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Meenakshi Kalyanam *Sunday, May 3, 2026*

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: \$35

Hanumat Jayanti (Vedic) *Monday, May 11, 2026*

People in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh observe Hanumat Jayanti on Lunar Vaisakha Bahula (Krishna) Dasami. This day falls on Monday, May 11 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 Alankaara during this day.

9:30 am Anjaneya Moola Mantra Homa

6:00 pm Anjaneya Panchamrutha Abhisheka, Special Vada Alankaaram, Sahasranama Archana, Deeparadhana, Prasadam Distribution @ 8.30 pm

Sponsorship: \$61 - Entire Day; \$35 - Homa or Abhisheka

Venkateswara Brahmotsavam

Wednesday, May 20 - Sunday, May 24, 2026

To ward off all sins, Brahmotsavam is celebrated. Lord Brahma Himself is believed to have celebrated the first Brahmotsavam to please His father Vishnu and according to some legend this was the beginning of the Brahmotsavam. In keeping with tradition, Venkateswara Brahmotsavam will be celebrated in our temple from May 20 to May 24. One of the most important features of the Brahmotsavam is the Brahma Rathotsavam (Chariot Festival) on the final day.

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

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

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

Thursday, May 21, 2026

9:00 am Suprabhatam, SevaKalam, Prahtaraaradhana, Shanti Patham, Veda Vinnappam, Satumurai, Chatusthanaarchana, Moola Mantra Homam, Bali Harana, Mangalasaashanam,

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

Seva, Mangalasaashanam, Shayanotsava

Friday, May 22, 2026

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

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

Saturday, May 23, 2026

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

5:00 pm Vishnu Sahasranamam

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

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

Sunday, May 24, 2026

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

10:00 am Special Kalyanotsava (Srinivasa Kalyana)

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

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

Sponsorship: \$251 - Entire Brahmotsavam; \$71 - One Day Puja; \$35 - One Homa, or one Abhisheka, or Kalyana

Utsava, or Rathotsavam, or any one puja

Siva Brahmotsavam

Monday, May 25 - Friday, May 29, 2026

According to both Shaiva and Vaishnava Agamas, 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

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RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

May 2026

Fri 1	9:30 AM	Sudarshana /Yoga Narasima Homa -Swati
	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
	10:30 AM	Sudarshana /Yoga Narasima Abhisheka -Swati
Sat 2		BASAVA JAYANTI CELEBRATIONS
	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Vishakha
	5:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Tue 5	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
	10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Moola
	7:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi
Thu 7	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Fri 8	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Nataraja Abhisheka
Mon 11		HANUMAT JAYANTI - SEE DETAILS
Wed 13	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Thu 14	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Fri 15	10:00 AM	Parvati Abhisheka
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sat 16	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Krittika
	7:00 PM	AYYAPPA PADI PUJA
Sun 17	TBA	SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA / IRUMUDI ABHISHEKA
	10:00 AM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
Tue 19	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
	10:30 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi
Wed 20		BALAJI BRAHMOTSAVAM BEGINS - SEE DETAILS
	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
Thu 21	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Fri 22	10:00 AM	Durga Abhisheka
Sun 24		BALAJI BRAHMOTSAVAM CONCLUDES
	9:30 AM	Navagraha Homa
	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
	10:30 AM	Navagraha Abhisheka
Mon 25		SIVA BRAHMOTSAVAM BEGINS - SEE DETAILS
	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja - Uttara Phalguni
Tue 26	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Thu 28	9:30 AM	Sudarshana /Yoga Narasima Homa -Swati
	10:30 AM	Sudarshana /Yoga Narasima Abhisheka -Swati
	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Fri 29		SIVA BRAHMOTSAVAM CONCLUDES
		VAIKASI VISAKAM DAY - SEE DETAILS
	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
Sat 30		VAIKASI VISAKAM CELEBRATION - SEE DETAILS
	6:30 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Poornima

June 2026

Tue 2	10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Moola
Wed 3	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
	7:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi
Fri 5		VASAVI KANYAKA PARAMESWAREI MANDALA PUJA - SEE DETAILS
	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka - Shravana
Sat 6	5:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Sun 7	10:00 AM	Sai Baba Abhisheka
Thu 11	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Fri 12	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
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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 puja@ssvt.org

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Support Sri Siva Vishnu Temple (SSVT):

As a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, SSVT serves the religious, cultural, and educational needs of the Hindu community in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan region since the 1970s.

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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

On behalf of the BOT, I extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who visited the Temple during March and April.

Recent Milestones & Celebrations

We recently concluded the Prana Prathishtapana and Maha Kumbabhishekam of Sri Vasavi Kanyaka Parameswari on the second floor of our newly constructed Sai Mandir. This three-day event was a spiritual triumph; our priests conducted the ceremonies with immense dedication, and we were honored to welcome nearly 400 devotees for the Maha Kumbabhishekam on April 26th. Additionally, our recent celebrations for *Sri Rama Navami, Ugadi, Tamil and Tulu New Year, Vishu, and Sankara Jayanthi* saw incredible turnout. Our traditional **banana leaf bhojans** were a highlight, with nearly 1,000 devotees enjoying meals prepared by our talented cooks and served with joy by our volunteers. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the donors, volunteers, and staff who made these events successful.

