

## "Help Ever, Hurt Never"

# ŠRÎ SÂI LEELA

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" Trust in the Guru fully. That is the only sadhana" - Šrî Sâi Bâbâ.

#### SRI SHIRDI SAIBABA JAYANTHI

Vijaya Dasami - Sunday Sep 30th, 2017 Temple's 26th Anniversary(In this location) & Sri Subha Drishti Vinayaka's 6th Anniversary SRI DEVI NAVARATRI BEGINS Sri Durga(Chandi) Yagnam Wednesday Sep 20th - Saturday 30th, 2017





"Aum Shirdi Vasaya Vidmahe Sachidananda Dhimahi tanno Sai Prachodayath" 10.00 am - Sri Chandi Poornahuthi 12.00 noon - Sri Shirdi Sai Abhishekam & Arathi 07.00 pm - Sri Shirdi Sai Vibhudi Archana 07.30 pm - Jyothi Arathi & Sej Arathi

Aum Kathya ya naya Vidmahe Kanya Kumari Dhimahi Tanno Durgihi Prachodayath

# Sri Durga(Chandi) Saptashathi Homam Wednesday Sep 20th - Saturday Sep 30th , 2017

What exactly is a Yagnam? The cycle of creation starts with Akshara (the Word indestructible); from Akshara emanates Brahma who is the cosmic reality. Yagna (Sacrifice), comes from Brahma, and from yagna comes Karma (Action). From Karma comes Parjanya (Clouds and Rain), and from Parjanya comes nourishment (food). There is no life without food. During Yagna, evil thoughts and tendencies are sacrificed. The sponsors, as yajamana, will reap all benefits, health and vigor, peace and lasting happiness, relief from evil spirits, and achievement for the lasting joy of realization of the true Self. Benefits: The yagnam is performed for the Universal Welfare. Surmount your difficulties, and be guided in the journey of life. Sponsorship: Yagna for all nine days: \$1008 ( ); One day Yagnam: \$252( ); Abhishekam: \$108( ); Archana:\$11( ); Sahasranama Archana (9 Days) -\$153( ); Annadanam or flower Service - \$54 or \$108 ( )

Navaratri Special Sponsorship: Saturday Sep 23rd - KANYAKUMARI PUJA

11.30 am -\$252( ); One Kanyakumari - \$36( ); 6.30 pm KumKumarchana \$21( )

Sunday Sep 24th SUVASINI PUJA

11.30 am -\$252( ); One Sumangali - \$36( ) 6.30 pm KumKumarchana \$21( )

Navaratri Kumkum Puja (9 days) - 6.30 pm - \$153( )

Wednesday Sep 27th SARASWATHI Puja - 9 am Homam - \$126( ); 6.30 pm Puja - FREE EVENT

**NAVARATHRI or DASARA**: This ten-day festival is celebrated all over India, heralding the victory of Devas over asuras, the triumph of righteousness over the forces of evil. For three nights each, the feminine aspects of the godhead, Durga, Lakshmi, and Saraswathi are worshipped. The tenth day is the victory festival of Vijaya Dasami. There is an astronomical significance of the timing of Navarathri during which the Sun moves into Kanya rasi denoting the spiritual energy of a virgin. Kanyaka Parameswari or BalaTripura Sundari is worshipped as Kanya rasi. At the commencement of the festival, Sun is in Simha Rasi, the energy riding on Simha (lion). The Kalasa Stapana is done when the asteism is Mula(apropos Muladhara Chakra in Kundalini energy plane). The month is called Aswija since the full moon is in the star Aswini (MeshaRasi). It is customary to worship 9 maidens as Kapila, Kalyani, Rohini, Kali, Chandika, Sambavi, Durga, Bhadra and Saraswati. This grand festival usually comes in October beginning on the first night of the Lunar month Aswija. In Bengal and other places the empahasis is on Durga, the ferocious mood of Shakti when she battles theforces of evil. The festival is therefore known as Durgotsava or Durga Puja. She is worshipped in the form of an unmarried maiden, healthy, beautiful, and free of any bodily marks. The same girl can be worshipped each of the nine days or nine girls in one day (the fifth day which is particularly sacred to Durga). Devotees fast on these days, depending upon their faith, tradition and ability. fasting recalls similar action by Sri Rama, when he propitiated Durga before marching his army to Lanka. Ceremonies, rituals, cultural programs and charity mark the celebration. The Kings of yore celebrated Dasara with elaborate festivities and in a literally right royal fashion. Worshipping the throne, parade of the elephants, horses and chariots marching past the regality, and presentation of gifts are daily events during the ten days. Dasara was considered auspicious for starting a military expedition. In many parts of the country, Aksharabhyasam is performed for children. Saraswathi Puja day is especially for students, and Saraswathi Suktam is recited on this day. Bali pradanam is offered during purvashada, and Visarjana on Sravanam. Vijaya Dasami is an occasion for worship of weapons, vehicles, machinery and tools. Computers and medical equipments must be worshipped on the 9th day (Mahar Navami). A white horse shall be worshipped on the 10th day with the chanting of Indra Suktam, recalling the emanation of a white horse(Uchaisravam) from the milky Ocean during the Mandara Mathanam(churning of the ocean for amrutham). Symbolically, a pratima or doll of a white horse can be used. The Dasara festival culminates in Aparajita Sami Puja chanting the simple mantra:

