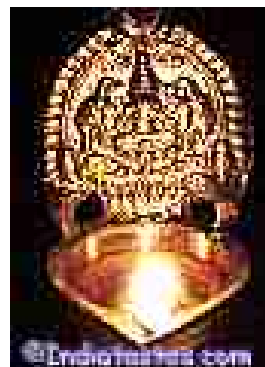
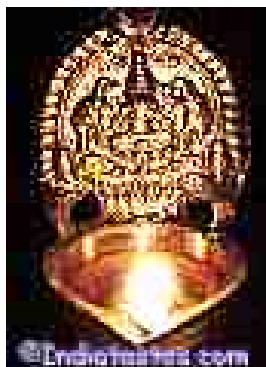


PERTH HINDU TEMPLE

SRI AYYAPAN MONTHLY POOJA / SRI VARALAKSHMI VRIDHAM THIRUVILAKU (DEEPA) POOJA



DATE: 15 AUGUST 2008
DAY: FRIDAY

TIME: 8.00pm – 8.45pm
TARIFF: \$15.00

BACKGROUND: The Hindu festival going by the name 'Vara Lakshmi Vrata' is celebrated on the Friday before the full moon in the Tamil Month 'Aadi' which corresponds to the English months of July-August. It is a festival to propitiate goddess Sri Maha Lakshmi, the consort of Vishnu, one of the Hindu Trinity. Varalakshmi is one who grants boons (Varam). There are many festivals in the year dedicated to Goddess Lakshmi. Among them, Varalakshmi Vratam is considered very auspicious because it is marked by strict observance of certain practices and austerities. It is also called Varalakshmi Nonbu.

On this day, it is of great significance and importance for ladies to observe the Deepa pooja (Thiruvilaku pooja). Sri Ashata Lakshmi is believed to reside in the Thiruvilaku and thus, devotees are encouraged to participate in this auspicious deepa pooja on the day of Vara Lakshmi Vrata. It is said that Lakshmi will enter the house of anyone who thinks of her and bless them. Thus, conducting Thiruvilaku pooja on Vara Lakshmi Vrata day is believed to bring peace, harmony, happiness and good luck in one's family. You may also seek the blessings of Maha Lakshmi for mangalya bhagam and long life.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

Devotees may participate in the Thiruvilaku (Deepa) pooja at a cost of \$15.00 only. Please bring your own pooja material including lamp, flowers and fruits. For further information, you may contact the priest on either 9455 2097 or Kabilan on 0422 354 355.

WHAT TO BRING?

Devotees are requested to bring a lamp and a tray. The rest of the pooja material will be provided by the temple.

You may also donate any or all of the following: Tumeric powder, Yoghurt, milk, rose water, sandal wood powder, ghee, loose flowers, garlands and/or fruits.

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PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS Sri Ayyappan Monthly Pooja

6.00PM	Nithya Abishekam for Lord Shiva
6.30PM	Nithya Pooja
7.00PM	Ayyappan Abishekam
7.45PM	Maha deebarithana / Harivarasanam
	Tariff: \$15.00

Deepa Pooja

8.00PM	Thiruvilaku (Deepa) Pooja
8.45PM	Maha Deebarithana / Distribution Prasadham
	Tariff: \$15.00

(Temple Opening times (Morning): Mon- Fri: 6.30am – 10am / 11am on Sat & Sun)

(Evening): Mon-Thurs & Sat – Sun: 6.30pm – 8.30pm / 9.00pm on Fridays)

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