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Hindu Society of North Carolina

2424 Huffine Mill Rd
McLeansville, NC 27301

Mahashivaratri 2012



Sunday February 19, 2012

5:30PM – 6:00 AM

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Hindu Society of North Carolina

Cordially invites you and your family
to participate in

Mahashivaratri 2012

At

TRIAD HINDU TEMPLE

(2424 Huffine Mill Rd, McLeansville, 27301)

On

Sunday, February 19, 2012

From

5:30 PM – 6:00 AM

Special programs to include 4 Kala (yaama puja)
Shiva Abhishekams, Shiva Aaradhana and special bhajans
from HSNC Community and Greensboro Sai Center.

**You will get an opportunity to do the Abhishekam to
Lord Shiva by yourself during 2nd kala puja**

Please stay overnight to enjoy the full program

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तन्नो रुद्रः प्रचोदयात्

Mahashivaratri 2012 programme Sunday Feburary 19, 2012

Triad Hindu Temple, 2424 Huffine Mill Rd, McLeansville,NC 27301

Sunday
2/19/2012

Phase-I 5:30 PM



Sri Vigneshwara Mahaganapathi Pooja
First Yaama Pooja: Shiva Abhishekam/Pooja
Sri Rudra Chamaka Parayanam .
Abhishekam performed by Priests and Sponsors
7:00 PM Bhajans/Shlokas by HSNC Community & Balvihar Children
8:00 PM Bhajans Led by Greensboro Sai Center Group

Phase-II 9:00 PM



Second Yaama Pooja: Shiva Abhishekam/Pooja
Sri Rudra Chamaka Parayanam Sponsors
Abhishekam to Lord Shiva is open to Public
10:30 PM Bhajans Led by Greensboro Sai Center Group
12:00 AM Maha Aarti and Prasad

Monday
2/20/2012

Phase-III 12:30 AM



Third Yaama Pooja: Shiva Abhishekam/pooja
Sri Rudra Chamaka Parayanam.
Abhishekam performed by Priests and Sponsors
2:00 AM Pancha Suktam and Upanishad
Continue with Bhajans and Shlokas

Phase-IV 4:00 AM



Fourth Yaama Pooja: Shiva Abhishekam/pooja
Sri Rudra Chamaka Parayanam.
Abhishekam performed by Priests and Sponsors
5:30 AM Bhajans, Shlokas and Shiva Ashtothram.

6:00 AM MANGALA AARATI

Mahashivaratri Sponsorship:

Sri Rudra paarayan, Abhishekam and Puja for all 4 phases	\$ 151
Abhishekam and Archana for all 4 phases	\$ 101
Archana for 4 phases	\$ 51
Archana during any 1 phase	\$ 11

Options for sponsoring puja/Donating to the Temple

- 1) Draw a check payable to **HSNC** and handover at the Temple
- 2) Mail the check to **HSNC**, P.O. Box 4643, Greensboro, NC 27404
- 3) Please visit our website www.triadhindutemple.org
(Please contribute generously to the Temple construction fund)



नमः शंकराय च मयस्कराय च ।
नमः शिवाय च शिवतराय च ॥



*“Saurashtre tu Somanatham, Shri shaile Mallikarjunam
Ujjayinyaam Mahakaalam, Omkaare Mamaleshwaram
Himalaye tu Kedaaram, Dakinyaam Bhima Shankaram
Vaaranasyam tu Vishvesham, Tryambakam Gautamitate
Paralyam Vaidhyanatham, Nagesham cha Daruka vane
Setubandhe tu Ramesham, Ghrishnesham cha shivalaye”*

This is the famous shloka given in the Shiva Purana describing the 12 jyotir-lingas of Shiva.

In Hinduism, the Absolute is known as the Brahman and is formless and without attributes. But the human being has form and attributes so we need some form of the Absolute on which we can concentrate. Worship of the lingam is one of the most important aspects of the worship of Shiva.

There are thousands of lingams all over India but some of them have a special importance. The most important of these called jyotir-lingas and they are twelve in number. As given in the shloka, their names are Somnatha, Mallikarjuna, Mahakala, Omkara, Kedara, Bhimshankara. Vishvanatha, Tryambaka, Vaidynatha, Nagesha, Rameswara and Grishnesha.

Devotees of Shiva consider it a rare good fortune to be able to make a visit to all the twelve jyotir-lingas in one lifetime. (see all the 12 Jyotir lingas shown in this program flyer in the order of Shloka).

In Namakam the prostration or Namaskarams to Lord Siva is repeated 183 times. In the 7th Prasna there are 20 Panchatees; containing prayer for getting 371 dravyas essential for performance of a Yajna. This Chapter is called as CHAMAKAM.

Sri Rudram, like Eka Moolika Prayogam- one medicine for everything- can be used for Japa, Homa, Abhisheka, Archana, Yajna.

Sri Rudram is considered as essence of all Upanishads. It can be seen that for removal of Satru Baadha, other evil effects, diseases, apa-mruthyu, poverty and for getting all purusharthas, peace of mind, happiness, family unity etc Sri Rudra Upasana is essential.



Salutations and adorations to the blissful Lord Siva, the lover of Uma or Parvati, the Lord of all beings (Pasupati).



“Abhisheka priyo Shiva”: This means: Abhisheka pleases Lord Shiva the most. Performing Abhisheka to Lord Shiva with six different dravyas, such as Milk, Yogurt, Honey, Ghee, Sugar, and Water while chanting Sri Rudram, Chamakam and Dasa Shanthi specially pleases Him. Each dravya used in His Abhisheka blesses a unique quality. Milk is for purity and piousness. Yogurt is for prosperity and progeny. Honey is for sweet speech. Ghee is for victory. Sugar is for happiness. Water is for purity. The Archana (Upachara Puja) that follows abhisheka is also very auspicious.



Yajurveda gives the names Rudra and Shiva for the same form. Namaka and Chamaka are the Veda mantras chanted during every Shiva Abhisheka. The mantra “Yathe Rudra Shiva Tanu” explicitly mentions this. As per Shankara Bhagavath Pada, one has to worship Shiva to achieve salvation and that too on Shiva Rathri day. It is certain that the one, who keeps awake on this day, will reach ‘Sayujya’ of Shiva. (Attainment of Lord Shiva.)

The greatest and the highest Abhisheka is to pour the waters of pure love on the Atmalinga of the lotus of the heart. The external Abhisheka with various objects will help the growth of devotion and adoration for Lord Siva and eventually lead to internal Abhisheka with pure abundant flow of love.



When you do Abhisheka with Bhava and devotion, your mind is concentrated. Your heart is filled with the image of the Lord and divine thoughts. You forget your body and its relation and surroundings. Egoism gradually vanishes. When there is forgetfulness, you begin to enjoy and taste the eternal bliss of Lord Siva. Recitation of Rudra or Om Nama shivaya purifies the mind and fills it with Sattva.