Upcoming Religious Events

Please mark your calendars for the significant upcoming observances:

- **Utsavams:** Venkateswara Brahmotsavam, Siva Brahmotsavam, and Samvatsara Mahotsavam
- **Birthdays:** Hanumat Jayanti, Vaikasi Visakam, and Basava Jayanti
- **Celestial Weddings & Special Pujas:** Meenakshi Kalyanam and Aani Thirumanjanam

Specific dates are listed in this newsletter. Any schedule changes will be announced in advance.

Mahotsavam 2026: Sri Krishnānugraha Mahotsavam

This year's Mahotsavam—Sri Krishnānugraha Mahotsavam (Festival of Blessings of Sri Krishna)—will take place July 15th to July 19th. Organized under the guidance of Sri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji of Pudhige Mutt (Udupi), the event will be led by Madhwa Priests and our Acharyas. As a prelude, we invite you to a multilingual concert by **Smt. Sivasri Skandaprasad** on May 30th at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. We look forward to your participation in these divine festivities.

Infrastructure & Security Projects

We are committed to the continuous improvement and safety of our sacred space:

- **Prakaram Repairs:** Work is underway and is expected to be completed by July 2026.
- **Jeernodharana Kumbabishegam 2027 (JK2027):** We have engaged architects and engineers and are currently hiring skilled shilpis (artisans) for this major project.
- **Security Upgrades:** Camera installation is nearly complete, and work on the Public Address system has begun. We are awaiting permits for fence installation and are conducting critical safety training for our staff.
- **Staff Housing:** To accommodate our growing team, we recently purchased a residence on Orbit Lane and are remodeling several existing staff homes.

Note on Staffing: We are in the final stages of hiring additional Vaishnava Pancharatra Agama priests. While visa processing delays have posed challenges, we appreciate your patience as we work to fill these vital roles.

An Appeal for Support

These essential infrastructure and security projects require significant financial resources. I humbly appeal to your generosity; your donations directly enable us to maintain the Temple's sanctity and safety for generations to come.

May the deities of Sri Siva Vishnu Temple bless you and your family with health and prosperity. Please feel free to reach out to me at chairperson@ssvt.org or (443) 756-4466 with any suggestions or if I can be of assistance.

In Service,

M. Thenappan

Thenappan (Theo) Meyyappan
2026 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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word Brahma in Brahmotsavam, denotes the supreme Brahman - the absolute one. By performing the Brahmotsavam, the Jeevaathmas reach the Supreme Brahman in the simplest way. The five-day annual event for Lord Siva starts on May 25th followed by special pujas for Lord Siva every day. Siva Brahmotsavam concludes on Vaikasi Vishaaka nakshatra day this year (Friday, May 29), a special day for His Divine Son, Lord Subrahmanya

Monday, May 25, 2026

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

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

- 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

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

- 9:30 am Yagashala Puja, Vishesh Homa, Dik Bali Vidhanam, Special Deeparadhana to the Utsava Murthy
5:30 pm Yagashala Puja, Vishesh Homa, Dik Bali Vidhanam, Special Deeparadhana to the Utsava Murthy

Thursday, May 28, 2026

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

Sponsorship: \$251 - Entire Brahmotsavam; \$61 - One Day Puja; \$35 - One Abhisheka or Homa

Vaikasi Visakam Day Friday, May 29, 2026

During the month of Vaikasi (Vrishabam) the Nakshatram Vishakam generally falls on the full moon day. This day signifies the birth of Lord Subrahmanya, the second son of Lord Siva. Lord Subrahmanya was born with the mission of saving earth from demons such as Soorapadman. He emerged as 6 sparks from the third eye of Siva, and passing through sky, wind, fire and the waters of Ganga, reached Earth, formless at first and finally acquiring form in a pond. That the Almighty comprises of the five elements is demonstrated by the manifestation of Lord Subrahmanya. Lord Subrahmanya is also known by many names including as Vishaaka, 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 see in East, West, North, South, Heaven and Patala (netherworld) simultaneously. Vaikasi Visakam is celebrated with much religious importance and fervor at the Arupadaiveedu of Lord Muruga or the six abodes of Lord 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 Subrahmanya Temple at Pazhamudircholai, and Thiruparamkundram Subrahmanya Swamy Temple. It is also celebrated in many a Murugan Temple throughout the world including SSVT.

