



# Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

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**May-June 2025**

## Meenakshi Kalyanam

**Sunday, May 11, 2025**

The union of Lord Siva with Parvati in the form of Meenakshi took place in Madurai on the Chitra Poornima day. This union is celebrated in many of the Siva temples around the world as Meenakshi Kalyanam. Lord Vishnu, who is the brother of Meenakshi, gave away the bride to Lord Siva. Hence in our temple which is dedicated to Siva and Vishnu (and their families) this festival has an added significance.

9:30 am Wedding procession and Oonjal Seva

10:30 am Meenakshi Kalyanam

12:00 pm Deeparadhana

**Sponsorship: \$31**

## Guru Transition (Peyarchi)

**Wednesday, May 14, 2025**

On Wednesday, May 14th, 2025, Planet Jupiter – Guru – Brihaspati will be transiting from Taurus (Rishabam) to Gemini (Mithunam). He is considered as the most divine and benefic planet in astrology. It is a very auspicious time to undertake sacred offerings when Lord Jupiter enters Gemini and significant blessings will be received by those who participate in these homas and pujas

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

## Venkateshwara Brahmotsavam

**Wednesday, May 21, 2025 - Sunday, May 25, 2025**

To ward off all sins, a Brahmotsavam is celebrated. Lord Brahma Himself is believed to have celebrated the first Brahmotsavam to please His father, Vishnu and according to legend, this was the beginning of the Brahmotsavam. One of the most important features of the Brahmotsavam is the Brahma Rathotsavam (Chariot Festival) on the final day.

**Wednesday, May 21, 2025**

9:00 am Suprabhatam, Vishwakshana Aaradhana, Anugnay, Vasudeva Punyahavachana, Rakshabandanam, Mrityasangrahanam, Angurarpanam, Prahtaraaradhana, Shanti patham, Veda Vinnappam, Satrumurai, Chatusthanaarchana, Agni Prathishta, Moolamantra Homa, Poornahuti, Vainathey Prathishtapana, Dwaja Aarohanam, Garuda Prasadam (Santana Praptyartham), Bali Harana, Mangalasaashanam

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

**Thursday, May 22, 2025**

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, Moola Mantra Homa, Poornahuti, Bali Harana, Sangeeta Seva, Mangalasaashanam, Shayanotsava

**Friday, May 23, 2025**

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

5:00 pm Vishnu Sahasranama, Chatusthanaarchana, Moola Mantra Homa, Poornahuti, Bali Haranam, Mahalakshmi Aradhana and Deepotsava, Mangalasaashanam, Shayanotsavam

**Saturday, May 24, 2025**

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

5:00 pm Vishnu Sahasranama

6:00 pm Garuda Vahana Praakaar Utsavam, Chatusthanaarchana, Moola Mantra Homa, Poornahuti, Bali Harana

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

**Sunday, May 25, 2025**

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

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 Festival; \$61 - One Day Puja; \$31 - Any One Puja; \$31 - Rathotsavam; \$31 - Any one Abhisheka OR Homa OR Kalyana Utsava**

## Hanumat Jayanti

**Thursday May 22, 2025**

People in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh observe Hanumat Jayanti on Lunar Vaisakha Bahula (Krishna) Dasami. This day falls on Thursday, May 22 this year according to North American Panchanga. On this day, there will be Sahasranama, Archana and a special Vada alankara to Lord Anjaneya.

Sponsorship is not a requirement to participate in the Sahasranama Archana. There will be no butter Alankara during that day.

9:30 am Anjaneya Moola Mantra Homa

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

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# RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

