Since ages Hindus have worshiped Sūrya Deva/Sun god. Sūrya is considered to be Sri Vishnu and hence referred to as Sri Sūryanārāyana. Ratha Saptami is the festival of Sun God celebrated every year on the Seventh Day in Shukla Paksha of Māgha Māsa (January/February). It marks the birthday of Sri Sūrya Narayana (Sun) who was born to sage Kashyapa and his wife Aditi on this day. Ratha Saptami festival marks the beginning of Uttarāyana (Uttara means North and Ayanam means Movement). Ratha Saptami Festival is also known as Sūrya Jayanti.

Aditya Hrudayam and Aruna Pārāyanam - Sūryanārāyana is worshiped for better health and success. Reciting and listening to Aditya Hrudayam, which was given to Sri Rama by Agastya Rishi, will benefit everyone immensely.

आदित्यहृियं पुण्यं सर्वशत्रुदर्नाशनम् ।
जयार्हं जपेदित्यमक्षय्यं परमं दशर्म् ॥

Sun God Sūrya is symbolically represented in the form of his Ratha (Chariot) drawn by seven horses, with Aruna as the charioteer. The Seven Horses represent the Seven Days of a Week starting with Sunday – Ravi Vaar, the day of Sun god Sūrya.

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**Significance of Ratha Saptami and Sri Sūryanārāyana Pūja**

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**Program Details**

- 11:30 AM: Sri Aditya Hrudayam Pārāyanam and Sūryanārāyana Pūja*
- 12:00 PM: Archana, Mahā Mangala Ārati

*Note: *Priests will perform Sankalpam to all the Sponsors

**Sponsorship Opportunity**

- Sūryanārāyana Vishesha Archana ($21.00)
- Pushpa Mala Alankaram*

*Note: *For sponsorship contact Office for Scheduling

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