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Thai Poosam

Sunday, Feb 1, 2026

Temple Hours : 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM

All pujas can be sponsored in-person or online



09:30 AM Sankalpam followed by Special Abhishekam with Pal Kudam (Milk Pot) to Sri Subrahmanya Swamy Moola Murthy (live)
03:30 PM Thiruppugazh recital by NJ Thiruppugazh Anbargal (live)

Subrahmanya Swamy is also known as

- **Skanda (seed)**
- **Shanmukha (one with six faces)**
- **Kumara Swamy (prince or child)**
- **Murugan (beauty, smart and clever)**
- **Swamy Mahasena (Commander in-chief of Devatas' army)**
- **Vaisakhudu (born in Vaisakha Nakshtram)**
- **Kartikeya Swamy**

Thai Poosam is one of the important festivals observed by the Hindus of southern India during the Tamil month of Thai (January - February). Outside of India, it is celebrated mainly by the Tamil speaking community settled in Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka and elsewhere around the world.

Thai Poosam is dedicated to Sri Muruga, the son of Shiva and Parvati. It is believed that on this day, Goddess Parvati presented a lance (Vel) to Sri Muruga to vanquish the demon army of Tarakasura and combat their evil deeds. Therefore, Thai Poosam is a celebration of the victory of good over evil.

Thai Poosam is celebrated during the full moon in the Tamil month of Thai and commemorates the birthday of Sri Muruga. To mark this day of penance and thanksgiving, Hindus pierce their bodies with metal skewers and carry pots of milk on their heads and take part in a procession during the Thai Poosam festival.

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