

SRI SAI AMRUTHA NARAYANA TEMPLE

340 THREE CHOPT ROAD, MANAKIN SABBOT, VA 23103.



SAI AMRUTHA JYOTHI

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From OUR Temple's DESK ...

Sairam,

We have a very important period coming up- which is Mahalaya Paksham. But what is it? Mahalaya Paksham is a 15-day period dedicated to honoring and paying homage to one's ancestors and departed souls. Worshipping, remembering and paying respects to our ancestors and elders is regarded as an essential tenet of Hindu Dharma. Ancestors have been the root cause of our birth and existence, and we should show gratitude and reverence to our lineage and our elders. Prayers to pitrus (forefathers) is believed to bestow longevity, good health, all round prosperity, happiness among the near & dear, etc. People suffering with various illnesses can offer prayers during this period for mitigation of intensity of pain and relief from illness. People who are in employment can offer prayers for fulfillment of desires in respect to elevation/promotion in job. People who have not been doing shrardhams for their pitrus can pray during this period for forgiveness. The best place to perform Pitru Aradhana in North America is at VRIKSHA BHAIRAVA KSHETRAM at Richmond Sai Temple - One of the rarest of the rare forms of Bhairava. We will be performing special rituals and prayers at our Vriksha Bhairava Kshetram for all ancestors to seek their blessings starting September 30th. Please participate to get the blessings.

Lovingly yours,

Pandit Rajagopalan Mama.



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SRI SAI BABA'S DIVINE WORDS



My tomb shall bless and speak to the needs of my devotees.



I am formless and everywhere. I am in everything. I am in everything and beyond. I fill all space. All that you see, taken together, is Myself. I do not shake or move.



I had a Guru. He was a great saint and most merciful. I served him long - very, very long; still, he would not blow any mantra in my ears. I had a keen desire never to leave him but to stay with him and serve him and at all cost receive some instruction from him.

SRIDHARAMRUTHAM



Life is divine Some one has to support family economics... The needs will be expanding day by day and the cost of living too increases.... If the female of the house is more capable, she can work and earn for the family and if the male has inability to work in an organisation, he can do some work online and take care of the family needs.... For this to happen under such circumstances, there has to be a clear understanding between the partners.... Either of the parties can ill afford to think superior or inferior.... There are many such couples who are in perfect understanding and lead a blissful life...



We see only bosses all around and rarely leaders... Bosses are selective and chosy where as leaders are collective and choice less... Only a leader appreciates the work of his team, where as a boss always snatches off the credit... Leader is self less.... Boss is still in the self mode who refuses to upgrade himself to the self less mode... To work with a leader is heavenly where as with a boss it's just a hell...

A STORY FROM SAI SATCHARITRA

Chapter 6- ORIGIN

One, Mr. Gopalrao Gund, was a Circle Inspector at Kopergaon. He was a great devotee of Baba. He had three wives, but had no issue. With Sai Baba's blessings, a son was born to him. In the joy that he felt regarding the event, an idea of celebrating a fair or 'Urus' occurred to him in the year 1897, and he placed it for consideration before other Shirdi devotees, viz. Tatya Patil, Dada Kote Patil and Madhavrao Deshpande (Shama). They all approved of the idea, and got Sai Baba's permission and blessings. Then an application for getting the Collector's sanction for celebrating the urus was made, but as the village Kulkarni reported against holding the fair, the sanction was refused. But as Sai Baba had blessed it, they tried again, and ultimately succeeded in getting the Collector's sanction. The day for the Urus was fixed on the Rama-Navami day, after having consultation with Sai Baba. It seems, He had some end in view, in this, viz., the Unification of the two fairs of festivals, the Urus and the Rama-Navami and the unification of the two communities – the Hindus and the Mahomedans. As future events showed, this end or object was achieved.

