

S.V. Temple Newsletter



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Lord Hayagreeva

The Embodiment of Higher Intelligence

Lord Hayagreeva – A Vedic Deity: The four *vedas* – *Ruk*, *Yajus*, *Saama* and *Atharvana* are the source of all knowledge in the world. They are the basic scriptures in Hindu religion. The word ‘*Veda*’ is derived from Sanskrit language, indicating knowledge or wisdom. It is this Vedic knowledge, revealed through stories in our later epics like *Ramayana*, *Mahabharata* (also *Bhagavad Gita*, a part of *Mahabharata*) and *SriMath Bhaagavatam*. To preserve this knowledge Lord Sri Maha Vishnu has incarnated in different avatars.



Hayagreeva, the sixteenth incarnation, is one among those which is less known divine avatar of Lord Vishnu. This avatar took place when *Vedas* were stolen by the demons (Madhu and Kaitabha) so He is considered as a Vedic deity of our Hindu religion.

Hayagreeva Meaning and Significance:

Hayagreeva is literally a two-word combination *haya* and *greeva* in which the word ‘*haya*’ means horse and ‘*greeva*’ means neck. He is also called as “*Hayaseersha*” or “*Hayavadana*”. So Hayagreeva is an incarnation of Vishnu, depicted with a horse head and a human body, has 4 arms with one in the mode of bestowing knowledge, another holds books of wisdom (*vedas*) and the other two hold conch and discus, seated on a white lotus with His consort Sri Maha Lakshmi. Hayagreeva stays as an embodiment of higher intelligence. He is the principal and presiding deity of all wisdom and knowledge. He is also considered as the guru of Goddess Saraswathi, the celestial patron of arts and sciences. It is believed that Sri Dakshina Murthy who is considered as first (*adi*) guru was also blessed with the power of knowledge (*vidya sakthi*) by Hayagreeva.

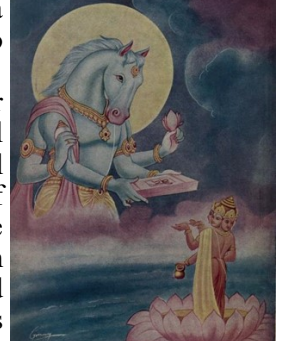


Lord Brahma also worships Hayagreeva on Hayagreeva *Jayanthi* (birthday). Students worship Lord Hayagreeva on this day for betterment of their studies in different parts of India.

Stories associated with Hayagreeva *Jayanthi* - There are many versions and references to Hayagreeva throughout the *Puranas*, *Mahabharata* and *Devi Bhaagavatham*.

One of the most common legends state that during the creation, after Lord Vishnu created Brahma, he taught Brahma all the eternal *Vedas*. Once Lord Brahma had mastered the *Vedas*, he was filled with pride that he was the

only entity that had the knowledge of all eternal and holy *Vedas*. Then Lord Vishnu thought of teaching Brahma a lesson and He created the two demons Madhu (*Rajo guna*) and Kaithaba (*Tamo guna*). Based on the instructions given to them, the two demons stole the *Vedas* from Brahma and carried them away to the underworld – *Rasaathala*. Having lost the *Vedas* (the light of knowledge), the whole world was surrounded by darkness. Unable to carry on his work of creation, without the *Vedas*, Brahma rushed to Lord Vishnu and pleaded for help to restore the *Vedas*, so Lord Vishnu then took the form of lustrous white horse faced Hayagreeva avatar and hurried to the underworlds, neighing loudly. The neighing of Lord Hayagreeva resembles *udgeetha*, the music of *Saama Veda*. Then Lord Hayagreeva destroyed the asuras and restored the *Vedas* back to Brahma on *Sravana Purnima* (full moon day in August). This day is observed as his *avatara-dina* or Hayagreeva *Jayanthi*. That is why a special ritual called ‘*upakarma*’ is done on this day with special worships. He signifies as the restorer (protector) of *Vedas* from the clutches of ignorance. In the picture on the right, we can see Lord Viṣṇu in the form of Hayagreeva restoring the sacred *Vedas* that had been hidden in the depths of the oceans (*Rasataala*) to Brahma.



