

#### SRI SAI AMRUTHA NARAYANA TEMPLE

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#### SAI AMRUTHA JYOTHI

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#### FROM OUR TEMPLE'S DESK ...

#### Sairam,

After a break of three years, we started Palki seva for Sri Sai Amrutha Narayana on Rama Navami. Initially, no devotees are in the temple to start the Palki seva, and I was disappointed, as we have already decorated the Palki and ready to do seva. I went out for about 15 minutes, and when I came back, there were 40–50 people singing bhajans near palki. I was very excited and quickly started the Palki seva with everyone participating, singing bhajans. Once we reached Vriksha Bhairava kshetram. Sarada's students performed an impromptu dance item on Lord Rama in front of Baba.

I performed a japam as we all walked back and kept the palki in Dwarakamaayi. At that time, I remembered Baba's words about how one's faith can be shaken at any point of time, easily. It is normal for humans to get the feeling that, "no one is here to help us and we have to do everything by ourselves." But this event made me believe that Baba always makes the things happen as He wants. Baba is always there with us to reinforce our faith! We will have Palki seva every Thursday at 7pm, until Vijayadasami. Also, we would like to invite students from various schools to do either a vocal or dance performance during the palki seva.

This month we have few special events - Varaha Jayanthi, Tamil New Year, and Akshaya Tritiya. We encourage you all to come and participate in these festivals. See flyers attached for details. We appreciate every one of you who help and support our temple consistently. May Sri Sai Amrutha Narayana shower His blessings and help us lead a life full of faith, love, and devotion.

Lovingly yours, Rajagopalan Mama

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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💃 Sankata Hara Chaturthi	- 04/09/23
💃 Varaha Jayanthi	- 04/10/23
💃 Bhairava Ashtami	- 04/13/23
Tamil New Year	- 04/14/23
Ekadasi	- 04/16/23
Pradosham	- 04/17/23
Masa Shiva Ratri	- 04/18/23
Amavasya	- 04/19/23
? Karthigai	- 04/21/23
Akshaya Tritiya	- 04/22/23
🥇 Guru Peyarchi	- 04/24/23
Adi Shankara Jayanthi & Skand	a Shashti 04/25/23

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### SRI SAI BABA'S DIVINE WORDS



"Let us love and serve each other and be happy."



"Unless he wills it, nobody can do any harm to others. The world is all dependent on him, and no one is independent. So we should take pity and love all creatures, leave off adventurous fights and killings and be patient. The lord (god) is the protector of all."



"All action results from thought, so it is thoughts that matter."

# SRIDHARAMRUTHAM



The dark is insane, pathological & extreme...... It can only destruct..... It can never do anything constructive.... So our prayers should be against the principles of dark and not against elimination of dark.... Dark can never be eliminated....it can always resurrect...

Without dark, light can never be appreciated... In fact the dark gives an opportunity for the light to excel.... But we have to not get influenced by the qualities of the dark.... So the prayers are towards construction, development and not destruction...



We have to thank those who accept our services to them..... The role of the service provider will be redundant unless there are people to gracefully accept what is given....

### A STORY FROM SAI SATCHARITRA

It was sometime after 1910 A.D. that I went, one fine morning, to the Masjid in Shirdi for getting a darshan of Sai Baba. I was wonder-struck to see the following phenomenon. After washing His mouth and face, Sai Baba began to make preparations for grinding wheat. He spread a sack on the floor; and thereon set a hand-mill. He took some quantity of wheat in a winnowing fan, and then drawing up the sleeves of His Kafni (robe); and taking hold of the peg of the hand-mill, started grinding the wheat by putting a few handfuls of wheat in the upper opening of the mill and rotated it. I thought 'what business Baba had with the grinding of wheat, when He possessed nothing and stored nothing, and as He lived on alms!' Some people who had come there thought likewise, but none had the courage to ask baba what He was doing. Immediately, this news of Baba's grinding wheat spread into the village, and at once men and women ran to the Masjid and flocked there to see Baba's act. Four bold women, from the crowd, forced their way up and pushing Baba aside, took forcibly the peg or handle into their hands, and, singing Baba's Leelas, started grinding. At first Baba was enraged, but on seeing the women's love and devotion, He was much pleased and began to smile. While they were grinding, they began to think that Baba had no house, no property, no children, none to look after, and He lived on alms, He did not require any wheat-flour for making bread or roti, what will He do with this big quantity of flour? Perhaps as Baba is very kind, He will distribute the flour amongst us. Thinking in this way while singing, they finished the grinding and after putting the hand-mill aside, they divided the flour into four portions and began to remove them one per head. Baba, Who was calm and quiet up till now, got wild and started abusing them saying, "Ladies, are you gone mad? Whose father's property are you looting away? Have I borrowed any wheat from you, so that you can safely take the flour? Now please do this. Take the flour and throw it on the village border limits." On hearing this, the women felt abashed and whispering amongst them, went away to the outskirts of the village and spread the flour as directed by Baba.

