



# ŚRÎ SÂI LEELA

Śrî Shirdi Sai Bâbâ Temple

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May 2018

“ What is our duty? To behave properly. That is enough.” - Śrî Sâi Bâbâ.

**Reverence and Gratitude Yagnam  
for Parents May 13<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Time: 10am – 12noon**

**Sri Hanuman Jayanthi  
Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
5 pm -Hanuman Kalyanam**



**Send your parents names Sponsorship: \$126  
Yagna Prasadam - Homa Raksha**



**Sri Sai Hanuman Suvarchala Yagnam  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday - May 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

## Hanuman Pavillion enclosure

Please donate generously to this project.

\$108- Sponsors will receive- blessed Silver pendent

\$1008 - Sponsors will receive-blessed Gold pendent

## Sai's Kitchen & Catering

Temple has established Sai's Kitchen to serve the devotees visiting the temple and to catering the food for Pujas and other functions.

Devotees may sponsor the following **Nai vedyam**: Vada Mala, Moduga, Appam or Purnapoli and offering to Sai Baba, Ganesh, Subramanya, Anjaneya or the Divine Mother. Can also sponsor Pulihora (Tamarind Rice), Yogurt Rice, Kara Pongal, Chakkara Pongal to offer.

Call the temple office at 412 374 9244 for further details.

## HINDU CALENDAR

Current Year of the Earth: 1,955,885,2019

Krishna Niryanam (Kali Yuga): 5119

Gregorian Calendar 2018 A.D.

## Memorial day Long Weekend Program

Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Temple Timings 8 am - 8.30 pm**

### Program May 26<sup>th</sup> - May 28<sup>th</sup>

08.00 am Kakad Arathi

08.30 am Sri Sai Rudra Abhishekam \$54

Lemon Garland \$36 / Flower Service - \$60

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 - \$27

### Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup>

12.30 pm Palanquin Service -\$54

06.00 pm 360 Jyothir linga Archana -\$252

### Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>

9.30 am Sri Surya Narayana Homam -\$126

### Monday May 28<sup>th</sup>

09.30 am Sri Sai Rudra Homam \$126

### Birth, Education, Marriage of Sri Hanuman:

Anjana Devi and Kesari (Monkey King) lived in the 24th Treta Yuga. Desiring a son, Anjana Devi prayed to Vayu Bhagavan (Wind God). After considerable time, Vayu Bhagavan gave her an oval shaped fruit containing energetic illumination. She soon became pregnant and delivered on the Vaisaka month, Bahula Paksha (dark half of the moon), Dasami Tithi (tenth day), Mandavaara (Saturday), the star being Purvabhadra, the Yoga being Vyudrutinama. The child was born around noon with all divine ornaments. (In some places, Chitra Sudha Purnima Tuesday is considered as the birthday). Anjaneya Swami derived His name from his mother Anjana Devi. His chin was broken by the Vajrayuda of Indra in a battle. Since then He is also known as **Hanuman** derived from 'Hanwa Asti' or broken chin.



When Hanuman sought Surya (The Sun God) to be His guru, Surya Bhagavan said, 'I orbit rapidly all the time. How could I teach you?' Hanuman replied, 'Sir (Acharya), I will place my legs on the extreme points of your orbit, and align my face with you'. Surya taught his worthy disciple the 4 Vedas and 5 grammar topics out of 9 and mentioning that the remain 4 grammar topics could be taught only to a married person. When asked to resolve the tangle, Surya asked Hanuman to marry His daughter **Suvarchala (a radiant girl)**. Hanuman said that since he was an avowed brahmachari (one whose mind always dwells on God, and is therefore a celibate), He could marry Suvarchala only if she too was willing to remain a celibate. The girl consented for the arrangement.

Thus Hanuman of **Koundinya gotra** was wedded with Suvarchala of **Kasyapa gotra**, even though not many people are aware of the fact that Lord Hanuman was married amidst much celebration. Thereafter, Hanuman was able to learn the remaining 4 grammar topics that were denied earlier. Since then Hanuman is being considered as **Nava Vyakarana Pandit**.

