



Sri Lakshmi Temple

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Newsletter and Calendar

October-November-December 2013

President's Message

Dear SLT devotees and NEHTI members,

Namaste. I am happy to share with you highlights of recent events and the calendar for the next three months.

The warm days of July and August brought devotees in large numbers to the Temple. The three-day Ut-savam for Sri Andaal was well attended. Another crowd gathering event was the Laksharchana and Chathurthi celebrations for Lord Ganesh. The space provided by removing the ledge on the side of the Temple grounds created additional parking area for the overflowing number of cars during these crowded occasions. This was a big help, since in the past we had to rent parking space outside the Temple to accommodate the devotees' vehicles.

Our focus on streamlining various aspects of Temple operations continues. We are working hard to increase cleanliness and to improve the atmosphere for worship. We request your help and cooperation in these areas. Please read and follow the guidelines included in this newsletter, and also give us suggestions for making your Temple experience better.

The maintenance repair inside the Temple is going on well. The minor leaks on the ceiling of the Mahamandapam have been fixed. The needed repairs on the roof will be done before the winter sets in. Many obstacles that were delaying our expansion plans have been cleared now and the construction of the annex will be starting soon.

Since the progress of our Sri Lakshmi Temple depends on your participation, I request your active support in whatever way you can contribute.

May the blessings of Sri Lakshmi be always with you and your family.

Ranjini Ramaswamy
President

A Request to Devotees

Sri Lakshmi Temple is your special place for worship, prayer and meditation. To make the Temple experience more pleasant and peaceful for all devotees, we request all of you to follow these simple guidelines:

- 1)** Please help us to maintain silence and tranquility in the main hall (Mahamandapam). Avoid unnecessary conversation and loud chanting or singing that might disturb other devotees. We need to reduce the noise level so that mantras or other chants can be heard.
- 2)** We request parents to ensure their children are quiet and well-behaved in the Mahamandapam. Please do not allow them to run, scream or play in the hall.
- 3)** "Cleanliness is next to Godliness". Help us to keep the Temple tidy. Please do not litter inside or outside, clean up after yourself, and put all your trash inside the bins.
- 4)** Please do not take photos/videos with cell-phones or cameras inside the Mahamandapam. Temple volunteers are assigned to do these tasks.
- 5)** Place all footwear on the racks, and not on the floor. Some elderly devotees have tripped on them when left outside.
- 6)** Do not eat or drink in the Mahamandapam. Please use the annex room or basement for the same.
- 7)** Based on the advice of the Health Department of the Town of Ashland, only food cooked inside the Temple kitchen may be distributed to devotees. Devotees who bring cooked offerings from home should follow the regulations listed in the basement. Private prasadam distribution is restricted to the basement area.

Remember, this is your Temple! Thank you for your cooperation to keep our sacred space clean and peaceful for the benefit of all devotees.

Dhanur Masa Puja Schedule from December 16-24

Suprabatham starts 5:45 AM ♦ Thiruppavai starts 6:15 AM ♦ Thiruvempavai Utsavam starts 6 AM



