



SRI SAI AMRUTHA NARAYANA TEMPLE

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SAI AMRUTHA JYOTHI

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Sairam,

With a heavy heart, we are deeply saddened to announce the demise of Smt. Sarada Jammi, Founder of Sri Sai Amrutha Narayana Temple, Richmond. Sarada was truly the backbone of this temple, and her unwavering dedication, immense patience, discipline, and selfless service played an instrumental role in transforming this sacred place into a prominent Kshetram in North America. Her deep-rooted faith and her spirit of non-doership guided everything she did, helping shape a temple where thousands of devotees now come from different parts of the country and around the world to seek divine blessings. A self-made and remarkable woman, Sarada devoted herself wholeheartedly to the temple, and the magnitude of her sacrifice and service can be felt throughout the Kshetram. Every corner bears testimony to the devotion, perseverance, and love with which she served. Though her physical presence will be deeply missed, the values she embodied and the sacred legacy she helped create will live on through this temple and its devotees. Her presence will forever be felt within this Kshetram, and she will remain lovingly and gratefully in all our hearts.

We performed Sri Amrutha Mruthyunjaya Samputhitha Sudarshana Dhanvantri Maha Yagnam on the auspicious occasion of Sri V. V. Sridhar Guru's Star Birthday, offering our prayers and respects to our revered Masters and praying for the health, peace, prosperity, and welfare of one and all. Mahalaya Paksham is an auspicious and sacred time to remember our beloved ancestors and express our gratitude through Pitru Aradhana. This Mahalaya Paksham, we invite you to offer your respects at Vriksha Bhairava Kshetram at Sri Sai Amrutha Narayana Temple, Richmond, an extraordinary Pitrukshetram of the Western world, where 600+ sacred Saligramams are worshipped as Pitru Narayana Swaroopam. Through prayers to Pitru Narayana, we seek the abundant blessings of the Pitru Devatas for health, prosperity, peace, and contentment for our families. We warmly invite everyone during this Mahalaya / Pitru Paksham from Sep 27th to Oct 10th, when we will perform all the abhishekams and prayers at the Vruksha Bhairava Kshetram. Please join us for these sacred rituals and receive the blessings of our ancestors.

Pandit Rajagopalan Mama.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

09/27/2026 - 10/10/2026: Mahalaya Paksham
10/11/2026 - 10/20/2026: Navarathri Celebrations

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK FOR MORE LIVE UPDATES AND EVENT SCHEDULES.



SRI SAI BABA'S DIVINE WORDS



THE LIFE AHEAD CAN ONLY BE GLORIOUS IF YOU LEARN TO LIVE IN TOTAL HARMONY WITH THE LORD.



COLLEGE EDUCATION GIVES YOU THE CHANCE TO EARN MONEY AND LIVE THEREUPON. BUT, UNLESS IT DESTROYS CERTAIN ILLUSIONS THAT ARE NOURISHED BY THE COMMON LEVEL OF MANKIND, YOUR LIVES WILL NOT BE HAPPY.



YOU MUST PASS YOUR DAYS IN SONG. LET YOUR WHOLE LIFE BE A SONG.

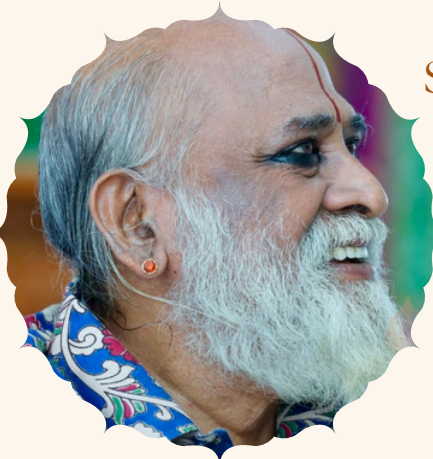
SRIDHARAMRUTHAM



TO GET PAADA NAMASKARAM OF A SADHGURU, ONE SHOULD HAVE DONE SACRED DEEDS IN THE PAST, AT LEAST FOR 100 BIRTHS....



TO DO PAADA SEVA TO A SADHGURU, ONE SHOULD HAVE DONE SACRED DEEDS IN THE PAST, AT LEAST FOR 1000 YEARS....



TO GET PAADA DEEKSHA FROM A SADHGURU, ONE SHOULD HAVE DONE SACRED DEEDS IN THE PAST AT LEAST FOR 1,00,000 YEARS....

TO GET PAADA DEEKSHA FROM A PRAYOGI, ONE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED IN ALL THE SERVICES WHICH A PRAYOGI DOES FOR THE WELFARE OF THIS JAGAT IN THE PAST AND PRESENT FOR AT LEAST 1,00,00,000 YEARS....

