



JSS Spiritual Mission

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What's New at JSS Spiritual Mission

Dear Well-Wishers of JSS Spiritual Mission (JSS SM):

We celebrated many festivals and poojas in November 2022 at the JSS SM, including Thanksgiving. More than 30 friends joined together on Thanksgiving Day to celebrate the season and all that God has blessed us. At the temple, we celebrated Karthika Masa with special poojas and decorations to Sri Shiva Linga and Nandi. These celebrations were attended by many devotees.

Another reason to celebrate is Ghanavi Prakash and Rajath Rudresh joined Montgomery County schools. They are very happy to be in a new environment and learning the language and skills rapidly. Thanks to parents and our manager Saikumar Pinnepalli for getting all the necessary paperwork in a timely manner.



New temple construction project

The initial cost estimate for the new temple and community center is \$15M. HH Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji would like us to begin the real groundbreaking by 2023 spring-early summer. There is a lot to be accomplished between now and then. One major effort is the collection of donations and pledges. While we do not require all the funds to start the project, we do require at least an additional 5.3M to add to the collection till now. This will allow us to seek a bank loan for the duration of the construction period through 2025. This additional time is needed for raising an additional 7.5M.

To expand our network of volunteers with the specific goal of fundraising, a fundraising committee has been activated. The first meeting with the committee will be held in December 2023. Rajiv Mahajan, a well-known CPA in Maryland will educate the committee with several approaches to donate while saving on taxes. 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 physical reality.

The construction committee has held a few meetings to address the new temple construction project. Final discussions with the construction/project management company are ongoing. You will hear more about this as we make progress.

Year-end gifting plans

As your year-end gifting plans and 401(k) Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) are being finalized, 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.

Amazon Smile

When we must fill a bucket, every drop counts. Every time you order from Amazon, we will get a few pennies on a dollar, and that adds up to a lot of money when we consider that most of us shop at Amazon. Please help JSS SM with this free money. We can do this by signing up at <https://smile.amazon.com>. The JSS SM is one of the charitable organizations recognized by Amazon. Please sign up today.

Yoga Program

Pretty soon 2022 will be a history and we will welcome 2023. With the new year, many of us add improving health as one of the list of things to accomplish. Why not start today. Come and join one of the yoga classes. You will be happy to enjoy better mental and physical health by joining the Saturday chair yoga or Sunday full body yoga program.

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

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 your views and share your thoughts. For further information, please call 301 414 0144.

Ashram

Prakash has become a very popular figure with his friendly demeanor and willingness to please us. With his smiles and ever flowing energy, he is always ready to prepare delicious prasadam including dosa, idli, sweets, snacks, etc for your taste and needs. The choice is yours. Just let him know what you desire, he will make it. Contact Prakash on his cell #240 729 1016 for your needs.

Temple

Our priests Mahadeva Swamy and Rudresh celebrated Karthika Masa in a grand way with large number of devotees. They are one of the busiest priests that we know of. You are welcome to call our priests to discuss your pooja needs. (Rudresh 301 875 2051, Mahadeva Swamy 240 883 4010).

Rudram Recitation

Under the spiritual guidance of HH Almatti Swamiji, Sri Rudram mantra chanting/recitation was initiated in October 2022. Our belief is that recitation of this sacred mantra promotes health and happiness. Rudra mantras remove fear and clear all the confusions and vagaries of the mind. Every human has a set of fears. Chanting Rudra mantra regularly in the prescribed manner with devotion and focus of mind can help overcome all kinds of fears and stresses. If interested in participation, please contact Almatti Swamiji at jss@jssmission.org or Puttaraju M.

Ashram activities

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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