- 9:30 am Subrahmanya Moola Mantra Homa
10:30 am Subrahmanya Abhisheka, Archana, Deeparadhana
12:30 pm Subrahmanya procession around the temple will be done as a part of the Siva Brahmotsavam, followed by Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$61 - Entire Day; \$35 - One Abhisheka or Homa

Vaikasi Visakam Celebration

Saturday, May 30, 2026

- 9:30 am 108 Paal Kudam procession
10:30 am Subrahmanya Abhishekam offering the 108 Paal Kudam, Skandashashti Kavacham recitation, Bhajans, Archana, Deeparadhana
12:30 pm Subrahmanya procession around the temple

Sponsorship: \$35 - Kavadi or Abhisheka; \$12 - Paal Kudam

Vasavi Kanyaka Parameswari Mandala Puja

Friday, June 5, 2026

- 9:30 am Vasavi Moola Mantra Homa
7:00 pm Vasavi Abhishekam, Alankaram, Upacharam, Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$61 - Entire Day; \$35 - One Abhisheka or Homa

Samvatsara Mahotsavam

Thursday, June 25 - Saturday, July 4, 2026

Thursday, June 25, 2026

- 9:30 am Ganesha Puja, Anugnay, Dwaja Arohanam, Ankurarpanam, Rakshabandhanam, Ganapati Homa and Dwadasakshari Moola Mantra Homa
10:30 am Krishna Abhisheka

Friday, June 26, 2026

- 9:30 am Bhagya Sukta Homa
10:30 am Parvati Abhisheka, Sudarshana Abhisheka

Saturday, June 27, 2026

- 9:30 am Ashtakshari Homa
10:30 am Venkateswara Abhisheka

Sunday, June 28, 2026

- 9:30 am Rudra Homa
10:30 am Siva Abhisheka

Monday, June 29, 2026

- 9:30 am Purushasukta Homa, and Rama and Anjaneya Moola Mantra Homa
10:30 am Mahavishnu Abhisheka and Rama and Anjaneya Abhisheka

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

- 9:30 am Durga Sukta Homa
10:30 am Durga Abhisheka, Ayyappa Ashtabhisheka

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

- 9:30 am Bhoo Sukta Homa

See July-August Newsletter for more information and Sponsorship details

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



Krishna Anugraha Mahotsavam

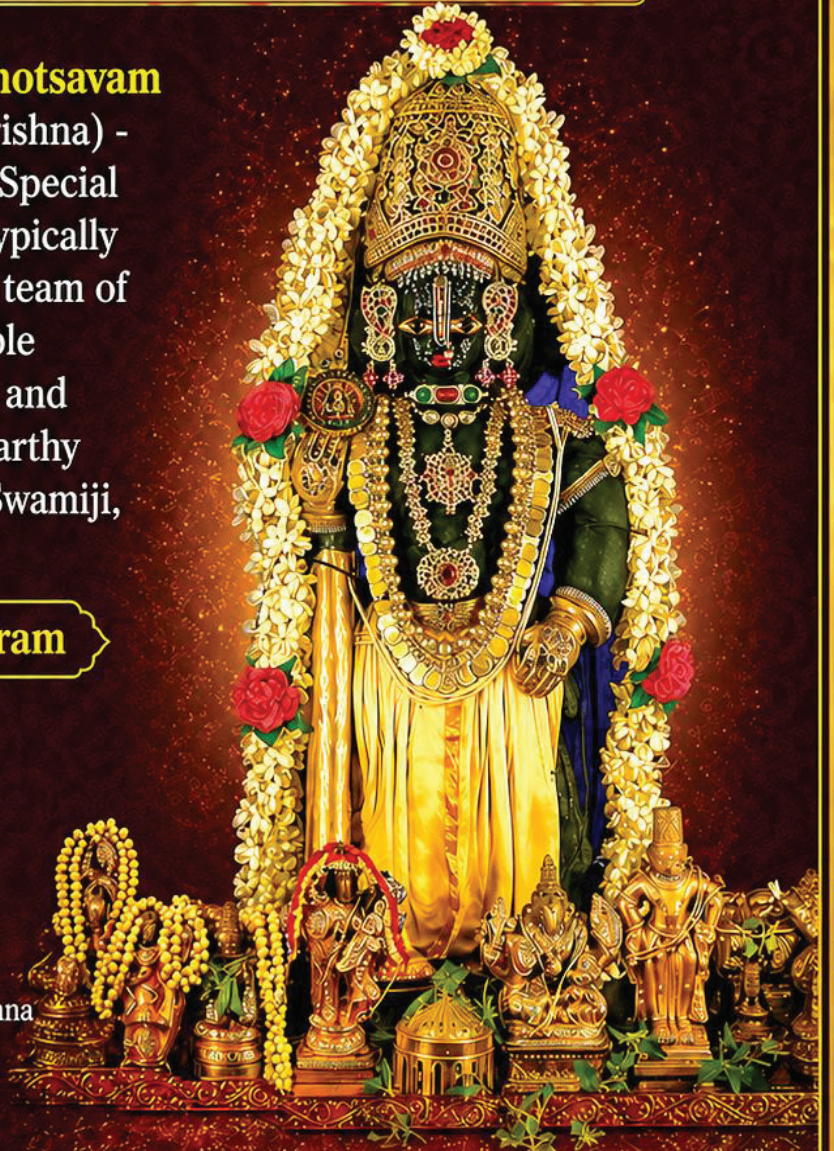
Wednesday, July 15 – Sunday, July 19, 2026