## May 2025

Thu 1		Sankara Jayanthi Ramunja Tirunakshatram
Fri 2	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Sat 3	4:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Wed 7	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Thu 8	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja
Fri 9	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Sat 10		Narasimha Jyanathi
Sun 11	5:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Poomima
		<b>MEENAKSHI KALYANAM - SEE DETAILS</b>
Mon 12	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Vishakha
Wed 14	9:30 AM	<b>GURU TRANSITION - SEE DETAILS</b>
Thu 15	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
	10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula
	7:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi
Fri 16	10:00 AM	Parvathi Abhisheka
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sat 17	7:00 PM	<b>AYYAPPA PADI PUJA</b>
Sun 18		<b>SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA / IRUMUDI ABHISHEKA</b>
	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Mon 19	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shrivana
Wed 21		<b>SRI VENKATESHWARA BRAHMOTSAVAM BEGINS</b>
Thu 22		<b>HANUMAT JAYANTI - SEE DETAILS</b>
Fri 23	10:00 AM	Durga Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Sat 24	3:15 PM	Shani Maha Pradosham
Sun 25		<b>SRI VENKATESHWARA BRAHMOTSAVAM ENDS</b>
	9:30 AM	Navagraha Homa
	10:30 AM	Navagraha Abhisheka
Mon 26	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmana Abhisheka - Kritika
Tue 27	10:00 AM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
Thu 29	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
	TBA	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi
Fri 30	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
Sat 31	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti

## June 2025

Tue 3	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
Wed 4		<b>SIVA BRAHMOTSAVAM BEGINS - SEE DETAILS</b>
	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja - Uttara Phalguni
Fri 6	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Sat 7	9:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Homa - Swathi
	10:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka - Swathi
	5:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Sun 8		<b>VAIKASI VISHAKAM / SIVA BRAHMOTSAVAM ENDS</b>
	6:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Tue 10	7:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Poomima
Thu 12	10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula
Fri 13	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
Sat 14	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
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	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shrivana
Mon 16	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Fri 20	10:00 AM	Parvathi Abhisheka
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sat 21	4:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Sun 22	9:30 AM	Navagraha Homa
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	6:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Mon 23	10:00 AM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
Wed 25		<b>SAMVATSARA MAHOTSAVAM BEGINS - SEE DETAILS</b>
Thu 26	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
Fri 27	10:00 AM	Durga Abhisheka
Sat 28	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
	10:30 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi
Mon 30	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Sun 27	9:30 AM	Navagraha Homa
	10:30 AM	Navagraha Abhisheka
Tue 29		<b>AKSHAYA TRITIYA - SEE DETAILS</b>
		<b>BASAVA JAYANTHI</b>
Wed 30	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
	10:30 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi

### Annual and Lifetime Puja Sponsorship

एकं सद्दिप्रा 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 (tithis); 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 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 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 email the Manager at [puja@ssvt.org](mailto:puja@ssvt.org)

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

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### 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
Federal Holidays	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Prasadam Counter (Kitchen) - Open during Temple Hours, except Wednesday	

### 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

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

## Chairperson's Corner

Namaste Devotees,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees (BOT), I wish to thank all the devotees who visited and participated in our temple events over the last couple of months.

At the end of March, we celebrated Ugadi which included our first Ugadi Bhojanam for devotees. Over 1,100 devotees participated in the Sadhya, making this a grand success. A week later, as part of Sri Rama Navami, our priests performed Sita Rama Kalyanam with over 250 devotees in attendance. This year, Panguni Uttiram was also well attended by devotees - thank you all for your participation!

Sri Shanmukha Sivacharyar, our Asthana Sivachryar, visited SSVT, from April 11 - April 14 to give Deeksha to participating devotees so they can start the nama japa as part of the **Sri Siva Gnana Deepika Mahotsavam**. He also gave Deeksha to our Saiva acharyas so they can chant Siva moola mantra that can be offered during the homam during Mahotsavam. During his visit, we finalized the religious program details along with Vastram, samagriyai requirements. Please check the SSVT website, WhatsApp, and email messages with the Mahotsavam and Sponsorship details.

Tamil, Tulu and Vishu celebrations went off well with Siva Parvathi Kalyanam, and Vishu Kanai well done. The Sadhya on covering both New Year's Day celebrations was well attended with over 750 devotees taking part in Sadhya / Ayyappa Padi Puja.

Looking ahead, we have Shankara Jayanthi, Ramanuja Jayanthi coming up on May 1 and Basava Jayanthi celebration on May 3rd. Food Bazaar is on May 10th and Meenakshi Kalyanam on May 11th. Venkateswara Brahmotsavam starts on May 21st, and Hanumat Jayanthi on May 22nd. In June, we will celebrate Siva Brahmotsavam and Vikasi Visakham. Please plan your visits accordingly.