"sami samayate papam, sami satru vinasanam"
Aruunasya dhanurdhari Ramasya priya darshnam
also worshipping Jammi tree. The entire citizenry go in a
procession to the boundary of village town and send back
Aparajita Devi towards the northeast. This is an auspicious
day of Vijaya Muhurtam when all good acts, distant
travel, and new ventures can be commenced.

Devi Mahatmyam - Sri Durga Saptasati - Chandi ya devi sarva-bhutesu vishnu-mayeti samsthitha, namas thasyai namas thasyai namo namah ya devi sarva-bhutesu chetanety-abhidhiyathe namas thasyai namas thasyai namo namah ya devi sarva-bhutesu buddhi-rupena samsthitha namas thasyai namas thasyai namo namah ya devi sarva-bhutesu nidra-rupena samsthitha namas thasyai namas thasyai namo namah ya devi sarva-bhutesu kshudha-rupena samsthitha namas thasyai namas thasyai namo namah ya devi sarva-bhutesu chhaya-rupena samsthitha namas thasyai namas thasyai namas thasyai namo namah ya devi sarva-bhutesu sakti-rupena samsthitha namas thasyai namas thasyai namo namah ya devi sarva-bhutesu trishna-rupena samsthitha namas thasyai namas thasyai namo namah ya devi sarva-bhutesu kshanti-rupena samsthitha namas thasyai namas thasyai namas thasyai namo namah ya devi sarva-bhutesu jaati-rupena samsthitha namas thasyai namas thasyai namo namah ya devi sarva-bhutesu lajja-rupena samsthitha namas thasyai namas thasyai namo namah ya devi sarva bhutesu santi-rupena samsthitha namas thasyai namas thasyai namo namah ya devi sarva-bhutesu sraddha-rupena samsthitha namas thasyai namas thasyai namo namah ya devi sarva-bhutesu kanti-rupena samsthitha namas thasyai namas thasyai namo namah ya devi sarva-bhutesu laksmi-rupena samsthitha namas thasyai namas thasyai namo namah ya devi sarva-bhutesu vritti-rupena samsthitha namas thasyai namas thasyai namo namah ya devi sarva-bhutesu smriti-rupena samsthitha namas thasyai namas thasyai namo namah ya devi sarva-bhutesu daya-rupena samsthitha namas thasyai namas thasyai namo namah ya devi sarva-bhutesu tushti-rupena samsthitha namas thasyai namas thasyai namo namah ya devi sarva-bhutesu matru-rupena samsthitha namas thasyai namasthasyai namo namah ya devi sarva-bhutesu bhranti-rupena samsthitha namas thasyai namas thasyai namo namah

