

**SRI SELVA VINAYAKAR KOYIL (GANESHA TEMPLE)
BRISBANE (South Maclean)**



Newsletter 132

**Maarkali/ Pausha/Taişya Month (mid-January 2018 to mid-February 2018)
Festivals**

Dear Sri Selva Vinayaka devotees,

**Hindu Ahlaya Sangam Qld Inc (HASQ) cordially invites you to Sri Selva Vinayakar
Temple Brisbane (South Maclean) for Thai / Pausha/Taişya Month Festivals.**

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Thaipongal /Ayyappan Makara Jyothy Festivals on Sunday 14 January 2018



Program	Time
Pongal Starts front of the temple	7:00am
Pongal Puja/Soorya Puja	8:30am
Regular Puja	9:00am
Pongal Prasatham	9:45am
Ayyappa Swamy Makara Jyothi Special Bajans and Poojai	4:30-6:00pm

Significance of the Thai Pongal:

Pongal is an ancient festival of people in South India particularly Tamils.

The history of the festival can be traced back to the Sangam Age i.e. 200 B.C to 300 A.D.

Although, Pongal originated as a Dravidian Harvest festival and has a mention in Sanskrit Puranas, historians identify the festival with the Thai Un and Thai Niradal which are believed to have been celebrated during the Sangam Age.

Significance of Swamy Ayyapan Worship:

Sabarimalai Ayyappan temple is in Kerala India. This temple fully dedicated to Swamy Ayyappan.

This world famous Hindu hill shrine open for annual festival from mid-November to mid-January.

Devotees from all over the world make pilgrimage to Sabarimali during this festival season. The two-month pilgrim season called Mandala kaalam.

The grand festival concludes with the Makara Jyothi-Vilaku session on mid-January.

Note: Local council fire and safety regulation.

Devotees who wish to do Pongal in front of Vali Pillayar required to inform the committee.
Lighting fire is safety issue and the committee should be aware of this.

Abhirami Thinam New Moon -Thai Amavasai on Tuesday 16 January 2018



Program	Time
Abishekam for Goddess Abhirami	6:00pm
Special Puja for Goddess Abhirami with regular puja	7:30pm
Singing Abhirami Anthathi hymns	7:45pm
Prasatham	8:00pm

Monthly Chaturthy Viratham on Saturday 20 January 2018



Chaturthi (Sukla patksha) which comes after New moon day called Chaturthi or Monthly Chaturthi.

Ganesha Mantra:

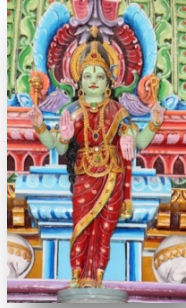
*“Vakratunda Mahaakaaya Suryakoti Samaprabhaa
Nirvighnam Kurumedeva Sarvakaaryeshu Sarvadaa”.*

Translation:

*“O Lord Ganesha of large body, curved trunk, with the brilliance of a million suns
Please make all my work free of obstacles, always.”*

Program	Time
Abishekam	4:30pm
Regular Puja	6:00pm
Vasantha mandapa Alankara Pooja and Circumambulation of Lord Selva Vinayakar inner sanctum	6:30pm

Lalitha Sahasra nama Stotram Chanting on Sunday 21 January 2018



Lalitha Sahasranamam (1000 names of Goddess Lalithambikai Devi) is a secret and very sacred text or mantra in Hindu religion. This mantra has been revealed to mankind through the discussion between lord Hayagriva and the great sage Agasthya.

At Selvavinayakar Kovil every third Sunday of the month Lalitha Sahastra Nama parayanam being recited with special Poojai to Goddess Lalithambikai.

Program	Time
Regular Poojai	9.00am
Sri Lalitha Sahasra namam & Mahishasuramardhini Stotram Parayanam	10.30am
Special Deepa Arathanai to Goddess Lalithambikai.	11.30am

Ratha Saphami on Wednesday 24 January 2018



Ratha Saphami is a very auspicious day in the Tamil month of Thai. As we are aware Lord Surya is the source of life by providing sunlight and is placed at the centre of Nava grahams. Lord Surya the king of planets rides on a chariot that is pulled by seven horses.

Ratha saphami is celebrated is on the seventh day after the Lord Surya starts his northerly movement called Uththarayana,. Ratha means chariot, saphami is the seventh day. Lord Surya was born on this day to Kashyapa Maharishi and his wife Adithi. This day hence marks the birth of Lord Surya and is also celebrated as Surya jayanthi.

Lord Surya is an amsam or the form of Lord Vishnu and hence Lord Vishnu is worshipped on that day. Therefore every year Ratha Saphami is an important day in Thirumala when Lord Venkateswara and his consorts are taken in circumbulation on this day.

On the Ratha Saphami day, the prayers to Lord Vishnu and Surya are offered early in the morning and Adhithya Hrudayam slokam and other Surya slokas like Surya ashtakam and seek the blessings of Lord Surya and Lord Vishnu.

Thai Poosam Festival on Wednesday 31 January 2018



Program	Time
Regular Puja	9:00am
Sankalpam for Kalasa Abishekam	9:30am
Kavadi and Paal Kudam(Milk Pot) To Lord Murugan(Skantha)	10:00am

Special Puja to Lord Murugan	11:00am
Vasantha Mandapa Puja to Lord Murugan	11:30am
Circumambulation Lord murugan inner and outer sanctum	12:00noon
Annathanam(Free Lunch)	12:30pm

Note: Evening regular puja will be at 7:00pm. Temple will be closed at 7:30pm due to Lunar eclipse.



Devotees wish to participate on Kaavadi, carrying milk pot or Katpoora Chatti please contact temple as soon as possible.

Cost: \$21.00/person

Monthly Bajans and Religious talks on Friday 2 February 2018



Sri Selva Vinayakar (Ganesha) Temple encourages devotees to participate on monthly devotional bajans group. Bajans are held on the first Friday of each month with religious talk by special speakers after the evening Puja at 7.30pm. Please feel free to join the group and bring your instruments if you know to play at the bajans.

Sankatahara Chaturthi on Saturday 03 February 2018



Sankatahara Chathurthi

Chathurthi (Krishna Paksha) which comes after Full moon day called Sankatahara Chathurthi. At our temple Lord Ganesha's pooja performed in the evening. It is believed that the person who does Sankatahara Chathurthi poojai will get relieved from all their worries and troubles.

The HASQ is looking for devotees to sponsor an abishekam in the morning or evening for Sankadahara Chathurthi . Please contact Temple or the President and leave your details for the bookings.

Cost for an Abishekam for Sankadahara Chathurthi is \$201.00.

Vishnu Sahasra Naamam & Paaraayanam on Sunday 04 February 2018



Program	Time
Abishekam for Narayanar	10:00am
Sahastra Nama Parayanam, Manthra Pushpam and Hanuman Challisa	10:30am
Special Poojai Mangalam and Maha Aarthi at Maha Vishnu Sannithi	11:00am

For further information please contact our Temple on 07 5547 7302 or the president Mr: M.Surendra on Mobile: 0407 753 991

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