

Om Shree Matre Namah!

We all are blessed! Our beloved Sri Shanmugam Shivacharya always says that. Why? We are here and are able to pray to the Divine Mother. Adi Shankara in His Soundaryalahari says that only those who have done punya are able to worship the Divine Mother. It is with the blessings of the Divine Mother, the Grace of the Acharyas, the unflinching support of all the office bearers and devotees of Sri Siva Vishnu Temple, the hard work of the members of Ananth's Vedha Group and the countless volunteers, the Maharudram 2012 was a grand success. So this year, Ananth's Vedha Group in collaboration with Sri Siva Vishnu Temple present to all the devotees, **Devi Mahotsavam 2013.**

The following are the various special pujas that are planned for this grand event.

April 19, 2013 – Evening:

Sahasra Sahasranama Archana:



The shastras say that each woman is a manifestation of the Divine Mother. In the Lalitha Sahasranama, the vaak devis explains the 1000 names of the Divine Mother. But for this first of its kind kumkumarchana, 1008 women shall do kumkumarchana to the Divine Mother. So it would be like the manifestations of the Goddess doing the puja to herself. This explains the ultimate concept of Ambal Upasana, where one realizes that Ambal herself is the one who is the Worshipper, the one who is worshiped and also the act of worship. We request all devotees to please visit www.ssvt.org and register for the same.

April 20, 2013 – Morning:

The Divine Mother, because of Her Infinite Grace, manifests in different forms to bless Her devotees. In our temple, we have special sannidhis for the different manifestations of the Divine Mother - Sri Durga, Sri Sharada, Sri Parvati, Sri Lakshmi and Sri Andal. On Saturday, April 20, 2013 Special Homams are being organized for the various devis in SSVT as a part of the Devi Mahotsavam. The special homams include:

Sri Lalitha Sahasranama Homam:



The Vedas (Taittiriya Upanishad, Brahmananda Valli) says that Ultimate Reality is One (sa ekaha | sa ya evamvit |). The motto of our temple – Abhedha Darshanam Gyanam – Seeing no difference is knowledge, is based on that verse. The Divine Mother manifests as Shiva (LS 53), Narayana (LS 298) and Brahmaa (LS 822). The Lalitha Sahasranama nama 665, Ekakini says that She is the ultimate reality. So the Lalitha Sahasranama homam to be performed on April 20, 2013 shows the Ultimate knowledge and reality and the oneness in our diversity.

Sri Lalitha Trishati Homam:



In mantras, the Devi is in form of the Panchadashi mantra. This is a rahasyamantra and one needs special upadesams to perform the japa of the same. This Homam shall be performed on April 20, 2013 in the morning by invoking the Divine Mother in the sacred Fire with the Panchadasi/Shodasi mantra. The 50th nama of the Trishati says Salutations to the Mother, who is the wife of Lord Siva. Ambal, has manifested as Parvati, the wife of Shiva in our Temple to bless us all with her benevolent smile.

Sri Durga Sukta Homam:



The word Durga means the one who removes Obstacles (Durgani Nivartayati iti Durga). Ambal is in form of Durga at SSVT and homam shall be performed with the Durga Suktam on April 20, 2013. This durga suktam begins with the verse Jatavedas, the one in from of Fire or one from whom the Vedas originated. Both these are definitely befitting to our Ambal at SSVT who has a child like smile on her face, yet removes obstacles and evils.

Sri SriSuktha Homam:



The nama 210 (Sri Mahalakshmyai Namah) in Lalitha Sahasranama says Ambal is in form of MahaLakshmi. The Devi Namaskaras at the end of the Saptashati also says Ambal manifested as MahaLakshmi to protect and provide her devotees with all the wealth and material needs. The same Ambal is in our SSVT as Mahalakshmi and The Sri Sukta Homam to be performed is our prayer to the Mother to bless all the members of our congregation with health, wealth, progeny, food etc.

Sri Medha Suktha Homam:



The nama 704 of the Lalitha Sahasranama says Ambal manifests in form of Saraswati to bless Her devotees with knowledge, wisdom and intellect. The Medha Suktam blesses us with Medha, Praja, Thejas, Power to control our indriyas etc. With so many children in our congregation, there is no better way to pray for their bright future other than the Medha Suktha Homam. Please do bring your children to receive the blessings of the Divine Mother on April 20, 2013 AM.

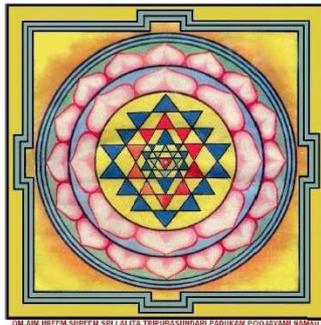
Sri Bhoo Sukta Homam:



The namas 670(Vasudha), 718(Mahee), 955(Dhara) of Lalitha Sahasranama all praise Ambal as the manifestation of the BhoomaDevi, the Mother Earth. The mother earth provides us everything for without her, there would be no life. In SSVT, we have Bhooma Devi manifested in form of Andal and the Bhoo Suktha Homam being organized is to pray to the Mother to provide us a safe living and protecting us from natural calamities.

April 20, 2013 – Evening:

NavaAvarana Puja:



The Universal Mother, MahaTripura Sundari, is worshipped in many forms. Of the many, the worship of the Devi in the Sri Chakra - the mystical geometric representation of the Transcendental Supreme Goddess, is done by many upasakas. This chakra in a three dimensional form that rises like a pyramid, is called The Meru. The Bindhu or the Apex is the seat of Sri MahaTripura Sundari, the Supreme Mother. She is surrounded by many other devis, who are present in the nine different enclosures surrounding the Bindhu. To worship the MahaTripurasundari, one has to worship each of the surrounding devis and go from the outer enclosure or avarana towards the inner one in a sequece. Each devi in the Meru is worshipped with special beeja mantras and special offerings made from the juice of dates. This ancient tantric and agamic worship is called the Nava-avarana Puja.



In our Devi Mahotsavam, our temple Shivacharya SivaSri Dr. Shanmugam Sivacharyar shall perform the Navaavarana Puja in agamic style using the Meru that is being worshipped for generations by him and his forefathers.

April 21, 2013 – Morning:

On the early morning of April 21st, the Nava Chandi Homam is being organized.

NavaChandi Homam:



The NavaChandi Homam to be performed as a part of the Devi Mahotsavam is a special one. It involves chanting of the Devi Mahatmyam, also known as Durga Sapthasathi 10 times followed by the Homam done by chanting the Devi Mahatmyam with the special dravyams and ahuthi's once. The Durga Saptashati, the seven hundred verses that extols the greatness of the Divine



Mother in destroying the Asuras like Mahisha, Madhu, Kaitaba, Rakthabheeja, Shumba, Nisumbha etc. These asuras are personifications of our internal enemies namely the Kama, krodha, lobha, moha, Madha, matsarya. The culmination would be the MahaPoornahuti followed by the Abishekam to Durga, Lakshmi, Sasaswati with the Kalasams in with the devis were invoked during the Parayanam and Homam. This special prayer to the Goddess blesses the devotees with everything that is required by the devotees for all their material and well as spiritual growth.

All these homams and other special poojas that are conducted as a part of the Devi Mahotsavam, is to bring all the devotees of the divine mother under one big umbrella called the Devi's Grace. Please do support us by volunteering, sponsoring and participating in this grand 3 day Devi Mahotsavam with your family and friends and make this event a grand success.