There is another narration in *Puraanas* on Hayagreeva related with Saint Agastya. In Kanchipuram, Saint Agasthya did a severe penance on Lord Vishnu and requested him to tell *Devi Mahatmyam* (Greatness of Goddess). The Lord who was immensely pleased with his *tapas* (penance), appeared as Hayagreeva and blessed the Saint with *Devi stotras*. It is Lord Hayagreeva who taught Saint Agasthya the two famous *Devi Stotras* - *Lalitha Sahasranama Stotra* (the 1000 names of Lalitha) and *Lalitha Trishati Stotra*. This is described in the form of instructions imparted to Saint Agasthya by Lord Hayagreeva in the 36th chapter of *Lalithopakyana* in *Brahmanda Puraanam*.

Lord Hayagreeva is considered important deity and being prayed in *Dwaitha sampradaya* (*madhvas*).

Description of Hayagreeva - The great Hayagreeva appears as the white horse faced, flawless *sphatika* (white) hued form with *divya tejam* (divine valor). The *vedas* made up his shape, with a lovely long nose, like the heaven surrounded by white bright stars.

Bhumi (Earth) became his forehead, the upper world and the lower world became his ears, the rays of Sun were his mane, the Sun and Moon his eyes, Ganga and Saraswathi became his eyebrows, *sandhya devatas* (who endow both the day and night at a time) became his nostrils, *pithru devatas* (ancestors) became his teeth, *Golokam* (world of cows and animals) and *Brahma lokam* (world where Lord Brahma lives) became his two lips,

kaalaraathri (darknight) became his neck, his body built of all the great gods; in the middle of his head was Lord Shiva, in his heart was Lord Brahma, *Agni* (god of fire) was his tongue, the goddess *Satya* (Truth) his speech, while his knees were formed by the *Maruts* (known as the Marutagana and sometimes identified as storm or wind deities) and *Varuna* (god of oceans). The *Vashu*'s and *Sadhya*'s were his legs, in all his bones were other gods. The *divya tejas sathva murthy* Sri Hayagreeva thus, in a grandest beautiful manner praised in this way, by the different saints and ascetics.

The *vedas*, in the form of *mantras* and holy chants are very powerful sounds and these *mantras* contain *Beejaksharaas* (vital letters for education). Though we are not able to chant all the *mantras* and the hidden *Beejaksharaas*, a sincere prayer to Lord Hayagreeva will bring us all the power of learning. He feels pleased especially, when the below sloka from Hayagreeva stotra (Sri Vedaantha Desika) is recited.

Gnananandamayam Devam, Nirmalam Spatikakrutham |
Aadharam Sarva Vidyanaam Hayagreevam Upaasmahe |

It is believed that one who chants the Hayagreeva stotram daily will become successful and be able to overcome all difficulties. He removes all our obstacles and blesses us with the most powerful and the greatest knowledge, which helps to achieve greater results. Lord Hayagreeva is thus the personification of all divine knowledge.

In our SV Temple, we have performed the unique Hayagreeva puja with Hayagreeva Homam on January 26th, 2019, under the supervision of H.H Sri Ahobila jeeyar swami ji from JET organization, with the help of our temple priests, local JET chapter members and community volunteers. Many families with kids participated in this auspicious event and got the blessings of Swami ji. Many people noticed the horse shaped flame at the end of Homam, which a good omen for all devotees is involved in this event. The SV Temple Management has decided to perform this unique event every year in summer for the greater goodness of Indian community and for the kids of future generations.





Upcoming Events and Festivals

Date	Event
July 16	Guru Purnima
August 1 – 4	Ashta Lakshmi Sametha Sri Venkateswara Swamy Brahmotsavam (Temple 3rd Anniversary Celebrations)
August 4	Naga Panchami / Garuda Panchami
August 9	Vara Lakshmi Vratam
August 14	Raksha Bandhan and Ruk-Yajur Upakarma
August 22	Sri Krishna Janmasthami (Smartha)
August 23	Gokula Ashtami (Vaishnava)
September 2	Ganesh Chaturthi
TBD	Ganesh Nimarjan
September 8	SV Temple School Open House
September 29	Sharad Navaratri Begins
October 5 – 7	Durgasthmi, Maharnavami, Vijaya Dashami (Dussera)
October 27	Diwali Lakshmi puja(Naraka Chaturdashi)
October 28	Karthika Masam Begins
October 31	Nagula Chavithi
November 9	Shani Trayodashi
November 11	Karthika Deepostavam / Karthika Pournami
December 7	Gita Jayanthi
December 16	Dhanurmasam Begins