## Mahalaya Paksham & Its Significance:

King Sanjaya performed putra kameshti ((Prayers to God for bestowing children) for a son who can produce gold at will. In due course of time, he was blessed with a son who was named as Suvarna Ishti. Everything about the child was gold except the sweat, spit and other natural excreta. The king built golden palaces and abodes where even the toilets were made of gold. Shortly, some thieves came to know of the little prince's prowess, and stole him from the palace. They took him to the forest and foolishly thinking that there would be gold in the child's stomach, cut his stomach open. Finding nothing in the stomach they left the dead body and went away. The unhappy King Sanjaya lived for some more years and reached Brahmaloka after his death. There he was offered food made of gold, because of his yearning for gold. After going hungry for a couple of days he complained to Brahma who explained the reason, but allowed him to go back to earth for 15 days. He said that the king must talk to his subjects about greed, and what it leads to. The reformed king accordingly spent the time in advising his subjects the importance of shraddha. Also offer special feast for the brahmins that conducted the shraddha for them and the needy who partake on behalf of the ancestors and other invited gods. Wealth earned in the right way could bring solace and happiness, but greed can only cause misery. Let us not meditate for money and debase ourselves, and indulge in a million ways to amass wealth. On the day of Mahalaya Paksham you make rice balls about 0.5 inches in diameter, after cooking drop these rice balls in milk; add sugar or jaggery. Khir (pudding) thus prepared shall be offered to Divine Mother for peace and protection. For spiritual upliftment, ghee lamps should be lit on banana stalk and set afloat in water.

Mahalaya Paksha -Hiranya Shraddha (Tarpanam) Most of the families have problems due to neglecting and forgetting the fore fathers. Their spirits wander in pain, hunger and thirst that causes restlessness, miscarriages loss or lack of children and mental health. Therefore in order to appease and get blessings from fore fathers everyone should offer food to the departed souls.

The temple is specially conducting Hiranya (Aama) shraddha in the Mahalaya Paksha. Please avail of this service to get blessings.

**Items to bring** - Rice, daal (Moong, Toor, Urad), Vegetables, salt, tamarind, Jaggery, Ghee, Coins. **3 generations names and gotram (if known)**.

**Sponsorship:** Tarpanam - \$21(); Hiranya Shraddha - \$54(); Annadana - \$54(); \$108() is suggested..'

Undralla Taddi (Tadiya): Undralla Taddi is celebrated on Bhadrapada Bahula or Krishna Paksha Tadiya, which is the third day. On Undralla Taddi (Tadiya) one has to take head bath on vidiya the day before tadiya, eat the food early in the morning of Tadiya before sunrise and observer fasting until Sun set. Sri Gauri Devi is worshipped.

The process of worship is: Ganapathi Puja , Gauri Shodasopachara Puja. Offer 5 Undrallu for nyvedyam. After the puja, give Vayanam to Sumangali(Married women) and take blessings, with the sraddha that the women taking the Vayanam is Goddess Gauri herself. Read the Undralla Taddi Vrat katha. This has to be continued for five years. After the completion Vrata Udyapanam must be performed for completion. Even after Udhyapana one can continue the Vrat or Nomu every year. Invite 5 Sumangali (married women). Offer Sumangala dravyam (kumkum, Pasupu, Mehendi to the Married women) and Vayanam. Vayanam consists of 10 Kudumulu, Tambulam, Blouse piece, Black beads, Pasupu or Turmeric, Kum kum, Dakshina. With the blessings of sumangali the nomu is completed.

#### LONG WEEKEND PROGRAM

Friday, Sep 1<sup>st-</sup> Monday Sep 4<sup>th</sup> **Temple Timings 08.00 am -9.00 pm** 

## Daily Program:

08.00 am Kakad Arathi 08.30 am Sri Sai Rudra Abhishekam \$54 Lemon Garland \$36 / Flower Service - \$36 09.30 am Sri Sai Mahalakshmi Homam -\$126 11.00 am Sai Satyanarayana Vratam - \$54 06.00 pm Sri Sai Mahalakshmi Kumkum Puja - \$21 08.00 pm Jyoti Arathi - \$108

### Friday Sep 1st,2017

09.30 am Sri Sai Mahalakshmi Homam -\$126 11.00 am Sai Satyanarayana Vratam - \$54 Saturday Sep 2nd, 2017

12.30 pm Palanquin Service -\$54 06.00 pm 360 Jyothir linga Archana -\$108

Sunday Sep 3rd, 2017

9.30 am Sri Surya Narayana Homam - \$126 **Monday Sep 4th, 2017** 

09.30 am Sri Sai Rudra Homam \$126

### Annadanam (Narayana Seva)

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**Veda Patasala - Education fund** 