*Yatra yatra raghunatha kirtanam;  
Tatra tatra kritha masthakanjalim;  
Bhaspavaari paripurna lochanam;  
Maarutim namata raakshasanthakam*

### Sri Hanuman Suvarchala Kalyanam Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5.00 pm

Sponsorship: \$54

Prasadam : Blessed Kumkum & Akshintalu

**Benefits:** Sponsors will be blessed with happiness and all their worries and defects will be eradicated, sins will fade away, sufferings will disappear, generations will flourish and wealth will be bestowed.

*Unmarried girls will find a suitable groom, business will grow and flourish, since all the Navagrahas are in the tail of Lord Hanuman, a devotee that prays Him will be relieved of their doshams.*

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### Reverence and Gratitude Yagna for Parents

**Mother's day - Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Father's day - Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Temple is conducting a spiritual marriage and Homam to honor couples and single parents.

To recognize the importance of parents is the duty of every person.

**Mother is the highest God and Father is the treasure.** Parents teach us sacred principles like love, compassion, forbearance, tolerance and sacrifice. It is our duty to honor and show love and gratitude to our elderly parents.

**They are equivalent to Shiva and Parvati.**

During MAHA BHARATA in the Udyoga Parva, Sanjaya (minister of Dhritarastra) was sent as an ambassador to Dharmaraja for Raya Bharam (negotiations). Sanjaya conveyed during the negotiations the concerns of the elderly parents, the blind and disabled who were worried about who will be the next emperor and who will take care of them.

The Raya Bharam failed because the Kauravas did not budge on their position. Negotiations were conducted by Sanjaya delicately like the saying "without killing the snake or breaking the stick". The Kauravas stated that they will not give anything, and that the Pandavas shall continue to beg and suffer for the rest of their lives, since they were already accustomed. As Sanjaya was leaving, Dharmaraja accompanied him beyond the doorstep and told Sanjaya that he will take care of the concerns of the elderly parents, the blind and the disabled. This tradition of respecting the elderly has been inculcated in our culture and with in our traditions and rituals.

**Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Temple is performing a reverence and gratitude yagna to honor our elders.**

*Bow to Sai - Glory to all Mothers and Motherlands*

## SIGNIFICANCE OF RUDRA ABHISHEKAM



Devotees who visit Shirdi Sai Temple frequently might have observed that Rudra Abhishekam is performed every day at the Temple at 10 am. It is a beautiful spiritual experience and is very soothing to the mind which is usually tense and wayward. This auspicious service is performed in about 45 minutes. The Suras and Asuras (devas and demons) churned the Ksheera Sagara (Ocean of Milk) for Amritam (nectar of immortality) with Vasuki, the serpent king as the rope, and Mandara Mountain as the churning rod. MahaVishnu Himself supported the mountain as the pivot. The massive churning produced much venom in the process of separating the amritam, choking the entire creation, as it were. Everybody was afraid of the effects of the poison, and prayed to Lord Siva (the destroyer of evil) to come to their rescue. With all His benevolence, He appeared, ready to absorb the venom. Sarva Mangala Devi Bhavani, the consort of Siva, approved of His intention to swallow the poisonous Kalakuta (also referred to Halahala), after being convinced that it was a necessary action to save the universe. Having full confidence in Her golden mangalya, She readily gave Her consent. Lord Siva condensed the entire poisonous emulsion into a lingam. He then swallowed it, retaining it in His throat! The venom was so hot, it produced a visible blue mark in His throat. The ten basic sense elements and the mind constituting a human being are known as ekadasa rudras. The tendency of the mind is always to wander outwardly, and is often restless and even violent, because it constantly seeks action. The angst of the mind is like halahala, the fatal poison, equally hot and ferocious. Therefore, ekadasa Rudra Abhishekam is performed to cool down and calm the mind, and the senses which are under its control.