A STORY FROM SAI SATCHARITRA



Sai Baba's Motherly Love

Everybody knows how much a cow loves her infant calf; Her udder is always full and when the calf wants milk and approaches the udder, out comes the milk in an incessant flow. Similarly, a human mother knows the needs of her child and feeds it on time. When it comes to dressing the child, the mother takes particular care to see that this is well done. The child knows nothing about this, but the mother's joy knows no bounds when she sees her child beautifully dressed. The love of a mother is peculiar, extraordinary, disinterested and has no parallel. Sadgurus feel this motherly love towards their disciples and Sai Baba had this same love towards me. Here is an instance of this:

In 1916, I retired from Government Service. The pension that was settled in my case was not sufficient to maintain my family decently. On the Guru-Pournima day of that year, I went to Shirdi with a few other devotees. There, Mr. Anna Chinchanikar, of his own accord, prayed to Baba for me as follows, "Please look kindly upon him; the pension he gets is quite insufficient and his family is growing. Give him some other appointment, remove his anxiety and make him happy." Baba replied, "He will get some other job, but now he should serve Me and be happy. His dishes will always be full and never empty. He should turn all his attention towards Me and avoid the company of atheists, irreligious and wicked people. He should be meek and humble towards everyone and worship Me heart and soul. If he does this, he will get eternal happiness".

Rohilla's Story

Rohilla's story illustrates Sai Baba's all-embracing love. A man named Rohilla— tall, well-built and as strong as a bull— came to Shirdi wearing a long Kafni (robe) and was enamored by Baba. All day, he would recite, in a loud and harsh tone, the Kalma (verses from the Holy Koran) and shout out loud, "ALLAH HO AKBAR!" (God is Great).

The residents of Shirdi, who worked in their fields during the day, were welcomed with the Rohilla's harsh cries and shouts when they returned home. Their sleep was severely disturbed and they felt very inconvenienced. They suffered in silence for a few days and when they could stand it no longer, they approached Baba and requested Him to speak to the Rohilla and stop the nuisance. Baba did not attend to their complaint; On the contrary, Baba took the villagers to task and asked them to mind their own business. He said to them that the Rohilla had a very bad wife, a Zantippi, who tried to come in and trouble the Rohilla; But hearing the Rohilla's prayers, she did not dare to trouble him. In fact, the Rohilla had no wife, and by his wife Baba meant bad thoughts. As Baba liked prayers and cries to God better than anything else, He took the side of the Rohilla and asked the villagers to wait and suffer the nuisance, which would abate in due course.

SUPPORT YOUR TEMPLE



DOLLAR-A-DAY

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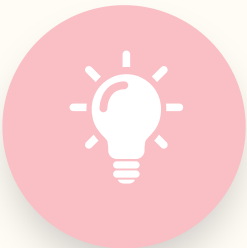
Giving Dollar a day means supporting the initiatives that the temple has undertaken on a regular basis such as, rescuing cows and building Goshala, Donating 1000's gallons of milk for infants & conducting regular cultural and religious activities.



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.



SRI AMRUTA MRUTHYUMJAYA SAMPUTHITHA SUDHARSHANA DHANVANTRI MAHA YAGNAM



SPECIAL EVENTS





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MAHALAYA PAKSHAM / PITRU PAKSHAM BEGINS...

SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 10, 2026

It is believed that our ancestors or pitrus visit the Earth during Mahalaya Paksha to accept our offerings. Praying to the pitrus during this time is bound to grant us unlimited blessings.

**Saligrama Aaradhana with
Abhishekams to Astrams starting
from**

**TIMINGS: 3:45 AM -7:00 AM
ALL DAYS**

ALL CAN PARTICIPATE

**FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO INDIVIDUALLY
SPONSOR PLEASE CONTACT:**

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or Babu Swamy # 804-868-8800





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NAVARATHRI 2026 OCT 11- OCT 20

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING NAVARATHRI AT OUR RICHMOND TEMPLE, THERE WILL BE POOJAS TO GODDESS. FOLLOWED BY LALITHA PARAYANAM / KUMKUMARCHANA. WE WILL ALSO HAVE OUR ICAPS CULTURAL EVENTS AS PART OF NAVARATHRI CELEBRATIONS.

ALL THE DETAILS WITH THE TIMINGS WILL BE SHARED SOON...

**For more details about
ICAPS CULTURAL EVENTS
refer to our ICAPS event schedule**

All are welcome to participate !!

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE – IN LOVING MEMORY OF SMT SARADA JAMMI, FOUNDER OF SRI SAI AMRUTHA NARAYANA TEMPLE, RICHMOND, VA, USA



With immense love, gratitude, and reverence, we gathered at Sri Sai Amrutha Narayana Temple to celebrate the extraordinary life and legacy of our beloved Smt. Sarada Jammi. Family, friends, devotees, students, and well-wishers came together to offer their heartfelt prayers and respects, with Yantra Puja and cultural programs performed in her loving memory. Sarada was a gifted Kuchipudi dancer whose immense talent and devotion to the art were passed on to the many students she lovingly taught and inspired over the years. To many who knew her, she was Goddess Lakshmi herself, embodying grace, compassion, strength, generosity, and an unwavering spirit of service. She was also Mata Annapurni herself, lovingly feeding everyone who came to her, at any time of the day, with delicious food and a warm cup of coffee.

The Kshetram was illuminated with countless lamps and adorned with flowers as we remembered a life dedicated to devotion, dance, music, and selfless service. Though her physical presence is deeply missed, the light she brought into countless lives, the students she nurtured, and the sacred legacy she created will continue to live on for generations.

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.

