



# SRI SAI AMRUTHA NARAYANA TEMPLE

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## SAI AMRUTHA JYOTHI

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FROM OUR TEMPLE'S DESK ...

*Sairam,*

I would like to share a heartfelt message with all of you for our February 2024 newsletter. On February 16th, we crossed 15th anniversary of our beloved temple. It has been an incredible and eventful journey filled with numerous experiences shared with Baba.

Throughout this journey, we have encountered various challenges and differences of opinion while working with a diverse group of individuals. However, our vision has always remained steadfast - to prioritize the best interests of our temple, regardless of the positive or negative comments that come our way. We have maintained a neutral stance, unaffected by both appreciation and questioning, in our pursuit of fulfilling Baba's vision.

I want to emphasize the significance of our temple visits. When we step into the temple, it should feel like we are entering the home of our parents or the abode of our closest friend. It should be a place where we can truly relax and spend quality time, rather than rushing in and out. By immersing ourselves in God's presence at a leisurely pace, we will naturally be motivated to visit the temple more frequently. We must cultivate a deep love and desire to visit our temple, as this will inspire us to contribute through various means, such as physical service, kitchen work, temple cleaning, tending to the garden, or even feeding the cows (Gosamrakshanam).

Let us remember that visiting the temple frequently is the first step towards active involvement in service activities. Even if we choose to make monetary contributions, it is crucial to remain engaged and connected in order to continue contributing. Without complete involvement, physical service becomes challenging. We don't need to perform elaborate rituals, engage in extensive meditation, or chant mantras to be connected with our temple. The simple act of visiting our temple as often as possible allows us to embark on this journey of service.

By actively engaging with the temple, we are creating a path that leads to happiness, good health, and mental relaxation. In the midst of a world where many struggle to find solace and relaxation, our temple provides a sanctuary for all. Over the past 15 years, Baba has guided us, teaching us valuable lessons on what to do and what not to do. We express our heartfelt gratitude to our beloved Guruji and all the devotees who have contributed both monetarily and through physical efforts. It is only through the collective support of everyone that we have reached this milestone.

During our first year, a cherished family closely associated with our temple (Mrs. Sowmya and Mr. Siva from DC) predicted that our temple would reach new heights within ten years. True to their prediction, our beloved Guruji has elevated us beyond our expectations. We are actively involved in various community services such as Salvation Army and Food Bank, and we are also committed to supporting children's education in India. It is a rare privilege to have such a magnificent temple in these modern times, and we must cherish and relish every moment we spend here.

Let us continue this beautiful journey together, hand in hand, as we dedicate our time and energy to the service of our beloved temple. May Guruji's grace and blessings always guide us.

*Lovingly yours,*

*Pandit Rajagopalan Mama.*

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Bhairava Ashtami	- 02/02/24
Ekadasi	- 02/06/24
Prodosham	- 02/07/24
Masa Sivaratri	- 02/08/24
Amavasya.	- 02/09/24
Skanda Shashti	- 02/15/24
Temple's 15th Anniversary	- 02/16/24
Krithigai/Ashtami	- 02/16/24
Ekadasi	- 02/19/24
Pradosham	- 02/20/24
Pournami	- 02/24/24
Sankatahara Chaturthi	- 02/28/24

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# SRI SAI BABA'S DIVINE WORDS



Saburi (patience) ferries you across to the distant goal. The four sadhanas and six sastras are not necessary. Just have complete faith in your guru.

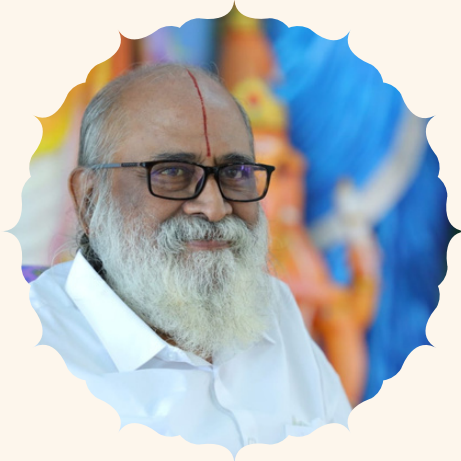


If you spread your palms with devotion before Me, I shall immediately be with you at any time of the day and night. Though I am here physically yet I know all that happens beyond the seven seas. Seated in your heart, I am in fact your Inner Self. Always worship Him alone who is seated in your heart as well as in the hearts of all beings. Blessed and fortunate indeed is he, who is aware of My omnipresent and omniscient form



Give (charity) with faith and magnanimity (liberally): give with modesty, sympathy, and respect.

