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Sri Krishna Janmastami

Thursday, September 3, 2026

The birthday of Lord Krishna will be celebrated on Thursday, September 03 with a homa and Abhisheka. The religious festivities start with Krishna Moola Mantra Homa in the morning. The first phase of the nightly Puja is from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The final Mangalarati will be 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

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

Sri Jayanti

Friday, September 4, 2026

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

Sponsorship: \$35 - Abhisheka

Samaveda Upakarma

Saturday, September 12, 2026

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

Suggested Donation: \$5 for Brahmacharis; \$25 for newly initiated Brahmacharis; \$11 for others

Build Your Own Ganesha (BYOG)

Sunday, September 13, 2026

This year Sri Siva Vishnu Temple will be holding the Build Your Own Ganesha (BYOG) Program for children and young adults on Sunday, September 13, 2026 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 [click here to register](#)

10:30 am Ganesha Puja by children - first batch

11:30 am Ganesha Puja by children - second batch

12:30 pm Ganesha Puja by children - third batch

Additional batch if required

Ganesha Chaturthi Celebrations

Saturday, September 12 - Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Ganesha Chaturthi falls on Monday, September 14, and we will be celebrating this festival from Saturday, September 12 through Wednesday, September 16.

Saturday, September 12, 2026

9:30 am Ganapathy Homa

10:30 am Ganapathy Abhisheka

Sunday, September 13, 2026

9:30 am Ganapathy Homa

10:30 am Ganapathy Abhisheka

4:00 pm Sahasramodaka Homa

Monday, September 14, 2026 - Ganesha Chaturthi Day

9:30 am Anugay, Ganesha Puja, Mahaganapathi Homa

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

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

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

9:30 am Ganapathi Homa

10:30 am Utsava Ganesha Abhisheka

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

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

6:00 pm Ashottotara Archana, Upachara Puja, 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; \$75 - Ganesha Chaturthi Day; \$35 - Any one Homa or Abhisheka

Vedanta Desika Jayanti

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

The incarnation of Lord Vishnu in the form of Venkateswara occurred on (Kanya Sravanam) and this day is celebrated as Sri Venkateswara Jayanti. The day is also the Jayanthi of Acharya Vedanta Desikar whose Tirunakshatram is Shravana.

9:00 am Suprabhatam

10:00 am Kalasa Puja, Koluvu Srinivasa Abhisheka, Sri Vedanta Desika Acharya Aradhana, Recitation of Stotras composed by the Acharya

Sponsorship: \$35

Yajur Upakarma

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Yajur Upakarma batches will start at 7:00 am. The last batch of Yajur Upakarma will start at 10:00 am. Homa will start at 11:00 am and 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. Devotees are requested to avail of the facilities and resources provided by the temple in performing this important ritual.

Suggested Donation: \$5 for Brahmacharis; \$25 for newly initiated Brahmacharis; \$11 for others

Sarpabali

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Sarpabali is the worship of 54 divine snakes (including Siva's

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RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

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Wed 2	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Thu 3		SRI KRISHNA JANMASTHAMI - SEE DETAILS
Fri 4		SRI JAYANTI - SEE DETAILS
	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
Sat 5	5:00 PM	Srinivasa Kalyanam
Sun 6	10:30 AM	Shirdi Sai Baba Abhisheka
Mon 7	10:00 AM	Sri Rama Abhisheka - Punarvasu
	5:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Shravana Somavara
	6:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Tue 8	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Thu 10	10:00 AM	Andal Abhisheka - Poorva Phalguni
Fri 11	10:00 AM	Sarada Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Ayyappa Puja - Uttara Phalguni
Sat 12		SAMAVEDA UPAKARMA - SEE DETAILS
		GANESHA CHATURTHI CELEBRATION BEGINS
Sun 13	9:00 AM	BUILD YOUR OWN GANESHA (BYOG)- SEE DETAILS
	11:00 AM	Vasavi Mata Abhisheka
	5:00 PM	Swama Gowri Vratam
Mon 14		GANESHA CHATURTHI DAY - SEE DETAILS
	9:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Homa - Swati
	10:30 AM	Sudarshana / Yoga Narasimha Abhisheka - Swati
Tue 15	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Vishakha
Wed 16		GANESHA CHATURTHI CELEBRATION ENDS
	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
Fri 18	10:00 AM	Parvathi Abhisheka
	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sat 19	10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Moola
	7:00 PM	AYYAPPA PADI PUJA
Sun 20	TBA	SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA / IRUMUDI ABHISHEKA
Tue 22		VEDANTA DESIKAR TIRUNAKSHARTRAM
	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
Wed 23	7:00 PM	Siva Abhisheka - Pradosham
Thu 24	10:00 AM	Nataraja Abhisheka
Fri 25	10:00 AM	Durga Abhisheka
	7:00 PM	Satyanarayana Puja - Poomima
Sat 26		YAJUR UPAKARMA - SEE DETAILS
		MAHALAYA PAKSHA BEGINS - SEE DETAILS
Sun 27	9:30 AM	Navagraha Homa
	10:30 AM	Navagraha Abhisheka
Tue 29	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
	7:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi
Wed 30	10:00 AM	Utsava Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Kritika

