



Maha Shivaratri

February 21 & 22, 2020

Maha Shivaratri is celebrated in honor of Lord Shiva. There is a Shivaratri every month. However, once a year in February/March, or in the month of Phalgun, Maha Shivaratri, the Great Night of Shiva, is celebrated.

The Maha Shivaratri is mentioned in several Puranas, particularly the Skanda Purana, Linga Purana, and Padma Purana. These medieval era Shaiva texts present different versions associated with this festival,

and mention fasting, reverence for icons of Shiva such as the Lingam.

Different legends describe the significance of Maha Shivaratri. According to one legend in the Shaivism tradition, this is the night when Shiva performs the heavenly dance of creation, preservation and destruction. The chanting of hymns, the reading of Shiva scriptures and the chorus of devotees joins this cosmic dance and remembers Shiva's presence everywhere. According to another legend, this is the night when Shiva and Parvati got married. A different legend states that the offering to Shiva icons such as the linga is an annual occasion to get over past sins if any, to restart on a virtuous path and thereby reach Mount Kailasha and liberation.

Event Schedule

Friday Feb 21

5:00-6:00PM - Rudra Homam

6:00-7:00PM - Sankalpam, Ganapathy Pooja, Abishekam

7:00-7:45PM - Harathi & Prasadam

Saturday Feb 22

4:00-6:00 PM - Shiva Parvathy Kalyanam

Sponsor

Homam and archana - \$51

Special archana - \$21

Kalyanam - \$101