

SRI LAKSHMI TEMPLE 117 Waverly Street Ashland, MA 01721 www.srilakshmi.org

Ayyappa puja Grand Finale Plans for this year 2022 (8-Jan-2022)

We are requesting all devotees adhere to the guidelines listed below.

- Only immediate family members are allowed to offer and be with you for Irumudi Kattu (prep) and ascending the steps
- A slot has been allocated to every Ayyappanmar for irumudi kattu nirai. Please be present at your allotted time.
 - o So please be on time and do not delay for all devotees
 - o Please come to the temple only 30 minutes before your slot
 - All are requested to watch our <u>Facebook live stream</u> before your arrival at the temple
- Padi puja will start around 8 am on Saturday after the Lagu Ganapathy Homam.
- Starting from 10:30 am the Irumudi kattu slots are allocated
- Ascending the 18 steps (padi yetram) will begin right after Padi Puja
- Ghee Abhishekam will start from 11 AM and conducted continuously
- As soon as the kattu nirai is done, one will ascend the 18 Steps
 - o Abishekam will be done for your group immediately
 - After the Ghee abhishekam the same prasadam will be distributed immediately to devotees and then they can leave for home by collecting their food prasadams.
- At any point of time only those who are doing Irumudi will be allowed in the area where irumudi kattu is done. Please do not crowd the area.
- All other Ayyappan margal can watch the event from our Facebook live stream page.
- Abhishekam, Alankaram and Bhajans will be live streamed on our <u>Temple Facebook</u> <u>page</u>. Please join from home for the event.
- Depending upon the crowd, our volunteers will request our ayyappan mars to sit in the auditorium and watch the live event from auditorium
- Masks and vaccination is 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 from Temple
- Due to COVID related precautions, all devotees are requested not to bring anything from home or outside. (No exceptions)

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.