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<u>CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Septe</u> Mâsam: Bhâdrapadam till Sept		<u> </u>	Varsha/Sharad	iayanam
Sep 02 Sat Vamana Jayanthi & Ganesh Visarjan				
Sep 03 Sun Bhadrapada Sukla Trayodasi - PRADOSHAM		Sep 20 Aswija Sukla Prathama - Devi Navaratri begins Wednesday 20th - Saturday 30th		
6.30 pm Ekavara Rudra Abhishekam	\$36	Wednesday 20th -	Saturday Soin	
Siva Archana	\$18			
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Sep 05 Tue Bhadrapada Sukla Poornima			-	
09.30 am Sai Datta Rudrabhishekam	\$54	11.30 am \$252(	); One Ka	myakumari \$36(
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Flower Service	\$36	Sep 24 Sun Aswijam SUVASI		
06.00 pm Sai Satyanaryana Vratam	\$54	11.30 am \$252( )	; One Ka	nyakumari - \$36(
Jyoti Arati	\$108			
Sep 06 Wed Mahalaya Paksham begins		Sep 25 Mon Aswija Sukla (M		
Offer tarpanam to Pitru devatha on the same thithi which falls		09.30 am Subrahmanya Abhishekam \$5		
Mahalaya Paksha, if not on Mahalaya Amavasya.		Subrahmanya Archana \$		\$18
Sep 08 Fri Bhadrapada Krishna Tritiya - Undralla Tadi	iya	C ARIN I CADACINARIA	04 L\D : FF	
		Sep 27 Wed SARASWATHI(Moola) Puja FREE EVENT		
Sep 09 Sat Bhadrapada Krishna (Sankata) Chaturthi				\$126
09.30 am Ganapathi Abhishekam	\$54	07.30 pm Sara	aswathi Puja	\$21
10.00 am Ganapathi Homam	\$126			
06:30 pm "GA" kara Sahasram	\$36	Sep 28 Thur Aswija Sukla A	Ashtami - DURO	GA Ashtami
Con 11 Man Viittika Daanam & Camp Duayagan		10.30 am Durga Ho		\$126
Sep 11 Mon Krittika Deepam & Guru Pravesam Krittikâ deepam - Oil lamps 6	\$12	Durga Archana		\$18
09.30 am Guru Graha Homam	\$126	SRI SHIRDI SAI BABA BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIO		
Guru Graha dhanya Daanam	\$27			
Guru Graha Archana	\$18	07.30 pm Special	Sai vibnudi Arc	chana \$27
. 450 P. I. I. V. I. T. I. I. P. I.		Sep 29 Fri Aswija Sukal Nava	ami - MAHARN	AVAMI
Sep 17 Sun Bhadrapada Krishna Trayodasi - PRADOS		1 0		
06.30 pm Ekavara Rudra Abhishekam Siva Archana	\$36 \$18	Sep 30 Sat Aswija Sukla Das	ami - VIJAYA I	DASAMI
Siva Archana	Ψ10	10.00 am Sami P	uja / Aparajita D	evi Puja \$2
Sep 18 Mon Bhadrapada Krishna Chaturthi - Māsa S	Sivarātri			
& Kanya Sankrai		Sri Shirdi Baba		
10.30 am 360 Siva Linga Archana	\$108	Temple's 26th Anniv	versary (In th	is location) &
11.30 am Bilva Archana	\$126	Sri Subha Drishti Vinayaka's 6th Annive		Anniversary
06.00 pm Veda Parayana	\$21		•	•
		10.00 am	Chandi Poornal	nuthi
Sep 19 Bhadrapada Krishna Amavasya - Mahalaya Paksha ends		12.00 noon Kumbha Abhishekam		
08.00 am Deva Rishi Pitru tarpanam \$27		Maha Prasadam		
Hiranya Shraddha - \$54 ( ) Annadanam : \$54 ( )		6.00 pm Sri Sai Vrartam FREE EVENT		
		7.30 pm Dasa	a Vidha & Jyoti A	Arathi
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Sponsored Puja(s):		Date:	Dona	tion:
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