



Shiva-Vishnu Temple

Om Namah Shivaya Om Namo Narayanaya

Hindu Community and Cultural Center

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Ratha Saptami

Thursday, February 15th & Sunday, February 18th 2024



**saptāśva radha mārūḍham
prachaṇḍam kaśyapātmajam
śveta padmadharam devam
taṃ sūryam praṇamāmyaham**

Ratha Saptami is a very auspicious day in the Hindu calendar. Many people worship Surya because he is called as “Aarogya and Aishwarya Datha” (provider of health and wealth). Surya is worshiped early in the morning while fresh sunrays emerge. It is believed and proven that exposure to fresh sunrays will rejuvenate energy, and purify the mind & body. The Sun God travels in the north and south directions in a year. These are called Uttarayanam (when the sun is heading northwards) and Dakshinayanam (when the sun is heading southwards). The Ratha Saptami festival seeks the benevolent cosmic spread of energy and light from the Sun God.

At Shiva-Vishnu Temple, Ratha Saptami is celebrated by worshiping Aditya or Sun God with Kalasa Sthapana and Shodasha Upachara puja followed by Parayanam (Chanting) of Aruna Prasnam (Surya Namaskara Mantrams), Aditya Hrudayam.

Devotees can participate in the puja and perform Surya Namaskarams. All devotees are encouraged to participate and receive divine blessings.

Event Schedule

Thursday, Feb 15 th 10:00 AM	Aruna Parayanam with Surya Namaskaram
Sunday, Feb 18 th 10:00 AM	Aruna Parayanam with Surya Namaskaram
Sunday, Feb 18 th 11:45 AM	Surya Prabha Vahana Seva for Lord Balaji

Event Sponsorship: \$ 21

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