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JULY / AUGUST 2003



Nallur Kandasamy Temple, Jaffna Sri Lanka <http://www.nallur.org/>

Ilankai Kathirkamam and Nallur Thiruvizha with Live Nathaswaram

Saturday August 9, 2003

The annual festivals for Muruga in Ilankai (Sri Lanka) are held in August. In celebration of these festivals, similar religious services and festivals will be held at the Washington Murugan Temple to coincide with the festivals at the Yazhpanam Nallur Kandasamy Temple

- 9:15 am Sri Ganapathi Homam
Sri Subrahmanya Swami Homam
Abeshekam to Sri Ganapathi
Pal Kudam and Kavadi
Abeshekam to Sri Subhmanya Swami
Devotional Songs
Deeparandanai
- 1:00 pm Prasasam and Lunch
- 4:00 pm Pooja for Utsava Moorthy
Thiru Kalyanam
Utsava Moorthy procession
Nathaswaram music recital
- 6:00 pm Cultural Event:
Thiru Murugan Natiya Malai
Presented by Kalaiyakam Natiya Palli,
New Jersey

SATURDAY JULY 5, 2003

SUKLA SHASHTI ANITHIRUMANJANAM

- 6:00 am Nataraja Abishekam
11:00 am Abishekam to Sri Subrahmanya Swami
Sahasranama Archanai to Sri
Subrahmanya Swami

SATURDAY JULY 12, 2003

SAIVA SAINTS GURU POOJA HOLY DAY

- 4:30 pm Pooja
5:45 pm Prasadam and potluck dinner

THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2003
AADI POORAM

- 8:00 pm Devi Meenakshi Amman Abishekam
Thirusati (300 Nama) to Devi Meenakshi
Amman

FRIDAY AUGUST 8, 2003
VARA LAKSHMI VRATAM

- 7:30 pm Devi Meenakshi Amman Abishekam
Vilakku Pooja (bring your own lamps)

SATURDAY AUGUST 30 2003
SRI VINAYAGA CHATHURTHI

- 9:15 am Sri Maha Ganapathi Homam
11:30 am Procession of Sri Maha Ganapathi
following Sri Subrahmanya Swami
Abishekam at 11:00 am

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SPECIAL EVENTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2003

JULY 2003

Date/Day	Time	Description
05 Sat		SUKLA SHASHTI ANITHIRUMANJANAM
	6:00 am	Nataraja Abishekam
	11:00 am	Abishekam to Sri Subrahmanya Swami Sahasranama Archanai to Sri Subrahmanya Swami
11 Fri		PRADOSHAM
	7:00 pm	Abishekam to Sri Sundareswara Swami
12 Sat		Saiva Saints Guru Pooja Holy Day (See next column for detail)
16 Wed		SANKATA HARA CHATURTHI
	7:00 pm	Sri Maha Ganapathi Abishekam
17 Thu		Aadi Pirappu
22 Tue		Aadi Chevai
23 Wed		AADI KRITTIKAI
	7:00 pm	Sri Palani Andavar Abishekam Sahasranama Archanai to Sri Palani Andavar
23 Wed		Guru Peyarchi (Jupiter Transition)
26 Sat		PRADOSHAM
	7:00 pm	Abishekam to Sri Sundareswara Swami
27 Sun		Aadhi Parasakthi Deepa Puja
28 Mon		AADI AMAVASAI
31 Thurs		AADI POORAM
	8:00 pm	Devi Meenakshi Amman Abishekam Thirusati (300 Nama) to Devi Meenakshi Amman

AUGUST 2003

Date/Day	Time	Description
03 Sun		SUKLA SHASHTI
	11:00 am	Abishekam to Sri Subrahmanya Swami Sahasranama Archanai to Sri Subrahmanya Swami
08 Fri		VARA LAKSHMI VRATAM
	7:30 pm	Devi Meenakshi Amman Abishekam Vilakku Pooja (bring your own lamps)
09 Sat		NALLUR THIRUVIZHA (Details given on the following page)
11 Mon		POORNIMA
	7:30 pm	Devi Meenakshi Amman Abishekam Sahasranama Archanai to Devi Meenakshi Amman
15 Fri		SANKATA HARA CHATHURTI
	7:00 pm	Sri Maha Ganapathi Abishekam

