



Austin Hindu Temple and Community Center

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Kaala Bhairava Abhishekam

Friday Sep 23, 2016

(Krishna Paksha Ashtami)



Sep 23rd Friday

7:00 pm – Prokshana/Kaala Bhairava Abhishekam

8:00 pm – Special Archana and Aarathi

Sponsorship: \$51

Lord Kaala Bhairava is the manifestation of Lord Shiva who oversees the march of time. Kaala Bhairava is a shortened form of ***Kaala Shakti Bhairava*** - the Lord who controls the Shakti of Kaala - the Power of Time. Ashtami (eighth) thithi of each paksham (moon phase fortnight), particularly in the waning phase (that is, Krishna Paksha Ashtami), is important for Kaala Bhairava worship.

Kaala Bhairava is conceptualized as the Guru of the planetary deity, Shani (Saturn). Bhairava is known as Bhairavar or Vairavar and is often presented as a Grama devata or village guardian who safeguards the devotee in eight directions (ettu tikku). Lord Kaala Bhairava is also known as Kshetrapalaka, the guardian of the temple. In honor of this, keys to the temple are ceremonially submitted to Lord Kaala Bhairava at temple closing time and are received from him at opening time. Kaala Bhairava Jayanthi, which occurs in November/December is the most auspicious day dedicated to Lord Kaala Bhairava.

Devotees are requested to bring Vada Mala (32, 54, or 108 vadas) and pepper rice or yogurt Rice for naivedyam

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