



# SIVARATHRI MAHOTHSAVAM

## PADANILAM PARABRAHMA TEMPLE



### LOCATION

**Panchayat/  
Municipality/  
Corporation**

Nooranad Gramapanchayat

**District**

Alappuzha



### ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/  
Landmark/ Junction**

Kayamkulam Town -17 Km

**Nearest Bus Station**

Kayamkulam Bus Station – 17.8 Km

**Nearest Railway  
Station**

Kayamkulam Railway Station – 17 Km

**Nearest Airport**

Trivandrum International Airport – 95.4Km



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**TIME**

**DATES**

February/March (*Kumbam*)

**FREQUENCY**

Annual

**DURATION**

2 Days

**ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)**

This is one of the major temples in Kerala. The presiding deity here is *Parabrahma*, the integration of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. It is one of the rare temples where there is no proper idol and the priest does not wear a sacred thread (*Poonool*). The temple is very much like the Oachira Parabrahma Temple. The temple has no compound walls and roofs. The temple has mainly 13 karakal, who conduct the annual Sivarathri Festival. Shivarathri festival is celebrated in this temple in a grand manner. Shivarathri is celebrated in gratitude of Lord Shiva who saved the whole world by drinking deathly poison *Kalakooda Visham* . In this temple deity is placed on west direction.



**RELEVANCE-**  
(Local / National / International)

Local



**NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED**

Above. 50000



## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

*Kavadiyattam*  
*Kettukazhcha*  
*Annadanam*  
Cultural Programs and folk arts  
Spiritual discourses  
Seminars  
Percussion Music

## DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

Shivarathri festival is celebrated in high pomp and grandeur. Annual festival falls in the Malayalam month *Kumbam* (February/March). There is no flag hoisting ceremony. There are special *poojas* and offerings conducted during the festival period. *Annadanam* is there on all days. Thousands come to temple that day to see the *kaavadiyattam* for Lord Subrahmanyam in the morning. *Kaavady* from all parts of the area come separately and meets at the temple. On that evening, there is a *kettulsavam*, which is the most spectacular sight of the festival. *Kettulsavam* from 13 distinct areas of the village come to the temple at around 4 PM. The rituals & programs end only at midnight. It is a superb grand affair. The *Kettukazhcha* or *Kalakettu* ritual is one of the hallmarks of the temple. The tall, colorful effigies of bulls (signifying Nandi, the bull vehicle of Lord Shiva) are pulled on wooden chariots (*rathams*). Thousands of people visit the temple on Maha Shivarathri day.