19 Tues		KRITTIKA
	7:00 pm	Sri Palani Andavar Abishekam Sri Palani Andavar Sahasranama Archanai
30 Sat		SRI VINAYAGA CHATHURTHI
	9:15 am	Sri Maha Ganapathi Homam
	11:30 am	Procession of Sri Maha Ganapathi following Sri Subrahmanya Swami Abishekam at
	11:00 am	
31 Sun		Adhi Parasakthi Deepa Puja

TAMIL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

The Murugan Temple is planning children's classes in Bhajan, Religion at 10:00 am to 11:30 am every Sunday beginning June 22nd. Please call Jana Kesavan at 410 747 0019

SAIVA SAINTS GURU POOJA HOLY DAY



On Saturday, July 12, 2003, the Saiva Saints Guru Pooja Holy Day honors all the Saiva Saints, who have shared their own experience with the divine with us, and showed us the devotional way of life (bakthi

yoga) leading to Self realization. We kindly welcome all of you to join us singing the Panniru Thirumurai (Thevaram and Thiruvasham) followed by Thiruphal, and experience the divine through the power of these devotional songs composed by them. The schedule will be:

4:30 pm	Pooja
5:45 pm	Prasaadam and potluck dinner

GURU POOJAS

<u>MONTH / DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF GURU</u>
July Thu	03	Sri Manickavasaka Swamighal
July Sat	11	Sri Arunakirinathar Swamighal
Aug Mon	04	Sri Suntharamoorthy Swamighal
Aug Mon	04	Sri Cheramaan Perumaal Swamighal
Aug Sat	09	Sri Pattinath Adikhal Swamighal
Aug Fri	29	Sri Maraignana Sambanthar Swamighal

NALLUR FESTIVAL

ILANKAI KATHIRKAMAM & NALLUR THIRUVIZHAI

Saturday August 9, 2003

Kathirkamam Kanthan Kovil & The Yashpanam Nallur Kanthaswami Kovil Annual Thiruvizha will be celebrated at Washington Murugan Temple on Saturday August 9th, 2003.

The Nallur Kandasamy Kovil festival in Ilankai (Sri Lanka) is held in August with the hoisting of the flag (Kodiyetram) and concludes 25 days later with the water cutting ceremony (Teertham).

The major festivals during this 25-day period are the Manjam, Thirukkarthikai, Kailasavahanam, Vel Vimanam, Thandayuthapani, Sapparam, and Ther (Chariot), This span of 25 days, revered by all Hindus and devotees of Lord Murugan, is one of the highlights of the social, cultural, and spiritual milieu of Sri Lankan Hindu Society.

The Murugan Temple of North America is pleased to hold similar religious services and festivals with live Nathaswaran music.

Live Nathaswaram Music

There will be live Nathaswaram music and a Nathaswaram Recital by:

Nathaswara Isai Kalaimani: S. Sivagurunathan

Thavil Chudaroli: A. Manokaran

From Canada

Program

- 9:15 am Sri Ganapathi Homam
Sri Subrahmanya Swami Homam
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Thiru Kalyanam
Utsava Moorthy procession
Nathaswaram music recital
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Thiru Murugan Natiya Malai
Presented by Kalaiyakam Natiya Palli,

For More Information Call

Maryland: 301 552-4889, 301 306-7110,
301 365-7844, 410 461-0524

New York: 516 679-9101, 718 370-8907

Canada: 905 566-4822

Nallur Festival Sponsorships for Saturday, August 9, 2003

Cost Event

\$250 Nallur Kathirkamam Thiruvizha FULL DAY
SPONSORSHIP

\$ 11 Sri Ganathi Homam

\$ 11 Sri Subrahmanya Swami Homam

\$101 Abishekam to Sri Subrahmanya Swami

\$ 51 Abishekam to Sri Maha Ganapathi

\$121 Sponsorship of BOTH Abeshekam

Cost Garland

\$101 Garlands for Sri Subrahmanya Swami, Valli, and
Devasena

\$ 25 Garland for Sri Maha Ganapathi

\$ 35 Garlands for Sri Sundareswara Swami

\$ 25 Garlands for Sri Meenakshi Ammam

\$ 25 Garlands for Sri Palani Andavar

\$ 25 Sponsorship for Navagraha

\$201 Sponsorship of Garlands for All Deities

\$ 25 Thiru Kalyanam

\$ 25 Nathaswaran Sponsorship

\$ 11 Flowers

\$_____ Total Amount Enclosed

Please Make your check out to "MTNA" and in the Memo, please write "Nallur Festival"

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Please visit the Murugan Temple's Updated Website

<http://www.murugantemple.org>

for the latest Information on special events and activities, and for directions to the Temple.