“Health Benefits of Vegetarian Diet

by Dr. Jyothsna Reddy, Founder and Director of SV Temple

Vegetarian diet or vegetarianism is a very ancient custom among Indians and Asians, although recently this vegetarian diet has been gaining high popularity in the USA, Europe and all over the world. There is also popularity for Vegan diet among youth and teenagers, especially females and a lot of celebrities. Vegetarian diet has a whole range of diets practiced with varying degrees of restrictions, including Vegan diet. Vegan diet is more stricter, which contains less fat, low calories and more fiber so the vegans tend to be more thinner and have less health issues. Below are some Health effects of vegetarian diet:

Good effects: Many

Low risk for many heart problems, obesity, type 2 Diabetes and some cancers (colorectal cancer) and increases the intake of protective nutrients and phytochemicals (fruits and vegetables) for minimizing several chronic diseases.

Concerns: Some

The risk of having low bone mineral density (BMD) in women and men who continued to be vegetarians and vegans is the loss of bone density and strength which leads to fractures of hip and spine in elderly, due to not able to have enough calcium intake and Protein. Also, diets that contain purely vegetarian diets lack the long chain fatty acids (EPA and DHA) that are essential for cardiovascular health, brain and eye functions. In addition, the vegan will have more Zinc and Vitamin B12 deficiency issues that causes some neurological and emotional issues.

Recommendations for vegetarians and vegans to improve their diets to maximize their health benefits:

1. Adequate daily calcium and Vitamin D intake – green leafy vegetables, calcium fortified soy and other fruit juices
2. To avoid Vitamin B12 deficiency – fortified soy and rice beverages and daily vitamin B12 supplement.
3. Daily intake of foods rich in n-3 fatty acid ALA – walnuts, canola oil, ground flax seed, soy products.
4. Avoid Zinc deficiency- whole grains, legumes, soy products.

In general, the decision to become a vegetarian / vegan is an individual one but depends on multiple factors including ethnicity, religion and health issues. It has more health benefits and few concerns so talking to a Dietitian or Nutritionist for planning a healthy diet is highly recommended.



Kids Column

Lord Ganesha by Lakshmi Aishwarya Devulapalli



Ganesha Article, By: Lakshmi Aishwarya Devulapalli

Have you ever heard of Lord Ganesha? You may have, but have you ever known why he has an Elephant head? Let me tell you why. One day, Goddess Parvathi wanted to take a bath. She wanted someone to guard the home while she bathed, so she shaped a boy out of clay and did a pooja to bring him to life. She had him guard the home and went inside. Meanwhile, Lord Shiva, Parvathi's husband, came home from an errand. When he saw the boy he asked, "Who are you, why are you at my home, boy?" Parvathi's son answered as; "I'm not going to let you in!, My mother told me to guard her!" Lord

Shiva was furious. "How dare you speak to me at my home!?" "No one speaks to me like that, no one, boy!" Shiva took a sword and chopped off the boy's head. Parvathi had finished off

her bath and came outside, to her dismay, she found her beheaded son. "Oh, No!", Cried Parvathi. Lord Shiva questioned; "Parvathi who is this boy?" "Why do you call Ayya to him?" Parvathi told Lord Shiva that the boy, beheaded, was their son. "Sorry," Lord Shiva was filled with regret when he was told this. So, he set out for an animal who

was willing to give up their head for his son. Never-the-less, he came in bestowance upon an Elephant. "I shall give my head to your son, Lord Shiva, he's only a day old, and has no head. I've had my head for a long time, your son should as well." "Thank You, Elephant, you shall be born as a great being in your next life!" Shiva set off with the head. He quickly returned the head to his son. He blessed the son that he only would be worshipped first before starting any work. Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvathi gave him the name Ganesha, remover of obstacles. That's how Ganesha got to become Elephant-headed and a god. You see friends, Ganesha wasn't born Elephant Headed, he eventually became. We worship him to take our troubles away and to bless us.

The End

S.V. Temple Updates

Vimanam (Gopuram) Project:

We are in the process of talking to Edina city about this project and working with architects. So many devotees have been donating in temple as they come to visit God for this noble cause. So far, we have raised \$15,000 from devotees and we still will need to raise approximately \$150,000 to complete this project. Interested to help raise the funds, please contact Temple priests or management.