Sri Krishna Anugraha Mahotsavam

(Festival of blessings of Sri Krishna) - Utsavam for Sri Krishna with Special Prayers, Homams and Pujas typically carried out at Udupi, led by a team of Madhva Priests and our Temple Acharyas under the guidance and blessings of Yatikula Chakravarthy Sri Sri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji, Sri Puthige Matha, Udupi

Tentative Religious Program

- ◆ Astamahamantra Homam
- ◆ Maha Sudarshana Homam
- ◆ Mahalakshmi Hrudaya Homam
- ◆ Pavamana Sookta Homam
- ◆ Vaayustuti Punascharana Homam
- ◆ Manyu Sookta Homam
- ◆ Adhivasa Homam
- ◆ 108 Kalasha Abhishekam for lord Krishna
- ◆ Devotee Participatory pujas
- ◆ Cultural Program
- ◆ Annadhanam



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Sponsorship Detail

Category	Amount
Platinum - Lifetime Puja for Sri Krishna, All 5 day Pujas ** + Upto 6 Tickets for Music Concert	\$30,001
Gold - 5 years of Annual Puja for Sri Krishna, All 5-day Pujas ** + Upto 6 Tickets for Music Concert	\$20,001
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Flowers / Garlands / Abhishekam Dhruvams	\$101
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** Includes all Abhisheka Dravyams, Vastrams, Pujas, Homams

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Mahotsavam Concert

In the lead-up to the Mahotsavam, join us for a special multilingual music concert by

Smt. Sivasri Skandaprasad

on Saturday, May 30, 2026, 3:00 PM

at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt, MD



Venkateswara Brahmotsavam

Wednesday, May 20 -
Sunday, May 24, 2026

To ward off all sins, Brahmotsavam is celebrated. Lord Brahma Himself is believed to have celebrated the first Brahmotsavam to please His father Vishnu and according to some legend this was the beginning of the Brahmotsavam. In keeping with tradition, Venkateswara Brahmotsavam will be celebrated in our temple from May 20 to May 24. One of the most important features of the Brahmotsavam is the Brahma Rathotsavam (Chariot Festival) on the final day.





Wednesday, May 20, 2026

- 9:00 am Suprabhatam, Vishwakshena Aaradhana, Anugnay, Vasudeva Punyaahavachana, Rakshabandanam, Mritsangrahanam, Angurrpanam, Prahtaraaradhana, Shanti patham, Veda Vinnappam, Satrumurai, Chatusthanaarchana, Agni Prathishta, Moolamantra Homam, Poornahuti, Vainatheya Prathishtapana, Dwaja Aarohanam, Garuda Prasadam (Santana Praptyartham), Bali Harana, Mangalasaashanam,
- 5:00 pm Vishnu Sahasranama, Chatusthanaarchana, Moolamantra Homam, Poornahuti, Bhareetadanam, Devataahvaanam, Bali Haranam, Mangalasaashanam, Shayanotsavam.



Thursday, May 21, 2026

- 9:00 am Suprabhatam, SevaKalam, Prahtaraaradhana, ShantiPatham, Veda Vinnappam, Satumurai, Chatusthanaarchana, Moola Mantra Homam, Bali Haranam, Mangalasaashanam
- 5:00 pm Vishnu Sahasranama, Chatusthanaarchana, Moolamantra Homam, Poornahuti, Bali Haranam, Sangeeta Seva, Mangalasaashanam, Shayanotsavam



Friday, May 22, 2026

- 9:00 am Suprabhatam, SevaKalam, Prahtaraaradhana, Shanti Patham, Veda Vinnappam, Satumurai, Chatusthanaarchana, Moolamantra Homam, Sudarshana Homam, Poornahuti, UtsavaarambhaSnapanam, Bali Haranam, Mangalasaashanam, 108 Kalasa Sthapana.
- 5:00 pm Vishnu Sahasranama, Chatusthanaarchana, Moolamantra Homam, Poornahuti, Bali Haranam, Mahalakshmi Aaradhana and Deepotsavam, Mangalasaashanam, Shayanotsavam.



Saturday, May 23, 2026

- 7:00 am Suprabhatam, SevaKalam, Prahtaraaradhana, ShantiPatham, Veda Vinnappam, Satumurai, Chatusthanaarchana, Moolamantra Homam, Poornahuti, 108 Kalasa Venkateswara Abhishekam, Lakshaarchana, Sangeeta Seva, Tirupavada Seva, Bali Haranam, Mangalasaashanam,
- 5:00 pm Vishnu Sahasranamam
- 6:00 pm Garuda Vahana Praakaar Utasavam, Chatusthanaarchana, Moolamantra Homam, Poornahuti, Bali Haranam
- 7:30 pm Venkateswara Deepotsavam, Dolotsavam, Sangeeta Seva, Mangalasaashanam, Shayanotsavam.