The SSVT Sai Mandir construction is progressing well. Framing, roofing and waterproofing the exterior is almost complete. Interior Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing work will be starting shortly. The Vasavi Matha Vighraha is complete and has been shipped from Chennai. We expect it to arrive at the Baltimore port by the end of May. The silver kavacha and prabhavali fabrication is expected to be completed soon.

The Engineering Committee has done a fantastic job to upgrade life safety systems throughout the temple. We obtained the required permits to upgrade the (original) fire alarm system, and we expect this upgrade to be completed in the next 4-6 weeks. The bid process for the Mahamandapam and Balaji roof replacement contract has been completed and the contract was signed with DJB Roofing. This project will replace the original roof (35 and 30 years old) over these areas. Work will start early May and will be completed by mid-July. The roof project will cost approximately \$600,000. Prakaram repairs are under design and will be out for contractor bids soon. Please donate generously to support these essential and safety critical projects.

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](mailto:chairperson@ssvt.org) or by phone at (410) 300-6379 if I can be of any assistance or if you have any suggestions. Respectfully,

*K. Mahesh Kukata*

Mahesh Kukata  
2025 Chairperson, Board of Trustees  
Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

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**Sponsorship: \$51 - Homa AND Abhisheka; \$31 - Homa OR Abhisheka**

## **Siva Brahmotsavam**

**Wednesday, June 4 - Sunday, June 8, 2025**

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 enable the 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. Siva Brahmotsavam concludes on Vaikasi Vishaaka nakshatra day this year (Sunday, June 8), a special day for His Divine Son, Lord Subrahmanya.

**Wednesday, June 4, 2025**

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

**Thursday, June 5, 2025**

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

**Friday, June 6, 2025**

- 9:30 am Yagashala Pooja, Vishesha Homa, Dik Bali Vidhanam, Special Deeparadhana to the Utsava Murthy  
5:30 pm Same schedule as morning

**Saturday, June 7, 2025**

- 9:30 am Yagashala Pooja, Vishesha Homa, Dik Bali Vidhanam, Special Deeparadhana to the Utsava Murthy  
5:30 pm Same schedule as morning

**Sunday, June 8, 2025**

- 9:30 am Yagasala Puja, Maha Poornahuthi, Special Abhisheka (Yaagalaya Yagnya Kalasa Abhisheka) to Lord Ramanatha, Choornotsavam, Teerthotsavam, Raksha Visarjanam, Beri Thadanam, Nava Sandhi Devatha Visarjanam, Swami Pradakshina, Aacharyotsavam, Bhakthotsavam, Prasadam Distribution, Bhagavat Aasheerwadam

**Sponsorship: \$251 - Entire Brahmotsavam; \$61 - One day Puja; \$31 - One Abhisheka OR Homa**

## **Vaikasi Visakam Day**

**Sunday, June 8, 2025**

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 passed 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 as Muruga. Lord Murugan has six faces and because of that He is also known as Lord Arumugam. Due to His six faces Lord Murugan can be seen 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 Murugan in Tamil Nadu. These temples are the Pazhani Hill Temple in Pazhani, Thiruchendur Murugan Temple at Tiruchendur, Arulmigu Swaminatha Swami Temple at Swamimalai, Thiruthani Murugan Temple, Sri Subramanya Temple at Pazhamudircholai, and Thiruparamkundram Subramanya Swamy Temple. It is also celebrated in many a Murugan Temple throughout the world including SSVT.

