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February 2015

“Saburi (patience) ferries you across to the distant goal.” - Śrî Sâi Bâbâ.”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - February 2015

Magham till Feb 18 Phalgunam

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| Feb 2 Mon | Magh Sukla Poornima - Maha Maghi | |
| | 6.30pm Sâi Satyanârâyaña Vratam | \$54 |
| | 7.30pm Jyoti Arati | \$108 |
| Feb 3 Tues | 9.30am Ekavara Rudra Abhishekam | \$36 |
| | 10am Mahalakshmi Homam | \$126 |
| Gift of woolen Shawl (Kambali) and a brass and copper alloy vessel filled with til or ghee is suggested for removal of obstacles in spiritual growth | | |
| Feb 7 Sat | Magha Krishna (Sankatahara) Chaturthi | |
| | 10:00 am Ganapathi Abhishekam | \$54 |
| | 11:00 am Ganapathi Homam | \$126 |
| | 6:30 pm “GA” kara Sahasram | \$36 |
| Feb 8 Sun | Samohika Sri Sai Rudra Abhishekam | |
| | 9.30am (individual Siva lingas will be given) | \$36 |
| | 10.30 am Sri Sai Navagraha Homam | \$252 |
| | Sri Sai Archana \$11 / 5 pm Sahasranamam | \$21 |
| Feb 12 Thu | Kumbha Sankramanam | |
| | 7.45 pm Veda Patanam | \$21 |
| Feb 16 Mon | Magha Krishna Trayodasi - SOMA PRADOSHAM | |
| | 06.30 pm Ekavara Rudra Abhishekam | \$36 |
| | Siva Archana | \$18 |
| Feb 17 Tue | Magha Krishna Chaturdasi - MAHA SIVARATRI | |
| | 10.00am 360 Rudra Abhishekam | \$108 |
| | 10.30am Sri Rudra Homam / 1 Lak Bilva Arachana | \$126 |
| Feb 18 Web | Magha Krishna Amavasya | |
| | Amavasya 8.00am Tarpanam | \$21 |
| Mar 2 Mon | Phalguna Sukla Trayodasi - SOMA PRADOSHAM | |
| | 06.30 pm Ekavara Rudra Abhishekam | \$36 |
| | Siva Archana | \$18 |
| Mar 4 Wed | Phalguna Sukla Poornima - HOLI | |
| | 6.30pm Sâi Satyanârâyaña Vratam | \$54 |
| | 7.30pm Jyoti Arati | \$108 |
| Mar 5 Thur | 9.30am Ekavara Rudra Abhishekam | \$36 |
| | 10am Mahalakshmi Homam | \$126 |

HINDU CALENDAR

Current Year of the Earth: 1,955,885,2014
 Name of the Year: Sri Jaya
 Ayanam: Uttarayanam; Rutuvu: Hemant / Sisira
 Masa: Magham till Feb 18 th, Phalgunam
 Current Year after Rama's Birth: 14,601,2014
 Krishna's Niryanam (Kali Yuga): 5115
 Gregorian Calendar A.D. 2015

Annadnam Sponsorship in India

A Special Annadanam will be rendered during the Peace Yagnam
 Feb 11th -21st, 2015.

_____ \$21(21 meals); _____ \$51 (51 meals) ; _____ \$101 (101 meals)
 _____ \$251(251 meals); _____ \$504 (504 meals); _____
 _____ \$1,008 (1008 meals) _____ \$10,800 (10800meals) _____ Other
 Please donate generously! Jai Sai Ram!

MAHA SIVARATRI Celebrations - 15th - 17th Magha Krishna Chaturdasi - MAHA SIVARATRI

Sri Sai Rudra Yagnam

Saturday Jan 24th - Saunday Feb 15th, 2015

Sunday 15th - 12 noon Maha Poornahuthi

Monday 16th - Soma Pradosham

6.30 pm -Ekavara Rudra Abhishekam

Tuesday, Feb 17th - Maha Sivaratri

8am Mahanyasa Purvaka Ekadasa Rudram

5pm Bilva Sahasranamam

7pm Sri Sai Siva Bhajans

7.30pm Sej & Dinner Prasadam Jyothi arathi

Saturday Feb 21st-10.30pm Sri Siva Parvathi Kalyanam

All Devotees are invited to participate in the 3 day
 celebrations of Maha Sivaratri in the Temple.