Calendar of Events

October-November-December 2013

October

Date	Time	Event(s)
01 Tu	7 PM	Sri Lalitha Sahasranamam
02 We	6:30 PM	Pradosham – Rudra Abhishekam
03 Th	10 AM	Pooram – Andal Abhishekam
04 Fr	9:30 AM	Sri Lakshmi Abhishekam
05 Sa	6:30 PM	Mahalaya Amavasya – Sri Hanuman Abhishekam
	9 AM	Purattasi Saturday – Sri Venkateswara Moolavar Vishesha Abhishekam
	11 AM	Perumal Utsavam during Sri Venkateswara Vishesha Alankaram
	1 PM	Thiruppavada, Annakuta Utsavam
	3 PM	Ayyappa Puja – Abhishekam, Bhajan & Aarati
	5:30 PM	Sarada Navratri, Day 1 – Chandi Parayanam, Lalitha Thrisathi Archana & Upachara Puja
06 Su	7 PM	Lakshmi Narayana Hridayam Parayanam
	9:30 AM	Sri Suktha Homam – Sri Lakshmi Abhishekam
	5:30 PM	Chandi Parayanam, Lalitha Thrisathi Archana & Upachara Puja
07 Mo	7 PM	Lakshmi Narayana Hridayam Parayanam
	10 AM	Swathi – Sri Garuda Abhishekam
	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhishekam
08 Tu	5:30 PM	Chandi Parayanam, Lalitha Thrisathi Archana & Upachara Puja
	6:30 PM	Sukla Chaturti – Ganesha Utsavar Abhishekam
	7 PM	Lakshmi Narayana Hridayam Parayanam
09 We	5:30 PM	Chandi Parayanam, Lalitha Thrisathi Archana & Upachara Puja
	7 PM	Lakshmi Narayana Hridayam Parayanam
10 Th	5:30 PM	Chandi Parayanam, Lalitha Thrisathi Archana & Upachara Puja
	6:30 PM	Sukla Sashti – Sri Murugar Abhishekam
	7 PM	Lakshmi Narayana Hridayam Parayanam
11 Fr	9:30 AM	Sri Lakshmi Abhishekam
	5:30 PM	Chandi Parayanam, Lalitha Thrisathi Archana & Upachara Puja
	7 PM	Lakshmi Narayana Hridayam Parayanam
12 Sa	7 PM	Kalasa Sthaba Prathishta, Chandi Parayanam, Bhairava Yogini Puja
	7 AM	Chandi Homam
	8:30 AM	Purattasi, Sri Venkateswara Moolavar Vishesha Abhishekam
13 Su	11 AM	Seshavahana Utsavam during Sri Venkateswara Vishesha Alankaram
	5:30 PM	Lalitha Sahasranama Archana and Upachara puja
	7 PM	Lakshmi Narayana Hridayam Parayanam
	10 AM	Saraswati Puja
	10:30 AM	Sri Venkateswara Uthsavar Abhishekam (<i>Shravanam</i>)
	4 PM	Pavitrotsavam Begins
	4 PM	Lalitha Sahasranama Archana, Sodasa Upachara Puja
	6 PM	Vijaya Dasami – Aksharabhyasam (Vidyabam) for children: Two batches at 6 & 6:45 PM, Temple will provide notepad and pencils
	6 PM	Pavitrotsavam Homam
	7 PM	Lakshmi Narayana Hridayam Parayanam
	7:30 PM	Sivakami Utsavam – Ambu Podudhal

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14 Mo	10:30 AM	Pavitrotsavam Homam
	4 PM	Pavitrotsavam Homam
	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhishekam
15 Tu	7 PM	Perumal Utsavam – Ashva Vahanam - Ambu Podudhal
	10:30 AM	Pavitrotsavam Homam
	6 PM	Pavitrotsavam Concludes
	7 PM	Sri Lalitha Sahasranamam
	8 PM	Ekadasi Uthsavam
16 We	6:30 PM	Pradosham – Rudra Abhishekam
17 Th	6 PM	Thula Vishuppunyakalam
	6 PM	Sri Natarajar Abhishekam
18 Fr	9:30 AM	Sri Lakshmi Abhishekam
	6:30 PM	Pournami – Samooha Sathyarayanana Puja
	7 PM	Maha Annabhishekam
19 Sa	8:30 AM	Sri Venkateswara Abhishekam
21 Mo	10 AM	Kirthikai – Subramanya Abhishekam
	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhishekam
22 Tu	6:30 PM	Sankatahara Chaturthi - Sri Ganesha Abhishekam
	7 PM	Sri Lalitha Sahasranamam
25 Fr	9:30 AM	Sri Lakshmi Abhishekam
26 Sa	8:30 AM	Sri Venkateswara Abhishekam
	10 AM	Punarvasu – Sri Rama Abhishekam
28 Mo	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhishekam
29 Tu	7 PM	Sri Lalitha Sahasranamam
30 We	10 AM	Pooram – Andal Abhishekam