# SRIDHARAMRUTHAM



'DHARMAM CHARAHA'..... IS NOT JUST MERELY GIVING MONEY..... GIVING ALL THAT WHAT OTHERS DON'T HAVE.... IF SOME ONE DOESN'T HAVE CARE , GIVE CARE.... IF SOME ONE IS DEVOID OF LOVE, GIVE LOVE.... JUST GIVE WHAT THE OTHER PERSON DOESN'T HAVE... GIVE WITHOUT ANYTHING IN RETURN... GIVE WITHOUT EXPECTATIONS... GIVE FROM THE HEART... GIVE WITH ALL THAT LOVE, EMOTION, SENSITIVITY... JUST GO ON GIVING.... IT WILL KEEP ON REPLENISHING... DON'T HAVE ANY DOUBT ABOUT THIS.. HAVE THAT KIND OF AN UNQUESTIONABLE FAITH TOWARDS GOD... BECOME HIS TOOL IN SERVICE TO THE WORLD.... DONT QUESTION...JUST GIVE...



MOST OF US HAVE READ OR HEARD SOMETHING & UNDERSTOOD SOMETHING ELSE....  
SUCH A KNOWLEDGE NEEDS TO BE UNLEARNED....  
YOU HAVE TO UNWIND AND GO BACK BEFORE YOU CAN WIND BETTER TO CONTRIBUTE BETTER....  
LEARN TO DUMP THE GARBAGE....  
LEARN TO UNLEARN....

# A STORY FROM SAI SATCHARITRA



## Chapter 9: Effect of compliance & non-compliance of Baba's orders

One special peculiarity of Shirdi-pilgrimage was this, that none could leave Shirdi, without Baba's permission; and if he did, he invited untold sufferings, but if any one was asked to quit Shirdi, he could stay there no longer. Baba gave certain suggestions or hints, when Bhaktas went to bid good-bye and take leave. These suggestions had to be followed. If they were not followed or were departed from, accidents were sure to befall them, who acted contrary to Baba's directions. We give below a few instances.

### Tatya Kote Patil

Tatya Kote was once going in a tanga to Kopargaon bazar. He came in haste to the Masjid, saluted Baba, and said that he would go to Kopargtaon bazar. Baba said, "Don't make haste, stop a little, let go the bazar, don't go out of the village". On seeing his anxiety to go, Baba asked him to take Shama (Madhavrao Deshpande) at least with him. Not minding this direction, Tatya Kote immediately drove his tanga. Of the two horses one, which cost Rs.300/- was very active and restless. After passing Sawul well, it began to run rashly, got a sprain in its waist and fell down. Tatya was not much hurt, but was reminded of Mother Sai's direction. On another occasion while proceeding to Kolhar village, he disregarded Baba's direction, and drove in a tanga, which met with a similiar accident.

### European Gentleman

One European gentleman of Bombay once came to Shirdi, with an introductory note from Nanasaheb Chandorkar, and with some object in view. He was comfortably accommodated in a tent. He wanted to kneel before Baba and kiss His hand. Therefore, he tried thrice to step into the Masjid, but Baba prevented him from doing so. He was asked to sit in the open court-yard below and take Baba's darshan from there. Not pleased with this reception he got, he wanted to leave Shirdi at once and came to bid good-bye. Baba asked him to go the next day and not to hurry. People also requested him to abide by Baba's direction. Not listening to all this, he left Shirdi in a tanga. The horses ran at first all right, but when Sawul well was passed, a bicycle came in front, seeing which the horses were frightened and ran fast. The tanga was turned topsy-turvy and the gentleman fell down and was dragged some distance. He was immediately released; but had to go and lie in Kopargaon hospital for the treatment of the injuries. Because of such experiences all people learnt the lesson, that those who disobeyed Baba's instruction met with accidents in one way or the other, and those who obeyed them were safe and happy.

# 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.



## **BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES**

**[CLICK to Signup](#)**

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.



# SITA RAMA KALYANA MAHOTSAVAM

Sita Rama Kalyanam was performed to celebrate the inauguration of the Ayodhya Ram Mandir . Here are some pictures if you have missed seeing it live at the temple.





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# ANNIVERSARY OF SRI SAI NARAYANA TEMPLE

**FEBRUARY 16TH, 2024.**

6.00 A.M | Sri Sai Baba Abhishekam  
5.00 P.M | Sai Baba Dhoop Haarathi  
6.00 P.M | Yantra Pooja

*Followed by Free Anna Prasadam To All*

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# AYYAPPA TEMPLE CONSTRUCTION



## Sri Sai Amrutha Narayana Temple

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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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