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August - September 2025

Bhagawati Seva (during Kataka month)

Wednesday, July 16, 2025 - Friday, August 16, 2025

Dakshinayana marks the southern transition of the Sun for a period of six months. These six months are the nighttime for the Gods and Goddesses. The first of these six Hindu months is especially important for the worship of Devi (the Universal Mother). Bhagawati Seva which is worship of the Devi in the Kerala Tantric tradition, will be performed daily from July 16 through August 16 at 7:15 PM. All devotees are encouraged to participate by way of Lalitha Sahasranama recitation, Devi Stotram and Devi Namaskaaram.

Sponsorship: \$501 - entire Bhagawati Seva celebration; \$101 - All Fridays during Kataka month; \$31 - one day puja

Siva Pavitrotsavam

Tuesday, August 5 - Thursday, August 7, 2025

Pavitrotsavam is an annual ritual performed in Saiva temples (that follow the Saiva Agama) to make up for the acts of omission and commission in the temple rituals during the course of the year. At the conclusion of this three-day ritual, Pavitram (Holy thread) that has been offered to the Lord is distributed as Prasadam to the sponsors.

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

- 9:30 am Ganapathi Puja Punyahavachanam, Devata Anugay, Maha Ganapathi Homa, Dravyahooti, Poornahooti, Deeparadhana
- 5:30 pm Mrityasangrahanam, Ankoorarpanam, Raksha Bandhanam, Pavitrarhivasam, Yagasalaarchana, Latalinga Mandala Puja, Vedikaarchana, Agnikaryam, Bhoganga Dravya Puja, Gandha Pavitramalankaram, Poornahooti, Deeparadhana

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

- 9:30 am Ganapathi Puja, Surya Puja, Vedikaarchana, Tatva Pavitraalankaram, Deeparadhana
- 5:30 pm Ganapathi Puja, Soma Kumbha Puja, Mandala Puja, Agni Karyam, Mukhavasa Pavitra Puja, Vishesh Homam, Poornahooti, Mukhavasa Pavitra Alankaram, Deeparadhana

Thursday, August 7, 2025

- 8:00 am Vigneswara Puja, Mandalaarchana, Vishesh Dravya Homam, Pavitra Puja, Poornahooti, Kalash Abhisheka, Gangadhara Pavitra Alankaram, Bhogadravya Samarpanam, Upacharam, Deeparadhana, Prasadam Distribution Acharya Sambhavana

Sponsorship: \$61 - Entire Utsavam; \$31 - One Day Puja

Vishnu Pavitrotsavam

Wednesday, August 6 - Friday, August 8, 2025

Pavitrotsavam is an annual ritual performed in Vishnu temples (that follows the Paancharaatra Agama or the Vaikhanasa Agama) to make up for the acts of omission and commission in the temple rituals during the year. At the conclusion of this three-day ritual, Pavitram (Holy thread) that has been offered to The Lord is distributed as Prasadam to the sponsors.

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

- 5:00 pm Anugay, Viswaksena Aaradhana, Punyahavachanam, Rakshabandanam, Mrityasangrahanam, Ankurarpanam, Aradhanam, Mangalashasanam, Theerthaprasadam

Thursday, August 7, 2025

- 9:00 am Chathusthana Archanam, Havanam, Prayaschitha Homam, Pavithrachayadivasam, Poornahuthi, Theerthaprasadha Goshti
- 5:00 pm Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam, Homa, Poornahuthi, Mangalashasanam, Theerthaprasadha Goshti

Friday, August 8, 2025

- 9:00 am Suprabatham, Aaradhana, Homa, Utsava Srinivasa Abhishekam, Alankaram, Mahapournahuthi, Saathumurai

- 12:30 pm Yajamana Aasheervachanam, Thiruvudhi Utsavam

Sponsorship: \$61 - Entire Utsavam; \$31 - One Day Puja

Rig Upakarma

Friday, August 8, 2025

There will be only one batch of Rig Upakarma starting at 7.30am concluding with Homa (which will start after the conclusion of only batch) and Aasheervadam

Suggested Donation: \$5 - Brahmacharis; \$25 - newly initiated Brahmacharis; \$11 - everyone else

