



Sri Lakshmi Temple

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Newsletter and Calendar

July-August-September 2013

President's Message

Dear SLT devotees and NEHTI members,

Namaste. I am happy to reintroduce our Temple's quarterly calendar and newsletter after a long hiatus. The new Board of Trustees for the year 2013-2014 took office on May 8th 2013. The new officers are: L.N. Raghavan (Chairman), Solai Annamalai (Secretary), Ranjini Ramaswamy (President), and Chokku Manian (Treasurer). The other trustees of NEHTI are: Ammani Dasari, Govinda Bhisetti, Ganesh Krishnan, Sethumadhavan Kumar, K.G. Narayana, Ram Noduri, Jatinder Sharma, and Ranjit Singanayagam.

Since January of this year, all the regular religious events and festival were conducted as usual on a grand scale, including Ayyappa Mandala Puja, Makara Sankaranthi, Maha Shivaratri, Nataraja Ratha Yatra, Rama Navami with Akanda Tulasidas Ramayana Parayanam, Sri Sookta Homam for Sri Lakshmi, Brahmaotsavam, and Pushpa Yagam for Sri Lakshmi.

Our Temple also hosted many cultural events, including a combined Bharathanatyam and Kathak performance by the popular dancer Vidhushi Smt Chitra Arvind from Bangalore in May, and a Hari Katha on the composer Annamacharya by the well-known artist Savitri Jayanti from Andhra Pradesh in June. The annual dance program of Nrithyanjali by students and teachers was conducted for Karthikeya Puja in February, and in March for Maha Shivaratri and Natyanjali. The annual Temple Trimurthy Day music program was well attended by various teachers and students.

The much-needed repairs and renovations inside the Temple started a few months ago and are progressing well. Damaged floor tiles inside and around the three main sanctums have been replaced with granite tiles. Leaks from the gopurams are being fixed, after being a persistent problem over the years. The work inside the Temple will be ongoing for the next few months, and I request your indulgence for any inconvenience during this time. After some delays and setbacks in the plans for our expansion, I am happy to report that we are now moving forward vigorously to implement that project this year.



Utsava murtis of Lord Venkateswara and Sri Lakshmi adorned for Lakshmi Kalyana Utsavam.

With the help and support of the priests, staff members, Trustees and our team of devoted volunteers, we are streamlining various aspects of the temple operations. I invite your suggestions on any aspect that needs improvement in your opinion. Please continue to support the Temple in every way you can since it is very crucial to the welfare and progress of our beautiful Sri Lakshmi Temple.

"Temples are not merely places of worship. They are standing monuments of our social life and of our ancient tradition and culture."

Thank you for your help and support of Sri Lakshmi Temple. May the blessings of Sri Lakshmi be always with you and your family.

Ranjini Ramaswamy
President



Calendar of Events

July-August-September 2013

<i>July</i>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event(s)</u>
1-Jul	Mon.	Shiva Abhishekam
4-Jul	Thu.	Krthikai
5-Jul	Fri.	Pradosham
6-Jul	Sat.	Monthly Ayyappa Puja
7-Jul	Sun.	Amavasya (Hanuman Abhishekam), Sri Suktha Homam
8-Jul	Mon.	Shiva Abhishekam
9-Jul	Tue.	Punarvasu
12-Jul	Fri.	Shukla Chathurthi
14-Jul	Sun.	Shukla Shashti, Aani Thirumanjanam, Rathotsavam for Lord Nataraja
15-Jul	Mon.	Shiva Abhishekam
17-Jul	Wed.	Aadi Pandikai, Swathi
19-Jul	Fri.	Aadi Velli, Ekadasi Utsavam
20-Jul	Sat.	Pradosham
22-Jul	Mon.	Pournami (Sathya Narayana Puja), Shiva Abhishekam
23-Jul	Tue.	Sravanam
25-Jul	Thu.	Sankatahara Chathurthi
26-Jul	Fri.	Aadi Velli
29-Jul	Mon.	Shiva Abhishekam
31-Jul	Wed.	Aadi Krithikai

<i>August</i>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event(s)</u>
2-Aug	Fri.	Aadi Velli
3-Aug	Sat.	Ayyappa Puja
4-Aug	Sun.	Sri Suktha Homam, Pradosham
5-Aug	Mon.	Punarvasu, Shiva Abhishekam
6-Aug	Tue.	Aadi Amavasya (Hanuman Abhishekam)
9-Aug	Fri.	Aadi Velli, Aadi Pooram
10-Aug	Sat.	Shukla Chathurthi, Aadi Pooram - Andal Utsavam Celebrations
11-Aug	Sun.	Naga Panchami, Garuda Panjami, Garuda Homam, Abhishekam
12-Aug	Mon.	Shiva Abhishekam, Shukla Shashti
13-Aug	Tue.	Swathi
16-Aug	Fri.	Aadi Velli, Varalakshmi Viradham
17-Aug	Sat.	Ekadasi Utsavam
18-Aug	Sun.	Pradosham
19-Aug	Mon.	Shiva Abhishekam, Natarajar Abhishekam

