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# ŠRÎ SÂI LEELA

Šrî Shirdi Sai Bâbâ Temple

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November 2016

“ If one sees me and me alone and listens to my Leelas and is devoted to me alone, they will reach God. - Šrî Sâi Bâbâ.”

## PROGRESS REPORT OF FUND RAISING

Dear Embodiments of Love :

May SAI BABA BLESS ALL OF US for a Happy Dasara. The Temple conveys gratitude for your continued support to the First Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Temple in USA for the past 3 decades. As you all know, the Temple is in the process of constructing a new Temple building to better serve the needs of the devotees. After a long 5 year battle with the local municipality and objections from local residents, the case was finally won in the court.

The new Temple site plan includes a new building, private driveway, meditation Gazebos, and a walking trail. The estimated budget for the all the construction is an estimated 5 million dollars. WE CANNOT MOVE AHEAD WITHOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT. It will take about 5 years to complete.

**You do not have to make the full donation at one time.** You can pledge a total amount and can donate towards the pledge over time. **The Temple acknowledges the following few Devotees that have pledged to donate to the New Temple project so far.**

1) Sow Mahalakshmi and Saint Panduranga Rao Malyala (Founders of the temple) pledged over \$100,000.



2) Hiroo and Manjubhen Patel pledged for one floor of the new Temple.

3) Late Sri Gul Bhagwaneni and late Srimati Drupathi donated \$100,000 to the Temple.

4) Smt Madhu & Kishan Agarwal pledged for the new Ganesh Sanctum.

5) Kranthi & Pallavi Bandi Pledged \$15,000

We thank all the devotees that have supported the temple so far. Consider supporting the construction of the New Shirdi Sai Baba Temple and be a part of our Sri Sai Sanjeevani Tree. The amount that has been fundraised so far is close to \$ 200,000. The names of devotees who have sponsored 1-3 bricks for the proposed temple project are on our temple website.

We humbly request you to sponsor a leaf on the Sanjeevani tree with a donation of \$1008 or greater. (You can have your family names or names of your choosing on the leaf) You may make a pledge to donate over time. If you cannot sponsor a leaf consider sponsoring a single brick \$252.

With Gratitude and Love, May Baba bless us all -Temple Management

### The Temple acknowledges the following devotees who contributed a leaf to the Sai Sanjeevani Tree

AJAY& SUMANYA DEVA  
AMAR AREPALLI  
AMIT & YOGITA MAYEKAR  
ANAND MOHAN DHARMAPURI  
ARAVIND REDDY  
ARCHANA SODAGAM  
ARUNA & PRAKASH DHOND  
ASHISH KUMAR  
ATUL THAKUR  
BHAVANI & GEETHA PRASAD PAMALA  
CHANDRASEKHAR MANDADI  
CONJEEVARAM B MAHESWER  
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HASHU SAJNANI  
KALPESH & SANGITA PANDYA  
KIRAN MUTHUGADURKRANTI BANDI  
KULDEEP SAXENA  
MAHENDRAN & LAKSHMI NAIDU  
MADHAVA RAO & BONNI DASU  
MANJUSHA KAD FAMILY  
MANOJ KUMAR & VASAVI PATEL  
MOHAN & JAYASREE PHANSE  
MOHAN & JYOTI SONAJI

MOHAN THUMMALAPALLI  
AGUEDO A(AL) & VIVIAN MACASAET  
MURTHY & VARALAXMI VEPURI  
NAGA PARVATHANENI  
NEERAJ CHITRA  
NIPA & ASWIN TURAKHIA  
NIRUPA THAYALAKHANDAN  
NIVEDHITA SATARLA  
PADMANABHA RAO & INDIRA K BETINA  
PAPAYYA SASTRY GHANTASALA  
RAGHURAM R JANAMANCHI  
RAMACHANDRA RAO GARAPATI  
RAMAKRISHNA KOLLI  
RAMAN & UMA PURIGHALLA  
RAMESH GRANDHI  
RAVINDER LANKARAVINDRA KISHNAPPA  
SADHANA MANI  
SANTOSH KRISHNAMURTHY  
SARASWATHY VASUDEVAN  
SATISH DANDU  
SATYA & S SREELATHA VATTIMILLI  
SHARMA SARIPALLI  
SHIVA PRASAD KOTIGARI  
SHYAM & HANSA BHUPALAM  
SOMA KARAKA  
SRIDHAR DASARA  
SRIDHAR TIRUMALA

