

Athirudra Maha Yajna for Loka Kshema and Loka Kalyana

ATHIRUDRAM-2011

May 20th 2011 to May 30th 2011

Sanatan Dharma Temple, Norwalk, CA

Hosted By

VEDA CIRCLE (Vedic Education Dissemination and Awareness Circle)

With blessings from His Holiness Sri Kanchi Periyavar

and

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The Athirudra Maha Yajna, the highest Vedic yajna prescribed in our Scriptures, will be conducted at the Sanatan Dharma Temple in Norwalk, CA from May 20 through May 30, 2011. During these 11 days the devotees and Veda followers of Southern California and all over USA have a unique opportunity to witness and participate in this great Yajna being performed for Loka Kshema and Loka Kalyana (welfare and happiness of all).

His Holiness Sankaracharya of Kanchi, Sri Jayendra Saraswathy, Sri Kanchi Kama Koti Peetha Acharya, said:

"The four Vedas (Rig, Yajur, Sama and Atharva) are the roots of our religion and foundation for Sanatan Dharma. Krishna Yajur Veda, one of the 2 Samhitas (versions) of Yajur Veda is quite significant, of which Rudram and Chamakam are parts. Rudram is the most sacred means of worshipping Lord Siva. There are four kinds of rudra parayana and homas: Rudram, Ekadasa Rudram, Maha Rudram and Athi Rudram; each has greater significance than its preceding one. 'Athi' means 'ultimate'. Therefore, Athirudram is the highest form of worship of Lord Siva. Athirudram destroys all sorrows and provides 'Kshema'."

We are indeed fortunate and blessed to conduct this Maha Yajna at Sanatan Dharma Temple with the support and cooperation of the priests, devotees and well-wishers of Vedic Yajnas.

The religious program presented in these pages details an array of religious events for the 'ishta devatas' of all devotees. The devotees of Lord Ganesha have the opportunity to participate in the daily Ganapathy Homa. The followers of Durga Mata, Maha Lakshmy and Goddess Saraswathy will enjoy Chandi Homa, Deepa Puja, Lalitha and Lakshmy Sahasranama pujas. The devotees of Lord Vishnu can participate in Vishnu Sahasranama japa, Sudarshana and Purusha Sooktha Homas. Pujas for Lord Subrahmanya, Dharma Shastha and Hanumanji are scheduled as well.

Athirudram-2011 is spread over six days from May 25 to May 30. The Yajna includes ekadasa (11) rudra japams, abhishekam and homam twice each day during the first five days and once on the sixth day. Nearly 25 Vedic Priests and over 121 vedically trained ritwiks will chant during this time. The vibrations from the 14,641 chants of Namakam and 1,331 chants of Chamakam will echo in our hearts and minds during, and long after, the Yajna.

Annadhanam on all 11 days is an important part of this Maha Yajna.

What is Sri Rudram? What are the benefits of chanting Sri Rudram? What is Athirudram? What are Yaga and Yajna? Please visit us at 'www.athirudram.us' for detailed answers to these questions.

Please join us with your family and friends to make this event a grand success.

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Athirudram-2011 Schedule

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Fri., May 20, 2011			
7:00 AM-9:00 AM	Ganapathy Homam	3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Cultural Program - TBD
9:00 AM-9:30 AM	Breakfast	4:00 PM-5:00 PM	Swaranjali - Bhajan
9:30 AM-1:00 PM	Navagraha Homam	5:00 PM-7:00 PM	Ganesha Sankata Hara Chathurthi - Japam, Homam, Puja
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Lunch	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Arathi followed by Dinner
Sat., May 21, 2011			
7:00 AM-9:00 AM	Ganapathy Homam	3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Kathak by Sundar Kala Kendra Kathak Dance School, Director - Smt. Anjani Ambegaokar
9:00 AM-9:30 AM	Breakfast	4:00 PM-5:00 PM	Bharatha Natyam by Natyanjali students, Director - Dr. Malini Krishnamurthy
9:30 AM-1:00 PM	Chandi Homam	5:00 PM-7:00 PM	Shastha Puja, Bhajans, Hanuman Chaleesa & Puja
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Lunch	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Arathi followed by Dinner
Sun., May 22, 2011			
7:00 AM-9:00 AM	Ganapathy Homam, Vishvaksena Puja, Vaibhava Lakshmi Puja, Vishnu Sahasranama Japam	3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Children's Program
9:00 AM-9:30 AM	Breakfast	4:00 PM-5:00 PM	Children's Program
9:30 AM-1:00 PM	Sudarshana Homam, Purusha Sooktha & Sree Sooktha Homam	5:00 PM-7:00 PM	Hindustani Classical Music by Mrs. Mala Ramadorai
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Lunch	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Arathi followed by Dinner
Mon., May 23, 2011			
7:00 AM-9:00 AM	Ganapathy Homam	3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Cultural Program - TBD
9:00 AM-9:30 AM	Breakfast	4:00 PM-5:00 PM	Violin Concert by Mr. Kailasam
9:30 AM-1:00 PM	Siva Abhishekam & Puja, Sahasranama & Vilva Ashtothara Archana	5:00 PM-7:00 PM	Lalitha Ashtothara, Lalitha Trishathi Kumkuma, Lalitha Sahasranama
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Lunch	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Arathi followed by Dinner
Tues., May 24, 2011			
7:00 AM-9:00 AM	Ganapathy Homam	3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Cultural Program – TBD
9:00 AM-9:30 AM	Breakfast	4:00 PM-5:00 PM	Carnatic Music: Smt. Geetha Shankar Ram
9:30 AM-1:00 PM	Subrahmanya Abhishekam Sahasranama Archana & Puja	5:00 PM-7:00 PM	Ritwik Varanam
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Lunch	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Arathi followed by Dinner
Wed., May 25, 2011			
4:30 AM-5:30 AM	Athirudra Yajna begins! Ganapathy Homam	3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Open
5:30 AM-8:00 AM	Punyahavachanam, Mahasamkalpam, Kalasa Sthapanam, Mahanyasam	4:00 PM-6:00 PM	Sankara Charitham Katha Kalakshepam by Mr. Natarajan
8:00 AM-8:30 AM	Breakfast	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Krama Archana
8:30 AM-11:00 AM	Ekadasa Rudra Japam, Abhishekam	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Arathi followed by Dinner
11:00 AM-11:30 AM	Refreshments		
11:30 AM-2:00 PM	Rudra Japam, Abhishekam, Homam		
2:00 PM-3:00 PM	Lunch		

