

**Mahalya Paksha 9/29/2023-10/14/2023**

**Pitru Paksha Puja**



**Pitru Paksha Shradh puja: Saturday, 10/14/2023**

**@10:30 am Sponsorship: \$51**

**Puja Items: Fruits, Flowers, Coins, Prasadam**

**To participate, please contact Vigneshji @ 313-445-2009**

“Pitru paksha is the period of the dark fortnight starting with the full moon after Ganesh Chaturthi and ending on the Amavasya before Navaratri. Pitrus are our ancestors, parents, grandparents and other relatives who have passed away. Pitru Tarpan (Tarpan is derived from the word ‘Trup’ which means satisfying. Aapan means an offering made to someone. So, Tarpan means an offering made to satisfy someone) is performed to pay respect to the departed ancestor’s souls and get their blessings. Pitru Paksha Shradh can be performed by both men and women to honor their beloved family members who are no more. People who do not know the thithi for their family members also perform Shradh during this period.

In Hindu culture, Annadanam, giving dakshina to priests, donation of food & clothing to the poor, feeding animals & birds during Pitru paksha are all considered auspicious and believed to remove misery and mitigate ill effects of planets and increase good luck & blessings.”

**Mahaprasadam is sponsored in the memory of Jaya & Anantha Velagapudi:  
by Sirisha & Shanthi K. Neerukonda**