SRINIVAS KOTHAPALLI  
SRINIVAS LINGAMPALLI  
SRINIVASAN DHARMAPURI  
SRIRAM MANI SRIRAM MANI  
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SWADHIN PATEL  
ULHAS PATIL  
VANI PURAM  
VENKATA R CHEEKOTI  
VENKATA RAJU REDDY

**Call the Temple today at 412 374 9244 to contribute.**

#### Sponsorship of Sai Sanjeevani tree

\$252 – One brick - Name on website  
\$1008 - Bronze Leaf  
\$2500 - Silver Leaf  
\$5000 - Gold Leaf  
\$10,000 - Gold Leaf  
Small picture (4.25" x 5.5")  
\$100,000 - Gold Leaf,  
Medium picture (8.5"x11")  
\$500,000 - Gold Leaf,  
Large picture (15"x 22")  
\$ 1 million - Gold Leaf,  
Extra Large picture(24"x 36")

## Legendary story of Bilva

The Bilva leaf is most dear to Vishnu. The bilva leaves usually grow in sets of three. It is said that Goddess Lakshmi once asked Vishnu, "Who is most dear to you?" Vishnu replied that Lord Siva and His devotees are most dear to him. He told Lakshmi that in order to please Siva one should worship Him for one year with lotus flowers. So she started worshipping



Lord Shiva every day with lotus flowers. At the end of the first year she found that she was two lotus flowers short of completing the worship. She remembered that Vishnu had said her breasts are like lotuses. Therefore, she cut off one of her breasts and offered it to Siva, and began preparing to cutoff another breast. It is said that Siva then appeared and created a tree out of her breast, and that became the Bilva tree. In the clusters of leaves, the central leaf is Siva, the right side is Vishnu, and the left side is Brahma. When the Bilva leaves are offered in the Bilva Archana, a wonderful atmosphere is created which brings mental peace, health, and longevity to those who sponsor or perform the archana.

## Spiritual Significance of the month of Kârtika:

The month after Dîpâvali is called Kârtika. According to the Vedic lore, Subrahmañya is the son of Lord Šiva and Pârvatî. He grew up by the six stars and drank the milk, therefore known as Kârtikeya. This month is auspicious for practicing yoga and medicine, since the skies are pure and blue at this time of the year. Fasting is observed on all the Mondays. Fasting cleanses the body by getting rid of poisonous gases, germs, accumulated dirt etc. Further, it reduces the weight of the gross body. It increases the length of breath (resulting in removal of sloth), and longevity. It induces vitality and the ability to concentrate during meditation, and aids spiritual progress. Since the Moon is in Kârtika star on full Moon day, the controller for Monday is the Moon. It is thus auspicious to fast on Mondays and perform the Abhishekam to Lord Šiva.

In Spiritual Science, the Moon is indicated as a third eye or Omni eye for Lord Šiva by half-a-moon or wave with a dot in Aum. Therefore, this month is most dear to Šiva. The spiritually inclined can see the light between the two eyebrows by intense meditation in this month. Yogis can see a bright light, as if the full moon were in between the two eyebrows. In Spiritual Science, this light is described as *Krtika Pûrñima*. Swamy Vivekânanda and many other great souls experienced this light.

**Shivaya Vishnu roopaya-** Vishnu's and his avatar is none other than Shiva means Shiva is vishnu. Shiva roopaya vishnuve - Shiva roopa is none other than Vishnu , Vishnu is Shiva.

**Shivasya hrudayam Vishnuh, Vishnoscha hrudayam Shiva** - Vishnu resides in Shiva's heart, and Shiva resides in Vishnu's heart.

**Yatha Shiva mayo Vishnuhu, yevam Vishnu mayah Shiva** - Vishnu will be found in the same place you find Shiva, and Shiva can be found in the same place where Vishnu is. As is if you find one, you have found the other.