November

Date	Time	Event(s)
01 Fr	9:30 AM	Sri Lakshmi Abhishekam
	6:30 PM	Pradosham – Rudra Abhishekam
	6 PM	Dhanteras & Dhanvantri Homam
02 Sa	8:30 AM	Sri Venkateswara Abhishekam
	9:30 AM	Divali (Deepavali) – Sri Lakshmi Abhishekam & Vishesha Aradhanam
	6:30 PM	Divali (Deepavali) – Lakshmi Kubera Puja
03 Su	8 PM	Sri Lakshmi Venkateswara Utsavam
	9 AM – 1 PM	Solar Eclipse, Temple closed
		Kedhara Gowri Vratam
	1 PM	Skanda Sashti Utsavam Begins
04 Mo	6:30 PM	Amavasya – Sri Hanuman Abhishekam
	10 AM	Skanda Sashti Homam
	6:30 PM	Skanda Sashti Vishesha Dravya Abhishekam
05 Tu	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhishekam
	10 AM	Skanda Sashti Homam
06 We	6:30 P	Skanda Sashti Vishesha Dravya Abhishekam
	7 PM	Sri Lalitha Sahasranamam
	10 AM	Skanda Sashti Homam
07 Th	6:30 PM	Skanda Sashti Vishesha Dravya Abhishekam
	6:30 PM	Sukla Chaturthi – Ganesha Abhishekam
	10 AM	Skanda Sashti Homam
08 Fr	6:30 PM	Skanda Sashti Vel Vangudhal & Vishesha Dravya Abhishekam
	9:30 AM	Sri Lakshmi Abhishekam
	10 AM	Skanda Sashti Homam
09 Sa	6:30 PM	Skanda Sashti Soorasamharam & Vishesha Dravya Abhishekam
	8:30 AM	Sri Venkateswara Abhishekam



	3 PM	Ayyappa Puja – Abhishekam, Bhajan & Aarthi
	7 PM	Skanda Shashti – Sri Subramanyar Kalyan Uthsavam
10 Su	8:30 AM	Sri Suktha Homam, Sri Lakshmi Abhishekam Sraavanam – Sri Venkateswara Uthsavar Abhishekam
11 Mo	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhishekam
12 Tu	7 PM	Sri Lalitha Sahasranamam
13 We	8 PM	Ekadasi Utsavam
14 Th	6:30 PM	Uthana/Vrindavana Dwadasi
15 Fr	9:30 AM	Sri Lakshmi Abhishekam
	6:30 PM	Pradosham – Rudra Abhishekam
16 Sa	8:30 AM	Sri Venkateswara Abhishekam
17 Su	3 PM	Karthikai 1st Day, Pournami – Samooha Sathyannarayana Puja
	4 PM	Ayyappa Mandala Puja Begins – Abhishekam, Bhajan & Aarathi
	6 PM	Annamalai Deepam, Bharani Deepam, Thiru Karthikai, Sarvalaya Deepam
	7 PM	Pancharathra Deepam
18 Mo	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhishekam
19 Tu	7 PM	Sri Lalitha Sahasranamam
21 Th	6:30 PM	Sankatahara Chaturthi – Sri Ganesha Abhishekam
	7:30 PM	Karthikai Thursday – Hanuman Abhishekam
22 Fr	9:30 AM	Sri Lakshmi Abhishekam
	10 AM	Punarvasu – Sri Ramar Abhishekam
23 Sa	8:30 AM	Sri Venkateswara Abhishekam
	6:30 PM	Ayyappa Mandala Puja – Bhajan, Padippattu, Alankara Deeparadhana, Namaskaram (Lokaveeryam), Harivarasanam, Annadhanam
25 Mo	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhishekam
26 Tu	10 AM	Pooram – Andal Abhishekam
	7 PM	Sri Lalitha Sahasranamam
28 Th	7:30 PM	Karthikai Thursday – Hanuman Abhishekam
29 Fr	9:30 AM	Sri Lakshmi Abhishekam
30 Sa	8:30 AM	Sri Venkateswara Abhishekam
	10 AM	Swathi – Sri Garuda Abhishekam
	6:30 PM	Pradosham – Rudra Abhishekam
	6:30 PM	Ayyappa Mandala Puja – Bhajan, Padippattu, Alankara Deeparadhana, Namaskaram (Lokaveeryam), Harivarasanam, Annadhanam

December

Date	Time	Event(s)
01 Su	9:30 AM	Sri Suktha Homam – Sri Lakshmi Abhishekam
02 Mo	6:30 PM	Amavasya – Sri Hanuman Abhishekam
	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhishekam
03 Tu	7 PM	Sri Lalitha Sahasranamam
05 Th	7:30 PM	Karthikai Thursday – Hanuman Abhishekam
06 Fr	9:30 AM	Sri Lakshmi Abhishekam
	6:30 PM	Sukla Chaturthi – Ganesha Abhishekam
07 Sa	8:30 AM	Sri Venkateswara Abhishekam
	9:30 AM	Panchama Theertham – Sri Lakshmi Moolavar Abhishekam
	10 AM	Sraavanam – Sri Venkateswara Uthsavar Abhishekam
	6 PM	Ayyappa Mandala Puja – Abhishekam, Bhajan, Padippattu, Alankara Deeparadhana, Namaskaram (Lokaveeryam), Harivarasanam, Annadhanam
08 Su	6:30 PM	Sukla Sashti – Sri Murugar Abhishekam
09 Mo	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhishekam
10 Tu	7 PM	Sri Lalitha Sahasranamam
12 Th	7:30 PM	Karthikai Thursday – Hanuman Abhishekam
13 Fr	9:30 AM	Sri Lakshmi Abhishekam

