



SRI SAI AMRUTHA NARAYANA TEMPLE

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SAI AMRUTHA JYOTHI

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Sairam,

We hope you are enjoying the warm weather and are blessed with good health and happiness.

With the change of season, several activities are underway at our temple. Improvements are being made to the North, South, and West Raja Gopurams in preparation for the Pratishta of the Dwarapalakas, and preparations have also begun for the upcoming Dwajastamba Pratishta. Additionally, we plan to replace the flooring in the extended main temple hall. I will share more details in the coming weeks. Due to the summer heat, our temple gardens require regular watering and care. We welcome volunteers, including school students who can earn community service hours while helping maintain the temple grounds.

We are pleased to inform devotees that Babu Swamy is now available to perform pujas at devotees' homes in addition to his temple duties. Please see the 'attached flyer' for details and share this information with family and friends.

We kindly request all devotees and visitors NOT TO FEED THE TEMPLE COWS DIRECTLY. This will be considered animal abuse, and you can be prosecuted. For the safety and well-being of the animals, please check with temple management if you wish to assist with feeding the cows. Please visit the temple often, seek the blessings of Sai Amrutha Narayana and all the deities, and spend some time in prayer and meditation. May Baba bless you and your family with peace, good health, and happiness.

Pandit Rajagopalan Mama.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 07/29/2026: Guru Poornima Celebrations

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SRI SAI BABA'S DIVINE WORDS



THE EDUCATION SYSTEM TODAY MAKES AN EDUCATED PERSON SELFISH. IT MAKES THAT PERSON A SLAVE TO THE SENSES AND AS A CONSEQUENCE THE PERSON FORGETS THEIR OWN DIVINE NATURE.



THE UNIVERSE IS A GREAT UNIVERSITY.



I AM THE SLAVE OF THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER ME AND TREAT EVERYTHING ELSE AS UNIMPORTANT.

SRIDHARAMRUTHAM



WE OFFERED PRAYERS TO ALL YOUR FOREFATHERS...
MY BLESSINGS TO ALL OF YOU....



NEVER PRACTICE OR PREACH HATRED TOWARDS
OTHERS....
BE CONSCIOUSLY SILENT...



WHEN YOU DO NOT COMPARE OTHERS WITH
YOURSELF AND YOU RECOGNISE THE UNIQUENESS
OF YOUR EXISTENCE, YOU ALREADY KNOW THE
PURPOSE OF YOUR LIFE....

A STORY FROM SAI SATCHARITRA



Das Ganu's Bath in Prayag

The Hindus think that a bath in the holy Tirth of Prayag¹, where the Ganga and Yamuna meet, is very meritorious and thousands of pilgrims go there, at periodical times, to have the sacred bath there. Once, Das Ganu thought that he should go to Prayag for a bath, and came to Baba to get His permission for doing so. Baba replied to him - "It is not necessary to go so long. Our Prayag is here, believe me." Then wonder of wonders! When Das Ganu placed his head on Baba's Feet, out came or flowed streams, of Ganga - Yamuna water, from both the toes of Baba. Seeing this miracle, Das Ganu was overwhelmed with feelings of love and adoration and was full of tears. Inwardly, he felt inspired, and his speech burst forth into a song in praise of Baba and His Leelas.

The 'Sandal' Procession

There was another procession which was started in this fair. This idea of Sandal procession originated with one Mr. Amir Shakkar Dalal, a Mahomedan Bhakta from Korhla. This procession is held in honour of great Muslim Saints. Sandal i.e. Chandan () paste and scrappings are put in the THALI (flat dishes), and these are carried CHAPTER VI 1. District Magistrate. Since, he is responsible for the collection of land revenues, he is also called The Collector. 3 4 SHRI SAI SATCHARITRA with incense burning before them in procession to the accompaniment of band and music through the village and then after returning to the Masjid, the contents of the dishes are thrown on the Nimbar (nitche) and walls of the Masjid with hands. This work was managed by Mr. Amir Shakkar for the first three years, and then afterwards by his wife. So on one day, the two processions, the Flags by the Hindus and that of Sandal by the Muslims, went on side by side, and are still going on without any hitch.

