



Siva Parvathi (Meenakshi) Kalyanotsav



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7:00 PM
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Sarva Devata Aarti
Shiva Abhishek and Siva Parvati Kalyanotsav (Sri Meenakshi Kalyanam)
Followed by Prasad

Suggested donation: Kalyanam- \$21, Archana- \$11

Sri Shiva Shankara symbolizes the ultimate yogi-his disheveled hair is tied up in knots from which flows the holy river Ganga. In his hands, Shiva holds a damaru (drum) from which emanates the universal rhythm, a kamandalu (a small pot) that is the symbol of the sadhu, a trishul (trident), which is his weapon, and his fourth hand, in abhaya-mudra, blesses the devotee. With his faithful attendant, the mighty bull Nandi, at his side, Lord Shiva remains absorbed in meditation. As a yogi, his needs are few and even his form is best represented as formless--the linga. The shiva-linga symbolizes the endless pillar of fire energy that Lord Shiva reveals himself as to Lord Brahma and Lord Vishnu. Sri Parvati, his consort, is the daughter of Parvata Raja and consequently bears the name Parvati. Lord Shiva's female aspect is also recognized in other forms such as Uma, Durga, Lalita, Meenakshi, and Kamakshi, just to name a few. While Lord Shiva represents the efficient or intelligent cause, his Shakti, Devi Parvati represents the material cause of the jagat.

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