

117 Waverly Street, Ashland, MA Phone - 508 881 5775 <u>www.srilakshmi.org</u>

2019 UPAKARMA (AAVANI AVITTAM) At SRI LAKSHMI TEMPLE

On August 15, 2019 (Thursday) RIG & YAJUR Veda UPAKARMA

Upākarma is conducted once a year during the shravana or Dhanisthā nakṣatra of the Hindu calendrical month Śrāvana. This helps Hindus ritually change their upanayana thread accompanied by relevant śrauta rituals, making śrāddha offerings to the rishis, whom Hindus believe composed the Vedic hymns. The day, also called Śrāvana Pūrnima "Full Moon of Śrāvana" in other parts of India, usually occurs the day after the Śravana nákṣatra, which also marks the Onam festival of Kerala.

Devotees who wish to use the services of our learned temple priests can visit the temple according to their convenience on Thursday August 15, 2019 at either of the following times:

Batch 1: 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. (No homam) Batch 2: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. (No homam) Batch 3: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (With Homam)

Sponsorship: \$50 (Which include light breakfast after the event)

Note: Devotees are requested to come with appropriate dress (Dhoti and Angavasthram) and bring Pancha Pathram, Uddharani, Thambalam (Plate) & Pot / Vessel (for water) Brahmacharis who does first time Upakarma should bring Cocunut, Flowers and Fruits

Priest / Acharya Sambhavana at your discretion

On August 16, 2019 (Friday) GAYATHRI HOMAM & JAPAM

Scheduled to begin with homam at 6 a.m. **Sponsorship: \$50**

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