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Thu 1	10:00 AM	Subrahmanya Abhisheka - Shashti
	10:00 AM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
Fri 2	10:00 AM	Mahalakshmi Abhisheka
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Tue 6		SARPABALI - SEE DETAILS
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Wed 14	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Chaturthi
	10:30 AM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Chaturthi
Fri 16	10:00 AM	Parvathi Abhisheka
	10:00 AM	Anjaneya Abhisheka - Moola
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	7:15 PM	Bhagavati Seva
Sat 17	7:00 PM	AYYAPPA PADI PUJA
Sun 18	TBA	SPECIAL AYYAPPA PUJA / IRUMUDI ABHISHEKA
	7:00 AM	CHANDI HOMA
Tue 20		VIJAYA DASHAMI / VENKATESHWARA JAYANTI
		SHARADA NAVARATRI CONCLUDES
		SHIRDI SAI BABA PUNYA THITHI
	10:00 AM	Utsava Srinivasa Abhisheka
	6:30 PM	Sai Baba Vratam
Wed 21	7:00 PM	Ananthapadmanabha Abhisheka - Ekadashi
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Wed 28	9:30 AM	Ganesha Homa - Sankatahara Chaturthi
	10:00 AM	Sri Krishna Abhisheka - Rohini
	7:00 PM	Ganesha Abhisheka - Sankatahara Chaturthi

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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. Add Sri Siva Vishnu Temple Trust as your charity to support on [AmazonSmile](#) and contribute while making purchases. SSVT Combined Federal Campaign Number: 47090



Join Sri Siva Vishnu Temple's WhatsApp Community!

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

On behalf of the Board of Trustees (BOT), I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who joined us at our temple during July and August.

Following the Samvatsara Mahotsavam, we celebrated the five-day Sri Krishna Anugraha Mahotsavam from July 15-19. This annual festival of blessings was filled with special prayers, homams, and pujas modeled after Udupi traditions. Led by Sri Rakesh Acharya (SSVT Madhva Priest), with guidance from Sri Harish Baipadithaya, Sri Balakrishna Bhatt, Sri Vishwa Tantri, and Sri Prashant Bhat, and supported by our Acharyas, the festival was a grand success.

We also saw incredible turnout for several major observances:

- Religious Celebrations: Sudharsana Jayanthi, Gurupoornima (Special Sai Baba Puja), Siva Pavitrotsavam, Vishnu Pavitrotsavam, and Varalakshmi Vratam.
- Karkataka Masam: Successfully concluded the daily Bhagavathi Seva.
- Onam: Welcomed over 1,000 devotees for our festive gathering, highlighted by a wonderfully organized Onam Sadhya.

Our deepest thanks go out to the donors, volunteers, and staff whose hard work made these events possible.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming observances:

- **Special Pujas & Events:** Ganesha Chaturthi, Yajur Upakarma, Mahalaya Paksham, Sharada Navaratri, Sarpa Bali, Vedanta Desikar Tirunakshatram, Venkateswara Jayanthi, Shirdi Sai Baba Punyatithi, and Siva Annabhishekam. Note: Specific dates are listed on the opening pages of this newsletter. Any schedule changes will be communicated promptly.

In late August or early September 2027, we will celebrate the Jeernoddharana Ashtabandhana Maha Kumbhabhishekam in strict accordance with the Agama Sastras.