Shiva Pratah Smaran Stotram

*Praatah Smaraami Bhava-Bheeti Haram Suresham
 Gangaadharam VrishabhaVahanamambikesham /
 Khattvaanga Shoola-Varadabhay Hastameesham
 Samsaara Roga-Haramoushadham advitiiyam ||1||*

*Praatar namaami Girisham Girijardhadham
 Sarga Sthiti Pralaya Kaarannam Aadidevam /
 Vishnaveshvaram Vijita Vishva Manobhiraamam
 Samsaara Roga-Haramoushadham advitiiyam ||2||*

*Praatar Bhajaami Shivamekam Anantam Aadyam
 Vedaantavedyam Anagham, Purussam Mahaantam /
 Naamaadi Bheda Rahitam Sad Bhaava Shuunyam
 Samsaara-Roga-Haramoushadham advitiiyam ||3||*

Shiva Pratah Smaran Stotra Meaning

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Samsaara Roga-Haramoushadham advitiiyam //1//*

1.1 In the Early Morning, I Remember Sri Shiva, Who Destroys the Fear of Worldly Existence and Who is the Lord of the Devas, 1.2 Who Holds River Ganga on His Head, Who has a Bull as His Vehicle and Who is the Lord of Devi Ambika, 1.3 Who has a Club and Trident in His two Hands, And confers Boon and Fearlessness with His other two Hands and Who is the Lord of the Universe, 1.4 Who is the Medicine to Destroy the Disease (of Delusion) of Worldly Existence and Who is the One without a second.

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Sarga Sthiti Pralaya Kaarannam Aadidevam /
Vishnaveshvaram Vijita Vishva Manobhiraamam
Samsaara Roga-Haramoushadham advitiiyam //2//*

2.1 In the Early Morning, I Salute Sri Girisha (Shiva), Who has Devi Girija (Parvati) as Half of His Body,
2.2 Who is the Primordial Cause behind the Creation, Maintenance and Dissolution of the Universe,
2.3 Who is the Lord of the Universe and Who Conquers the World by His Charm,
2.4 Who is the Medicine to Destroy the Disease (of Delusion) of Worldly Existence and Who is the One without a second.

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3.1 In the Early Morning, I Worship Sri Shiva Who is the One without a second, Who is Boundless and Infinite and Who is Primordial,
3.2 Who is Known only by Understanding the Vedanta, Who is Sinless and Faultless, Who is the Primeval Original Source of the Universe and Who is the Great One,
3.3 Who is Free from the Differences of Names etc and Who is Without the Six Modifications (of Birth, Existence, Growth, Maturity and Death),
3.4 Who is the Medicine to Destroy the Disease (of Delusion) of Worldly Existence and Who is the One without a second.

MAHA SIVARATRI

Sivaratri is observed every month on the fourteenth night of the dark half, for the Moon which is the presiding deity of the human mind, has only one more night to be a non-entity, with no influence on the agitations of the Mind. In the month of Magha, the fourteenth night is named Maha (great) Sivaratri. It is sacred for it is the Day on which Siva is revered as the Form which is to be adored for the acquisition of Jnana or Wisdom. “Jnana Maheshwaraad Ichaad” as advised by the Vedas. Contemplate this day and this night on the Atma Linga, the Jyoti Linga, the symbol of Supreme Light of Wisdom, and be convinced that Siva is in every one of us. Let that vision illuminate our inner consciousness. Siva is the embodiment of Ananda, hence Thandava Dance, which he enjoys with the Cosmos as his stage.

Iswara is symbolized in the Linga Form. Linga is derived from the Sanskrit root, Li means Leeyathe (merge). It is the Form in which all forms merge. Siva is the God who blesses beings with most desirable gift of mixing in the Universe. Realize God in you first, then if you involve yourself with material world, no harm can come to you, for you will recognize the objective world as but the Body of God. Reaching him is the inescapable task of man.

Siva means Graciousness, Auspiciousness and Mangalam. Siva is adored as the Teacher of Teachers Dakshinamurti. The Form of Siva in itself is a great lesson of Tolerance and Forbearance. The Halahala poison is held by Him in His throat, and the beneficent Moon is worn on His Head.

Paramatma is described as ‘Trayambaka’ because He has Power of Volition (Itcha Sakti), Power of Action (Kriya Sakti) and Power of Knowledge or Wisdom (Jnana Sakti). Similarly, one who bears Sun, Moon and Fire is Trayambaka. By propitiating such Paramatma one reaches one’s goal. The progress is from Body Consciousness (Devatma Bhava) to Life Consciousness (Jeevatma Bhava) and then to Divine Consciousness (Paramatma Thathwa). The symphony of feeling, tuneful melody, and marking of time (Bhava, Raga and Tala) is Bharata. That is gathering together. the Power of Volition, Action and Wisdom. Mahasivaratri is dedicated to the disintegration of aberrant Mind by dedicating oneself to Siva the Conqueror of Desires.



Sivoham

I am not the mind, thought,
or ego; Not hearing, taste,
smelling or sight; Not Vyoma
Earth, fire or air. I am the
soul of Knowledge and Bliss.

- I am Shiva, I am Shiva.

I am not that which is called Prana, nor the five vital airs;
of action, I am the Soul of knowledge and Bliss

- I am Shiva, I am Shiva.

I have no aversion or clinging, greed or delusion;
No envy or pride, duty or purpose; No desire, no free-
dom, I am the soul of Knowledge and Bliss

-I am Shiva, I am Shiva

I am not virtue or vice, not pleasure or pain, not sacred
word or pilgrimage, not Veda or sacrifice, I am not
enjoying, enjoyable or enjoyer, I am the soul of Knowledge
and Bliss

-I am Shiva, I am Shiva

I have no death or fear, no distinction of caste, no father,
no mother, no birth, no friend or relation, no master or
disciple, I am the soul of Knowledge and Bliss.