Yajur Upakarma

Friday, August 8, 2025

Yajur Upakarma batches will start at 7:00 am, with the last batch starting at 10:00 am. Homa will start at 11:00 am followed by Aasheervadam. Veda Aarambham (Commencing the study of Vedas), Rishi Tarpanam (Propitiating the Sages who handed down the Vedas to the future generations) are the most important aspects of any Upakarma

Suggested Donation: \$5 - Brahmacharis; \$25 - newly initiated Brahmacharis; \$11 - everyone else

Vara Lakshmi Vratam

Friday, August 8, 2025

- 10:00 am Mahalakshmi Abhisheka, Archana, Deeparadhana
- 7:00 pm Mahalakshmi Vratam Puja

Sponsorship: \$31

Sri Raghvendra Swamy Aradhana

Sunday, August 10, 2025

- 10:00 am Sri Krishna Puja (at Sri Rama Sannidhi) Sri Raghavendra Swamy Stotras, Bhajans, Archana, Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$31

Sri Krishna Janmashtami

Friday, August 15, 2025

The birthday of Lord Krishna will be celebrated on August 15,

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RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

August 2025

Fri 8	RIG / YAJUR UPAKARMA - SEE DETAILS VISHNU PAVITROTSAVAM CONCLUDES VARALAKSHMI VRATAM - SEE DETAILS
10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shravana
7:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Purnima
Sat 9	4:00 PM Srinivasa Kalyanam (rescheduled from the 2nd)
Sun 10	RAGHAVENDRA SWAMY ARADHANA - SEE DETAILS
Mon 11	7:00 PM Siva Abhisheka - Shravana Somvaram
Tue 12	9:30 AM Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
7:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi
Thu 14	10:00 AM Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Fri 15	KRISHNA JANMASTAMI - SEE DETAILS DAILY BHAGAVATI SEVA CONCLUDES
10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka (instead of Parvati Abhisheka; change from annual calendar)
Sat 16	10:00 AM Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Kritika
7:00 PM	AYYAPPA PADI PUJA
Sun 17	9:30 AM SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA / IRUMUDI ABHISHEKA
10:00 AM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
Mon 18	7:00 PM Siva Abhisheka - Shravana Somvaram
Tue 19	7:00 PM Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Wed 20	10:00 AM Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Fri 22	10:00 AM Durga Abhisheka
Sun 24	BUILD YOUR OWN GANESHA (BYOG) - SEE DETAILS
9:30 AM	Navagraha Homa
10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
10:30 AM	Navagraha Abhisheka
Mon 25	10:00 AM Ayyappa Puja - Uttara Phalguni
7:00 PM	Swarna Gowri Vratam
Tue 26	8:00 AM SAAMAVEDA UPAKARMA - SEE DETAILS GANESHA CHATURTHI DAY / CELEBRATIONS BEGINS
Thu 28	9:30 AM Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Homa - Swati
10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
10:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka - Swati
Fri 29	10:00 AM Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Vishakha
Sat 30	GANESHA CHATURTHI CELEBRATIONS ENDS
September 2025	
Mon 1	Labor Day Holiday - temple is open 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Tue 2	10:00 AM Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula
Wed 3	7:00 PM Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi

September 2025

Thu 4	7:00 PM Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Fri 5	THIRU ONAM
10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shravana
Sat 6	10:00 AM Nataraja Abhisheka
4:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyana
5:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Purnima
Sun 7	MAHALAYA PAKSHA BEGINS - SEE DETAILS
Wed 10	9:30 AM Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
7:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi
Fri 12	10:00 AM Sarada Abhisheka
10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Sat 13	SRI JAYANTHI - SEE DETAILS
Tue 16	10:00 AM Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
Wed 17	7:00 PM Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Thu 18	7:00 PM Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Fri 19	10:00 AM Parvathi Abhisheka
7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sat 20	10:00 AM Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
7:00 PM	AYYAPPA PADI PUJA
Sun 21	MAHALAYA PAKSHA ENDS
9:30 AM	Navagraha Homa (change from annual calendar)
10:00 AM	SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA / IRUMUDI ABHISHEKA
10:30 AM	Navagraha Abhisheka (change from annual calendar)
Mon 22	SHARADA NAVARATRI BEGINS - SEE DETAILS
Wed 24	9:30 AM Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Homa - Swathi
10:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka - Swathi
Thu 25	9:30 AM Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
10:30 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi
Fri 26	10:00 AM Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Vishakha
Sat 27	5:00 PM Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Sun 28	7:00 AM CHANDI HOMA
Mon 29	DURGAASTHAMI
10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Mula
Tue 30	MAHA NAVAMI
October 2025	
Wed 1	DASHAMI - CONCLUSION OF ALAYA NAVARATRI
Thu 2	VIJAYA DASHAMI VENKATESHWARA JAYANTHI / VEDANTA DESHIKA THIRUNAKSHATRA
11:00 AM	Vidyarambham Puja (Children Puja Morning session)
7:00 PM	Vidyarambham Puja (Children Puja Evening session)

