



Sri Lakshmi Temple

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Ayyappa Mandala Pooja Irumudi Kattu Instructions 2023

Swamy Saranam. With the divine blessings of Lord Ayyappa, the Irumudi Kattu Pooja at the Sri Lakshmi Temple will be held on Saturday, 14th January 2023, starting from 08:45 AM. We request all devotees adhere to the guidelines listed below.

Registration Link : <https://forms.gle/aKGdqWfJkFceVvus7>

- Only immediate family members are allowed to offer and be with you for Irumudi Kattu (prep) and ascending the steps
- Ayyappamars are requested to pick a slot while registering. Please be present for the Irumudi Kattu in your allotted time.
 - Please come to the temple only 30 minutes before your slot
 - All items needed for the Irumudi kattu will be provided by the temple. You are not expected to bring anything except your Vasthram (Ayyappa Veshti) from home.
 - If a chosen slot is over filled, we will assign another slot for the Irumudi Kattu. This is an effort to manage the crowd and the load on our volunteers and Guruswamys.
- Padi puja will start around **10:30 AM** on Saturday after the Lagu Ganapathy Homam starts at 8:45 AM
- Irumudi kattu slots are allocated from **11:00 AM**
- Ascending the 18 steps (padi yetram) will begin right after Padi Puja
- Ghee Abhishekam will start from 11:00 AM and will be conducted continuously
- As soon as the kattu nirai is done, one will ascend the 18 Steps
 - Abishekam will be done for your group immediately
 - After the Ghee abhishekam, the ghee prasadam will be distributed immediately to devotees. In an effort to maintain the crowd at the temple, devotees are kindly requested to collect the prasadam and the food prasadam and leave for their homes.
- At any point of time only those who are doing Irumudi will be allowed in the area where irumudi kattu is done. Devotees are requested not to crowd the area.
- The event will be broadcasted from our Facebook live stream page. Devotees who have completed the Irumudi Kattu can watch the event from their homes.
- Abhishekam, Alankaram and Bhajans will be live streamed on our Temple Facebook page.
- Masks are compulsory for all devotees inside the temple premises.
- Please maintain social distance and follow the instructions to keep our community safe.
- Do not forget to collect your food prasadam before you leave the Temple

We seek all your cooperation to conduct this event safe for one and all. Temple reserves the right to change timings or events and will be communicated. Swamiye Saranam Ayyappa!