MTNA THANKS ITS VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR DEVOTION, FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS, AND FOR THE EXAMPLES THEY SET

This article is republished as a tribute to the devotees of the Murugan Temple of North America (MTNA) and to encourage others to join them.

According to our tradition, selfless service accompanies duty or Dharma to compose *Charya*, the first stage on the final path to *Jnana*, the deepest wisdom. Yet, you never outgrow your need for selfless service. Saint *Sekkizhaar* states of each of the sixty-three *Saiva Tamil Saints* in *Periya Puranam*:¹



cently said that the simple act of making a garland could bring a devotee very close to a Deity that only a priest could go near.³

“...In so doing we put our prana, our energy into the garland, as well as, we put our thought into it. Therefore, when it is placed upon the Deity, our prana is placed upon the Deity, just like we are touching the Deity. If you want to touch the Deity, you just make a garland. Make sure it gets put on the Deity.”

“They [the sixty-three Saints] worshipped the Temple of Lord Civan as the Lord Himself. Service of every kind, from sweeping the premises and keeping it free of dirt and weeds, to the providing of oil for the lamps of the Temple, to the providing of wicks for those lamps, to the providing of incense...”

[*Periya Puranam*]

The haunting songs of *Jnanaguru Yoganathan* [*Yogaswami* (1872–1964), Jaffna, Sri Lanka, who is the *Satguru of Sivaya Subramuniyaswami* (1927–2001), Kauai’s Hindu Monastery], called “*Nachintinai*,” may prompt a moment of reflection in a busy, perhaps hectic day. In this moment, one can see the peacefulness that comes to one who does selfless service, or *Sivathondou*, as *Yogaswami* called it.

“...He is a true devotee who fills the fountain of his heart with love and selfless service, and seeks the company of the just and faithful, who are noted for their virtuosity and integrity—Chant Vel Vel.”

[*Nachintanai*, 25]

The quote above is a small sliver of a great sunburst of songs that flowed from *Yogaswami*. *Ratna Chelliaah Navarathnam* translated many songs of *Yogaswami*’s *Nachintinai* into English in her book, “*Saint Yogaswami and The Testament of Truth*.”²

You certainly don’t have to be a great saint to benefit from serving the Temple. *Satguru Bodhinatha Veylanswami* (successor of *Satguru Sivaya Subramuniyaswami*, Kauai’s Hindu Monastery) re-

[*Satguru Bodhinatha Veylanswami*]

There are many opportunities to serve the Murugan Temple—folding envelopes, straightening a carpet, mowing the lawn, making a garland, serving food, even writing an article. All seem so simple. Yet profound is the peace they can bring.

“He will meet people of various races and creeds and salute them as co-workers in the realm of Lord Siva. He shall part from them all, but the fund of good-will shall remain wherever his feet shall have trod. In Love, he shall abide; Love, he shall give in plenty, and Love, he shall receive too. Love will be his panoply. He will remain a witness to the beautiful Feet of Siva—Long Live Sivathondou!”

[*Nachintanai*, 306]

Footnotes

¹ “*Periya Puranam by Sekkizhaar*” Translated by G. Vanmikanathan, Edited by Dr. N. Mahalingam, Sri Ramakrishna Mission Printing Press, 1985.

² *Ratna Chelliaah Navarathnam*, “*Saint Yogaswami and The Testament of Truth*,” *Sivathondou Society*, 1972.

³ *Bodhinatha Veylanswami*, “*Cultivating Bhakti or Devotion Category: God and Lords of Dharma*” Transcribed Talks, Given February 13, 2002, Posted to <http://www.gurudeva.org/index.shtml> on February 17, 2002

Note

This article is adapted from an article published in the November/December 2002 MTNA Newsletter.

