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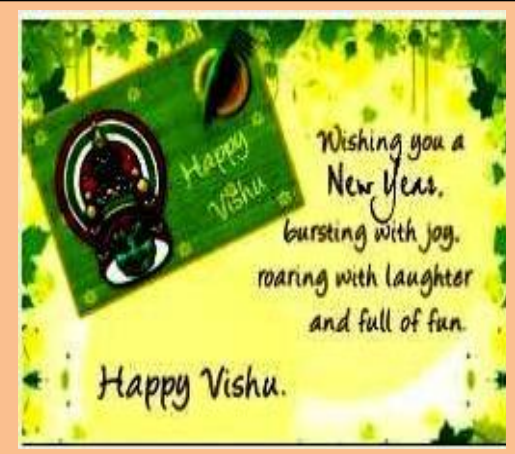
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Chithirai/Tamil, Vishu/Kerala and Baisakhi/Punjab New Year Celebrations

Tuesday 13th April, 2021



Pooja Schedules

- ❖ 07:00 PM - Utsava Mūrthy (s) Vishesha Archana
- ❖ 07:30 PM - Tamil & Malayalam Panchānga Śravaṇa (Sri Plava Nāma Samvatsara) Followed by Mahā Manqārāti

Sponsorship Opportunity

- ❖ Vishesha Archana (\$21.00)
- ❖ Pushpa Mala Alankaram*

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, April marks the Tamil New Year and Kerala New Year. Also, during April New Year 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 Plava Nāma 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.

Recitation of Panchānga - Śri Plava Nāma Samvatsara

Later, people traditionally gather to listen to the recitation of the religious Panchānga of the New Year, and the general forecast of the year to come. This is called the ' Panchānga Śravaṇa ', an informal social function where the priest will read the New Year Panchānga. Visit the temple with your family and friends and take blessings of Iṣṭa-devatās, and take part in - Panchānga Śravaṇa.

Please note this year due to CDC regulations, distribution of Prasadams in the Temple premises is strictly prohibited.

Temple is open for Darshan for limited time slots & by advance reservation/booking only

1. Book in advance for additional slots - available on Tuesday 13th.
2. Masks/face coverings and safe distancing per CDC/WA Guidelines to be met at all times, while in the temple.

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