Annual and Lifetime Puja Sponsorship

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

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

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

Certain pujas are not conducive to be performed at home on a regular basis (ex. Siva Abhisheka, Padi Puja for Lord Ayyappa, or Butter Alankara for Lord Anjaneya) but are easily possible in a temple setting. Our scriptures place an emphasis on doing Pujas for the various deities on important days at the appropriate time (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 pua@ssvt.org

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

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

9:30 AM	Ayyappa, Ananthapadmanabha
10:00 AM	Siva

Chairperson's Corner

Now that the kids are in summer recess, hope you will be able to visit the temple with your children. On behalf of the Board of Trustees (BOT), I wish to thank you all and invite you all to participate in the upcoming mahotsavam related events. In May we celebrated Sankara Jayanthi, Ramanuja Jayanthi, Basva Jayanthi, Meenakshi Kalyanam, along with Venkateswara Bramhotsavam. Each of these events, particularly the Meenakshi Kalyanam and five days of Venakteswara Brahmsotsavam were well attended. In the beginning of June, Siva Brahmsotsavam was conducted for five days culminating and coinciding with Vaikasi Visakham with a large number of devotees participating.

In May, we started a new collaborative program allowing One Vasco to conduct a Visa & Passport Concierge Day on last Saturday (9 AM to 5 PM) of every month at the temple. This gives an opportunity for our devotees to take advantage of their service in applying and receiving Schengen / UK / New Zealand, US / India passport assistance, OCI and Trusted Traveller Program (India), and travel insurance plans. These services are provided at a discounted rate for our devotees. SSVT is providing this as a service to our devotees.

Samvatsara Mahotsavam (an annual Mahotsavam) will be celebrated from Wednesday June 25th to July 4th with celestial weddings for Sri Siva-Parvathi, Sri Subrahmanya-Valli, Sri Srinivasa-Padmavathi conducted simultaneously followed by Rathotsavam. Guru Poornima puja will be performed on July 10 and Guru Poornima Celebration will be on Saturday July 12.

As you all know, we will be celebrating Siva Gnana Deepika Mahotsavam from July 25th through August 3rd. This is a unique Mahotsavam for Siva, "Sri Siva Gnana Deepikaa (An awareness of the Siva Consciousness)" - A ten-day Utsava dedicated to Lord Ramanatha Parasiva and Mother Parvatha Vardhini. Mahotsavam will offer special prayers to Lord Siva along with discussions on the Siva Tattva. This utsavam is to understand and invoke various forms of Siva such as Sri Dakshinamoorthi, Sarabheswarar, Bhairavar, Nataraja & so on. We urge all the devotees to participate in this Mahotsavam and support it with your generous sponsorship. As part of this Mahotsavam, we have a grand concert by world renowned Vocalists Ranjani & Gayatri who will perform at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School auditorium on the evening of August 2nd. Devotee participatory puja for Sri Siva as part of the Sri Siva Gnana Deepika Mahotsavam started on June 28th with excellent devotee participation. Devotee participatory pujas will continue for 3 additional Saturdays.