	6:00 PM	Kaisika Ekadasi – Perumal Utsavam, Pushpa Yagam
14 Sa	6 AM	Kaisika Dwadasi – Kaisika Purnapatanam
	8:30 AM	Sri Venkateswara Abhishekam
	4:00 PM	Hanumantha Vratam – Hanuman Homam & Abhishekam
	6:30 PM	Pradosham – Rudra Abhishekam
	6:30 PM	Ayyappa Mandala Puja – Bhajan, Padippattu, Alankara Deeparadhana, Namaskaram (Lokaveeryam), Harivarasanam, Annadhanam
15 Su	10 AM	Kirthikai – Subramanya Abhishekam
16 Mo	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhishekam
17 Tu	6 PM	Sri Natarajar Abhishekam
	7 PM	Sri Lalitha Sahasranamam
	6:30 PM	Pournami – Samoha Sathyannarayana Puja
18 We	5:30 AM	Dhanur Masa Puja – Suprabatham
	5:45 AM	Dhanur Masa Puja – Tiruppavai
	6:30 AM	Thiruvempavai Utsavam
	6:30 AM	Arudra Darsanam
19 Th	10 AM	Punarvasu – Sri Rama Abhishekam
20 Fr	9:30 AM	Sri Lakshmi Abhishekam
21 Sa	8:30 AM	Sri Venkateswara Abhishekam
	6:30 PM	Ayyappa Mandala Puja – Bhajan, Padippattu, Alankara Deeparadhana, Namaskaram (Lokaveeryam), Harivarasanam, Annadhanam
	6:30 PM	Sankatahara Chaturthi – Sri Ganesha Abhishekam
23 Mo	6:30 PM	Shiva Abhishekam
24 Tu	5:30 AM	Dhanur Masa Puja – Suprabatham
	5:45 AM	Dhanur Masa Puja – Pooram – Andal Niradal, Alankaram, Tiruppavai
	6 AM	Thiruvempavai Utsavam
	7 PM	Sri Lalitha Sahasranamam
27 Fr	9:30 AM	Sri Lakshmi Abhishekam
28 Sa	10 AM	Swathi – Sri Garuda Abhishekam
	6:30 PM	Ayyappa Mandala Puja – Bhajan, Padippattu, Alankara Deeparadhana, Namaskaram (Lokaveeryam), Harivarasanam, Annadhanam
30 Mo	6:30 PM	Pradosham – Rudra Abhishekam

A Letter from a Devotee

Dear Temple Management,

I am a resident of Nashua, NH and living in this area for over 25 years. I have been visiting Sri Laxmi Temple almost from inception. As a result, our family has developed such a close association with the temple that we literally regard it as “Chinna Tirupati”, which means it is the Tirupati Balaji for us in United States.

Additionally, we have also seen temple activities grow in strength with many excellent and dedicated volunteers. Of late, we have seen tremendous developments that are pivotally important to devotees. This is an age where any organization should be able to cater very well to the needs of their customers; in this case it is the Temple and the devotees. Sri Laxmi Temple Management have strived to do their best, hence delivering excellent results that future younger generations will cherish and work for greater uplift of Temple activities.

We are fortunate to have such a good temple atmosphere right in our backyard. Coming to this temple, really gives the solace that we in the US need to be able to handle the pressures, stress, and strain with ease.

Finally, thank you for all your tireless efforts. A fantastic job indeed!

Jai Srimannarayana
Ramesh Joginipalli



Regular Puja Services

Temple Hours:

Week days (Monday to Friday):

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

Saturday, Sunday & Holidays: 9a – 9p

Regular Puja Services

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 - Samooha 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.

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

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Young devotees pull the ratha (chariot) during Nataraja Utsavam



Two budding artists exchange notes at an Arts Class organized by YCEP

