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PARASSINIKKADAVU SREE MUTHAPPAN MANDIR, KANNUR

The Mandir has 2 murtis- senior Muthappan/Thiruvappana or Vellattam, representing Vishnu and the other represents Shiva. Vishnu wears a fish-shaped crown while Shiva wears a green crown on which lies a crescent moon.



Muthappan was the adopted son of a feudal lord, Ayyankara Naduvazhi and Padikutty.

Padikutty, a Shiva devotee, performed sacrifice for having a child. Several days later, she found an infant boy by the side of a river in a basket of green coconut leaf. She took the child home.



When the boy grew up, he loved hunting with bow and arrows. He took his prizes to the poor in the forests and the people living in backward communities.

When admonished by his father, he revealed his cosmic form and that his purpose on earth was to protect the poor/downtrodden.



Muthappan stayed at Kunnathoor for some time and then moved to Parassini. He shot his arrow upwards from Kunnathoor to see where it would land. The arrow landed at Parassini. This is where stands the famous Parassini Mandir. The arrow is still placed at the altar.

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Muthappa is believed to be at Parassinikkadavu.

All the main poojas are performed by the Thiyyas of Parassini Muthappan family. In special cases Brahmins and Madayans together perform poojas in Sreekovil.

Toddy, roasted fish and wild meat are also offered to Prabhu.

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The Mandir is famous for its packs of dogs. Turning the dogs away is a sign of disrespect to Prabhu. The 1st prasadam of the day is served to them.

The ritual Theyyam dance performed at the Mandir is a sight to behold. It is enacted in 2 versions-Thiruvappana and Vellattam.