**Yathaantaram na pashyami, thathatme swasthirayushi** - we are one and the same. This mantra/sloka is found in the yajurveda. It can also be found towards the end of the yajurveda sandhyavanam.

**All are welcome. Join us for Kartika Masa Celebrations.**

## Rituals and Rules(Niyama) during Karthika Masam:

Fasting is advised. Ekabhuktam during the whole month of Kartika. Take meal only once a day. Some people take fruits or milk in the evening time after performing Puja, Or on auspicious days like Kartika Somavaram, Kartika Purñimâ etc. Light diya every evening and morning. Reciting one chapter of Kartika Purana every day during Kartika month is very auspicious. Kartika Somavaram, Kartika Purñimâ & Ksheerabdhi Dwadasi Tulasi Vivah (Marriage of Goddess Tulasi) are the few **auspicious** days to follow.

### Sivopasana Mantram

Aum Nidhanapataye Namah Nidhanapatantikaya Namah  
Urdhvaya Namah Urdhvalingaya Namah  
Hiranyaya Namah, Hiranyalingaya Namah  
Suvarneyaya Namah, Suvarneyalingaya Namah,  
Divyaya Namah Divyalingaya Namah  
Bhavaya Namah Bhavalingaya Namah -  
Sarvaya Namah Sarvalingaya Namah  
Shivaya Namah Shivalingaya Namah  
Jwalaya Namah Jwalalingaya Namah  
Atmaya Namah Atmalingaya Namah  
Paramaya Namah Paramalingaya Namah  
Etath Somasya Suryasya Sarvalingam  
Sthapayati Panimantram Pavitram

### Kartika Krishna Amavasya - POLI SWARGAM

The last day of the Karthika Month is an auspicious day known as "Poli Swargam".

Women light lamps on sheaths of banana trunk ( Arati doppa) , they light ghee lamps release them in the water. Chanting holy scriptures. The legend goes that the deepam (dijas) released by the virtuous Poli, showed the light , to the path leading to heaven. This concludes the Kartika masa Vratam with reading the story of Poli and lighting the 33 Gooseberry (amla or usiri) lamps ( count of 33 - the 31 wicks represents each day of the month whole Kartika month and the remaining two are for that day.) in front of the God.

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## Sri Sai Rudra Yagnam

Wednesday , Nov 2nd - Thursday, Nov 24th 2016

For the Loka Kalyanam (Universal Peace) and good of all beings, It is said that this yagna was first performed by Lord Shiva Himself for the peace and prosperity of the world after destroying the Bhasmasura with the help of Maha Vishnu.

This will cleanse all levels of their consciousness. The yagna will have a great influence on all living beings.

*The Yagna will bring peace, happiness, prosperity, health, progeny, courage, protection from enemies, and relief from inner and outer demons.*

**Sponsorship:** One day Homam \$153( )

Sri Siva Archana \$18( );Sahasranama Archana \$21( );

Rudra Abhisekam \$36( );Flower Service \$40( );

360 SivaLinga Abhisekam \$108( );Rudra Homam \$126( );

Bilva Archana \$126( );

**Sunday Nov 27th - 11am Girija Kalyanam \$54( )**

**NOV 26 SATURDAY KARTIKA SANTARPANA**

8.00 AM EKADASA RUDRA ABHISHEKAM - \$252( )

5.00 PM BILVA ARCHANA \$126( )

EKAVARA RUDRA ABHISHEKAM \$36( )

DINNER PRASADAM

**SPONSOR SPECIAL SAI RUDRA BILVA ARATHI - \$108( )**

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**PRASADAM - PANCHAMUKHA RUDRAKSHA**



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Gotram \_\_\_\_\_

*AUM SAI RAM - "LOVE ALL, SERVE ALL, HELP EVER, HURT NEVER"*

**CLENDAR OF EVENTS - NOVEMBER 2016 - Kartikam til 29/30 Margasiram**

**Kartika Somavara - 31st,7th,14th,21st,28th**

10am & 6.30pm -Rudra Abhishekam- \$36( )

11am Rudra homam \$126( ) Siva Archana 18( )

**AKASA DEEPA Prarambham**

Starlight to guide departed wandering souls.

