

# JSS SPIRITUAL MISSION

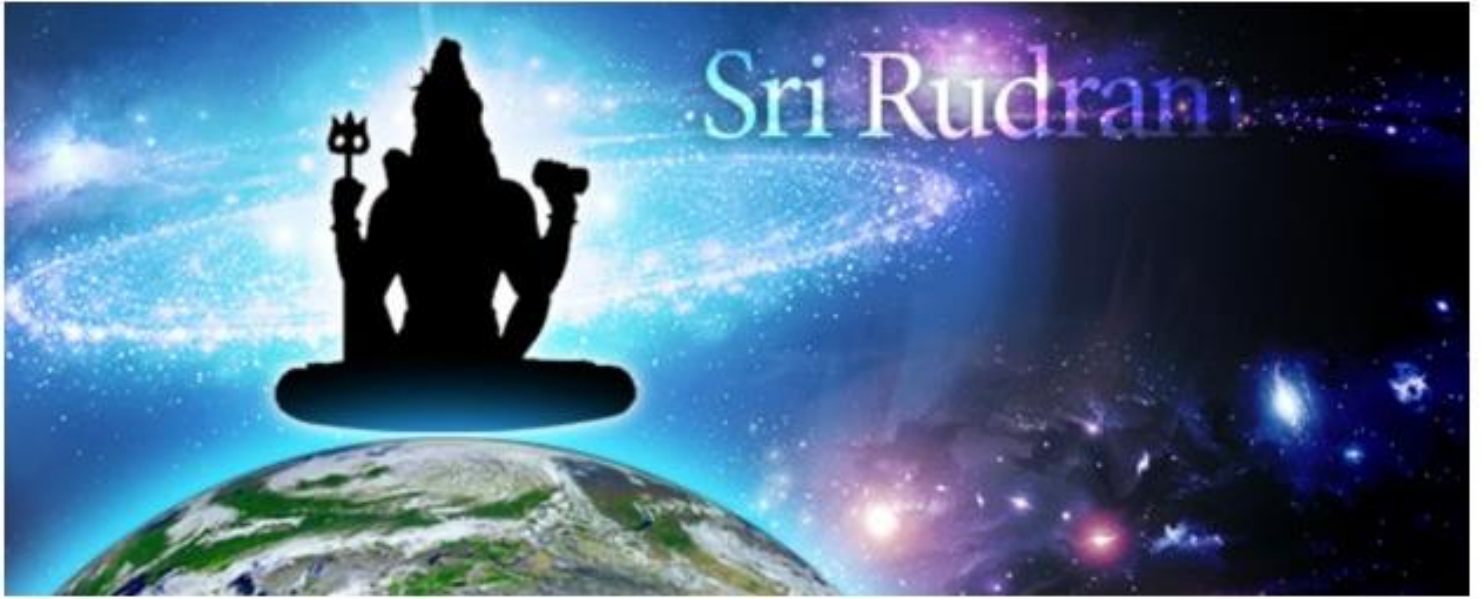


NEWSLETTER- FEBRUARY 2023



Dear Well Wishers,

The new year, 2023, has arrived with new hopes and expectations for peace, comfort, and health into our lives as we lean on spiritual guidance from HH Sri Shivarathri Dehsikendra Mahaswamiji and Divine grace of the God.



## **Rudram Chanting**

### **Rudra Mantra Recitation**

Under the spiritual guidance of HH Almatti Swamiji, the Sri Rudram Mantra recitation started in October 2022. As per the belief, recitation of this sacred mantra promotes health and happiness. Rudra Mantra removes fear and clears all the confusion and vagaries of the mind. Every human has some fears deep inside, chanting Rudra Mantra regularly in a prescribed way with devotion and concentration can help overcome all kinds of fears and stresses. If interested in participating, please contact M. Puttaraju at [mpraju08@gmail.com](mailto:mpraju08@gmail.com) or JSS office at 301-875-2048, [jss@jssmission.org](mailto:jss@jssmission.org).

**Meetings were conducted to discuss the new temple project and other matters. The following are the important points to be noted:**

- The initial cost estimate for the new temple and community center is \$15M. HH Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji desires to begin the understructure work by 2023 spring-early summer.
- The major challenge is the collection of donations and pledges. To start the project, there is a requirement of at least an additional fund of 5.3M to add to the collection. This will allow us to seek a bank loan for the duration of the construction period through 2025. This additional time is required for raising an additional fund of 7.5M.
- A fundraising committee has been activated. The first meeting of the committee was held in December 2022. Stakeholders of the JSS SPM attended the meeting. Mr. Rajiv Mahajan, a well-known CPA in Maryland explained the ways to donate while saving taxes.
- The construction committee held a few meetings. Final discussions with the construction/project management company are ongoing.

We continue to seek your best wishes and contributions toward the new temple project. As you visit the temple and Ashram in the coming days, please ingrain in your hearts and minds the image of the new temple and begin connecting your consciousness so that the collective consciousness will materialize into a reality.

A Construction Management Consultant who joins our team in March 2023 to kickstart the construction activity of the New Temple.

## 2023 gifting plans

As we start a new year, it is not early to plan for any year-end gifting plans and for Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), you have many options and possibilities. Please remember to include the JSS Spiritual Mission. You will be glad you did because this is your Mission. With your help, we will succeed in building a new temple and spiritual center. We look forward to further connecting with you and answering your questions.

### Yoga Program

JSS Spiritual Mission is conducting yoga programs for people of all ages. You can enjoy better mental and physical health by joining the Saturday chair yoga or Sunday full-body yoga program at JSS Spiritual Mission.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8346330359?pwd=WDJTeVcyYmtBQnVwUng0aWV6UDBudz09#success>

### Sunday School Program

Our teachers and Sunday School coordinators (Archana Pinnepalli, Sonal Sulkunte, Sulochana Guggari, and Roopa Dasari) are doing an excellent job of helping our children in a loving and caring environment. We encourage teachers and parents to discuss views and share thoughts on the progress of our children. To know more about Sunday School Program, please contact 301-414-0144.



## Catering

Our Prasadakaraka, Prakash prepares delicious prasadam and other Indian foods and catering services are available for every occasion. Contact 240-729-1016 for catering needs.

## Temple

Our temple priests Mahadeva Swamy and Rudresh are experienced and well-versed in performing poojas and rituals. Contact 301-875-2051, and 240-883-4010 for pooja needs.

Mahashivarathri was celebrated on February 18<sup>th</sup> with 5 Shiva abhisheka's and over 500 devotees visited the temple. The vent was broadcast live on our YouTube channel, please visit to view the event and subscribe for our updates at <https://www.youtube.com/@jssmissionmission6563>



## Ashram activities

Based on many devotees' requests, a new "Yearly Pooja Service" has been introduced with two pooja's per month for one year along with other yearly pooja options. For more details contact JSS Office at 301-85-2048 or at [jss@jssmission.org](mailto:jss@jssmission.org) or with our priests.

## Donate a vehicle

Please let us know if you have a vehicle in running condition that you would like to donate. We need this vehicle for personal use by our priests and prasadakara. Alternatively, we can even consider if you want to see a vehicle.

We are here to serve you and we look forward to seeing you soon at the Mission.

May the Divine grace illumine your path and protect you in all you do.

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