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Pradosham:

Pradosha Puja is very special to Lord Siva. The sunset time of Trayodasi (13th moon day) is called Pradosha. This Holy time comes once in Sukla Paksha (15 moon days from new moon to full moon) and again in Krishna Paksha (15 moon days from full moon to new moon). Worshipping Lord Siva during the Pradosha time is considered very auspicious. This prayer will free us from our sins and leads us to moksha.

According to Puranas, Devas and Asuras used the hill Mandhara and the serpent Vasuki to churn the ocean of milk in quest for the Amrutham (Nector). To everyone's surprise, the terrible poison came out first. This frightened all of them. However, Lord Siva came to the rescue and swallowed the entire poison. Following this, the churning process continued. Finally, on a Dwadasi day, Amrutham appeared. The story goes that the attention of the Asuras was diverted by Lord Sri Vishnu and the Devas got a chance to eat the Nector and celebrate. Only on the next day (Trayodasi), Devas realized that they didn't thank and pray Lord Sri Siva. Lord Siva forgave them and performed a dance between the horns of The Divine Bull in The Pradosha time. Since then, devotees fast and pray Lord Siva, during the auspicious Pradosha time.

In our Temple Siva Abhishekam is performed on Pradosham days and Vrushabha(Bull) vahana seva follows this.

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

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