<i>August (cont'd)</i>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event(s)</u>
20-Aug	Tue.	Pournami (Sathya Narayana Puja), Sravanam, Aavani Avittam Rig, Yajur Veda Upakarma
21-Aug	Wed.	Gayathri Japam
24-Aug	Sat.	Sankatahara Chathurthi
26-Aug	Mon.	Shiva Abhishekam
28-Aug	Wed.	Krthikai, Gokulashtami/Janmashtami
29-Aug	Thu.	Sri Jayanthi

<i>September</i>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event(s)</u>
1-Sep	Sun.	Punarvasu, Sri Suktha Homam
2-Sep	Mon.	Pradosham, Shiva Abhishekam
5-Sep	Thu.	Amavasya (Hanuman Abhishekam)
6-Sep	Fri.	Ganesha Laksharchana, Pooram
7-Sep	Sat.	Ganesha Laksharchana, Sama Veda Upakarma
8-Sep	Sun.	Ganesha Laksharchana
9-Sep	Mon.	Swathi, Ganesha Chathurthi, Shiva Abhishekam
11-Sep	Wed.	Shukla Shashti
14-Sep	Sat.	Ayyappa Puja
15-Sep	Sun.	Ekadasi Utsavam
16-Sep	Mon.	Sravanam, Shiva Abhishekam
17-Sep	Tue.	Pradosham
19-Sep	Thu.	Pournami (Sathya Narayana Puja)
20-Sep	Fri.	Mahalaya Paksham starts
21-Sep	Sat.	1st Purattasi Sat., Garuda Seva
22-Sep	Sun.	Sankatahara Chathurthi
23-Sep	Mon.	Shiva Abhishekam
24-Sep	Tue.	Kirthikai
28-Sep	Sat.	Punarvasu, 2nd Purattasi, Hanumantha Vahanam
30-Sep	Mon.	Mahalaya Paksham ends, Shiva Abhishekam



Regular Puja Services

Temple Hours:

Week days (Monday to Friday):

Morning: 9a – 12 noon, Evening: 5:30 – 9p

Saturday, Sunday & Holidays:

9a – 9p

Daily: 8:15p Sri Lakshmi Arati, 8:45p Ekanta Seva

Every

Monday - Rudra Abhishekam 6:30-8p

Tuesday - Sri Lalitha Sahasranamam 7-8p

Friday - Sri Mahalakshmi Abhishekam 9:30-11a,
Sri Mahalakshmi Sahasranama Archana 8p

Saturday - Sri Venkateswara Abhishekam 8:30-11a

Sunday - Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam 6p

1st Saturday - Ayyappa Abhishekam 6-8p

1st Sunday - Sri Sukta Homam 9:30-11a

2nd Friday - Sri Mahalakshmi Utsavam 7-8p

Pradosham - Rudra Abhishekam 6:30-8p

Sukla Sashti - Sri Murugar Abhishekam 6:30-7:30p

Sukla Chaturthi - Ganesha Abhishekam 6:30-7:30p

Sankatahara Chaturthi - Ganesha Abhishekam 6:30-8p

Punarvasu - Sri Rama Abhishekam 10-11a

Swathi - Sri Garuda Abhishekam & Sri Narasimhar Abhishekam 10-11a

Pournami - Samootha SatyaNarayana Puja, Weekdays 6:30-8p, Weekends/Holidays 3- 6p

Sukla Ekadasi - Sri Venkateswara Utsavam 10-11a

Sravanam - Sri LakshmiVenkateswara Utsavar Abhishekam 10-11a

Amavasya - Sri Hanuman Abhishekam 6-7:30p



Please Note:

Program times/dates are subject to change due to weather or other factors. Please check the Temple website www.SriLakshmi.org for detailed AM/PM event information and for the latest schedule, or call the Temple front-desk at 508-881-5775.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

July 7th: Discourse on Srimad Bhagavatham, in Tamil, by Sri Annaswamy Natarajan, 6-7:30p

July 14th: Ani Thirumanjanam Dance for Lord Nataraja by dance students, 1-3p



Sri Lakshmi Temple's Bala Vidya Mandir students enact Chitrakoota Darshanam during their Annual Day event on 21st June.



Call for Volunteers

We need dedicated volunteers for making garlands, managing the temple floor and for the front office. If you can volunteer some time to serve Sri Lakshmi Temple and our community, please email your contact info and availability to srilakshmitempleashlandma@yahoo.com.



Temple devotees pulling ratha (chariot) carrying utsava murtis of Lord Venkateswara and Sri Lakshmi during the Brahmotsavam celebrations in June.



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