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FROM OUR TEMPLE'S DESK ...

The first ever Guru Purnima retreat at our temple was a truly divine experience. It was the first time something like this was done and as a team, we all had butterflies in our stomach in the days leading up to the event.

As the retreat progressed from Day 1 to Day 4, we truly felt the love and support extended by the members of the community who participated in the retreat. Devotees witnessed the beautiful Srinivasa Kalyanam, the mesmerizing yantra pooja, the divine Prathyamgira abhishekham, the grand Sudarshana Yagnam and the serene Ekadasa rudrabhishekham perforned at the Viriksha Bhairava kshetram. Devotees were thoroughly immersed in the positive energy emanating from the auspicious chanting of mantras and enthusiastic singing of bhajans.

This grand event would not have been possible without the support of volunteers. We would like to acknowledge Soumya Sivakumar, Sivakumar, Madhu, Sivakumar's mother, Shalini Gaur, Shweta Shankar, Bhargavi, Kiranmayi, Garima, Rakesh and family, Siri, Nagesh and family, Sireesha and family, Sangeetha and Saritha for their help in preparing the prasadam for everyone visiting the temple during the retreat. We would also like to acknowledge Mani for helping us keep the temple clean as well as Venkataraman and Purushottaman for their help and support with all the poojas.

We would also like to acknowledge the contribution by Meena Saravanan and Radha who were instrumental in designing the beautiful kolams at the Vriksha Bhairava kshetram as well as the Homa kundam. They worked day and night tirelessly to create these beautiful designs. We would like to acknowledge the contribution made by Vani Achanta who made beautiful garlands for decoration during the Guru Purnima retreat. A big thank you to everyone who participated in the retreat and made it a grand success. Om Sairam!!!

Lovingly yours,

Pandit Rajagopalan Mama.

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SRI SAI BABA'S DIVINE WORDS



Love one another and help others to rise to the higher levels, simply by pouring out love. Love is infectious and the greatest healing energy.



What matters is to live in the present, live now, for every moment is now. It is your thoughts and acts of the moment that create your future. The outline of your future path already exists, for you created its pattern by your past.



Do not be misled by what you see around you, or be influenced by what you see. You live in a world which is a playground of illusion, full of false paths, false values and false ideals. But you are not part of that world.

SRIDHARAMRUTHAM



For a disciple, master and master alone must be the priority..... When the disciple has many other priorities certainly he not only fails to notice the master, he will be unconscious to realise his own priorities too ...when the faith in the master is supreme even his priorities are taken care by the master..... Unfortunately my disciples even do not notice the policeman standing on the road side in a one way path waiting to fine him, leave alone noticing me..

When you stand at the bus stop, I call you from the bus in which I am traveling.... You are busy looking for another route bus to go home...



ONE WHO LOVES NATURE, LOVES ALL....

A STORY FROM SAI SATCHARITRA

Chapter 4 - Baba's Personality:

It is on account of Sai Baba that Shirdi grew into importance. Let us see what sort of a personage Sai Baba was. He conquered this Samsar (worldly existence), which is very difficult and hard to cross. Peace or mental calm was His ornament, and He was the repository of wisdom. He was the home of Vaishnava devotees, most liberal (like Karna) amongst liberals, the quint-essence of all essences. He had no love for perishable things, and was always engrossed in self-realization, which was His sole concern. He felt no pleasure in the things of this world or of the world beyond. His Antarana (heart) was as clear as a mirror, and His speech always rained nectar. The rich or poor people were the same to Him. He did not know or care for honour or dishonour. He was the Lord of all beings. He spoke freely and mixed with all people, saw the actings and dances of Nautchgirls and heard Gajjal songs. Still, He swerved not an inch from Samadhi (mental equilibrium). The name of Allah was always on His lips. While the world awoke, He slept; and while the world slept, He was vigilant. His abdomen (Inside) was as calm as the deep sea. His Ashram could not be determined, nor His actions could be definitely determined, and though He sat (lived) in one place, He knew all the transactions of the world. His Darbar was imposing. He told daily hundreds of stories; still He swerved not an inch from His vow of silence. He always leaned against the wall in the Masjid or walked morning, noon and evening towards Lendi (Nala) and Chavadi; still He at all times abided in the Self. Though a Siddha, He acted like a Sadhaka. He was meek, humble and egoless, and pleased all. Such was Sai Baba, and as Sai Baba's Feet treaded the soil of Shirdi, it attained extraordinary importance. As jnaneshwar elevated Alandi, Ekanath did to Paithan, so Sai Baba raised Shirdi. Blessed are the grassleaves and stones of Shirdi, for they could easily kiss the Holy Feet of Sai Baba, and take their dust on their head. Shirdi became to us, devotees, another Pandharpur, Jagannath, Dwarka, Banaras (Kashi) and Rameshwar, Badrikedar, Nasik, Tryambakeshwar, Ujjain, and Maha Kaleshwar or Mahabaleshwar Gokarn. Contact of Sai Baba in Shirdi was like our Veda and Tantra; it quieted our Samsara (world consciousness) and rendered self-realization easy. The darshana of shri Sai was our Yoga-Sadhana, and talk with Him removed our sins. Shampooing His Legs was our bath in Triveni Prayag, and drinking the holy water of His Feet destroyed our desires. To us, His commands were Vedas, and accepting (eating) His Udi (sacred ashes) and Prasad was all purifying. He was our Shri Krishna and Shri Rama who gave us solace and He was our Para Brahma (Absolute Reality). He was Himself beyond the Pair of dwandwas (opposite), never dejected nor elated. He was always engrossed in His Self as 'Existence, Knowledge and Bliss.' Shirdi was His centre; but His field of action extended far wide, to Punjab, Calcutta, North India, Gujarat, Dacca (Now in Bangladesh) and Konkan. Thus the fame of Sai Baba spread, far, and wide, and people from all parts came to take His darshana and be blessed. By mere darshan, minds of people, whether, pure or impure, would become at once quiet. They got here the same sort of unparalleled joy that devotees get at Pandharpur by seeing Vithal Rakhumai. This is not an exaggeration. Consider what a devotee says in this respect.

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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.



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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.













Day 1: Runa Vimochana Ganapathi Abhshekam, Venkateshwara Swamy Kalyanam, Sudharsana Yantra Pooja













Day 2: Pratyamgira Devi Abhshekam, Lalitha Parayanam Sudharsana Yagnam.





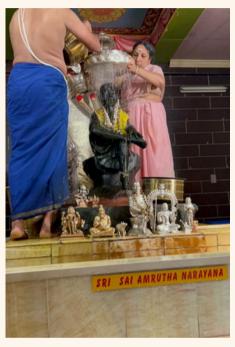








Day 3: Baba Pancha Dravya Abhishekam, Baba Kalasa Abhishekam, Sai Satya Vratam.













Day 4: Vriksha Bhairava Abhishekam, Salagrama Aaradhana with Ekadasa Rudram.







THANKS TO RETREAT VOLUNTEERS!!!

We profusely thank all our volunteers for their unmatched support. We recognize and appreciate the team work!













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Rajar Maharshi Aaradhana



ALL ARE INVITED

JULY 27TH @ 6.00AM

SRI MAHARSHI RAJAR ABHISHEKAM & GURU PADUKA ABHISHEKAM

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