9:30 am Subrahmanya Moola Mantra Homam, 108 Paal Kudam procession

10:30 am Subramanya Abhisheka offering the 108 Paal Kudam, Skandashashti Kavacham recitation, Bhajans, Archana, Deeparadhana

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

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

## **Samvatsara Mahotsavam**

**Wednesday June 25 - Friday, July 4, 2025**

**Wednesday June 25, 2025**

- 9:30 am Ganesha Puja, Anugnay, Dwaja Arohanam, Ankurapanam, Rakshabandhanam, Ganapathi Homa, Sarada Homa

10:30 am Saraswathi Abhisheka

**Thursday June 26, 2025**

9:30 am Krishna Moola Mantra Homa

10:30 am Subrahmanya and Krishna Abhishekas

**Friday June 27, 2025**

9:30 am Devi Homa

10:30 am Parvathi Abhisheka

**Saturday June 28, 2025**

9:30 am Ashtakshari Homa

10:30 am Mahavishnu Abhisheka

**Sunday June 29, 2025**

9:30 am Rudra Homa

10:30 am Siva Abhisheka

**Monday June 30, 2025**

9:30 am Subramanya Homa

10:30 am Subramanya Abhisheka

**Tuesday July 1, 2025**

9:30 am Anjaneya Moola Mantra Homa

10:30 am Anjaneya Abhisheka

*Remaining schedule and sponsorship details in June-July newsletter*

## **SSVT SENIOR CITIZENS MEET UP**

The SSVT Senior Citizens Group meets once a month on the second 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. 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](mailto:seniorcitizensgroup2022@gmail.com)

## **SSVT COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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

Each month, on the 2nd Saturday, volunteers make sandwiches for the homeless. Roughly 1000 sandwiches are prepared and delivered to area shelters. Maryland school students can earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours - a high school graduation requirement. Please meet at Temple Dining Hall at 10:30 AM. For additional information, please contact T.H. Mishra at [jaithm@gmail.com](mailto:jaithm@gmail.com) / (571) 214-3198 - Delivery volunteers needed - please email Manju at [manju4space@gmail.com](mailto:manju4space@gmail.com)

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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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# Sri Siva Gnana Deepika Mahotsavam



**Friday, July 25 to Sunday, August 3, 2025**

Sri Siva Gnana (consciousness) Deepika (awareness) - Utsava for Lord Ramanatha (Siva) and Goddess Parvathavardhini (Parvati), presided over by **Sri. Shanmukha Sivachariyar**, SSVT's Asthana Saiva Agama Acharya along with SSVT & visiting Acharyas

Discussion on relevance of different forms of Sri Siva \* Daily Rudram Chanting starting in early Spring \* Daily Special Moola Mantra Homams \* Siva Astra offering \* Devotee participatory pujas over 4 Saturdays starting 6/28/25 \* Special Lectures by Sri Shanmukha Sivachariyar \* Siva Parvati Kalyanotsavam \* Dampathy Puja \* Marquee Concert

# MONTHLY AYYAPPA PADI PUJA & IRUMUDI ABHISHEKAM



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## SWAMI SARANAM

Sri Siva Vishnu Temple performs monthly Ayyappa Padi Puja & Irumudi Abhishekam from April to October of every year. Devotees can observe Deeksha and climb the Holy steps with Irumudi during these monthly pujas. Devotees can prepare Irumudi at the temple.

### PADI PUJA on Saturdays

7:00 pm - Padi Puja to Holy 18 Steps  
8:00 pm - Athaazha Puja  
8:55 pm - Harivarasanam

### IRUMUDI ABHISHEKAM on Sundays

9:00 am to 10:00 am - Irumudi Preparation and Climbing the Holy Steps.  
10:00 am - Ayyappa Irumudi Abhishekam and Puja



## 2025 MONTHLY PADI PUJA & IRUMUDI ABHISHEKAM

MONTH	PADI PUA	IRUMUDI ABHISHEKAM
APRIL	Saturday April 19	Sunday April 20
May	Saturday May 17	Sunday May 18
June	Saturday June 14	Sunday June 15
July	Saturday July 19	Sunday July 20
August	Saturday August 16	Sunday August 17
September	Saturday September 20	Sunday September 21
October	Saturday October 18	Sunday October 19

## SPONSORSHIP

40 ft. Garland for Holy 18 steps - \$1001  
All Monthly Padi Pujas (From April to October) - \$501  
One Monthly PADI PUJA - \$101  
Abhishekam for Irumudi prepared at the Temple - \$91  
Abhishekam for Irumudi prepared elsewhere - \$51

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## Temple Garden Update



### Did you know?

The SSVT vibrant flower garden, traditionally known as a Nandavanam, is an integral part to our daily rituals!