Sponsorship: Month - \$108( ); 1 day \$11( )

**Nov 1 Tues Kartika Sukla Vidya - YAMA VIDIIYA**

Bhagini Hasta Bhojanam - It is customary to visit your sister on this day and have lunch or dinner in recognition of the altruistic bond among siblings.

To prevent untimely death - yama vidiiya

Yama Tarpanam 10 am \$21( )

**Nov 3 Thur Kartika Sukla (Nagula) Chavithi**

09.30am Abhishekam \$54( ); Archana \$18( )

10.00am Subrahmanya Homam \$126( )

11.00am Nagula Chavithi Puja \$25( )

Devotees are welcome to offer milk to naga vighram in the temple. For fertility, overcoming pregnancy complications, removal of Naga (serpents) and Kuja(Mars) Dosha (inauspiciousness), offering a gift of silver serpent is suggested.

**Nov 11 Fri Kartika Sukla (Ksheerabdi ) Dwadasi**

10.00 am Tulasi Brinda Homam \$126( )

6.30 pm Tulasi Puja \$21( )

6.30 pm Tulasi Damodara Kalyanam \$54( )

6.30pm ksheerabdi Dwadasi Vratam \$54( )

**Nov 12 & 26th Sat SANI PRADOSHAM**

10.00 am Saniswara(Oil) taila Abhishekam \$54( )

11.00 am Sai Rudra Saniswara Homam \$126( )

06.30 pm Ekavara Rudra Abhishekam \$36( )

7.30 pm Siva Archana \$18( )

**Nov 13 Sun Kartika Sukla (Tula) Poonima :**

9:00 am Sai Abhishekam \$108( )

10:00 am Homam \$126( )

11.00 am Sai Satyanarayana Vratam \$54( )

06.30 pm 33 Punnamula Nomu Vratam \$36( )

07.30 pm 360 Wicks - \$18( ); Jwala Toranam 54( )

08.00 pm Sej & Jyothi Arathi \$108( )

**Prayaschita Deepam(360 Wicks) & Jwala Toranam for welfare of cows and calves (animal welfare):** A rope

made-up of hay is hung from two poles with wicks inserted in the rope.

**Nov 16 Wed Vrushika Sankramanam**

06.00 Vedapatanam \$21( )

**Nov 17 Thur Kartika (Sankatahara) Chaturthi**

10am Abhishekam : \$54( ); 11am Homam \$126( )

06.30 pm " GA " Kara Sahasram \$36( )

Ganapathi Archana ;\$11( )

**Nov 23 Wed Sri Satya Sai Baba Birthday :**

10am paduka abhishekam:\$54( ); 11am homam \$126( )

**Thanksgiving long weekend: Thursday**

**24th - Sunday 27th, 2016**

**Nov 24 th & Nov 25th :**

9am Sai Abhishekam \$54 ( )

10.30am Sai Homam \$126 ( )

5.30pm Kumkum puja \$21 ( )

**Nov 26 Sat Kartika santarpana**

8 am ekadasa rudra abhishekam ; 5 pm Bilva archana ; Dinner prasadam

Sponsor Special Sai Rudra Arathi - \$108( )

**(Looking for 100 Sponsors)**

**Nov 27 Sun Kartika krishna (masa) chaturthi masa sivaratri**

10am Abhishekam :\$108( )

Homam : \$126( )

**Nov 28 Mon Kartika amavasya :poli swargam:**

Tarpanam: \$27( )

10am Bhagavad Geeta Homa: \$126( )

33 Lamps - \$33( ) ; 33 Goosberry Lamps -\$54( )

All are welcome to participate

**HINDU CALENDAR**

**Current Year of the Earth:** 1,955,885,2016

**Name of the Year:** Sri Durmukhi ; **Ayanam:** Dakshinayana

**Rutuvu:**Hemantha; **Masam:** Kartikam / Margasiram

Krishna's Niryanam **(Kali Yuga): 5117**

**Gregorian Calendar A.D. 2016**

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**Sponsored Puja: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation: \_\_\_\_\_**

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