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Mahā Shivarātri Pooja – Friday, February 24th 2017 Lord Siva and Pārvathy Kalyānam – Saturday, February 25^h

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उर्वारुकमिव बन्धनान् मृत्योर्मुक्षीय मामृतात् ॥

Program Details

Friday 24th evening - thru early hours of Saturday

- ❖ 07:00 PM : Rudrabhishekam
- ❖ 08:00 PM : Archana, Aarati
- ❖ 09:30 PM : Mahanyasa Purvaka Ekadashavara Rudrabhishekam (begins)
- ❖ ~03:00 AM : Ekadashavara Rudrabhishekam (concludes) followed by Archana, and Maha Aarati (Note: Ekadasha means '11' times in Sanskrit)

Friday 24th other significant schedules

- ❖ 09:00 AM : Sri Mahalakshmi Abhishekam
- ❖ 11:00 AM : Archana, Aarati
- ❖ 07:00 PM : Sri Venkateswara Sahasranama Archana

Saturday 25th evening schedules

- ❖ 05:30 PM : Cultural events (details to follow)
- ❖ 06:30 PM : Lord Siva and Parvathy Kalyanam
- ❖ 08:00 PM : Archana, Aarati

Sponsorship Opportunity

- ❖ Sri Mahalakshmi Abhishekam or Rudrabhishekam (\$51.00)
- ❖ Mahanyasa Purvaka Ekadasha Rudrabhishekam (\$101.00)
- ❖ Lord Siva-Parvathy Kalyanam (\$51.00)
- ❖ Archana; Pushpa Mala Alankaram
- ❖ Annadanam (Food Sponsorship)

Note: Contact Office for pooja sponsorships details

Maha Shivaratri - the night of the worship of Lord Siva

Maha Shivaratri, the night of the worship of Lord Siva, occurs on the 13th night/14th day of the new moon during the dark half of the month of Phalgun or Maagh according to the Hindu calendar. Maha Shivaratri is an auspicious and important festival. Hindus celebrate this religious festival with great enthusiasm. It is also popular as 'Shivratri' or 'Great Night of Lord Siva'. Lord Siva's family is composed of his wife Goddess Parvathy (Sakti), and their two sons Lord Ganesha and Lord Kartikeya (Subrahmanya).

Numerous interesting and intriguing mythological stories are believed pertaining to the celebration to Maha Shivratri. Many believe that Maha Shivaratri signifies the auspicious night when Lord Siva performed the dance 'Tandava' that led to the creation, conservation and devastation of the universe.

The Festivity:

Devotees observe a strict fast on this day. Some do not even take a drop of water and they keep vigil all night. The Siva Lingam is worshipped throughout the night by performing abhishekam with milk, curd, honey, rose water, etc., whilst the chanting of the Mantra "Om Namah Shivaya" continues. Offerings of Bael (Bilva) leaves are made to the Lingam as Bael leaves are considered very sacred and dear to Lord Siva.

Join us and take part in the Maha Shivaratri Pooja, followed by Lord Siva-Parvathy Kalyanam on **Saturday 25th** and obtain the blessings of Lord Siva and Goddess Parvathy. Please note cultural events are scheduled between 5:30pm to 6:30pm on Saturday 25th evening to mark the celebrations.

For more details Contact: officemanagers@htccwa.org; Phone: 425-483-7115