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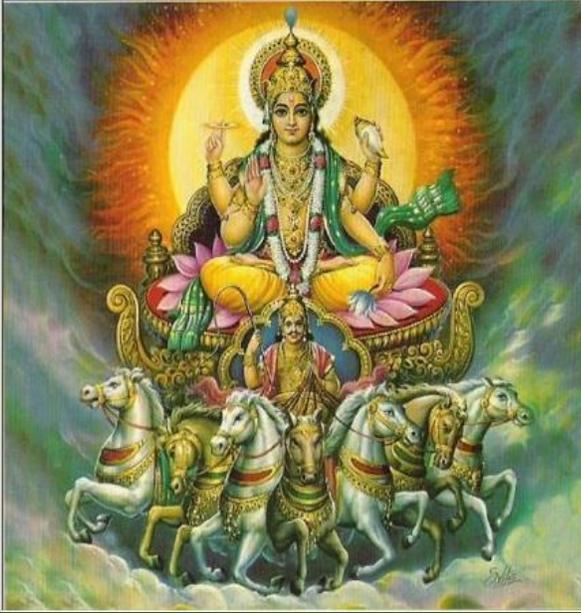
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## Makara Sankrānti/Pongal, Thursday 14th January 2021



As per Vedic Hindu philosophy, Sri Surya Deva is the king of all the planets. And Makara in Sanskrit literally means Capricorn whereas, Sankranti denotes transition. Hence, Surya Deva's transition from Sagittarius to Capricorn sign in the northern hemisphere, during winter is called 'The Makara Sankranti'.

Makara Sankrānti is celebrated in Kerala at Sabarimala where the Makara Jyothi is visible followed by the Makara Vilakku celebrations. Devout Hindus believe that the *jyothi* is a celestial phenomenon and its sighting is auspicious.

### Pooja Schedules

- ❖ 07:00 PM - Sri Ayyappa Padi pooja
- ❖ 07:00 PM - Śri Venkateswara Sahasranāma archana
- ❖ 08:00 PM - Vishesha Archana followed by Arti
- ❖ 08:30 pm - Sri Saibaba Shej Arti

### Sponsorship Opportunity

- ❖ Sri Ayyappa Abhishekam/padi pooja (\$55.00)
- ❖ Pushpa Māla Alankāram\*
- ❖ Vishesha Archana (\$21.00)

Note: \* Contact Office for scheduling

### Makara Sankrānti celebrations

Makara Sankranti festival is celebrated for innumerable reasons and in innumerable ways depending on cultural background and location in various states of India. Apart from geographical significance this festival also has historical and religious significance. Uttarāyana marks the beginning of the days of Devtas and it was on this day that Sri Vishnu ended the terror of asuras or demons and buried their heads under mandar parvat.

The festival is celebrated with distinct names and varied customs all over India. In Tamilnadu and Andhra Pradesh the festival is called Pongal, in Punjab it is known as Lohri, in Gujarat and Rajasthan it is known as Uttarāyan and in Assam it is known as Bhogali bihu. In rest of the Indian states including Mahārāshtra, it is known as Makar Sankrānti or Makara Sankrānti. In Gujarat the kite flying is very famous event on this day.

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

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