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Kal Garuda Sevai, Nachiyar Kovil, Kumbakonam, TN.

Here the Stone idol of the bird Garuda, Stands as the Vahanam or Vehicle to the God Narayur Nambi.

Sri Garudalwar has a separate sannadhi in this temple extending about 10 1/2 sq.ft'.



He has beautiful big wings, broad chest and long hair.

Two times in a year, In the tamil month of Margazhi and Panguni, the festival called "Kal Garuda Sevai" is happening here.

(the festival where the idol of Narayur Nambi placed on the stone idol of Garuda and taken out into vibrant procession.)

There is a unique speciality regarding this Kal Garuda Sevai.

When taken out for a procession, until a step out from his sannadhi, he can be easily carried by 4 persons.

The moment he comes out, his weight would increase. He has to be carried by 8 persons, then further outside the praharam, again his weight would increase.

Then,16 persons are required to carry him.

Once again, his weight would increase. So 32 persons are required to carry him.

The moment they came out of the mandapam, he would get heavier and heavier ahead and 64 persons are required to carry him.

He would sweat a lot too and we can find his cloths get drenched in the sweat.

But after the procession is over, while returning back to his sannadhi, he would start losing his weight (step by step) or (stage by stage).

This is a remarkable wonder that takes place only at this place.