The SSVT Sai Mandir construction is progressing well. Interior Work - mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection work has been completed. Wall/Ceiling close-in inspection will be done within the next two weeks. As for the exterior work, storm-drain work, new water main installation and sanitary line abandonment are completed. New sanitary main work will be completed early July by WSSC and our contractor. We have submitted applications to BGE for the Electric and Gas line permit. Our goal is to inaugurate the Mandir opening by Vijaya Dashami day in early October. The silver kavacha and prabhavali for Vasavi Matha has been completed and is expected to be shipped once the jewelry permits are received. We have also received the Vasavi Matha idol this month.

The Engineering Committee has done a fantastic job in completing the roof replacement project work on schedule. Life safety systems upgrade (sprinkler and fire alarm systems) has been completed. 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 or by phone at (410) 300-6379 if I can be of any assistance or if you have any suggestions.

Respectfully,
Mahesh Kukata
2025 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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2025 with an Homa and Abhisheka. The first phase of the evening puja will start at 6:00 pm, with the final Mangalaarati at midnight. Devotees will be able to personally offer milk Argyam (like offering Abhishekam) to the idol of Lord Krishna after the completion of the Puja.

9:30 am Krishna Moola Mantra Homa

6:00 pm Janmashtami Puja / Krishna Abhisheka, Aradhana and Prasadam distribution

12:00 am Mangalaarati

Sponsorship: \$61 - Entire Janmashtami Day; \$51 - Homa AND Abhisheka; \$31 - Homa OR Abhisheka

Build Your Own Ganesha (BYOG)

Sunday, August 24, 2025

This year Sri Siva Vishnu Temple will be holding the Build Your Own Ganesha (BYOG) Program for children and young adults on Sunday, August 24, 2025 from 9:30 AM. Come and make your own Ganapathy at SSVT. Materials and expert guidance will be provided by volunteers at the Temple. Admission is free, but Registration is required for logistics purposes. Please register at <https://www.cognitofirms.com/SriSivaVishnuTemple/Register-ForBuildYourOwnGanesha>

A fun activity for the whole family!

Ganesha Puja by Children:

First Batch: 10:30 am; Second Batch: 11:30 am; Third Batch: 12:30 pm. Additional batches as needed.

Ganesha Chaturthi Celebration

Tuesday, August 26 - Saturday, August 30, 2025

Tuesday August 26, 2025 (Ganesha Chaturthi Day)

9:30 am Anugay, Ganesha Puja, Mahaganapathi Homa

10:30 am Moolastana Ganapathi, Dwara Ganapathi, Nardana Ganapathi, Kanni Moola Ganapathi and Prakara Ganapathi Abhishekas, Archana, Deeparadhana

7:00 pm Visheshha Gagaara Sahasranama Archana to Moolastana Ganapathi with devotee participation in Deeparadhana

Wednesday August 27, 2025

9:30 am Ganapathi Homa

10:30 am Moolastana Ganapathi Abhisheka

Thursday August 28, 2025

9:30 am Ganapathi Homa

10:30 am Moolastana Ganapathi Abhisheka

Friday August 29, 2025

9:30 am Ganapathi Homa

10:30 am Moolastana Ganapathi Abhisheka

Saturday August 30, 2025

9:30 am Ekavimshatvaara Ganapathi Atharvasheersha Japam and Abhisheka, Deeparadhana

4:00 pm Sahasramodaka Homa, Prakara Ganapati Abhisheka

6:00 pm Utsava Ganesha moorthi procession
Mahamangalahaarathi

Note: Both the conventional Modakams and deep fried Modakams will be accepted although the deep-fried variety is considered more appropriate as homa offering.

Sponsorship: \$151 - entire celebration; \$61 - One Day Puja; \$31 - Any one Abhisheka OR Homa

Samaveda Upakarma

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

There will be only one batch of Samaveda Upakarma starting at 8:00 AM.

Suggested Donation: \$5 - Brahmacharis; \$25 - newly initiated Brahmacharis; \$11 - everyone else

Mahalaya Paksha

Sunday, September 7 - Sunday, September 21, 2025

Mahalaya Paksha, also known as Pitru Paksha, is a sacred 16-day period in the Hindu lunar calendar dedicated to the reverence and remembrance of our ancestors. Falling in the month of Bhadrпада (Kanya or Purattasi), this time is marked by the performance of rituals such as Tarpan and Shraddha, where offerings of food, water, and prayers are made to honor the departed souls. It is believed that during Mahalaya Paksha, the spirits of our ancestors visit the Earth, and these rituals help ensure their peace and grant their blessings to the living. This period culminates in Mahalaya Amavasya, the New Moon day, which holds special significance in the Hindu tradition. Observing Mahalaya Paksha is a profound way to express gratitude for the guidance and protection of our forebears, fostering a deep spiritual connection between the past and present.