- **The Tradition:** Jeernoddharanam is the sacred undertaking of restoring temple structures and vigrahas. Kumbhabhishekam (or Samprokshanam) re-energizes the spiritual power (Saanidhyam) of the deities. By tradition, a temple is reconsecrated every 12 years—the functional lifespan of Ashtabandhanam, the eight-ingredient herbal mortar used to bind the vigrahas to their peethams.

Our repair and restoration initiatives officially began with the Balalayam ceremony on August 30. Beginning September 7, 2026, skilled Shilpis from India and the United States started work on restoring the Venkateswara Prakara Gopuram and evaluating the Rajagopuram. Planned site upgrades include:

- **Infrastructure Repairs:** Comprehensive restoration of temple walls, doors, windows, and floors.
- **Facility Renovations:** Upgrades to the auditorium, restrooms, and dining area.
- **New Construction:** Dedicated Sannidhi for Sri Kala Bhairavar and a dedicated Yagashala in the northeast corner of the temple grounds.

During inner-sanctum repairs, the divine presence (Saanidhyam) will temporarily reside in wooden images within a mini-temple (Balalayam) at the Vasantha Mantapam. Daily pujas will continue here uninterrupted until the final reconsecration.

Guided by our motto—"Revitalizing, Sustaining, and Growing Our Temple"—the JK 27 initiative is a \$5 million project encompassing essential infrastructure, security, and restoration work. For those who were not present during the temple's founding, this serves as a meaningful, once-in-a-decade opportunity to anchor your legacy with SSVT. All contributions directly fund the 2027 Kumbhabhishekam rituals and surrounding construction projects. I humbly ask for your generous support to help us preserve 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.

In Service,

M. Thenappan

Thenappan (Theo) Meyyappan
2026 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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Vasuki and Vishnu's Adishesha) to ward off the bad effects of Sarpa Dosha, to help mitigate and eradicate the problems of skin diseases, to help people in search of life partners find suitable spouses, for progeny (Putra Bhaagyam) and for the overall wellbeing of all. (Sarpa Dosha may be present due to harm done to snakes and other reptiles in the past births and due to other causes. Sarpa Dosha is recognized when all the other grahas in one's horoscope lie between Raahu and Kethu. Sarpa Dosha is often a reason for late marriages). Turmeric powder, rice, milk, coconuts, fruits and flowers are the ingredients generally brought by devotees for Sarpabali. For the ingredients to be included in the Puja, they must be given to the priest before the Puja starts. Sankalpam for the Puja (when devotees can mention to the priest the problems to be overcome or desires to be fulfilled) will begin at 6:30 pm. Sarpabali Puja will be performed in the Kerala Tantric style from 7:00 pm.

6:30 pm Sankalpam

7:00 pm Sarpabali Puja

Sponsorship: \$61

Mahalaya Paksha

Saturday, September 26 - Friday, October 9, 2026

Mahalaya Paksha, also known as Pitru Paksha, is a sacred 14 day period in the Hindu lunar calendar dedicated to the reverence and remembrance of our ancestors. Falling in the month of Bhadrpada (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.

Sarada Navaratri

Sunday, October 11 - Tuesday, October 20, 2026

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, Deeparadhana, Mahishasura Mardini Stotram, Devi Namaskaram (6:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday)

Sunday, October 11, 2026

9:30 am Ganesha Puja, Purvanga Puja, Kalasa Sthapanam, Durga Avahanam, Lalitha Sahasranama Homa, Parvathi Abhisheka, Deeparadhana

Monday, October 12, 2026

9:30 am Devi Moolamantra Homa, Sarada Abhisheka, Deeparadhana

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

9:30 am Durga Suka Homa, Durga Abhisheka, Deeparadhana
Wednesday, October 14, 2026

9:30 am Medha Sukta Homa, Sarada Abhisheka, Deeparadhana
Thursday, October 15, 2026

9:30 am Devi Gayatri Homa, Durga Abhisheka, Deeparadhana
Friday, October 16, 2026