Arrangement

This day was very dear and sacred to the devotees of Sai Baba. Most of them turned out on the occasion, and took a leading part in the management of the fair. Taty Kote Patil looked to all outward affairs, while the internal management was entirely left to one Radha Krishna Mai, a female devotee of Baba. Her residence was full of guests on the occasion, and she had to look to their needs, and also to arrange for all the paraphernalia of the fair. Another work, which she willingly did, was to wash out and clean and white-wash the entire Masjid, its walls and floor, which were blackened and were full of soot on account of the ever-burning Dhuni (sacred fire) of Sai Baba. This work, she did during the night, when Sai Baba went to sleep every alternate day in the Chavadi. She had to take out all the things, including even the Dhuni, and after thorough cleaning and whitewashing replace them, as they were before. Feeding the poor, which was so dear to Sai Baba, was also a great item in this fair. For this purpose, cooking, on a grand scale and preparing various sweet dishes, was done in Radha-Krishna Mai's lodging, and, various rich and wealthy devotees took a leading part in this affair.

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

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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.



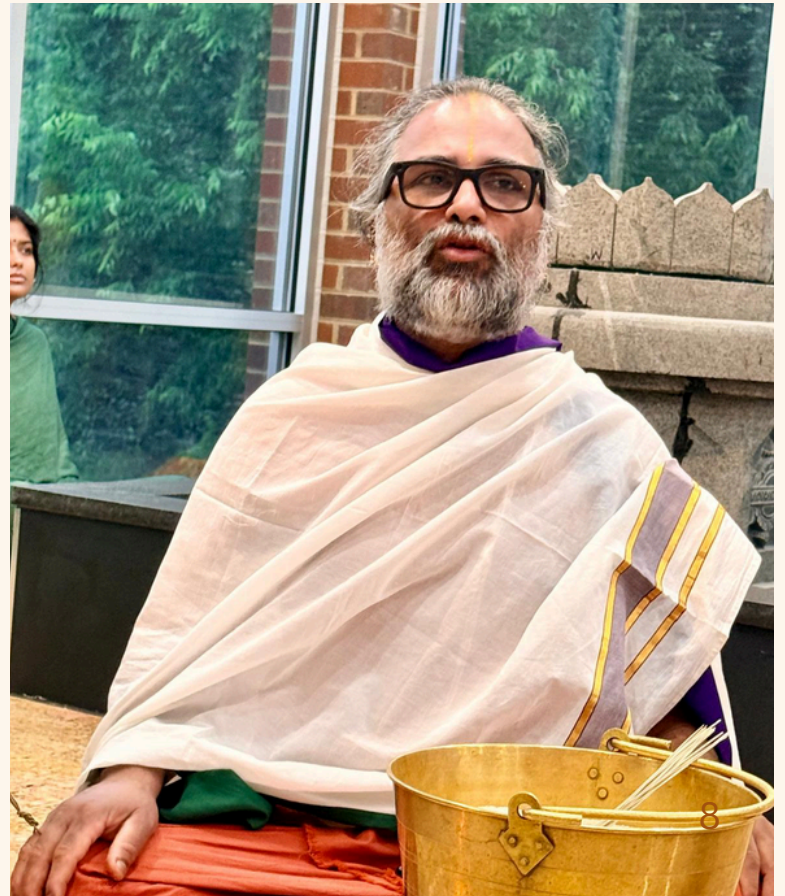
DHANYADHIVASAM

Dhaanyadivasam of virghrahas on May 21st.



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SPECIAL EVENTS





Guru Pournina Celebrations

MONDAY, JULY 29TH

6.00 AM - Sai Amrutha Narayana Abhishekam
6.00 PM to 7.30pm- Evening Aarti followed by
Palki Seva



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Spiritual Guidance & Sacred Services

by Sri Babu Swamy

Religious Rituals:

Ekadasa Rudrabhishekam, Mahalingarchana, Navagraha Puja, Sathyanarayana Swami Vratam, Shanti Puja, Ganapathi Homam, Chandi Homam, Sudarshana Homam, Dhanvantari Homam (will be performed at the temple)

Life Ceremonies:

Weddings, Seemantham, Naming Ceremony, Annaprasana, Chaula Karma/Puttu Ventrakalu, Thread Ceremony, Bhoomi puja, Gruhapravesam, Vastu Puja, Vastu Homam

Spiritual Counseling:

Individual consultation and guidance
Vedam Classes offered at the temple & online

Available by appointment

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OUR VOLUNTEERS

MILLION THANKS TO ALL OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

Continuing to pour their hearts into every detail, ensuring the temple's transformation unfolded in all its glory.