The 11 sacred oblations used are: milk, yoghurt (buttermilk), ghee (clarified butter), honey, syrup, fruit juice, Ganges water, turmeric water, vibhuti water, sandalwood water and coconut water. These consecrated liquids poured on the Siva Lingam during Abhishekam to the chanting of relevant hymns invoking Mahadeva and Maha Vishnu (who are the primeval curers) remove the anxiety and violent tendencies of the mind. The relaxed mind is now able to withdraw inwards and seek the Brahman that dwells within. Established in Divinity, the devotee then experiences a serene and lasting happiness that he is blessed with in the communion of God. This is what the Sai Babas mean when saying, 'If you look to me, I will look to you'. The opening mantram in Rudram is namaste rudra manyava utota Ishave nama: Rudra is rut (sorrow)+hara (destroy), or remover of sorrow. The mantra, thus, removes anxiety and offers peace and happiness to all. The Rudram appears in Panchama

Prapathaka: Chathuryam Vaisvadevam Kandam, Taittiriya Samhita of Krishna Yajurveda. It has two components, the Namakam and Chamakam. Namakam is a majestic prayer describing the glory of Mahadeva, and Chamakam are pleadings for the 450 blessings he can endow us with. In His revelations, Sri Sathya Baba says, 'The Lingam is a symbol of Beginningless and Endless of the Infinite. Its shape is like a Nirakar. Li stands for liyate meaning that in which all names and forms merge; and Gam stands for gamyate meaning that from which all forms proceed. It is the fittest symbol of the omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent Lord. Everything starts from it and everything is subsumed in it.' The elipsoid or ovoid is taken as the form of energy. To concentrate upon Divine Energy as that which makes, moves and motivates spheroids of creation, the elipsoid is used as the symbol of Energy since it is the first conceivable form of energy. The elipsoid is the basic form worshipped as the Lingam by the Hindus, as the Cross by the Christians and observed as the Crescent by the Mohammedans. Namakam, the first part of Rudram ends thus. **The penultimate hymnal verse is appropriately split below in order to convey comprehensive connotation:**

*namo-rudrebhyo-ye prithivyam-ye antarikshe-ye diwi yesham -annam -vatah -varsham- ishavah -tebyo- dasa prachih-dasadakshina-dasa prateechih- dasa udeecheeh-dasa urdwah-tebhyo-namah-teno-mrudayantu-teyam dwishmoyaschano-dwesti-tamvo-jambhe-dadhami.*

Salutations to those Rudra ganas in the earth, in the sky and in the celestial regions and those who utilize food (annam), air (Vato) and rain (varsham) like arrows to destroy creatures. To them I offer my salutations with folded hands in the 4 directions and above. Let them make us happy. I consign all our foes into your yawning mouth.

### Chamakam part of the Rudram Culminates thus:

*Ida- deva hor-rmanuh- yajnane- brhaspatiruktha -madh -ni Sagamsishad-visvedeva:- suktavacha: -prdhivimtarma-ma-higamseeh- madhu- manishye -madhu janishye -madhu vakshyami- madhu vadishyami -mdhumateem- devebhyo- vacha-mudyasagam-susrushenyam-manushyebhyah-tamma- deva- avantu - Sobhayai -pitaro- anumudantu. Om Santi:, Santi:, Santi:*

I am devoid of faults by the grace of Kamadhenu who invites the devas, Manu who creates the desire to perform sacrifices, Prajapati who repeats scriptural mantras which creates joy and Visvedevas who utter the suktas. So, Mother Earth! Do not cause me agony, My thoughts and actions will always be sweet, My mind will always be like moonlight, I will choose only sweet things for the worship of gods, My words will be sweet as honey to both gods and human beings who like to hear sweet words. Let gods protect me from oral flaws and let my forefathers approve of them. Om, peace, serenity, tranquility!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MAY 2018** Samvatsaram: Sri Vilambi / Uttarâyanam

Mâsam: Vaisâkham till May 15<sup>th</sup> / Adhika Jyeshtham Rutuvu: Vasanta & Greeshma