Sri Jayanthi

Saturday, September 13, 2025

10:00 am Kalasa Puja, Sri Krishna Abhisheka, Divya Prabandha Paarayanam, Archana, Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$31 - Abhisheka

Sarada Navaratri

Monday, September 22 - Thursday, October 2, 2025

Sarada Navaratri, as it is called since it occurs during the fall season (Sharad Ritu) is one of the most popular Hindu festivals spanning a period of nine nights. The Goddess in the form of the Universal Mother is commonly worshipped during the nine nights and ten days and hence it is also known by the name of Devi Navaratri. Three aspects of the Divine Mother, namely Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswati are worshipped during the nine nights, the tenth day being celebrated as Vijaya Dasami. It is considered auspicious to start new ventures, especially in the field of education, on Vijaya Dasami. Reading the Durga Sapta Shati (also known as Devi Mahaatmyam) and Ramayanam is also common during the Navaratri. Special Pujas are scheduled in the temple during the ten days. Devotees are encouraged to participate personally in the Sahasranama Archana daily. (Sponsorship is not a requirement for participation in this archana)

Daily Program

11:00 am Lalitha Trishati Archana, Durga Sapta Shati (Devi Mahaatmyam) Parayanam

5:15 pm Sundara Kanda (Valmiki) Parayanam

7:15 pm Lalitha Sahasranama Archana, Deepaaradhana, Mahishasura Mardini Stotram, Devi Namaskaram (6:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday)

Special Programs will be detailed in the September - October newsletter.

Sponsorship: \$175 - Entire Navaratri Celebration;

Additional details in the September-October 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

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 / (571) 214-3198



Sri Krishna Janmashtami

Friday August 15, 2025

The birth day of Lord Krishna will be celebrated in our temple with a Homam and Abhishekam. The religious festivities start with Krishna Moola Mantra Homam in the morning. The first phase of the evening Puja is from 6:00 pm. Devotees will be able to personally offer milk Argyam (similar to offering Abhisheka) to the idol of Lord Krishna after the completion of the Puja

9:30 am Krishna Moola Mantra Homam

6:00 pm Janmashtami Puja, Krishna Abhishekam,

Aradhana, Prasadam

12:00 am – Final Mangalarathi



Sponsorship

Entire Janmashtami Day - \$61

Homam & Abhishekam - \$51

Homam or Abhishekam - \$31



Vastram Sponsorship

Janmashtami Vastram - \$51



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Build Your Own Ganesha

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Admission free
Registration required.

[Scan QR Code for Registration](#)

Batch	BYOG	Ganesha Puja
1 st Batch	9:30 am	10:30 am
2 nd Batch	10:30 am	11:30 am
3 rd Batch	11:30 am	12:30 pm

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Ganesha Chaturthi Celebrations

Tuesday, August 26 to Saturday, August 30, 2025

This year Ganesha Chaturthi day falls on Tuesday, August 26th and the Temple will be celebrating this festival from Tuesday, August 26th through Saturday Aug 30th

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Ganesha Chaturthi Day

- 9:30 am** Anugnay, Ganesha Puja, Mahaganapathi Homam
10:30 am Moolastana Ganapthi, Dwara Ganapathi, Nardana & Ganapathi, Kanni Moola Ganapathi and Prakara Ganapathi Abhishekam, Archana, Deeparadhana
7:00 pm Vishesh Gangaaraha Sahasranama Archana to Moolastana Ganapathi with devotee Participation, Deeparadhana

Wednesday, August 27 through Friday, August 29, 2025

- 9:30 am** Ganapati Homam
10:30 am Moolasthana Ganapati Abhishekam

Saturday August 30, 2025

- 9:30 am** Ekavimshatitara Ganapathi Atharvasheersha Japam and Abhishekam, Deeparadhana
4:00 pm Sahasramodaka Homam, Prakara Ganapati Abhishekam
6:00 pm Utsava Ganesha moorthi procession
Mahamangalahaarathi

Note: Both the conventional Modakams and Deep fried Modakams will be accepted although the deep-fried variety is considered more appropriate as - Homam offering.