As is the practice at many temples, fresh flowers from our very own garden are lovingly offered to our temple deities each day! The journey of our Nandavanam began humbly in early 1990 with a small collection of roses and mums. The initial aspiration was simple – to have at least one flower available from our garden for the daily puja!

Over the years, especially over the last three to four years, the garden has truly blossomed and expanded significantly because of the efforts of a dedicated group of knowledgeable volunteers. Our current goal is to cultivate a garden that offers flowers throughout the year, taking a brief pause only during the winter, dormant growing season.

The team has focused on planting special flora that hold significance in our traditions, such as Bilvam, Durva grass (arugampul), Thulasi (holy basil), Arabian Jasmine, Lotus, Jasmine (mullai), and even banana plants.

Our garden provides a seasonal tapestry of colors and fragrances:

- Winter/Early Spring: Camelia, Daffodil
- Spring: Snowball Viburnum, Peonies
- Summer: Roses, Hydrangeas, Southern Magnolia, Hibiscus, Jasmine (mullai), Lotus
- Fall: Dahlias, Mums

To protect them from the colder temperatures, some of our more delicate plants and flowers are brought indoors

Through the grace of God, and the selfless contributions of our dedicated volunteers, the serene beauty and fragrant offerings of the temple garden are a joy for everyone to experience!

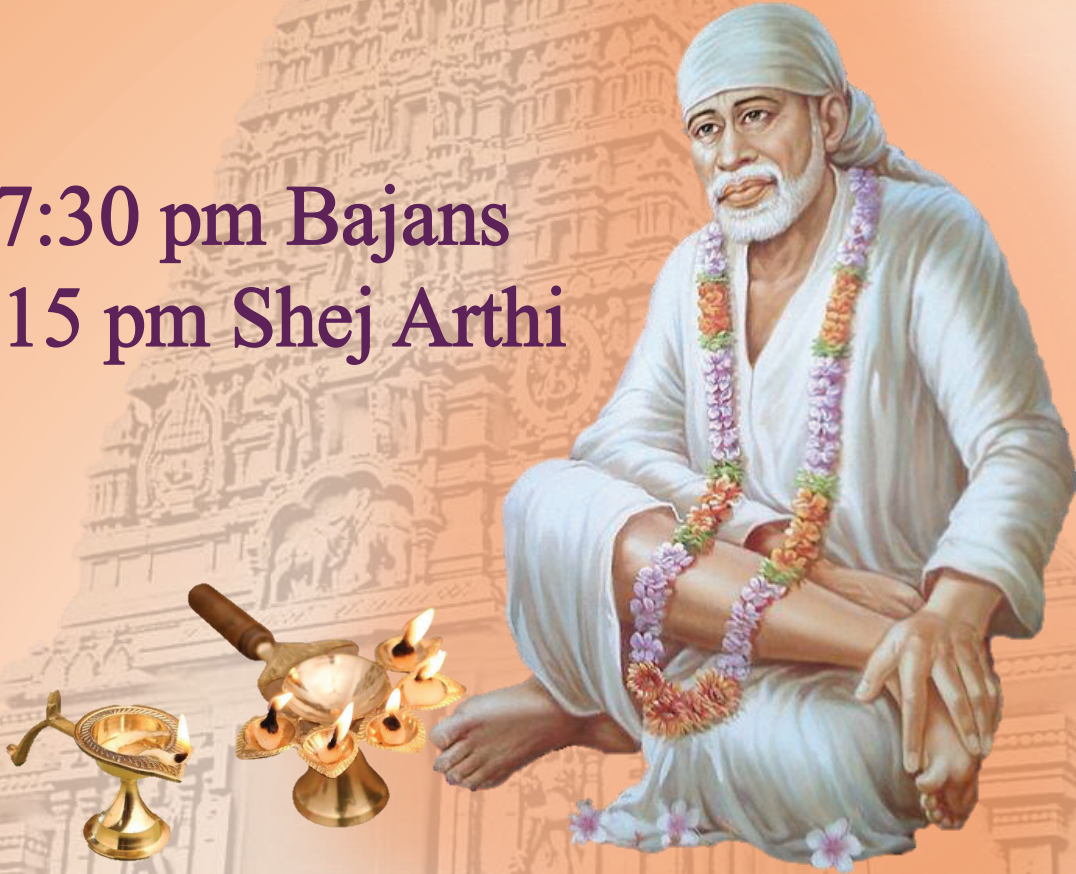
**Calling all volunteers with a green thumb!** Interested in supporting our garden team? Reach out to the Vice Chairperson of Operations, Ravindra at [vc-ops@ssvt.org](mailto:vc-ops@ssvt.org) or manager Ananth at [puja@ssvt.org](mailto:puja@ssvt.org)