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Thurs., May 26, 2011			
4:30 AM-5:30 AM	Ganapathy Homam	3:00 PM-5:00 PM	Open
5:30 AM-7:30 AM	Kalasa Punah Puja, Mahanyasam	5:00 PM-6:00 PM	Spiritual Talk: Swami Ishwarananda, Chinmaya Mission, Los Angeles, CA
7:30 AM-8:00 AM	Breakfast	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Taittiriya Upanishad Chanting
8:00 AM-10:30 AM	Rudra Japam, Abhishekam, Homam	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Arathi followed by Dinner
10:30 AM-11:00 AM	Refreshments		
11:00 AM-1:30 PM	Rudra Japam, Abhishekam, Homam		
1:30 PM-3:00 PM	Lunch		
Fri., May 27, 2011			
4:30 AM-5:30 AM	Ganapathy Homam	3:00 PM-5:00 PM	Open
5:30 AM-7:30 AM	Kalasa Punah Puja, Mahanyasam	5:00 PM-6:00 PM	Carnatic music by Mrs. Padma Kutti's students
7:30 AM-8:00 AM	Breakfast	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Mahanarayana Upanishad Chanting
8:00 AM-10:30 AM	Rudra Japam, Abhishekam, Homam	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Arathi followed by Dinner
10:30 AM-11:00 AM	Refreshments		
11:00 AM-1:30 PM	Rudra Japam, Abhishekam, Homam		
1:30 PM-3:00 PM	Lunch		
Sat., May 28, 2011			
4:30 AM-5:30 AM	Ganapathy Homam	3:00 PM-5:00 PM	Open
5:30 AM-7:30 AM	Kalasa Punah Puja, Mahanyasam	5:00 PM-7:00 PM	Deepa Puja & Vishnu Sahasranamam
7:30 AM-8:00 AM	Breakfast	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Arathi followed by Dinner
8:00 AM-10:30 AM	Rudra Japam, Abhishekam, Homam		
10:30 AM-11:00 AM	Refreshments		
11:00 AM-1:30 PM	Rudra Japam, Abhishekam, Homam		
1:30 PM-3:00 PM	Lunch		
Sun., May 29, 2011			
4:30 AM-5:30 AM	Ganapathy Homam	3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Spiritual Talk: Sri Srinivasa Yegnasubramanian
5:30 AM-7:30 AM	Kalasa Punah Puja, Mahanyasam	4:00 PM-6:00 PM	Felicitation of priests, ritwiks and volunteers
7:30 AM-8:00 AM	Breakfast	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Rudra Ghana Chanting, Avatharika
8:00 AM-10:30 AM	Rudra Japam, Abhishekam, Homam	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Arathi followed by Dinner
10:30 AM-11:00 AM	Refreshments		
11:00 AM-1:30 PM	Rudra Japam, Abhishekam, Homam		
1:30 PM-3:00 PM	Lunch		
Mon. May 30, 2011			
4:30 AM-5:30 AM	Ganapathy Homam	12:15-1:00 PM	Krama Archana
5:30 AM-7:30 AM	Kalasa Punah Puja, Mahanyasam	1:00 PM-1:30 PM	Kalasa Abhishekam
7:30 AM-8:00 AM	Breakfast	1:30 PM-2:00 PM	Alankaram, Neivedyam, Maha Arathi
8:00 AM-10:30 AM	Rudra Japam, Abhishekam	2:00 PM-2:30 PM	Honor Acharyas, Avatharika, Aseervadham, Conclusion
6:00 AM-11:30 AM	Rudra Homam	2:30 PM-3:30 PM	Lunch
11:30 AM 12:15 PM	Vasorddhara and Purnahuthi		

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Appeal for Support

The devotees in Southern California feel blessed to have the opportunity to host this grand Yajna. Vast amount of money is needed to meet the expenses: materials needed for the 11-day pujas and havans; Annadhanam for 11 days for all devotees; travel, lodging and dakshina for the Vedic priests; lodging for out of town Ritviks; Security at the venue; etc.... Funds are needed soon since many advance arrangements and commitments have to be made now. In addition to receiving God's grace and being a part of this great Yajna, your generous donations will make this "grand" Yajna possible and accessible to all. The organizers express their whole-hearted thanks and appreciation to all donors for this timely help and generosity. Following are a few suggested categories of donations.

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In addition to financial resources, Athirudram-2011 requires many volunteers for smooth execution. Please contact Mr. Raja Krishnamurti at 562 381 3060 or rajakrishnamurti@yahoo.com to volunteer your time.

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