

Thai Poosam Tuesday Jan 30th 2018



Program

JAN 30th TUESDAY at 6:30 pm

Paal Kudam and Kaavadi Procession Abhishekam to Lord Subramanya, Skanda Sashti Kavacham Recital Swamy Purappadu (procession), Maha Mangala Aarathi

Sponsorship

Paal Kudam: \$21, Kaavadi: \$51 Mala Sponsorship: \$101 Full Event Sponsorship: \$116 (Event sponsorship includes Paal Kudam/Kaavadi for family members)

A festival occurring in the Tamil month Thai (January - February), on the day of the star Poosam around Pournami (Full Moon) is celebrated as Thaipusam [Thai Poosam]. There are several legends about the festival Thaipusam. The main one is about a demon named Tharakasuran who gave a lot of trouble to the rishis and saints. Lord Muruga was called by his parents Lord Shiva and Parvati and given the task of destroying the Asuran. Lord Muruga set off with the blessings of his parents to destroy the demon. He took with him twelve weapons, eleven of which were given by his father Lord Shiva and the 'Vel' given by his mother Parvati. Lord Muruga destroyed Tharakasuran on the Poosam Nakshatra day in the Tamil month of Thai and hence Thai Poosam is celebrated in all Murugan temples.

Please bring some milk, fruits, flowers, coconut and any food item for Prasadam (without onion/garlic)

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