SPONSORSHIPS

Regular Sponsorships

- \$101 ... Abishekam to Sri Subrahmanya Swami
- \$ 51 ... Abishekam to Sri Maha Ganapathi
- \$ 51 ... Abishekam to Sri Palani Andavar
- \$ 51 ... Abishekam to Sri Navagraha
- \$ 51 ... Abishekam to Sri Sundareswara Swami
- \$ 51 ... Abishekam to Sri Meenakshi Amman
- \$ 25 ... Abishekam to Sri Dakshinamurthi
- \$ 25 ... Abishekam to Sri Durgai Amman
- \$341 ... Sponsorship of ALL Abishekams (includes Priest Thadchanai)
- \$ 51 ... Garlands for Sri Subrahmanya Swami
- \$ 25 ... Garlands for Sri Maha Ganapathi
- \$ 25 ... Garlands for Sri Palani Andavar
- \$ 25 ... Garlands for Sri Navagraha
- \$ 25 ... Garlands for Sri Sundareswara Swami
- \$ 25 ... Garlands for Sri Meenakshi Amman
- \$ 25 ... Garlands for Sri Dakshinamurthi
- \$ 11 ... Garlands for Sri Durgai Amman
- \$101 ... Sponsorship of ALL Garlands for All Deities
- \$ 11 ... Sahasranama archanai
- \$ 6 Rahu kala Pooja
- \$ 11 ... Pal Kudam
- \$ 21 ... Kavadi
- \$ 11 ... Flowers
- \$ 501 .. Sponsorship of ALL Events listed above

Sponsorships of Abishekams on Pradoshams, Skanda Shasti, and Thirukkarthigai

- \$ 51 ... Abishekams to Sri Sundareswara Swami on every Pradosham in July & August
- \$101 ... Sponsorship of Abishekam to Lord Muruga on every Sukla Shasti in July & August
- \$ 51 ... Sponsorship of Abishekam to Sri Meenakshi Amman on every Poornima in July & August
- \$ 51 ... Sponsorship of Abishekam to Sri Palani Andavar on every Krittikai In July & August

Sponsorships of Daily Archanai

- \$151 ... Daily Archanai in July & August - (Please specify Deity)
- Sponsorships of THIRUSATI (300 NAMA ON LORD MURUGA) AND SAHASRANAMAS
- \$ 51 Sponsorship of Thirusati (300 Nama) to Lord Muruga. Every Tue in July and August Sahasranama archanai on every Sukla Shasti in July & August
- \$ 21 Sponsorship of Sahasranama archanai on every Sankatahara Chaturthi to Sri Maha Ganapathi in July & August
- \$ 21 Sponsorship of Sahasranama archanai to Sri Meenakshi Amman on every Poornima in July & August

Please consider enrolling in MTNA's monthly remittance plan. For details, contact the Temple Manager at 301 552-4889.

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Family Gotram: _____

Name of Family Member Star

DAILY POOJA

- 9.00 am Nithya Aradhana, Palli Eluchi, Uchakaala Pooja
- 10.00 am Kala Santhi Pooja for Sri Vinayagar, Sri Sundareswara Swami (Lord Shiva), Sri Meenakshi Amman, Sri Palani Andavar
- Abishekam to Sri Subrahmanya Swami
- Thirumurai, Thirumurai Parayanam
- 6.00 pm Sayangala Pooja for Sri Sri Vinayagar, Sri Sundareswara Swami (Lord Shiva), Sri Meenakshi Amman, Sri Palani Andavar, Sri Navagraha, Sri Subrahmanya Swami
- 9.00 pm Pooja for Sri Subrahmanya Swami. Milk offering Palliyarai Pooja