Sponsorship

- Entire Celebration - \$151
Ganesha Chaturthi Day Puja (Aug 26) - \$61
One Homam - \$31; One Abhishekam - \$31



Vastrams Sponsorships

Ganesha Vastram - \$51



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Onam Celebrations

Saturday, September 6, 2025

All are invited for Onam
Celebrations with Sadhya (Feast) at
11:30 am

Sadhya - \$17 per person
\$7 for children 13 and under



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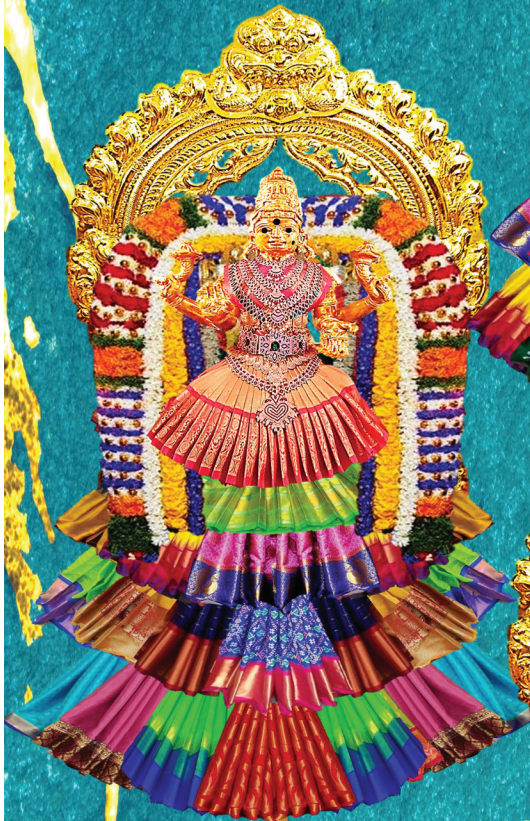
Navaratri Vastra Alankaram

**Monday,
September 22 to**

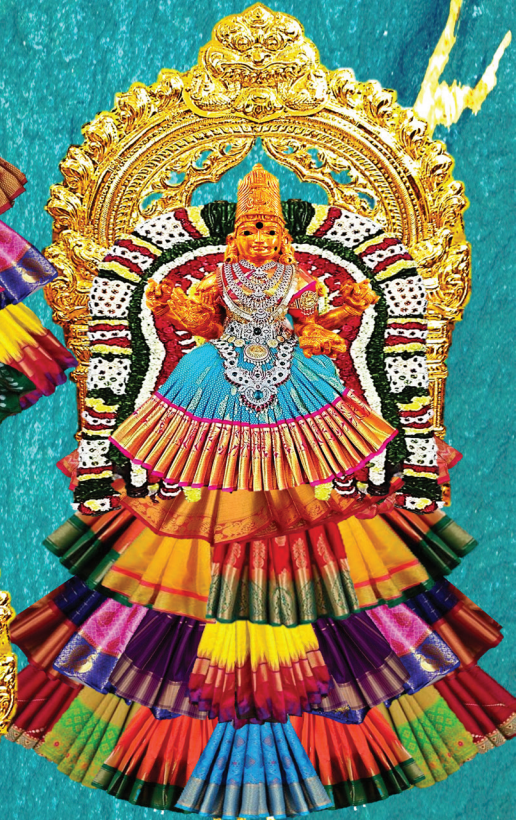
**Thursday,
October 2, 2025**



Sri Durga



Sri Lakshmi



Sri Saraswati



Sri Chandika Parameswari



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Navaratri Vastra Alankaram

Sri Siva Vishnu Temple is celebrating this year's Sharada Navaratri through Vastra Alanakram to Devis. Devis will be adorned with 108 silk sarees throughout the Navaratri. Devotees can sponson for Sarees & Puja. We request all devotees to participate and take the blessings of Devis