- I am Shiva, I am Shiva

I am changeless, formless and through allm pervadingness
Omnipresent, I am not touched by attachment or senses, I
am not freedom nor knowable, I am the soul of Knowledge
and Bliss.

-I am Shiva, I am Shiva

Bilva Dalam : *Significance of Bilva dalam:*



Bilva dalam is trimurthi swaroopam Brahma , Vishnu Maheswara. The three leaves symbolize Aumkara(Omkara) - Akara, Ukara & Makara.

By offering a single bilva dalam, one can get rid of darkness caused due to agyanam/ignorance. Bilva dalam represents Srusti (Creation), Sthithi (Sustaining) and Laya (dissolution).1

leaves are considered the most sacred offerings in Shiva pooja. A worshipper should offer Trifoliate meaning Three leaves together called dalam. In an Ekabilvam Left leaf is Brahma, Right leaf is Vishnu and the middle leaf is Shiva.

Bilva/Bel leaves offered once in Shiva Pooja can be re-used or re-offered to God by sprinkling few drops of water on them such is the greatness of Bilva-leaf.

The front portion of a Bel-leaf denotes Amrutham" (Nectar of Immortality). So, while offering bel-leaf, the front portion of the leaf should face Lord Shiva.

Bilva Astakam

*Tridalam trigunakaram trinetrām cha triyayudham
Trijanmapapasamharam ekabilvam shivarpanam ..*

*Trishakhaih bilvapatraishcha hyachchidraih
komalaih shubhaih*

Tavavapujam karishhyami ekabilvam shivarpanam

*Koti kanya maha danam tila parvata kotayah
Kanchanam sheela danena ekabilvam
shivarpanam ..*

*Kashikshetranivasam cha kalabhairavadarshanam
Prayagamadhavam druishtva ekabilvam
shivarpanamh*

*Induvare vratam sthitwa niraharo maheshwara
Naktam haoushyami devecha eka bilvam
shivarpanam*

*Ramalinga pratistha cha vaivahika krutam tatha
tatakadi cha santanam eka bilvam shivarpanam*

*Akhanda bilva patram cha ayutam shiva poojanam
Krutam nama sahasrena eka bilvam shivarpanam*

*Umayā sahadēvesha nandi vahana meva cha
Bhasma lepana sarvangam eka bilvam
shivarpanam*

*Salagrameshu vipranam tatakam dasha koopayo
Yagyakoti saharacha eka bilvam shivarpanam*

*Dantikoti sahasreshu ashwamedha shatakrateau
Kotikanya mahadanam ekabilvam shivarpanam*

*Bilvanam darshanam punyam sparshanam papa
nashanam*

Aghora papa samharam eka bilvam shivarpanam

*Sahasra veda patheshu brahma sthapana
muchyate*

Aneka vrata kotinam eka bilvam shivarpanam

*Annadana sahasreshu sahasropanayanam tatha
Aneka janma papani eka bilvam shivarpanam*

Phalastuthi (Merits of recital)

*Bilvashhtakamidam punyam yah patheth
shivasannidhau. Shivalokamavapnoti Sivena eka
bilvam shivarpanam.*

MAHA SIVARATRI MAHA SIVARATRI Celebrations
Sunday 15th - Tuesday 17th , 2015

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Maha Poornahuthi of Sri Rudra Yagnam

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6.30 pm - Ekavara Rudra Abhishekam : \$36 ()

Tuesday , Feb 17th - Maha Sivaratri

8am Mahanyasa Purvaka Ekadasa Rudram \$252 () Ekavara Rudra Abhishekam : \$36()

11am Sri Rudra Homam \$126();360 Jyotir Linga Archana \$108();Flower Service \$54()

5pm Bilva Sahasranamam \$108(); Siva Archana \$18(); Panchamrutha \$27()

7.30pm Sej arathi & Dinner Prasadam Jyothi arathi \$108 () Annadam sponsorship \$54()

Lunch Prasadam distributed after noon Arati** - 7pm Bhajans , 8pm Sej & Dinner Prasadam

Saturday Feb 21st : 10.30am Sri Siva Parvathi Kalyanam :\$54()

Annadana Sponsorship\$54 (); \$108(); \$252(); \$504() Amt. of donation:_____

Sri Sai Rudra Yagnam - Saturday Jan 24th - Sunday Feb 15th, 2015

Full Yagna \$1116 :__ (SIVA Linga prasad); One day Yagna:\$153:__(Panchamukha Rudraksha)

Sri Rudra Abhishekam \$36();Siva Archana \$18();Bilva Archana - \$54() Flowers -\$30()

All Sponsors will receive Vibhudi prasadam

Sponsored Puja: _____ Date:_____ Donation:_____

Check payable to Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Temple; ()Check no:_____ () Cash()Credit Card()

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