

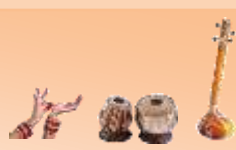
# Hindu Temple and Cultural Center

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## Chithirai/Tamil, Vishu/Kerala and Baisakhi/Punjab New Year Celebrations

Sunday 14th April, 2019



### Pooja Schedules

- ❖ 11:00 AM - Tamil and Malayalam New year event - Sri Subrahmanya Abhishekam
- ❖ 11:30 AM - Skanda Shashti Kavacha Pārāyanam
- ❖ 12:30 PM - Archana and Ārati
- ❖ 06:30 PM - Sri Subrahmanya Parivār - procession
- ❖ 07:00 PM - Tamil & Malayalam Panchānga Śravaṇa
- ❖ 08:00 PM - Archana and Ārati

### Sponsorship Opportunity

- ❖ Sri Subrahmanya Abhishekam (\$51.00)
- ❖ Archana (\$10.00)
- ❖ Pushpa Mala Alankaram\*
- ❖ Annadanam, (\$151.00, Food Sponsorship)\*

Note: \*Contact Office for scheduling

### Chithirai, Vishu and Baisakhi celebrations

Puthandu (Tamil: புத்தாண்டு), or better known as Tamil New Year or Chithirai Pirappu. According to traditional Tamil calendar, 14<sup>th</sup> April marks the Tamil New Year and Kerala New Year. Also, 14<sup>th</sup> April is observed as Baisakhi in Punjab. **Baisakhi** is an ancient festival of Hindus, marking the Solar New Year and also celebrating the spring harvest.

One of the prime highlight of the Tamil New Year is the feast that is prepared. "Maanga Pachadi" is the most important dish of the New Year feast. The auspicious almanac called Panchāngam is also read as a ritualistic habit. This varusham (year), it is called Śri Vikāri Varusham.

**Vishu** comes on the first day of the Medum month of the Malayalam calendar. Vishu holds a great significance for the people of Kerala as it is the New Year day. The term Vishu is derived from a Sanskrit word Vishua which means equal parts. On this day, the day and the night are of equal time duration. The tradition of Vishu Kani, which literally means the first thing to be seen on New Year morning. On the day of Vishu people prepare special food - Sadya, which is feasted by the entire family.

Come and visit the temple with your family and friends and take part in the New Year celebrations...

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