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"If you cast your burden on me, I shall surely bear it" - Śrî Sâi Bâbâ.

Kârtika Poornima - Thursday Nov 22, 2018

Krittikâ Deepam /Guru Nânak Jayanthi

Kartika Somavaram - Nov 12th,19th,26th, Dec 3rd

10.00 am Rudra Abhishekam	\$54
11.00 am Rudra Homam	\$126
Flower Service	\$36
Jyothi arathi	\$108
Jwala Toranam 6.30 pm	\$108
PRAYASCHITHAM DEEPAM	
(364 WICKS)	\$18
33 PUNNAMULA NOMU	\$54



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. Devotees pass under the lighted wicks.

Aswiya Amâvâsya - Deepâvali Amavasya

Narakasura Dahanam & Deepavali celebration

Tuesday November 6th, 2018 at 6.30 pm

10 am Sri Lakshmi Abhishekam	\$54
11 am Sri Lakshmi Homam	\$126
6.30 pm Sri Lakshmi kumkum Puja	\$21

Lighting of Crackers & MahaPrasadam



Special Annakut:

Darshan at 6.30pm Devotees can register to bring sweets. We are planning to offer 54 types of Sweets and Savories. Please contact Office at 412 374 9244 for further details to contribute.

SPONSOR SPECIAL SAI RUDRA BILVA ARATHI - \$108

(Seeking 100 Sponsors) **PRASADAM - PANCHAMUKHA RUDRAKSHA**

Thanksgiving long weekend

Thursday 22nd - Sunday 25th, 2018

Program: 9.00 am Sai Abhishekam	\$54
10.30 am Sai Homam	\$126
05.30 pm Kumkum puja	\$21

Thursday 22nd Kartika Poornima
Friday 23rd Sri Satya Sai Baba birthday

Salutations to Lord RUDRA:

"*Namaste astu bhagavan vishveshvaraya mahadevaya tryambakaya tripurantakaya trikagni kalaya kalagnirudraya nilakanthaya mrutyunjayaya sarveshvaraya sadashivaya shrimanmahadevaya namah*"

Lakshmi Ksheera Samudra Raja Tanaya

Sree Ranga Dhameshvari ;Dasi Bhootha Samasata

Deva Vanithaam; Lokaika Deepankuram

Sreeman Manda Kataaksha Labdha Vibhava

Brahmendra GangaadharamTvaam Trailokya

KudumbineemSarasijam Vande Mukunda Priyaam

Meaning: Goddess Lakshmi, who is the daughter of the king of the ocean of milk, whose abode is Srirangam (with Lord Ranganatha), who is served by all the divine ladies in heaven, who is the guiding light for the world, who has obtained the sustained (continued, everlasting) glance (Grace) from Brahma, Indra and Shiva, whose abode is the three worlds (Bhu, Bhuvah, Suvaha) - I offer my prostrations to Thee, the beloved of Lord Krishna (Mukunda).

Sri Sai Rudra Yagnam Thursday Nov 8th - Wednesday November 28th, 2018

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 the human 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.

Saturday Dec 1st - 11.00 pm Girija Kalyanam \$54()

Sponsorship: Full Yagnam	\$1116
One day Homam	\$126
Sri Siva Archana	\$18
Sahasranama Archana	\$21
Rudra Abhishekam	\$36
Flower Service	\$40
360 SivaLinga Abhishekam	\$108
Rudra Homam: \$126 ;Bilva Archana	\$126
Annadanam: \$54 ; Annadanam	\$108

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, Subrahmaṇya is the son of Lord Śiva 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 Śiva. In Spiritual Science, the Moon is indicated as a third eye or Omni eye for Lord Śiva by half-a-moon or wave with a dot in Aum. Therefore, this month is most dear to Śiva. 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 Pûrṇima. 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 Vishnave - 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. When you find one, you have found the other. Yathaantaram na pashyami, thatatme 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 sandhyavandanam. (All are welcome). Join us for Kartika Masa Celebrations.

Significance of Yamadeepadâna-Thursday Nov 8th, 2018 On that fateful fourth day of her marriage a young wife did not allow her husband to sleep. All the ornaments and lots of gold and silver coins in a big heap at the entrance of her husband's palatial room and lighted infinite numbers of lamps all over the place. After all these, she went on telling stories and singing songs so that her husband is not able to sleep.

When Yama, the god of Death arrived there appearing in form of a Serpent, his eyes were blinded by the dazzle of those brilliant lights and he could not enter the Prince's chamber. So he climbed on top of the heap of the ornaments and coins and sat there whole night listening to the melodious songs. In the morning he quietly went away.