9:30 am Sri Sukta Homa, Mahalakshmi Abhisheka, Deeparadhana

Saturday, October 17, 2026

9:30 am Bhagya Sukta Homa, Sarada Abhisheka, Deeparadhana

Sunday, October 18, 2026

7:00 am Chandi Homa (Durga Asthami), Dampathi, Suhasini, Kanya, Bhairava Puja, Durga Abhisheka, Deeparadhana

Monday, October 19, 2026 - Maha Navami

9:30 am Ratri Sukta Homa, Pravathi Abhisheka, Deeparadhana

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 - Vijaya Dashami

9:30 am Devi Panchasukta Homa, Durga, Mahalakshmi, Sarada Abhishekas, Deeparadhana, Conclusion of Sundara Kanda Parayana

11:00 am Sri Rama Pattaabhisheka, Vidya Aarambham for Children (morning session)

7:00 pm Vidya Aarambham for Children (evening session)

Sponsorship for Vidya Aarambham - \$35

Sponsorship: \$175 - Entire Navaratri Celebration; For more sponsorship options, please visit our website

Venkateshwara Jayanthi

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

10:00 am Kalasa Puja, Koluvu Srinivasa Abhisheka, Sri Vedanta Desika Acharya Aradhana, Recitation of Stotras composed by the Acharya

Sponsorship: \$35

Shridi Sai Baba Punya Thithi

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

6:30 pm Sai Baba Vratam

Sponsorship: \$15

Siva Annabhisheka, Sunday, October 25, 2026

According to sacred texts, rice is a symbol of life, richness, and prosperity. Lord Siva is a great lover of Abhishekas and rice is considered highly for the hydration ceremony. Anna Abhisheka is performed to signify the divine role of rice in one's life as rice is an outcome of the union of the five elements of nature. Anna Abhisheka acts as a gesture of gratitude to Lord Siva, who is the sole protector of nature's five elements and all life forms on Earth.

5:00 pm Annabhisheka, Deeparadhana

Sponsorship: \$35

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

Ganesha Chaturthi Celebration

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4:00 pm Sahasramodaka Homam

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6:00 PM Ashottotara Archana, Upachara Puja, Utsava Ganesha moorthi procession Mahamangalahaarathi

Sponsorship:

Entire Celebration \$151; Ganesha Chaturthi Day (Sept 14) - Entire Day Puja \$75
Any one Homam and/or Abhishekam \$35

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Visarjaniya Ganesha

Monday, 14th September to Sunday, 20th September 2026



A **3-foot eco-friendly Ganesha idol** will be installed, and **daily puja** will be offered to Lord Ganesha as per the schedule. All devotees are requested to participate with family and friends and **seek the blessings of Lord Ganesha**.

The idol will be immersed on **Sunday, September 20, 2026, 12:00 PM**. Please join on the immersion day for a **grand celebration with music and dance**.

**Monday,
14th September, 2026**

11:30 AM – Ganesha Idol Installation & Puja
7:00 PM – Cultural Event

**Tuesday 15th September, 2026
to Saturday, 19th September, 2026**

Daily Puja to Ganesha Idol at 11:00 AM and 6:30 PM
Cultural Event at 7:00 PM

**Sunday,
20th September, 2026**

12:00 PM – Grand Immersion of Ganesha Idol
in front of the Temple, with Music and Dance

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Navaratri Vastra Alankaram

**Sunday,
October 11 to**

**Tuesday,
October 20, 2026**

Sri Durga



Sri Lakshmi



Sri Chandika Parameswari



Sri Saraswati



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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 sponsor for Sarees & Puja. We request all devotees to patricipate and take the blessings of Devis

Sarees Sponsorship	Amount	Prasadam (Sarees adorned to Devis)
108 Sarees + 9 Days Mulavar Sarees + Chandi Homam Saree	\$1001 9 days puja sponsorship included	1 Silk Saree + 1 Silk Cotton Saree + Puja Prasadam
54 Sarees + 9 Days Mulavar Sarees + Chandi Homam Saree	\$501 9 days puja sponsorship included	1 Silk Saree + Puja Prasadam
27 Sarees	\$251 Last 3 days puja sponsorship included	1 Silk Cotton Saree + Puja Prasadam
11 Sarees	\$121 Last day puja sponsorship included	1 Semi Silk Saree + Puja Prasadam
Mulavar Sarees for all 9 days + Chandi Homam Saree	\$121 Last day puja sponsorship included	1 Semi Silk 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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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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COMPOSITION
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(Wide-rule)