Sarees Sponsorship	Amount	Memento (Sarees adorned to Devis)
108 Sarees + 9 Days Mulavar Sarees + Chandi Homam Saree	\$1001 <small>Puja sponsorship for all 9 days included</small>	1 Silk Saree + 1 Soft Silk Saree + Puja Prasadam
54 Sarees + 9 Days Mulavar Sarees + Chandi Homam Saree	\$501 <small>Puja sponsorship for all 9 days include</small>	1 Silk Saree + Puja Prasadam
27 Sarees	\$251 <small>Puja sponsorship for last 3 days included</small>	1 Soft Silk Saree + Puja Prasadam
11 Sarees	\$121 <small>Puja sponsorship for last day included</small>	1 Cotton Saree + Puja Prasadam
Mulavar Sarees for all 9 days + Chandi Homam Saree	\$121 <small>Puja sponsorship for last day included</small>	1 Cotton Saree + Puja Prasadam
Any Amount		Puja Prasadam

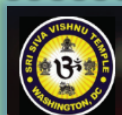
Puja Sponsorship	Amount
Entire Navaratri Celebrations	\$175
Durga Saptha Sathi Parayanam	\$51
One Day Abhishekam	\$31
One Day Homam	\$31
Suvasini / Kanya / Bhairava Puja (each Puja)	\$51
Vidyarambam	\$31
Sahasranama Archana	\$15
Sundarakanda Parayanam & Sri Rama Pattabhishekam	\$51
Sri Rama Pattabhishekam	\$31



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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

Please click here to sponsor: <https://ssvt.org/ayyappa-mandalam/>



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!

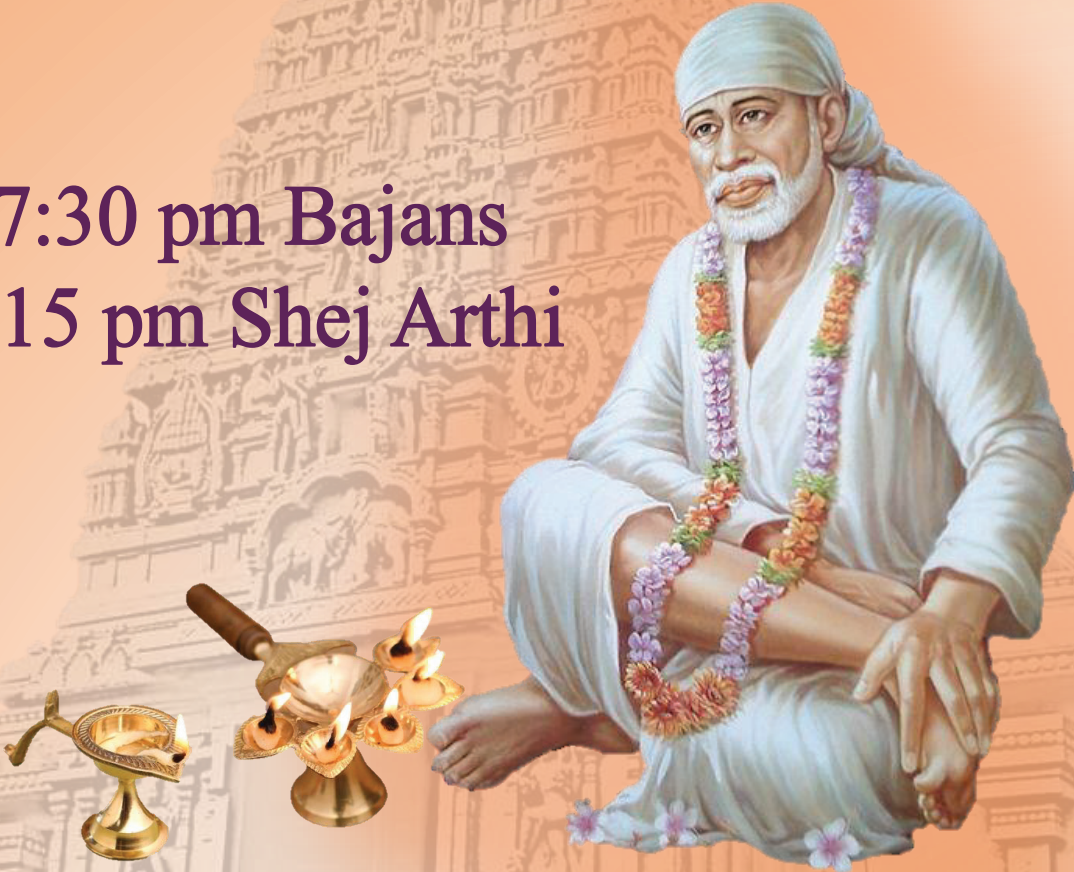
Calling all volunteers with a green thumb! Interested in supporting our garden team? Reach out to the Vice Chairperson of Operations, Ravindra at vc-ops@ssvt.org or manager Ananth at puja@ssvt.org