Navagraha Panchaloha Vighraams:

Temple Management ordered small statues of Nava grahas (9 inches in height) in Panchaloha material to use as utsava vighraams. Temple priests will start performing different pujas for different vighraams depends on devotee's request for the problems. A lot of devotees have health, financial and marital problems so the priests will be doing specific pujas for specific conditions. Prathista of vighraams was done at the end of May by temple priests. If any devotees would like to schedule pujas or sponsor vighraams, please contact temple priests or management.



Religious/Cultural Events since January 2019

Below is the recap of the cultural/religious events that took place since January 2019. We thank all the volunteers and organizers who made all these events a great success. We are looking forward to similar support for the upcoming events.

New Year Celebrations - January 1st, 2019. Like last couple of years, this year also we have more than 2500 devotees visited the temple. The temple was open all day long and people have been visiting in groups to get Swamy's blessings. Sri Venkateswara Swamy (Mulamurty) was beautifully decorated with varieties of fruits and flower garlands. Archana with Swarna pushpams (gold flowers) for Sri Venkateswara Swamy (Mulamurty) was performed this year for 7 times during the day. There was a feast provided by food volunteers. SV Temple released their New 2019 calendars on this day to all devotees on this special occasion.

Makara Sankranthi – January 13-14th, 2019. Two-day events (Bhogi and Sankranthi) were celebrated on two successive days at the temple. Bhogi Pallu ceremony for kids was celebrated on the evening of Bhogi day. This year a lot of devotees (more than 400) attended this event and offered special prayers and blessings to kids.

Sri Goda Ranganatha Swamy Kalyana Mahotsavam – January 13th, 2019. Dhanurmasam ends with the celebration of Andal Kalyanam. So, as a crown to marghazi mahotsavam celebrations, Andal Thirukkalyanam (Andal/Goda Devi and Venkateswara swamy 's kalyanam) was performed by temple priests on Bhogi day in a festive way. Swamy Nammazhwar Thiruvaadi thozal Utsavam (Celebrating the ascent of Swamy Nammazvar to Srivaikuntham and his return to Bhulokam) on the same day of Bhogi. Goshti Kids dressed up in different characters with different themes (Dasaavatharam, Andal, etc.) every week of Marghazi. Goshti women's group sang beautiful songs during God's wedding and beautiful dance performances by kids and adults, Devaganam and Varanamayiram filled the temple atmosphere with a festive environment just like in Tirumala (India) on this day. A delicious wedding feast was provided with all the traditional dishes to temple devotees by the food committee volunteers and the Goshti volunteer group as part of celebrations of this special occasion.

Sri Hayagriva Homam – January 26th, 2019. We have performed the unique Hayagreeva puja with Hayagriva Homam on on this day, under the supervision of H.H Sri Ahobila Jeeyar Swami ji from JET organization, with the help of our temple priests, local JET chapter members and community volunteers. Many families with kids participated in this auspicious event to seek Lord Hayagreeva's blessings to excel in education, sports, arts and other fields and received the blessings of Swami ji. Many devotees noticed the horse shaped flame at the end of Homam which a good omen for all. SV Temple Management has decided to perform this unique event every year in summer for the greater goodness of Indian community and for the kids of future generations.

Rathasaptami – February 11th, 2019.

Bhishma Ekadasi – February 15th, 2019. Samuhika Vishnu sahasranama parayanam was chanted by devotees and priests.

Mahasivarathri – March 4th, 2019. Like every year this year also, Mahasivarathri was celebrated with Abhishekam of Lord Siva. Enormous number of devotees participated in individual Siva Abhishekam. They brought milk, yogurt, honey, ghee, fruit juice, coconut water, fruits and flowers for Abhishekam. Temple provided small granite Siva Lingams to all participants to do Abhishekam by themselves to their own personal siva lingams under the guidance of our temple priests. Bhajans and Rudram recitations were performed during and after abhishekam by devotees and priests. Delicious dinner was served by our temple food volunteers.

Panguni Uttaram, and Holi/ Vasantothsavam – March 20th, 2019. Mahalakshmi Jayanthi was celebrated in a grand way by doing Abhishekam to Mahalakshmi Moolamurty on this auspicious day.

Hindu New Year (Ugadi) Celebrations – April 5th, 2019. Ugadi, Gudipadwa, Chetichand Hindu new year celebrations have taken place in the temple welcoming Sri Vikaari Nama Samvatsara Yugadi this year. Priests read the new year Panchangam in the temple after special archanas to all our Gods. Devotees received the blessings from priests and towards the end Ugadi pachadi was distributed to all devotees.



