

JSS SPIRITUAL MISSION



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Rudra Mantra Recitation



Rudram Chanting

Under the spiritual guidance of HH Almatti Swamiji, the Sri Rudram Mantra recitation has been practiced since October 2022. This is one of the most powerful mantras according to Hindu scriptures. The 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 or JSS office at 301-85-2048, jss@jssmission.org.

Yoga Program

JSS Spiritual Mission conducts 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>

In addition to this weekly ongoing program, plans are in progress to bring a virtual class on therapeutic yoga from no other than JSS sister institutions. As most of you know the JSS has more than 350 institutions, all dedicated to education, service to humanity, and spiritual development. One such institution is JSS Nature Cure and Yoga Hospital in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India. Another one is in Mysuru. Both institutions have offered to extend their expertise to our benefit. Stay tuned.

The new temple construction project has been progressing with the following developments:

- With the grace of HH Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji, the first sign of the construction is here by the removal of the barn. The barn demolition was completed in July.
- The Site Preparation contractor, Hamilton Site Preparation, began the work by removing the concrete flooring of the barn. Their work was temporarily halted to seek additional permission from the Montgomery County's Forest Conservation and Planning Department. The JSS SM and Construction Manager have been diligently working to expedite the county approval process.
- We are expecting the site preparation work to resume by the middle of August.
- The Construction Committee led by Umesh Murthy continues to hold biweekly meetings to review progress and disseminate information.
- One of the major challenges has been slow progress of the collection of donations and pledges. Of the total cost of \$15M, our initial goal is to raise \$7.5M to enable us to seek a bank loan for the remaining funds. We need to raise at least an additional \$4.3M for the bank to consider our application.



Sri Chamundeshwari Janmadinotsava

Sri. Chamundeshwari Janmadinotsava was held on July 10th and celebrations were held on 15th. Abhishekam, Homam, Lalitha Sahasranama Kumkumarchana and Pallaki Utsavam were conducted. More than 500 devotees participated in the event.



Valliku Pooja

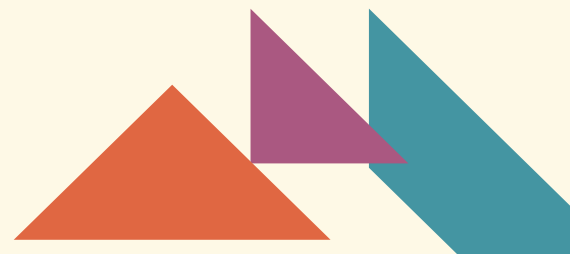
More than 50 devotees celebrated Valliku Pooja at the temple on 23rd. The number of devotees participating in the event has been increasing year over year. Thanks to all devotees for making this your place of worship.



2023 donation plans

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. Most of all, we need your financial commitment to successfully execute this project. Let us remember our achievements as an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual. Please come on board with your contributions and see how quickly we can achieve our goals.

While you have many options to dedicate your hard-earned money, please remember to include the JSS Spiritual Mission. You will be glad you did because this is your Mission. The new temple will be a gift of legacy to our children and grandchildren, and this will be a place for our generation that we call, “OURS,” and we built it. 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.



Catering

Our Prasadakaraka, Prakash prepares delicious prasadam and other Indian foods and catering services are available for every occasion. Contact +1 240-729-1016 for catering needs. In your recent visits, we hope you have noticed the new facility and outdoor dining options.

Temple

Our temple priest Mahadeva Swamy has been visiting India after a few years of not able to go. He will be back in September 2023. In the meantime, our priest, Rudresh, is managing the temple and meeting your needs. Contact +1 240-883-4010 for pooja needs.

School

Carrying forward the success during the school year 2022-23, new enhanced programs are being added to cater for the needs of the community. FLL program is expected to support two teams, dedicated classrooms for Algebra and Python classes, and a research based Slokha program for Middle Schoolers. Program details will be released in August 2023. We look forward to your support of the school.

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 or with our priests.

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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