# Sri Shirdi Sai Baba

## Thursday Bajans at SSVT

7:30 pm Bajans  
8:15 pm Shej Arthi



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





# Roof Replacement

The Temple structure has stood strong for 35 years, and it is now time to carry out necessary repairs, including replacing the roof over Maha Mandapam and Balaji Sannadhi. The estimated cost of this project is approximately \$600,000, with completion anticipated by summer 2025. To support this effort, the Temple is seeking contributions to cover the expenses and encourages the congregation to donate generously, ensuring the preservation of the structure for future generations

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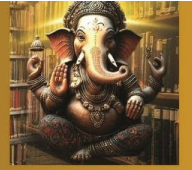
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## Bhagavad Gita Class

- 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
Saturday, May 17, 2025	12th Annual Sri Papanasam Sivan Festival	Auditorium/Free

# 12TH ANNUAL SRI PAPANASAM SIVAN FESTIVAL



## SPECIAL INCLUSION

Kritis of Sri Muthiah Bhagavathar

Saturday, May 17, 2025



Registration opens on April 15, 2025

← Scan or Click → Registration Link

Individual/ Group Presentations – Vocal & Instrumental Music &  
Dances of the Krithis of Sri Sivan & Muthiah Bhagavathar  
by local area

artists, teachers, and their students

Main Concert:

Vid Amrutha Venkatesh (Vocal)

Vid L Ramakrishnan (Violin)

Vid Arjun Ganesh (Mridangam)

Vid Chandrasekara Sharma (Ghatam)

Donations Welcome!

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Saturday, May 17, 2025  
5:30 pm  
SSVT Auditorium



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Vid L Ramakrishnan (Violin)

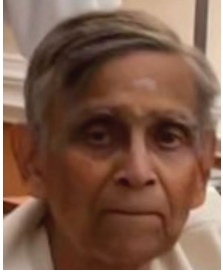
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## OBITUARY

### Sri Narayan Arakoni



General Council member, Sri Narayan Arakoni attained sadgati on Thu, January 16, 2025. Sri Narayan Arakoni is personally known to to Governacne Board President, Sri Prabhakar Thyagarajan and many others in the GC for at least 2-3 decades and he will be fondly remembered for many things particularly his Bhakti, passion for classical music, enticing smile, welcoming nature, and his active involvement as a staunch supporter and volunteer with SSVT in various roles, including as the Cultural Committee Coordinator.

Sri Narayan Arakoni held leadership roles in prominent banks in India including State Bank of India and Andhra Bank; where he was celebrated for his strategic vision and dedication to excellence. After a remarkable corporate career, Sri Narayan embraced entrepreneurship, establishing successful ventures that reflected his ingenuity and commitment to uplifting others. SSVT conveys our heartfelt condolences to the family.

### Sri Purushottaman Pillai



General Council member, Sri Purushothaman Pillai (83), who attained mukti on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at Thrissur, Kerala. He is survived by his wife, Ambika, daughter Dr. Bindhu, son Rajiv, son-in-law Dr. Sajiv Nair, and daughter-in-law Teena Pillai

Sri Pillai was an active volunteer at SSVT. He served in the SSVT Board of Trustees from 2001 to 2004. He has also served as the Maintenance Committee Coordinator and member of the Engineering Committee. He was known for his utmost sincerity in approach to solving issues for our Temple. His family members were ardent supporters of SSVT. He was very active in the Malayali community of greater Washington DC. He served as the President of KAGW in 1989.

May his memory bring comfort to those who mourn his passing. SSVT conveys our heartfelt condolences to the family.