Sri Rama Navami Celebrations – April 13th, 2019. Devotees attended Sri Rama Parivar Abhishekam, Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam and Rama Pattaabhisheka (crowning ceremony) mahotsavam that took part in the temple along with Hanuman Vahana Seva and Archana. Vadapappu (soaked Moongdal) and panakam (a special drink made with brown sugar, black pepper and other spices) prasadam was distributed to all devotees.

Tamil New Year – April 14th, 2019. On Tamil New year, Sri Venkateswara swamy moolamurty abhishekam was performed with the help of Goshti group.

Natyamanjari Dance Competitions – April 14th 2019. Natya Manjari is a signature cultural event organized by Kalanjali, cultural wing of SV Temple. Natya Manjari dance competition event was vibrant with different dance forms and the competition was conducted for different age groups. The event was attended by over 300 people. For dance competition, the participants ages ranged from three-years to Adults. This Program went around for 8 hours with the prize distribution at the end.

The competition involved both classical and non-classical dance

performances. The day was lively with watching different kinds of dance forms depicting different regions of India. The total competition was judged by nine panel of judges. We had 110 participants this year. This program was conducted by temple cultural coordinators Venkat, Vishala and Sailaja with the help of many dedicated community volunteers and was supported by temple Founders Sri Madhu Reddy and Srimati Dr. Jyothsna Reddy, the food volunteers. Felicitation of competition judges was done at the end of the program by temple Management after the priests Aasirvachanam.

Temple Management would like to thank all the coordinators, volunteers, judges, participants and audiences who are the continuous support for making this event very successful for the past seven years. Overall, there was a tremendous response from the community members this year also and we are hoping to get the same support from community in future also.



Hanumat Jayanthi and Sampoorana Ramayana Parayanam – April 18th to May 28th, 2019. (41 days of Ramayana Parayanam). This year SV Temple Priests started the Sampoorana Ramayana Parayanam event. This year, we have two Hanuman Jayanthi events in Hindu calendar. Pavan swamy, the lead priest for this event with the support of other priests, started reading some portions of Ramayanam every day starting from April 18th (on first Hanuman Jayanthi) and completing on May 28th (the second Hanuman Jayanthi).

A huge overwhelming support was given by temple devotees for this event and on May 28th the program was concluded with Rama Abhishekam in the morning and Rama pattabishekam and Homam in the evening. Devotees attended in large numbers and received the blessings of Rama Parivar. Due to overwhelming requests from devotees, SV Temple Management decided to continue this special event at temple every year.

Nadostsavam SV Temple Musical Fest – May 3-5th, 2019. This year Nadostavam event was celebrated in a grand way for 3 days because it was the 10th anniversary of the event. This year, the program was started on May 3rd with inauguration ceremony and then competitions were started for participants. We have had more than 225 kids and adults participated this year in a variety of categories. (Vocal, Instrumental and Bhakthi).

The program was managed by Carnatic Brothers Sri KN Sasikiran with the help of Temple Cultural Coordinators Sri. Venkat Devulapalli and Smt. Vishala Pamulaparti and with the support of many sponsors, community volunteers, local artists and Temple management.

We enjoyed a variety of programs including Chitravina concert by Sri Ganesh & party, Talent show by previous year's artists who won carnatic stars and local artists and Veena (string instrument) concerts by Mrs. Srivani Yella (Saturday) and Mrs. Nirmala Rajasekhra (Sunday).



The response and support to this year's program was tremendous and we have had great participation of kids and adults from out of states like Illinois, Nebraska, Wisconsin and Iowa in addition to enormous support by local budding artists and their gurus. Prize distribution was done on Sunday after the concerts and so many kids enjoyed coming onto the stage and receive their hard-earned prizes with beaming faces. SV Temple

Founders Dr. Jyothsna Reddy and Sri. Madhu Reddy did the felicitation of all artists on stage after the Aasirvachanam by our temple priests.

Temple Management and cultural team would like to thank everyone, including all local artists, the participants, their gurus and local community volunteers and temple front desk and food volunteers who have helped with the preparation and distribution of food that weekend and for making this event a grand success and also a memorable one.

Special thanks to Rajesh Govindraj - local Tamil Newsletter and Gopal Vemu - videography for covering the 2 days of the program. Also, thanks to Reddy Foundation for being a continuous supporter and sponsor for the last 10 years and MANAM, a local non-profit organization who supported the event this year.