<b>May 3 Thu Vaisâkha Krishna Sankatahara Chaturthi</b>		<b>May 15 Tue Vaisakha Amâvâsya /Krittika Deepam</b>	
09.30 am Ganapathi Abhishekam	\$54	08.00 am Deva Rishi Pitru tarpanam	\$21
10.00 am Ganapathi Homam	\$126	<b>Vrishabha Sankramanam 6.00 pm</b> Vedapatanam	\$21
06:30 pm "GA" kara Sahasram	\$36	<b>Krittikâ deepam - Oil lamps (6)</b>	\$6
<b>May 6 Sun Vaisakha Krishna Saptami - Bhanu Saptami</b>		<b>May 20 Sun Adhika Jyeshtham Sukla (Mâsa Skanda) Shashthi</b>	
10.00 am Surya Homam	\$126	09.30 am Subrahmanya Abhishekam	\$54
Surya Archana	\$18	Subrahmanya Archana	\$18
<b>May 10 Thu Vaisakha Krishna Dasami - Hanuman Jayanthi</b>		<b>May 22 Tue Adhika Jyeshtham Sukla Ashtami &amp; Mâsa Durgashtami</b>	
09:00 am Abhishekam to Hanuman	\$54	10.30 am Durga Homam	\$126
04.00 pm Nagavalli(beatle leaves) Sahasranamam	\$108	Durga Archana	\$18
05:00 pm Sri Suvarchala Hanuman Kalyanam	\$54	<b>May 25 Fri Adhika Jyeshtham Sukla Ekadasi - PadminiEkadasi</b>	
<b>May 11 Fri Vaisakha Krishna (Apara) Ekadasi</b>		10.30am Sri Rama Sahita Satyanarayana Kalyanam	\$54
11am & 6pm Sri Sai Satyanarayana Vratam	\$54	11am & 6pm Sri Sai Satyanarayana Vratam	\$54
<b>May 12 Sat Vaisakha Krishna Trayodasi - Shani Pradosham</b>		<b>May 26 Sat Adhika Jyeshtham Sukla Trayodasi</b>	
10.00 am Shani Abhishekam	\$54	<b>Shani PRADOSHAM</b>	
11.00 am Shani Homam	\$126	10.00 am Shani Abhishekam	\$54
06.30 pm Ekavara Rudra Abhishekam	\$36	11.00 am Shani Homam	\$126
Siva Archana	\$18	06.30 pm Ekavara Rudra Abhishekam	\$36
<b>May 13 Sun Mother's day</b>		Siva Archana	\$18
Reverence and Gratitude Yagnam	\$126	<b>May 28 Mon Adhika Jyeshtham Poornima -POORNIMA</b>	
<b>May 14 Mon Vaisakha Krishna Chaturdasi - Mâsa Sivarâtri</b>		09.30 am Sri Shirdi Sai Abhishekam	\$108
10.30 am 360 Siva Linga Archana	\$108	10.30 am Sri Sai Rudra ,Maha Lakshmi Homam	\$126
11.30 pm Bilva Archana	\$126	11.00am/ 06.00 pm Sri Sai Satyanarayana Vratam	\$54
7.30 pm Jyothi Arathi	\$108	Sri Sai Archana \$11 / Sahasranamam	\$21
		07.00 pm Jyoti Arati	\$108

**Reverence and Gratitude Yagnam**

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**Mother's day May 13<sup>th</sup> : Sponsorship:\$126**

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's day June 17<sup>th</sup> :Sponsorship:\$126**

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sri Sai Hanuman Suvarchala Yagnam**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday - May 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

**Benefit: Settles legal battles & litigations.**

May 10<sup>th</sup> – 5 pm -Hanuman Kalyanam - \$54

**Whole Yagna - \$1116; One day Yagnam \$126**

9.30am Sri Hanuman Abhishekam \$54

10am Sri Manyu Sukta Homam \$126

11am Sri Suvarchala / Hanuman Archana \$22

5pm Sri Hanuman Sahasranamam \$108

7.30 pm Sri Nagavalli(betel leaves) archana \$108

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