I asked the Shirdi people – "What was this that Baba did?" They replied that as the Cholera Epidemic was spreading in the village and this was Baba's remedy against the same; it was not wheat that was ground but the Cholera itself was ground to pieces and pushed out of the village. From this time onward, the Cholera Epidemic subsided and the people of the village were happy. I was much pleased to know all this; but at the same time my curiosity was also aroused. I began to ask myself – What earthly connection was there between wheat flour and Cholera? What was the casual relation between the two? And how to reconcile them? The incident seems to be inexplicable. I should write something on this and sing to my heart's content Baba's sweet Leelas. Thinking in this way about this Leela, my heart was filled with joy and I was thus inspired to write Baba's Life

#### SUPPORT YOUR TEMPLE

#### **DOLLAR-A-DAY**

#### **CLICK to Signup**



Giving Dollar a day means supporting the initiatives that the temple has undertaken on a regular basis such as, rescuing cows and building Goshala, Donating 1000's gallons of milk for infants & conducting regular cultural and religious activities.



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Make your special days truly special! As you step in to a new year in your blessed life, Sai Narayana Temple would love to be a part of it, You could participate in a simple Abhishekam and Archana to take blessing from Baba on your special day.



#### **MORE INFORMATION**

#### **CLICK to Signup**

For more information on how to donate, how to contribute to our unique Sai Narayana Tample initiatives and our charitable activities please visit our temple website donations page.



#### SRI RAMA NAVAMI CELEBRATIONS

Sai Narayan temple has celebrated Ram Navami doing a beautiful pallaki seva to Baba. This would be the First in this year, we start on Rama Navami day and go till Viajaya Dasami. Enjoy the pictures.











### UGADI CELEBRATIONS

Ugadi Marks a fresh start, yet again. A new year for opportunities, togetherness and synergy. Let's start this journey by taking Baba's blessings, our Maghabandu.







## PANGUNI UTHIRAM CELEBRATIONS

On the occasion of Panguni Uthiram, a special abhishekam was performed with 108 gallons of milk to Lord Subrahmanyeswara, Sri Valli and Sri Devasena.











### THURSDAY ABHISHEKAMS

Thursday Abhishekam's are special. As Thursday's are for Guru's, lets pray to our ever loving Baba. We have posted below a few pictures of our special Thursday abhishekam's.















### VARAHA JAYANTHI

Join us on Monday, April 10, 2023.

6.00 AM - Bhoo Varaha Abhishekam 6.00 PM - Bhoo Varaha Yagnam

Please Participate by sponsoring to our event:

\$516	Homam & Abhishekam
\$251	Abhishekam
\$51	Special Archana

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

### Tamil New Year Is Here

**VISIT US ON FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH** 

SRI SAI NARAYANA ABHISHEKAM FOLLOWED BY SPECIAL ARCHANA ALL DAY

@7.00 AM

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## AKSHAYA TRITIYA & GURU PEYARCHI CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, 22nd April 2023

SPECIAL ABHISHEKAM FOR SRI SAI NARAYANA,
BHOO VARAHA & NAVAGRAHAS

@7.00 AM

AMRUTHA NARAYANA BHOO VARAHA SAMPUTITHA NAVAGRAHA MAHA YAGNAM

@4.00 PM

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#### THE ONE AND ONLY DIVINE KSHETRAM "SAI NARAYANA TEMPLE" - NOT ANY REGULAR TEMPLE

#### **BY SRAVANTHI**

For many years I have heard about the Sai Narayana temple and it's significance with Guruji's presence. However with everything in life to visit a holy place - there has to be a calling and time has to come for you to be blessed with an experience to visit a holy place.

During the peak of pandemic in Aug 2020, one eventful day my sister who is the apple of my eye lost her husband. Being in his early 40's he was taken away too soon – leaving two very young daughters behind, who would never know of a father figure in their lives. It completely devastated me emotionally and in addition I couldn't visit them back in India because of the travel restrictions. I was engulfed in deep grief. Nothing made it better with all the uncertainty that shrouded my sister's family and the new normal. I went through very deep anxiety. Guruji's presence, words gave strength to both of us and helped us tide through the early difficult days. They were dark long days and even darker nights filled with questions, thoughts and feelings.

Being so far away, my grief and anxiety came in sudden waves engulfing me- thinking about my sister. I needed some divine intervention to reach some closure. Then a close friend suggested I visit the Sai temple and just be in the premises. It has the best vibrations initiated by our beloved Guruji and the vibrations kept alive tirelessly by Mama and Sarada - making it thrive every single day.

# DEVOTEE EXPERIENCE

I drove one Saturday with my daughter with an eagerness to get a sense of calm and belonging to God. The moment I drove through the gates gave me bliss - I wish there were words to express the experience. There was a sense of calm in me, my faith reinforced thousand fold and a strength and hope that everything will be fine. I spent the day there - my first time and even today it is a photographic memory and my sense of calm returns thinking of that day. I saw the cows, Vriksha Bhairava and Bhavani kshetram and the Gurusthan. It was a satisfying experience - Heartful and soulful. Following that visit - in the subsequent days, months my triggers decreased and I found my inner strength to move on and my sister found hers. Quite the miracle!! The place, the Master, the vibrations made it happen for me! Onward and upward.

It is indeed a divine Kshetram and we are extremely lucky to have a place like that within our reach to experience the best vibrations for all of us. As Baba said in Satcharita "unless the Saint Wills it, no one is able to go and see him...". There has to be

Samastha loka sukhino bhavantu

Sairam