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ERASERS

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(5" Blunt tip)

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PENS

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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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UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS



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2026 Fall Concerts



Aug 29

5:00 PM

Flute J. A. Jayant (Flute)

Vid. N. C. Bharadwaj (Mridangam)

Vid. N. Rajaraman (Ghatam)

Sept 19

5:00 PM

Swathi Thirunal Music Festival

Vid. K.S. Vishnudev (Vocal)

Vid. Alangode Gokul (Violin)

Vid. K. V. Prasad (Mridangam)

Kum. Samyukta Sreeram (Ghatam)

Sept 27

4:00 PM

Vid. Kiran and Nivi Sai Sisters (Vocal)

Vid. H.N. Bhaskar (Violin)

Vid. Shree Sundarkumar (Mridangam)

Oct 04

4:00 PM

Vid. Abhishek Raghuram (Vocal)

Vid. Kamalakiran Vinjamuri (Violin)

Vid. Delhi Sairam (Mridangam)

Kum. Samyukta Sreeram (Ghatam)

Ticketed

Oct 11

4:00 PM

Vid. D. B. Ashwin (Vocal)

Vid. Srihari Vittal (Violin)

Vid. Vijay Natesan (Mridangam)

Oct 18

2:00 PM

Navarathri/Durgashtami Festival

Vid. R.K. Shriramkumar &

Vid. V.V.S Murari (Violin Duet)

Vid. N Manoj Siva (Mridangam)

Vid. Anirudh Athreya (Kanjira)

Ticketed

Oct 24

5:00 PM

Haridasa Day

Vid. Divya Giridhar (Vocal)

Oct 31

5:00 PM

Dikshitar and Syamashastry Music Festival

Vid. Vignesh Ishwar (Vocal)

Vid. Sayee Rakshith (Violin)

Vid. Praveen Sparsh (Mridangam)

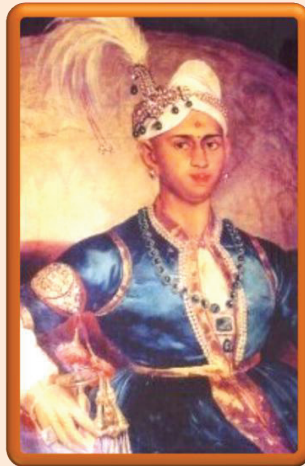
Vid. Chandrasekara Sharma (Ghatam)



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20th Annual Swathi Thirunal Music Festival



Saturday, September 19, 2026

All-day event (8:30 am to 8:30 pm)

Mini Concerts • Individual and Group Renditions • Dance



Grand Finale Concert by
K.S. Vishnudev

Alangode Gokul (violin)
KV Prasad (mrdangam)
Samyuktha Sriram (ghatam)

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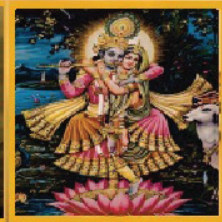
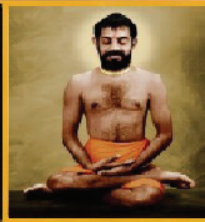
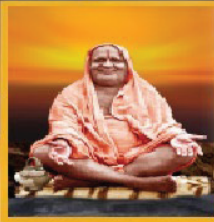
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7:00 AM - 9:00 PM

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Program Highlights

- Unchavrithi
- Ganapathi Homam
- Samashti Guru Paduka Puja
- Dakshina Sampradaya Bhajans
- Divyanama Sankirtanam
- Radha Kalyanam

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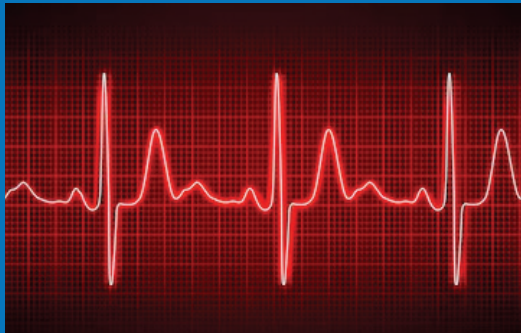


**Sunday, October 4, 2026
9am to 1pm**

Free Event

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Free Event



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