Though the permission was obtained, but other difficulties cropped up. Shirdi was a village, and there was scarcity of water. There were two wells in the village, the one in use, dried up soon, and the water from the second was brackish. This brackish water was turned into sweet one by Sai Baba, by throwing flowers into it. The water of this well was insufficient, so Tatya Patil had to arrange to get water, from a well by fixing Moats (leather sacks) thereon, at a considerable distance. Then temporary shops had to be constructed, and wrestling bouts arranged. Gopalrao Gund had a friend, by name Damu Anna Kasar, of Ahmednagar. He also was similarly unhappy in the matter of progeny, though he married two wives. Sai Baba too blessed him with sons, and Mr. Gund prevailed upon his friend to prepare and supply one simple flag for the procession of the fair; he also succeeded in inducing Mr. Nanasaheb Nimonkar to supply another embroidered flag. Both these flags were taken in procession through the village, and finally fixed at the two ends or corners of the Masjid, which is called by Sai Baba as Dwarkamai. This is being done even now.

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<u>CLICK to Signup</u>



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.



BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES <u>**CLICK to Signup</u>** 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.</u>

MORE INFORMATION

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



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.



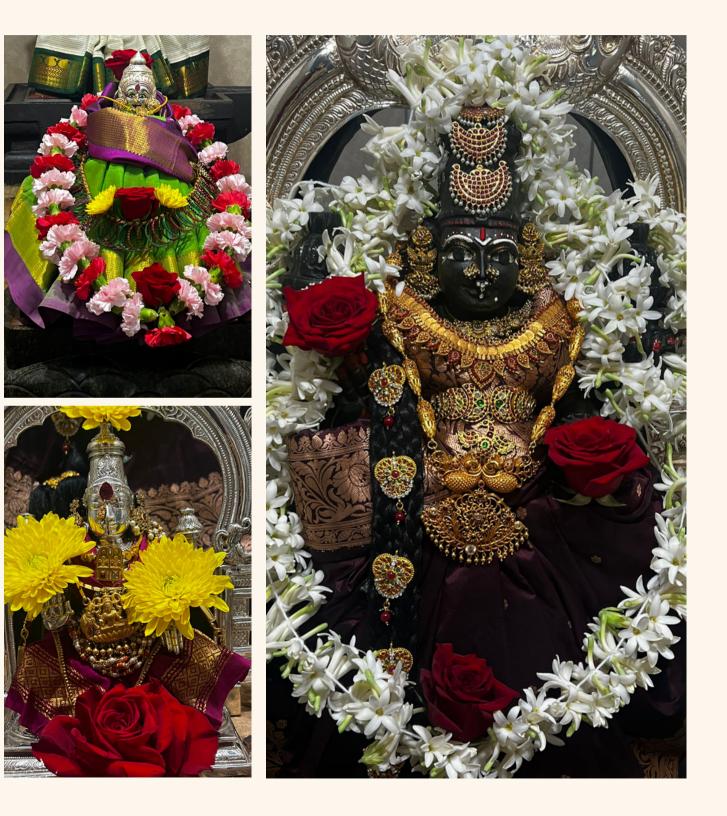
HAYAGREEVA JAYANTHI

Enjoy a few pictures from Hyagreeva Jayanthi Celebrations conducted on August 30th 2023



VARALAKSHMI VRATHAM

Enjoy a few pictures from Vara Lakshmi Vratham Celebrations conducted on August 25th 2023



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SAVE THE DATE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 TH 2023

Special Abhishekam's For Maha Ganapathy, Eeshana Yagna Raksha Ganapathy, Runa Vimochana Ganapathy, Vriksha Bhairava Ganapathy at - 6.00 AM

FOLLOWED BY SPECIAL ARCHANA AT - 6.00 PM

For more information please contact: Pandit B. Rajagopalan # 804-708-3007 Sarada Jammi # 804-868-5751

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Mahalaya Paksham / Pitru Paksham Begins...

SEPTEMBER 29TH - OCTOBER 142023

ALL CAN PARTICPATE

In Saligrama Aaradhana with Abhishekams to Srichakram and Astrams

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