Sunday, May 24, 2026

- 8:00 am Suprabhatam, SevaKalam, Prahtaraaradhana, Shanti Patham, Veda Vinnappam, Satumurai, Chatusthanaarchana, Moola Mantra Homam, Mahapoornahuti.
- 10:00 am Srinivasa Kalyana Utsavam
- 12:00 pm Brahma Rathotsavam, Bali Haranam, Mangalasaashanam, Teerthagoshti.
- 5:00 pm Sripushpayaagam, Dwadasha Aaradhana, Devata Udhyasana, Dwaja Aavaarohanam, Chakra Teertham, Kumbha Prokshanam, Acharya Sambh Asheervadam, Mangalasaashanam,

SPONSORSHIP

Entire Brahmotsavam \$251; One day's Pujas \$71
One Homam \$35; One Abhishekam \$35; Kalyana Utsavam \$35;
Rathotsavam \$35; Any one puja \$35;



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Siva Brahmotsavam

Monday, May 25 to Friday, May 29, 2026

According to the Shaiva and Vaishnava Agamas, Brahmotsavam is the foremost temple festival for the main deities. Tradition says Lord Brahma himself conducted the first utsavam to absolve Indra's sins. Since then, annual Brahmotsavams for Lord Siva and Lord Vishnu have been celebrated to help devotees overcome negativities and receive divine blessings.

Brahmotsavam begins on May 25 with special daily pujas and concludes on Friday, May 29, Vaikasi Vishaka Nakshatra day, sacred to Lord Subrahmanya.

Monday, May 25, 2026

- 9:30 am Ganapathy Homam, Prasanna Abhishekam, Navagraha Homam, Skanda Homam, Pashupathasthra Santhi Homam.
5:30 pm Vighneshwara Puja, Deivanugnya, Pravesha Bali, Vasthu Santhi, Rakshoghna Homam, Mruthsangrahanam

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

- 9:30 am Beri Thaadanaam, Devatha Aavaahanam, Nava Sandhi Aavaahanam, Santhi Abhishekam for Utsava Murthy
5:30 pm Ankuraarpanam, Rakshaabandhanam, Yaagashalaarchanam, Agni Kaaryam, DikbaliVidhanam, Special Deeparadhana to Utsava Murthy.

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

- 9:30 am & 5:30 pm Yagashala Puja, Vishesha Homam, Dik Bali Vidhanam, Special Deeparadhana to Utsava Murthy

Thursday, May 28, 2026

- 9:30 am & 5:30 pm Yagashala Puja, Vishesha Homam, Dik Bali Vidhanam, Special Deeparadhana to Utsava Murthy

Friday, May 29, 2026

- 9:30 am Yagasala Puja, Maha Poornahuthi, Special Abhishekam (Yaagalaya Yagnya Kalasa Abhishekam) to Lord Ramanatha, Choornotsavam, Teerthotsavam, Raksha Visarjanam, Beri Thadanam, Nava Sandhi Devatha Visarjanam, Swami Pradakshina, Acharyotsavam, Bhakthotsavam, Prasadam Distribution, Bhagavath Aasheervadam.

SPONSORSHIP:

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Vaikasi Visakam Day

Friday, May 29, 2026

During the month of Vaikasi (Vrishabam), the star Vishakam usually falls on the full moon day, marking the birth of Lord Subrahmanya, the second son of Lord Siva. He was born to protect the world from demons like Soorapadman. He emerged as six sparks from Siva's third eye and, passing through the elements, took form on earth. This divine form represents the five elements.

Lord Subrahmanya is known by many names such as Muruga, Karthikeya, Shanmugam, and Arumugam. With six faces, He is believed to see in all directions at once.

Vaikasi Visakam is celebrated with great devotion at the six sacred abodes of Lord Muruga in Tamil Nadu and in Murugan temples worldwide, including SSVT.

9.30 am Subrahmanya Moola Mantra Homam

10:30 am Subrahmanya Abishekam Archana, Deeparadhana

12.30 pm Subrahmanya procession around the temple will be done as a part of the Siva brahmotsavar followed by Deeparadhana



SPONSORSHIP

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Vaikasi Visakam Padha Yatra

Saturday, May 30, 2026

Starting Point:

Riverdale Community Park
5400 Haig Dr, Riverdale, MD 20737

Finish Point:

Sri Siva Vishnu Temple

Breakfast, water, refreshments served

Total Distance: 6.5 Miles

Duration: 2 to 3 hours

Walk Start Time: 6:00 – 7:00 AM

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Registration and Route Map



Registration



Route Map



For more details contact;

Ramanathan Narayanan

301-440-9258 / ssvt.muruga@gmail.com

Vaikasi Visakam Celebration

Saturday, May 30, 2026

- 10:00 am** 108 Paal Kudam procession
- 10:30 am** Subramanya Abishekam 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



