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Pavitrotsavam:

Pavitrotsavam is a special Temple festival. This function is celebrated annually during the Kartika month over a span of three days. The first day ceremony starts on the seventh day (saptami) after new moon day (during the sukla paksha period i.e. the days following New moon day). This celebration is called a sarvadhosa nivarana utsavam. This religious function removes all the blemishes that occurred in the Temple during the year, either knowingly or unknowingly. This festival purifies the religious sanctity of the Temple. The name Pavitrotsavam originates from the word Pavitram, which means suddham or auspiciousness. Pavitrotsavam is a purificatory ceremony of the Temple.

A special yagnasala is made for this function. Temple idols are placed in the yagnasala or invoked in special kalasams. Homams and elaborate pujas are performed daily, during the Pavitrotsavam. Abhishekams to all the Moola Vigrahas are performed on the concluding day of this Temple festival.

Colorful garlands are made for the Gods, using silk threads. Divine powers are invoked into these garlands and are offered to all the Gods. At the end of this festival these garlands are also distributed to devotees as prasadam. It is considered auspicious to keep these silk garlands at home for the sake of purity of the house.

May the Blessings of Lord Sri Venkateswara and Sri Mahalakshmi, be with you and your family.

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