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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.

With prayers for your health, happiness, and peace,
Pandit Rajagopalan Mama.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Masa Shiva Ratri	- 09/01/24
Amavasya	- 09/02/24
Ganesh Chaturthi	- 09/07/24
Skanda Shashti	- 09/09/24
Ashtami	- 09/11/24
Ekadasi	- 09/14/24
Pradosham	- 09/15/24
Pournami	- 09/17/24
Mahalaya Paksham	- 09/18 - 10/02
Sankatahara Chaturthi	- 09/21/24
Krithika	- 09/22/24
Bhairava Ashtami	- 09/25/24
Ekadasi	- 09/28/24
Pradosham	- 09/30/24

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SRI SAI BABA'S DIVINE WORDS

“LIFE’S TRUE JOY COMES FROM GIVING AND SERVING OTHERS.”

“POSITIVITY EMPOWERS YOU TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES WITH GRACE.”

“CHOOSE POSITIVITY EVEN IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY, FOR IT HOLDS THE KEY TO RESILIENCE.”

SRIDHARAMRUTHAM

PEOPLE WHO LACK PATIENCE, LEAVE ALONE LISTENING, THEY MAY NOT EVEN HEAR.... I FEEL A LOT FOR SUCH PEOPLE FOR THEY MAY MISS MANY THINGS WONDERFUL IN THEIR LIFE....

THE ENEMY IS NOT OUTSIDE .... HE RESIDES INSIDE..... EGO, PRIDE, JEALOUSY, SELF PITY, ANGER, RESENTMENT, POSSESSIVENESS, QUARRELS ETC., ALL THESE ARE DREADED ENEMIES INSIDE YOU.... BE ALERT TO DEFEAT THEM... WAGE A WAR WITH THEM AND UPROOT THEM TOTALLY...IF NOT YOU WILL NEVER BE AT PEACE....

HE SAYS, HE WORKS HARD BUT SUCCESS IS ELUDING HIM....
TODAY YOU NEED TO WORK 'SMART' & NOT 'HARD' TO BE SUCCESSFUL....

A STORY FROM SAI SATCHARITRA

Chapter 14 - Two Lizards

Once Baba was sitting in the Masjid. A devotee sat in front of Him, when a lizard tick-ticked. Out of curiosity, the devotee asked Baba whether this tick-ticking of the lizard signified anything; was it a good sign or a bad omen? Baba said that the lizard was overjoyed as her sister from Aurangabad was coming to see her. The devotee sat silent, not making out the meaning of Baba's words. Immediately, a gentleman from Aurangabad came on horse-back to see Baba. He wanted to proceed further, but his horse would not go, as it was hungry and wanted grams. He took out a bag from his shoulders to bring grams and dashed it on the ground to remove dirt. A lizard came out therefrom and in the presence of all, climbed up the wall. Baba asked the questioner devotee to mark her well. She at once went strutting to her sister. Both sisters met each other after a long time, kissed and embraced each other, whirled round and danced with love! Where is Shirdi and where is Aurangabad? How should the man on horse-back come there from Aurangabad with the lizard? And how should Baba make the prophesy of the meeting of the two sisters? All this is really very wonderful and proves the omniscience -- the all-knowing nature of Baba.

Naradiya Kirtan-Paddhati

Generally our Haridasas, while performing the Kirtan, wear a gala and full dress. They put on a head-dress, either a pheta or a turban, a long flowing coat with a shirt inside, an uparane (short dhotar) on the shoulders and the usual long dhotar from the waist below. Dressed in this fashion for some Kirtan in the Shirdi village, Dasganu once went to bow to Baba. Baba asked him - "Well, bridegroom! where are you going dressed so beautifully like this?" 'For performing a Kirtan' was the reply. Then Baba said - "Why do you want all this paraphemalia-coat, uparani and pheta etc, drop all that before Me, why wear them on the body?" Dasganu immediately took them off and placed them at the Baba's Feet. From that time Dasganu never wore these things while performing the Kirtan. He was always bare from waist upwards, a pair of `chiplis' was in his hand and a garland round his neck. This is not in consonance with the practice generally followed by all the Hardidasas, but this is the best and the purest method. The sage Narada, from whom the Kirtan-Paddhati originated, wore nothing on his trunk and head. He carried a 'veena' in his hand, and wandered from place to place everywhere singing the glory of the Lord.

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

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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.

GANESH CHATURTHI CELEBRATIONS

Bhairava Yagnam was conducted on Sunday, 28th July. Enjoy few pictures below.

MAHALAYA PAKSHAM

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Mahalaya Paksham / Pitru Paksham Begins...

SEPTEMBER 18-OCTOBER 2, 2024

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.

ALL CAN PARTICPATE

In Saligrama Aaradhana with Abhishekams to Srichakram and Astrams starting from 3.45-7am every day

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