



Hindu Temple and Cultural Center

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Thai Poosam
Celebrations
Saturday, February 11th 2017



Significance of Thai Poosam

Thai Poosam is dedicated to Lord Murugan, the son of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. Lord Murugan is also known as Kartikeya, Subrahmanya, Sanmukha, Shadanana, Skanda and Guha. It is believed that on this day, Goddess Parvati presented a Lance (Vel) to Lord Murgan to vanquish the demon army of Tarakasura and combat their evil deeds.

Hence, Thai Poosam is a celebration of the victory of good over evil. Lord Murugan killed Tarakasuran during the Poosam star of the Month Thai. Hence it led to the celebration of **Thai Poosam**.

The festival is celebrated with much fervor. On the Thai Poosam day, most devotees of Lord Murugan offer him fruits and flowers of yellow or orange color - his favorite colors and also adorn dresses of the same color.

Many devotees bear milk, water, fruits and floral tributes on pails hung from a yoke and carry them on their shoulders to various Murugan temples, far and near. This wooden or bamboo structure called '**Kavadi**', which is covered with cloth and decorated with feathers of peacock, the vehicle of Lord Murugan.

Thai Poosam Celebration Schedules

- ❖ 11:00 AM: Paalkudam/Milk Pot and Kavadi Procession, followed by Sri Subrahmanya and Sri Ayyappa Abhishekams
- ❖ 12:30 PM: Archana and Aarati

Limited Milk Pots and limited Kavadi are available at the temple for **nominal charges** for the event usage.

Note: \$10 for Milk pot and \$21 for Kavadi (first come first serve basis.. please)

Contact Office to register and for the allocation of kavadi.

(Devotees are recommended to bring their own milk pot)

Sponsorship Opportunity

- ❖ Lord Muruga, Lord Venkateswara and Sri Ayyappa Abhishekams
- ❖ Archana
- ❖ Pushpa Mala Alankaram
- ❖ Annadanam (Food Sponsorship)

Note: Contact Office for sponsorship/seva charge details

Other Significant Schedules of the day

- ❖ 10:30am - Sri Venkateswara Abhishekam
- ❖ 12:30pm - Archana, and Aarati
- ❖ 07:00pm - Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam
- ❖ 08:00pm: Archana, and Aarati

Join us with family and participate in all the events of the day and obtain Lord's blessings

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