



SRI SAI AMRUTHA NARAYANA TEMPLE

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FROM OUR TEMPLE'S DESK ...

Sairam,

Sairam. As December is ending, we are getting ready to welcome another New Year. We have to think about what we did this year and what we learned this year. Life is an experience, and we learn everything in it. Education is the foundation and practical experiences are something we learn from. The best investment that we can pass on to our future generation is our culture. Our Hindu culture is all about worshipping nature (water, fire) and sacrifice or service. We might have a lot of wealth, knowledge, good ideas and good health. The important thing is to continue doing service no matter whatever level we are at. We have to teach our children how to get involved in doing service. When you come to the temple, you should feel like you are coming to your own place and therefore not have any expectations. When you come to the temple filled with love, you will not have any expectations but when you like coming to the temple, you will have some expectations. That is the big difference between "Like" and "Love". Coming to the temple should make you feel like you are going to your parent's, in-law's or friend's house. We should not worry about whether we have a bed to sleep in or food ready to eat. We can enjoy cutting vegetables or cooking food with everyone because of the love we have for our temple. If you are filled with love for the place you are coming to, you can make other people have the same feeling when you bring them along with you. It is important that you have the feeling of love in order for you to spread that feeling to others. Once you have the feeling of love, you will automatically get more involved in service. You can enjoy whatever you are doing and that will improve the positive energy level of the place you are working in. Moreover, when we all work together, we can get work done quickly and enjoy it as a team. Sairam and God Bless you!!

Lovingly yours,

Pandit Rajagopalan Mama.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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➤	kala Bhairava Jayanthi.	- 12/05/23 ➤
➤	Ekadasi	- 12/08/23 ➤
➤	Prodosham	- 12/10/23 ➤
➤	Masa Sivaratri	- 12/11/23 ➤
➤	Amavasya/Deepavali	- 12/12/23 ➤
➤	Subramanya Shashti	- 12/18/23 ➤
◉	Ekadasi	- 12/22/23 ◉
➤	Krithigai	- 12/23/23 ➤
➤	Pradosham.	- 12/24/23 ➤
➤	Datt Jayanthi / Pournami	- 12/27/23 ➤
➤	Sankatahara Chaturthi	- 12/30/23 ➤
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FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK FOR MORE LIVE UPDATES AND EVENT SCHEDULES.



SRI SAI BABA'S DIVINE WORDS



If formless meditation is difficult, then think of my form just as you see it here. With such meditation, the difference between subject and object is lost and the mind dissolves in unity.



“Unless there is some relationship or connection, nobody goes anywhere. If any men or creatures come to you, do not discourteously drive them away, but receive them well and treat them with due respect.”



“Give food to the hungry, water to the thirsty, and clothes to the naked. God will be pleased and will bless you.”

SRIDHARAMRUTHAM



The avadhoota/prayogi is hidden in everything that guides you in life....

He was travelling in the bus.... A long distance official travel.... The prayogi was chatting with him like a fellow traveller....

His wife was in the market.... The prayogi was selling vegetables to her....

His son was in the boy's hostel of a residential college....

He was being served food on that day freshly cooked by the prayogi in the hostel mess....

His daughter was in the dance class.... The prayogi was teaching dance to her....

The prayogi was in the form of a labrador which was guarding his home that day....

The prayogi that day came as a plumber to repair some water pipe lines in the house....

In the backyard was a tree and the prayogi was sitting as a crow....

Like this that day, the avadhoota was performing 1346 works for the family that particular day....

Jai guru datta....



The king who is crossing a forest with soldiers carrying gold ornaments is astonished to see an old man with a loin cloth lying across immensely happy...

An avadhoota.... Swayam lord dattatreya....

A STORY FROM SAI SATCHARITRA



Chapter 8: Baba Begging Food

Blessed are the people of Shirdi, in front of whose houses, Baba stood as a beggar and called out, "Oh Lassie, give Me a piece of bread" and spread out His hand to receive the same. In one hand He carried a Tumrel (tinpot) and in the other a zoli or choupadari, i.e., a rectangular piece of cloth. He daily visited certain houses and went from door to door. Liquid or semi-liquid things such as soup, vegetables, milk or butter-milk were received in the tinpot, while cooked rice, bread, and such solid things were taken in the zoli. Baba's tongue knew no taste, as He had acquired control over it. So how could He care for the taste of the different things collected together? whatever things He got in His zole and in the tinpot were mixed together and partaken by Baba to His heart's content. Whether particular things were tasty or otherwise was never noticed by Baba as if His tongue was devoid of the sense of taste altogether. Baba begged till noon, but His begging was very irregular. Some days He went a few rounds, on other days up to twelve noon. The food thus collected was thrown in a kundi, i.e. earthen pot. Dog, cats and crows freely ate from it and Baba never drove them away. The woman who swept the floor of the Masjid took some 10 or 12 pieces of bread to her house, and nobody prevented her from doing so. How could, He, who even in dreams never warded off cats and dogs by harsh words and signs, refuse food to poor helpless people? Blessed indeed is the life of such a noble person! People in Shirdi took Him in the beginning for a mad Fakir. He was known in the village by this name. How could one, who lived on alms by begging a few crumbs of bread, be revered and respected? But this Fakir was very liberal of heart and hand, disinterested and charitable. Tough He looked fickle and restless from outside. He was firm and steady inside. His way was inscrutable. Still even in that small village, there were a few kind and blessed people who recognized and regarded Him as a Great Soul. One such instance is given below.

SUPPORT YOUR TEMPLE



DOLLAR-A-DAY

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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

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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 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.



SKANDA SHASHTI



Praying to Lord Subrahmanyeswara Swami is good for health, for children's education and prosperity, to gain focus for kids, for anyone who wants to get married or to get progeny and to help in curing ailments for kids (especially kids with ear issues, speech delay and autism). Here are some of the pictures from this wonderful event.



AYYAPPA TEMPLE CONSTRUCTION

View our temple progress at
[AYYAPPA SWAMI MANDIR PROGRESS](#)



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*Our Ayyappa Swamy
Temple Construction is in
Progress !!!*

*It is a rare opportunity to participate in
building Ayyappan Sannidhi.
Help in this Mandir construction by
donating generously - Every Dollar
Counts!*

*Donate \$ 1,116 or more, to
have your family name etched on our
Temple Divine Tree* permanently!*

*Mandir target completion date: Makara
Sankranti 2024*

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DATTA JAYANTHI CELEBRATIONS

27TH DECEMBER 2023



DATTATREYA ABHISHEKAM at 6.00 AM

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NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS



Welcome 2024 at Baba's Abode
Participate in 12 a.m Shej Aarathi
01 January, 2024.

SAI BABA ABHISHEKAM at 7.00AM
Followed by ALL DAY ARCHANA

Abhishekam with garlands	\$216
Regular Abhishekam	\$116
Special Archana	\$21

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