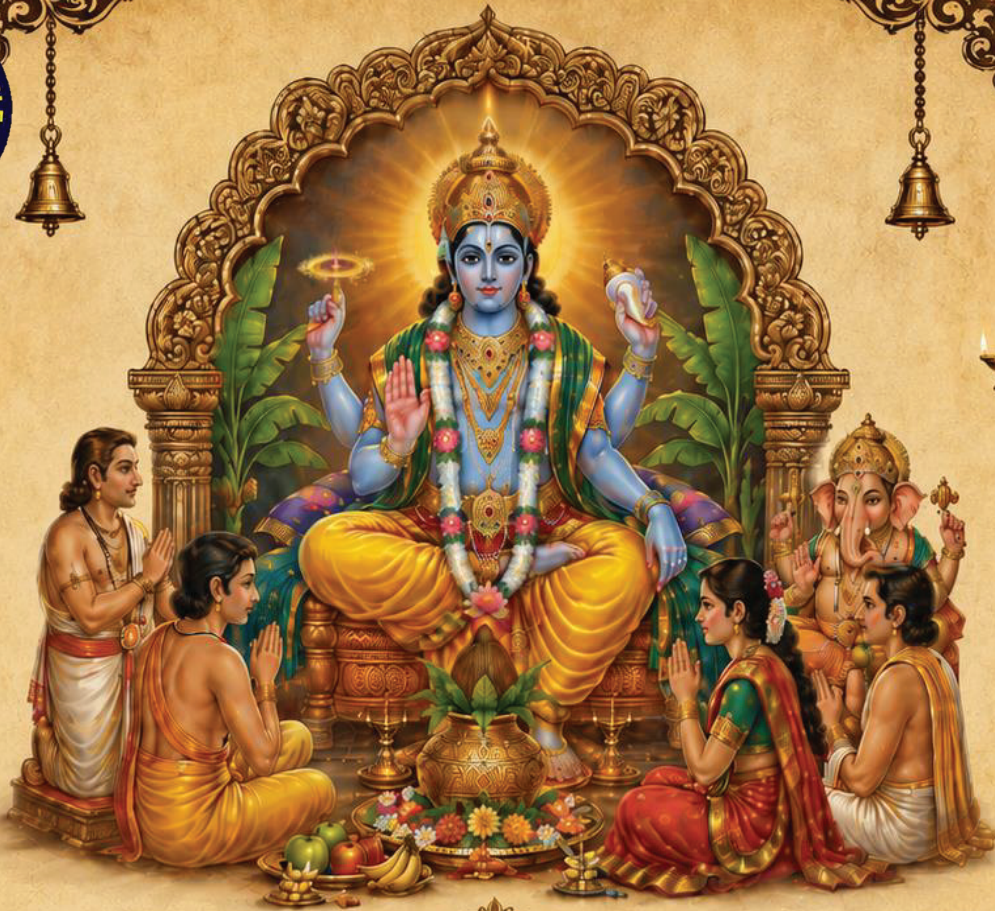
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Satyanarayana Puja

Date: Saturday, May 30, 2026, 6:30 pm

Ganesha Puja
Vishvaksena Puja, Abhishekam ,
Ashtotthara Archana,
Satyanarayana Vrata Katha,
Neivedhyam, Aarthi, Bhajans,
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Vasavi Kanyaka Parameswari Abhishekam



Every Friday at 7:00 pm and
on 2nd Sunday, 11 am every month

Abhishekam, Alankaram, Archana,
Deeparadhana, Prasadam Distribution

Sponsorship

Abhishekam - \$35 | Archana - \$12



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Vasavi Kanyaka Parameswari Mandala Puja

Friday, June 5, 2026

After a Kumbabhishekam, special abhishekams and aradhana are performed for a period of 41 days, known as the “Mandalam,” to further energize the sanctity of the presiding deity, culminating in the final day celebration of the “Mandala Puja.”

At our temple, the Sri Vasavi Kanyaka Parameswari Kumbabhishekam was conducted on Sunday, April 26, 2026.

Following this mandalam tradition, the temple will celebrate the Mandala Puja on **Friday, June 5, 2026**, with the program noted below.

9:30 am | Vasavi Moola Mantra Homam

7:00 pm | Abhishekam, Alankaram, Upacharam,
Deeparadhana, Prasadam Distribution

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Homam & Abhishekam	Homam	Abhishekam	Archana
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Saibaba Abhishekam

Sunday, June 7, 2026
10:00 am

Every first Sunday of the month, abhishekam to moolava Saibaba is performed.

All devotees are requested to take part and get the blessings of Sri Saibaba.

Devotees can bring fruits, flowers for puja.