Akshaya Tritiya – May 7th 2019. Mahalakshmi abhishekam and archana were done. Some devotees offered gold ornaments to Ammavaru as gifts. Most of the devotees brought their new gold jewelry and got the blessings by having puja done for them before they start wearing them.

Sri Bhagawad Ramanujacharya 1002 Thirunakshatram (Jayanthi) Celebrations - May 8th, 2019. With the help of our temple Goshti group, our priests performed Ramanuja's Abhishekam in the presence of enormous number of devotees. Divya prabhandam was chanted by our temple Goshti group and procession of Ramanuja utsava vigraham was done around the temple.

Sri NarasimhaSwamy Jayanthi – May 16th, 2019. Abhishekam to Narasimha swamy was done in a grand way and swamy vigraham was decorated very nicely with flowers.

Annamacharya Sankeertana Vaibhavam – May 18th, 2019. We are celebrating this annual event in the commemoration of Sri Tallapaka Annamacharya's Birthday in order to encourage our community kids to know more about Annamacharya, his life and his Sankeerthanas. With the support of Temple Founders Mr. Madhu Reddy & Dr. Jyothsna Reddy, we have organized second Annamacharya Sankeerthana Vaibhavam at the temple and invited all local artists, including kids and adults to be a part, of this special occasion.

This year we have celebrated 611th Jayanthi by singing Annaamcharya Sankeerthanas for about 3 hours. In the morning, Priests performed Annamacharya abhishekam and puja. As a part of the event, in the evening we had altogether 30 local singing groups and artists presented mesmerizing sankeertanas, composed by Sri Annamacharya in the presence of Sri Ashta Lakshmi Sametha Sri Venkateswara Swamy and Annamayya.

The program started with an introductory note by SV Temple Director and Founder Dr. Jyothsna garu, followed by an invocation to Annamacharya by Divine Music Group of Minnesota led by Smt. Gayathri Vempati.

At temple there is an availability of an audio CD, “Annamayya Vaggeya Varadayini”, a compilation of 500 Annamacharya keerthanas in two volumes (from TTD) for sale. Also, the audio CDs “Pahimam”, Volumes 1,2 and 3 that consists of new Annamacharya keerthanas composed by Sri. Parthu Nemani with the financial support from Reddy Foundation for sale. The proceeds from the sale of the CDs will benefit the temple.



The event was coordinated by Smt. Gayathri & Sri. Uma Vempati with the help of community volunteers. Temple management would like to thank all devotees and volunteers for making this event a very successful one.

SV Temple School Annual Day Celebrations – June 2nd, 2019 –
Please see SV Temple School Updates column for more information on Annual Day Celebrations.



S.V. Temple School Updates

S.V. Temple School (SVTS) celebrated its 10th anniversary day on June 2, 2019 in S.V. Temple Auditorium in a grand way. This year we had 65 enrollments in various classes including Hindi Levels 1,2 & 3, Telugu Levels 1 & 2, Classical Music (vocal) 2 Levels and culture class. All our volunteer teachers are very committed, enthusiastic and energetic to teach our community kids throughout the year. The teachers have developed the syllabus to keep the kids interested and motivated to learn our traditions and heritage.

Hindi Level 1 classes were taught by Mrs. Krishna Goyal and Mrs. Ramya Padmanaban; and Hindi Levels 2 & 3 classes were taught by Mrs. Rashmi Raj and supported by Mr. Gautham Reddy and Mrs. Krishna Goyal. Telugu Level 1 class was taught by Mrs. Madhu Rajulapati and Mrs. Sirisha Vanukuru; and Level 2 class was taught by Mrs. Vimala Muthyala and Mr. Vijay Yeleswarapu. Our culture class was taught by Mrs. Madhavi Ashili. Our Music (vocal) classes were taught by Mrs. Krishna Veni and Mrs. Veda Valli and supported by Mrs. Lakshmi Subbu when needed back up. Mrs. Vimala Muthyala, our school principal this year, with the help of our front desk volunteer Mrs. Shruthi Gupta, has managed our school by making timely & appropriate decisions as needed (like school closings etc.) and run the school very smoothly and we are fortunate to have her continue in the same role next year.

