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Masi Maham "Paal Kudam" Pooja **Tuesday March 6, 2012**

"Maham" is the tenth star (natchaththiram=constellation) among the twenty seven stars in the Hindu astrological system. The Maham natchaththiram which falls in the month of Masi very often in conjunction with the full moon day (Mulu Nila=Purnami), is taken as the "Masi Maham" Valipaadu day.

The mythological story behind is that when God Siva appeared opposite the sea in the vicinity where **Varunan** (Salapathi) remained submerged for his sins, blessed him and freed him from his desires. Varunan in turn worshipped him and requested a varam that anyone who bathes in the sea fronts will be freed from desires and and attain high mukthi, and for God Siva to be in presence here on his occasion of Masi thiru Maham being the tenth day of the month of Masi to bless them.

Masi Maham thus has been an annual festival in the Tamil month of Masi. But once in every twelve years-in addition to the full moon being in conjunction with the Maham natchaththiram in the month of Masi, the moving of the planet Jupiter into the Singa Rasi too takes place simultaneously. The Masi Maham which comes with this astronomical combination is called the **Maha Maham**.

Further Masi Maham is said to be the birth of natchaththiram on which Dakshayini (the Goddess Parvathi) was born as daughter to Daksha. Hence Masi Maham is also celebrated in Sakthi Temples in Tamil Nadu and elsewhere with "Pooja Valipaadukal" conducted in a big way having this significance.

Please signup for the Masi Maham "Paal Kudam" pooja. On Masi Maham day, there will be a sale of Amman's sarees which were adorned for her during festivals. If we buy them we will be bestowed by Mother Thurka.

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