

# MAHA SHIVARATRI CELEBRATION



**From 6 AM on Friday, Feb. 12 to 6 AM on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010**

Maha Shivaratri, “the great night of Lord Shiva,” is one of the holiest days in the Hindu religious calendar. It is considered the most auspicious day for the worship of Lord Shiva. It is said that the devotees who worship Lord Shiva on this day will accrue the benefit of worshipping Him for a whole year. On Shivaratri, devotees fast during the day, maintain a sleepless vigil during the night, and chant the Panchakshari Japa (Om Namah Shivaya) for 24 continuous hours (in one-hour slots per devotee at our Temple).

## Friday, February 12, 2010

6:00 AM	Sri Ganesha Puja/ Kalasha Sthapana, Beginning of 24-hour Panchakshari Japa, Sri Shiva Puja, Abhishekam and Aarati
8:00 to 11:30 AM	Abhishekam open to Shiva Devotees
NOON	Sri Shiva Puja, Abhishekam and Aarati
1:00 to 4:00 PM	Abhishekam open to Shiva Devotees
6:00 PM	Sri Shiva Puja, Abhishekam and Aarati
7:30 to 11:30 PM	Abhishekam open to Shiva Devotees
7:30 to 9:00 PM	Bhajan, Kirtan, Aarati, and Prasad
MIDNIGHT	Sri Shiva Puja, Abhishekam and Aarati

## Saturday, February 13, 2010

1:30 to 5:30 AM	Abhishekam open to Shiva Devotees
6:00 AM	Sri Shiva Puja / Abhishekam Conclusion of Akhanda Japa & Arati Prasad (End of fasting)

### 24 Hours Continuous “Om Namah Shivaya” Japa starting 6 AM Friday

Please sign up for your time slot on sheet at temple or send message to [raman@nscl.msu.edu](mailto:raman@nscl.msu.edu).

**Sponsorship: Personal Abhishekam by Shiva devotees: \$11; Archana sponsorship: \$21; Abhishekam sponsorship: \$25. Your sponsorship of any of these will help raise needed funds for the Temple.**

### Special Request to Shiva Devotees

**Before you come to the Temple please shower, wear clean clothes (no work clothes, please). At the Temple please do 108 times “Om Namah Shivaya” japa before doing the Abhishekam. Your cooperation in this matter is extremely appreciated.**