



Maha Shivarathri - The Night of Awakening

The day before the Amavasya (new moon) of each month is called Shivarathri. The Shivarathri that falls in magha month (February/March) each year is considered to be more auspicious and is celebrated as Maha Shivarathri. The great night of Shiva. Traditionally, Hindu devotees stay awake throughout the night of Mahashivarathri and pray to Lord Shiva. Scientifically, the planetary positions are such on the night of Mahashivarathri that in the Northern Hemisphere of the planet, it is very beneficial to keep one's spine erect throughout the night.

It is a day when Shiva *bakthas* (devotees) maintain a day of fast and a night long vigil, immersed in contemplation of Shiva's glory, by reciting *mantras* (prayers), singing bhajans in his praise and enacting his many stories from the Shiva Puranas.

As such on Friday 12th February 2010, Mahashivarathri will celebrate with four jama Abishegam and Pooja for Lord Shiva at Kundrathu Kumaran Temple.

As many have experienced immense sufferings last year throughout the world, we can dedicate this day's prayers for those who were affected and / or lost their kith and kin during last year. By praying Lord Shiva we can reduce the bad effects ask for salvation. All devotees are welcome to join in these prayers with us.

1st Jama Pooja 6.00 pm Abishegam and pooja

2nd Jama Pooja 10.00 pm Abishegam and pooja

3rd Jama Pooja 12.00 mid night Abishegam, pooja and Thrisathy Archana
(300 names of Shiva)

4th Jama Pooja 4.30 Am Abishegam and pooja.

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