Sri Shirdi Sai Baba

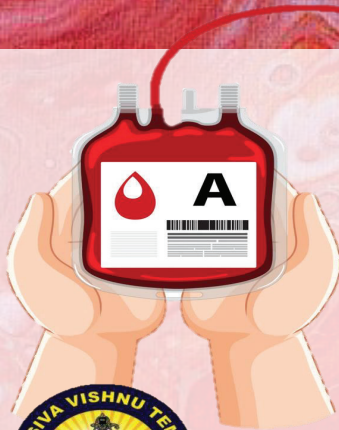
Thursday Bajans at SSVT

7:30 pm Bajans
8:15 pm Shej Arthi



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





Blood donation Drive



**Sri Siva Vishnu Temple &
Hindu American Community Services, Inc
(HACSI)**

conducts blood donation drive on

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Time: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

**At SSVT Auditorium
6905 Cipriano Road, Lanham, MD 20706**

Please remember to bring a photo ID (Driver's license, Passport, Red Cross donor card or app). Eat a healthy breakfast/lunch and drink plenty of water before your scheduled appointment. Eat foods that are high in iron and vitamin C at least one week prior to your donation

Contact HACSI at hacsi.org@gmail.com



Appointment required. Scan QR Code to schedule an appointment



**HELP SAVE A LIFE +
GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD**



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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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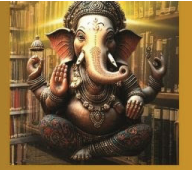
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Bhagavad Gita Class

- 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, August 17, 2025	Sri Krishna Janmashtami Grand Violin Concert	Auditorium/Free



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SSVT Cultural Committee

cordially invites you to a

Shree Krishna Janmashtami GRAND VIOLIN CONCERT

Sunday Aug 17th, 2025 4:00pm



*Chi. Somanath
Dandibotla*



*Vid. Kamalakiran
Vinjamuri*



*Kum. Sahana
Sreeram*



*Vid. Patri
Satish Kumar*



*Vid. Chandrasekara
Sharma*

SSVT Auditorium

Admission free, All are welcome

Shri Gurubhyo Namaha

NEYVELI NARAYANAN CENTRE
FOR PERFORMING ARTS

Chennai, India

We cordially invite you all for the
GLOBAL MUSIC FESTIVAL
in Maryland

DATE - 16th August, 2025

VENUE - Shri Siva Vishnu Temple, 6905
Cipriano road, Lanham MD 20706

TIME - 09:00 a.m. to 09:00 p.m.

All are Welcome



Herge Sridhara Kedlaya



Herge Sridhara Kedlaya passed away on June 18, 2025 at the age of 82. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Kasturi Kedlaya, his children Kiran Kedlaya and Kishori Kedlaya.

After a 30-year career at the International Monetary Fund, Kedlaya became a dedicated and tireless volunteer at the Sri Siva Vishnu Temple. He was a member of the Publicity Committee. As its coordinator, he oversaw telephone voicemail, the temple's messaging system. He coordinated the preparation and dissemination of publicity materials by arranging for the placements of ads, video clips, etc. for upcoming events at the temple in various publications and television stations. He got the temple's newsletter printed from the initial issue of the temple newsletter for about 25 years by listing the temple's timings, daily puja schedule, future events of the following month, etc. given by the various committees. In his later years, he also became an excellent cook, and enjoyed preparing special meals for his family and friends.