Program

Abhishekam to moolavar

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Bhajan

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Ashtotaram

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Aarthi



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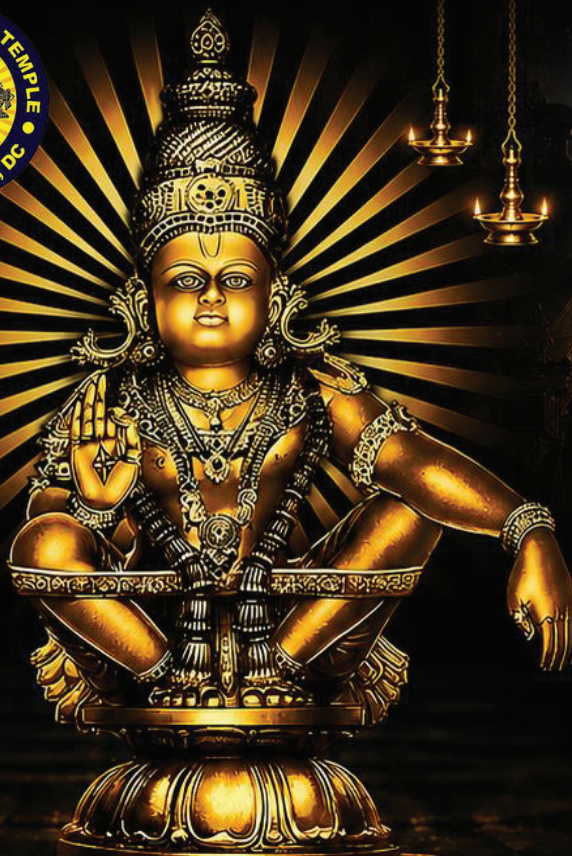
Abhishekam
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Archana
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Ayyappa Padi Puja

Ayyappa Padi Puja
Saturday, June 13, 2026, 7:00 pm

Irumudi Abhishekam, Special Ayyappa Puja
Sunday, June 14, 2026, 10:00 am

Devotees prepare the irumudi either at the temple or at home to bring to temple, and climb the holy 18 steps carrying the irumudi. Devotees carrying irumudi can contact temple for any arrangements to be made



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Samvatsara Mahotsavam

Thursday, June 25 to Saturday, July 4, 2026



Thursday, June 25, 2026

9:30 AM Ganesh Puja, Anugnay, Dwaja Arohanam, Ankurarpanam, Rakshabandhanam Ganapati Homam and Dwadasakshari Moola mantra Homam
10:30 AM Krishna Abhishekam



Friday, June 26, 2026

9:30 AM Bhagya Sukta Homam
10:30 AM Parvati Abhishekam, Sudarshana/ Yoga Narasimha Abhishekam



Saturday, June 27, 2026

9:30 AM Ashtakshari Homam
10:30 AM Venkateswara Abhishekam



Sunday, June 28, 2026

9:30 AM Rudra Homam
10:30 AM Siva Abhishekam



Monday, June 29, 2026

9:30 AM Purushasukta Homam, Rama and Anjaneya Moola Mantra Homam
10:30 AM Anantapadmanabha, Anjaneya, Rama Abhishekam



Tuesday, June 30, 2026

9:30 AM Durga Sukta Homam
10:30 AM Durga Abhishekam, Ayyappa Ashtabhishekam



Wednesday, July 1, 2026

9:30 AM Bhoo Sukta Homam
10:30 AM Andal, Navagraha Sharada Abhishekam



Thursday, July 2, 2026

9:30 AM Skanda Homam
10:30 AM Subrahmanya Abhishekam



Friday, July 3, 2026

9:30 AM Sri Sukta Homam, Ganapati Homam
10:30 AM Mahalakshmi Abhishekam and Ganapati Abhishekam (evening as it is Sankatahara Chaturthi)



Saturday, July 4, 2026

7:00 AM Suprabhatam
8:00 AM Sivagni
8:00 AM Venkateswara Abhishekam
9 AM Siva, Anantapadmanabha, Ayyappa Abhishekam
11 AM Kalyana Utsavam for Sri Siva, Sri Subrahmanya and Sri Srinivasa
12:00 PM Rathotsavam, Visheshha Harathi, Acharya Sambhavana, Dwaja Avarohanam, Prasadam distribution.

Sponsorship



Entire Samvatsara Mahotsavam \$601



One Day Pooja \$125



All Pujas for a deity \$61



One Homam or Abhishekam or any Kalyanam \$35



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..... released on the auspicious occasion of Sankranti, this visual presents a virtual walkthrough of the Temple - from the majestic Rajagopuram and Vasantha Mantapam to all the Sannidhis, sharing insights into the foundations of Hinduism, Temple's sacred architecture, and the significance of each Sannidhi.

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Prakaram Repair

The current prakaram roof was laid more than 20 years ago and has deteriorated over time, resulting in several leaks in the lower level of the Temple as well as a very rough surface for 100s of devotees performing Angapradakshinam as well as Rathotsavam and other offerings outside the Temple.



Temple Management has launched a project to redo the roof and re-lay the surface to facilitate devotees performing devotional offerings. Details below:

Timeline: March 2026 - July 2026

Cost: \$900,000

Platinum Sponsor: \$25,002 , Diamond Sponsor: \$10,008 , Gold Sponsor: \$5004
25 sqft: \$2502, 10 sqft: \$1008, 5 sqft: \$504, 1 sqft: \$108

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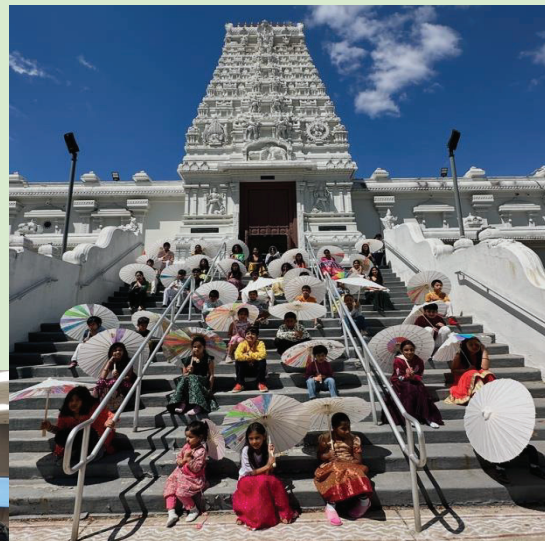
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Education Committee Updates – May – June 2026:

- Yoga classes continue to thrive with an uptick in registrants. The class functions in a hybrid format with multiple teachers supporting.
- *Bhagavad Gita* class continues to grow with a strong following
- The Library operations will likely be getting some adjustments as new volunteers have onboarded to support this vital temple resource

DharmaCon:

This year, the students of Balavidyalayam/Dharma class held their first "DharmaCon", an end of year celebration showcasing the work they learned over the year. Based on age range, students reflected on stories they learned in written and presentation formats. Audience members saw reflections ranging from the Panchatantra, the Ramayana, the Mahabharata, and the Puranas. Students also reflected on Seva activities and ways they can give back to the community in various ways - how to give back to our environment, our elders, our animals, and many more. The event was a notable success, attracting interest from across the SSVT community. We are very proud of our students as they carry on our invaluable traditions in *Sanatan Dharma*. Please see pictures below of students at DharmaCon and [click here to read a couple of student submissions](#)



UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

Date & Time	Event / Artist	Venue & Admission Fee
May 30, 2026 @3:00 PM	Krishna Anubhavam by Smt. Sivasri Skandaprasad	ERHS/ \$35-\$100
June 7, 2026 @4:00 PM	Spring Concert Series: Gayathri Venkatraghavan, Mysore Srikanth, NC Bharadwaj	Auditorium/Free

Krishna Anubhavam

a soulful, multilingual music concert by the rising star of South Indian Classical Music

Smt. Sivasri Skandaprasad

Saturday, May 30, 2026, 3:00 pm
At Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt, MD



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Mridangam
Anirudha Srinivasa Bhat



Harmonium
Gaurav Gadiyar



Electronic Pads and Percussion
Manjunath Sattayasheel

Admission: Zone1 - \$100, Zone2 - \$70, Zone3 - \$35
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OBITUARY



Venkatachar Sreenivasa (V.S.) Raghavan, 90, of Bethesda died peacefully on April 18, 2026. Born in Bengaluru, India and a resident of Bethesda for over 50 years. He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Kusum, daughters Nandini Vembar (Mani) and Nirupama Raghavan, granddaughters Rohini and Pallavi Vembar, siblings N.V. Partha Sarathi (Jaya), Shanta Bhojaraj, Rama Govindraj, Vijaya Prasad (Keshav), Vasanthi Krishna (Raani) and V. Krishna Prasad (Padmini), and a loving extended family.

Raghavan had a long illustrious career that spanned development banking and finance roles in India, Washington D.C., Mauritius and Kenya. His early career included work with Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India and Industrial Development Bank of India before he made a move to the US, where his work spanned many roles with the World Bank and International Finance Corporation. He earned the admiration and respect of both superiors and peers with his sharp mind and unrivaled work ethic.

In addition to his career contributions, he was active in the Hindu community of the Greater Washington D.C. area, serving in leadership roles at the Sri Siva Vishnu Temple, Hindu American Community Services Inc (HACSI), and the Inter-Faith Council.

Raghavan served as SSVT Chairman in 2002-2003 and ably guided the Mahakumbhabhishekam and the first Jeenodharanam of the temple. He envisioned the SSVT Endowment, the Publications program and later led the Mahotsavam honoring the quincentennial of Sri Ramanujacharya. He lived a life filled with respect, integrity, loyalty, and service, always willing to offer advice or a helping hand, and above all — devotion to his family. His loss is felt by all who knew him and were touched by his exemplary character.



It is with a great deal of sadness that we inform our community of the passing of **Dr. Revathy Murthy, MD**. She was a dedicated and caring wife, mother, grandmother, and doctor. She received her MBBS degree from Lady Hardinge Medical College in New Delhi in 1967 and emigrated from India to the US in 1968. She moved to the Washington, DC area in 1970 along with her husband, Krishnamurthy.

She worked as a pulmonary physician for 50 years at various hospitals including DC General, Washington Adventist and Prince George's Medical Center. She was also a devoted teacher and trained many aspiring doctors, in particular as a member of the Georgetown Medical School and the University of Maryland Medical System faculty. In addition, she had her own private practice for over 35 years. Additionally, she was supportive of Sri Siva Vishnu Temple from the very beginning – assisting with medical care for the Priests, their families and many devotees.

She continued working during the COVID-19 pandemic before retiring after a highly successful career. She and Kris were happily married for 55 years before his passing in 2023. She leaves behind her two sons, Anish and Arjun; daughters-in-law, Sandhya and Sarabdeep; and grandchildren, Rekha, Jeevan, and Nalin, and one younger brother, Ramanan.