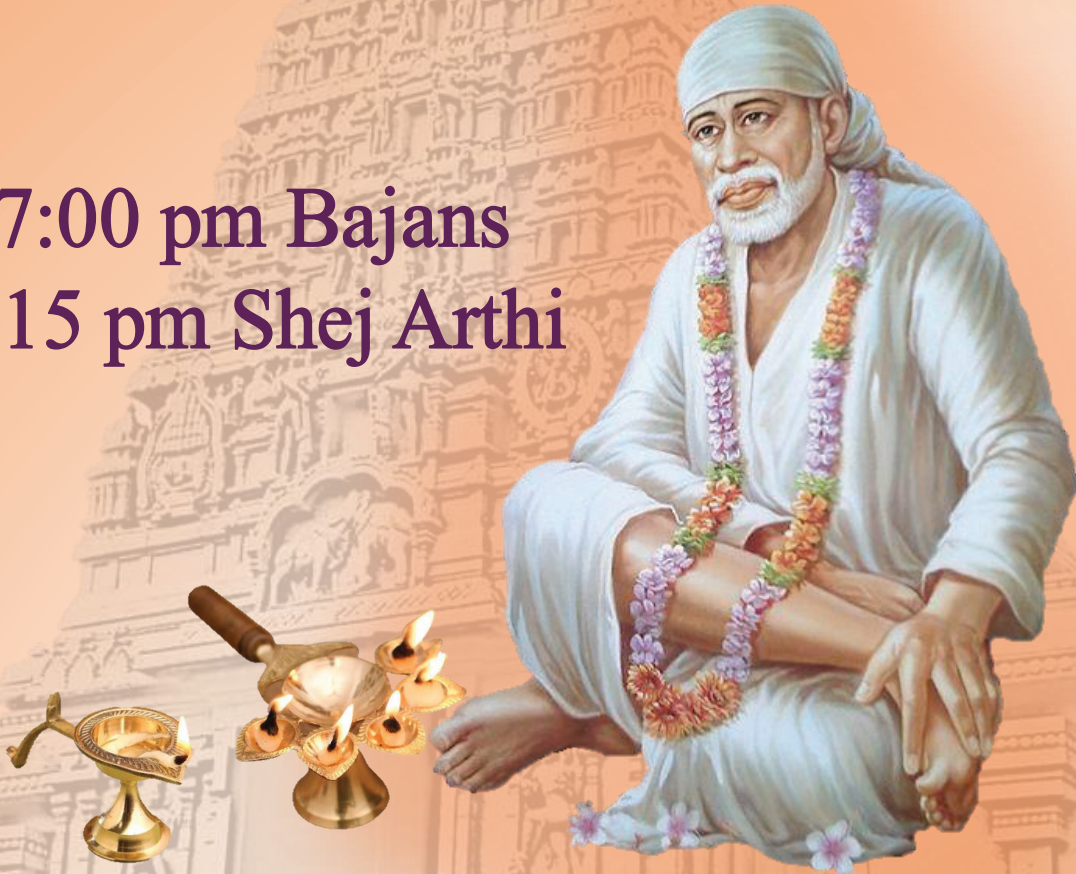


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Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Thursday Bajans at SSVT

7:00 pm Bajans
8:15 pm Shej Arthi



For more information, please contact Temple Manager (301)-552-3335



SSVT's Got Talent

Celebrated on December 7, 2024, the Dharma class children showcased their talents during SSVT's Got Talent, talent show!



Bhagavad Gita Class

- GROUP DISCUSSION FORMAT
- SATURDAY, 10:00AM
- ON ZOOM
- EMAIL EDUCATION@SSVT.ORG TO REGISTER

UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

Date & Time	Event / Artist	Venue & Admission Fee
Sunday, January 12, 2025; 1:30 PM	Andal Kalyanam Dance Program	Auditorium/Free
All Day Saturday, January 25 - All Day Sunday, January 26, 2025	Thyagaraja Aradhana	Auditorium/Free