DAILY & WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF ABESHEKAMS

DAY	TIME	EVENT	FEE
DAILY			
	9.15 am	Sri Ganapathi	\$ 51
	9:30 am	SriSundareswara Swami (Lord Shiva)	\$ 51
	10.00 am	Sri Subrahmanya Swami	\$101
WEEKLY			
Mon	7.00 pm	SriSundareswara Swami (Lord Shiva)	\$ 51
Tue	7.00 pm	Sri Meenakshi Amman	\$ 51
Wed	7.00 pm	Aradanai Koshtam Deities	
Thu	7.00 pm	Sri Palani Aandavar	\$ 51
	7.30 pm	Sri Dakshinamurthi Swami	\$ 25
Fri	7.00 pm	Sri Ganapathi	\$ 51
		<i>Pooja for Sri Sundareswara Swami, Sri Subrahmanya Swami, Sri Meenakshi Amman, Sri Palani Andavar, Sri Navagraha</i>	
	7.30 pm	Sri Meenakshi Amman	\$ 51
Sat	9.30 am	Sri Navagraha	\$ 51
	10.00 am	Sri Palani Andavar	\$ 51
	11.00 am	Sri Subrahmanya Swami	\$101
Sun	11.00 am	Sri Subrahmanya Swami	\$101
	6.00 pm	Rahu kala pooja	
		Abishkem and archanai to Sri Durgai Amman	\$ 25

MONTHLY SPECIAL EVENTS

- 1st Friday of the month after Ganapathi Abishekam Bajans
- 1st Sunday of the month Sri Subrahmanya Homam
- (9.30 am) Poornahudhi
- Abishekam to Sri Subrahmanya Swami
- Deeparadhana & Prasadam
- Last Sunday of the month Adhi Parasakthi Deepa Puja
- (July 27th and August 31st)

SAHASRANAMAS

EVENT	SAHASRANAMA TO
Sankatahara Chaturthi	Sri Maha Ganapathi
Krittigai	Sri Palani Aandavar
Poornima	Sri Meenakshi Amman
Maha Pradosham	Sri Sundareswara Swami
Shasti	Sri Subrahmanya Swami

THIRUSATI (300 NAMA ON MURUGA)

- Every Tuesday Sri Subrahmanya Swami

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The following services will be provided at the temple or at devotees' residences as appropriate, upon request. Devotees are urged to make prior arrangements by calling the temple in advance to make reservations and to ascertain that priests will be available to perform these special requests. Appropriate charge for the services including *Sambhavanai* for the priests will be payable to the temple. Call the Temple Manager at 301 552-4889 to make prior arrangements for performing the following ceremonies:

Ganapathi Homam	Navagraha Homam	Mruthyunjaya Homam	Chandi Homam
Maha Sathyanarayana Pooja	Bhoomi Pooja	Griha Shanti	Griha Pravesam
Naamakaranam	Punyaahavaachanam	Sarpabali	Seemantham
Sashtiabdapoorty	Sataabishekam	Shraadham	Tarpanam
Upayayanam	Annaprasnam	Vahana Pooja	Vidyaarambam
Vivaaham	Funeral Rites		

TEMPLE HOURS: Monday – Friday 9 am – 12 noon & 5 pm - 9 pm; Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays 9 am – 9 pm

AUDITORIUM: The Temple's auditorium capable of seating about 300 people in the basement is available for rent by Devotees. The Temple has also ample parking space. Call the Temple Manager at 301 552-4889 for reservations.

DIRECTIONS TO MURUGAN TEMPLE

From I-95 (also 495, Capital Beltway), take exit 20-A, Lanham (Rte 450 East). Then follow the signs to Princess Garden Parkway. Turn right on Princess Garden Parkway. "Murugan Temple" is on your left within half a mile (6300 Princess Garden Parkway)

From Baltimore-Washington Parkway take Exit to Rt. 193 East Greenbelt Road. Make left on Greenbelt Road. Turn right on Hanover Parkway, which becomes Princess Garden Parkway. Drive about 2.5 miles. The temple is on the right side.

NEARBY HOTELS

Days Inn	9025 Annapolis Road, Lanham, MD 20706	Tel: 301-459-6600	Toll Free: 800-325-2525
Ramada Inn	8500 Annapolis Road, Lanham, MD 20706	Tel: 301-459-6700	Toll Free: 800-436-0614
Best Western	5910 Princess Garden Pkwy, Lanham, MD 20706	Tel: 301-459-1000	Toll Free: 800-528-1234
Holiday Inn	7200 Hanover Drive, Greenbelt, MD 20706	Tel: 301-982-7000	Toll Free: 800-465-4329
Red Roof Inn	9050 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham, MD 20706	Tel: 301-731-8830	Toll Free: 800-733-7663