This year our chief guest is Mr. Scott H. Neal, Edina City Manager, gave a motivational speech to our kids. The kids in all classes showcased their learnings in various forms, such as skits, dances and singing.

S.V. Temple Management felicitated all school teachers and supporting staff at the end of program and temple priests gave them Aasirvachanam (blessings of God Sri Venkateswara). At the end, vote of thanks was done by SVTS Director Dr. Jyothsna Reddy, thanking all our volunteer teachers and supportive staff for their commitment and praising the parents for their commitment to have their kids to continue with our culture and heritage.

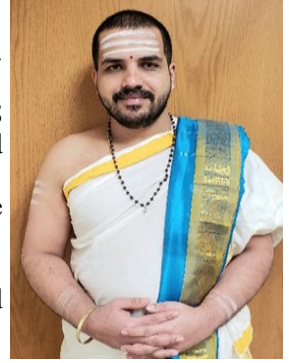
The next school year (2019-2020), will be starting on September 8, 2019 and we would like all our present students and prospective students to take advantage of early registrations for next year classes by July 31, 2019 since all of our class registrations are on first come basis and they will fill up very fast. We are adding shloka class for next year due to overwhelming requests from parents.

Once again, S.V. Temple Management is thankful to all our community volunteer teachers and supporting staff for their dedication and commitment and hope to see all of them next year. We are also inviting other community members who are interested to join our most dedicated and committed volunteering team in supporting this noble cause.

S.V. Temple Priests - Update

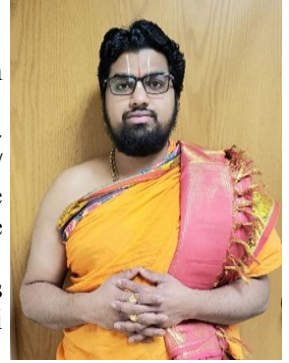
Santosh Swamy

Our Smartha priest, Santosh Swamy joined S.V. Temple in September 2018. He is trained in Shiva aagamam and has been working for the last 8 years. He is very proficient in Sanskrit and studied krishna Yajurvedam. He started the tradition of Rudrabhishekam every Monday of the month at S.V. Temple and available for puja services at temple and outside the temple for devotees. He is also fluent in Kannada, Telugu, and has working knowledge in English and Hindi languages.



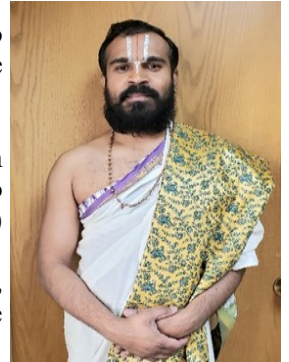
Kishore Swamy

Kishore Swamy joined our S.V. Temple in August 2017 as vaishnava priest. He has been trained in Pancharatra aagamam and has been working as priest since 2000. Kishore swamy specializes in Alankaram (decoration) of Gods/ Goddesses. He is well trained in South Indian style weddings in both Vaishnava and smartha styles. He is available for outside and at temple pujas for devotees. He speaks fluently in Telugu and has working knowledge in English, Tami and Hindi languages.



Seshadri Swamy

Seshadri swamy is one of our vaishnava priest, who has been with S.V. Temple since January 2014. He was trained in Pancharatra aagamam in veda kalasala, founded by Sri HH Chinna Jeeyar Swamy. He is trained to read vastu, Horoscopes and Jatakam writings based on Birth stars. He is well trained to perform Indian weddings (both south and North) and trained to perform traditional last rites per Indian customs. He is fluent in English, Telugu, Tamil and Hindi. He is also available for outside and at temple pujas for devotees.



Pavan Swamy

Pavan Swamy joined S.V. Temple's priest team in March 2015. He was trained in Pancharatra aagamam in veda kalasala in Jaggayyapet, Krishna dist. (founded by Sri HH Chinna Jeeyar Swamy) and has been working as a Vaishnava priest since 1998. He is well trained to do decorations of Gods and Goddesses. His interests are reading Sundara kanada parayanam and sampoorana Ramayana parayanam. He is fluent in Telugu and has working knowledge in English, Tamil and Hindi.



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Vidya dadati vinayam,
Vinayadyati patratam |
Patratvaddhanamapnoti,
Dhanaddharmam tatah sukham ||

(True/complete) Knowledge gives discipline, from discipline comes worthiness, from worthiness one gets wealth, from wealth (one does) good deeds, from that comes joy.

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