Thus the young wife saved her husband from the clutches of death. Since then this day of Dhanteras came to be known as the day of "Yamadeepdaan" and lamps are kept burning throughout the night in remembering Yama, the god of Death. Thirteen lamps made of wheat flour lit with oil are placed outside the house, facing southwards (direction of Lord Yama), in the evening. A lamp is never kept facing southwards except on this day. Then, reciting the following mantra one should offer obeisance: "I offer these thirteen lamps to the son (Lord Yama) of the Sun deity (Surya), so that He liberates me from the clutches of death and bestows His blessings."

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 Purṇimâ etc. Light diya every evening and morning. Reciting one chapter of Kartika Purana every day during Kartika month is very auspicious. Kartika Somavaram, Kartika Purṇimâ & Ksheerabdhi Dwadasi Tulasi Vivah (Marriage of Goddess Tulasi) are the few auspicious days to follow.

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 (diyas) released by the virtuous Poli, shows 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 represent each day of the whole Kartika month and the remaining two are for that day.) in front of the God.



The Art and Joy of Giving

– Sage Saktuprastha

In Mahabharata organizing the Rajasuya Yajam, Dharmaputra, the Pandava Prince, assigned chores to everyone. Lord Krishna was given the chore of washing the feet of the invitees (No job is inferior even to God!). A count of the guests was kept by ringing a resounding bell for every thousand. Soon the bell chimed incessantly! Dharmaraja felt proud as the visitors poured in for the celebration. Krishna smiled all-knowingly, and took the prince aside for stroll. A big stream had formed from the water that had cleansed the noble guests.

As Krishna and Dharmaraja were looking, a mongoose came out of the stream. It was a strange animal with half its body covered with golden hue. Its behaviour was strange, as it dipped into the stream again and again. The puzzled prince was prompted by the Lord to ask the mongoose itself an explanation for the odd conduct. The mongoose narrated the episode of Saktuprastha (literally - Liberated soul who donated the rice flour after four days of fasting joyfully, a sage.)

Therefore donate charitable gifts (annuities, etc., before it is too late, when Lord Yama comes to collect our soul from the body. THERE will not be any advance warning. **So donate generously.**

The sage was learned and wise, but very poor. Once he and his family wife, son and his young spouse - had

to starve for four days. On the fifth day, they managed to get some food. A decent fare was cooked, and the family sat down for the repast. Then appeared a lean and famished brahmin at the door and asked for food. The sage instantly gave his share; this was gobbled, and the visitor asked for more. Again, without a second thought, the faithful wife of the sage offered her share of the food. This was also quickly eaten, and more was asked for. The sage's son and his pretty wife too offered their share. Then the visitor revealed Himself as none other than Maha Vishnu, and took all the four noble souls to Vaikuntam.

The Lord washed His hands after taking the food, and the water fell on one side of my body. And, lo and behold! That part of my skin that was sprinkled with the water became golden. From that day I am looking for another host whose generosity would match that sage. Alas! I am yet to succeed. O! worthy prince, I have failed here too.' Dharmaraja felt truly humbled by the story of the mongoose (who was, in fact, the great seer Jamadagni).

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 Sarvalingagg Sthapayati
Panimantram Pavitram

DWAADASHA MAHA DEVA NAAMA:

Prathamastu Maha Devo Dwiteeyastu Maheshwarah,
Triteeyah Shankaro jneyas chaturdho Vrishabhadwajah/
Panchamah Kritivaasaascha Shashthah Kaamanga
nashanah, Saptamo Deva Deveshah Shri
Kanthyaschaashtamuh Smritah/ Ishwaro Navamojneyo
Dashamah Parvatipatih, Rudra Ekaaashaschaiva
Dwadashah Shiva Uchyatey/ Dwadashaitaani Naamaani
Thri Sandhyam yah pathennarah, Kritaghnaschaiva
Goghnascha Brahmahaa Gurualpagah/ Stree Baala
ghatuka schaiva Suraapo Vrishalipatih, Muchyatey Sarva
Paapebhyo Rudra Lokam sa gacchati

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - November 2018

Samvatsaram: Sri Vilambi / Dakshinâyanam ; Mâsam :Aswijam till Nov 7th Kârtikam; Rutuvu – Sharad

Nov 3 Sat Aswija krishna Rama Ekadasi	09.30am Abhishekam	\$54
09.30 am Sai Rudrabhishekam	10.00am Subrahmanya Homam	\$126
Flower Service \$36 : Jyoti Arathi	11.00am Nagula Chavithi Puja	\$25
6.30 pm Sri Sai Satya Narayana puja		
Nov 4 Sun Dhana Trayodasi, Bhanu Pradosham	Nov 12 Mon Kârtika Somavâram (First)	
Day light saving time ends / Dhanvantari Jayanthi	Nov 13 Tue Mâsa Skanda Shashti	
09.30 am Sai Rudrabhishekam	09.30 am Subrahmanya Abhishekam	\$54
10.30 am Surya Homam	Subrahmanya Archana	\$18
SRI DHANVANTARI JAYANTHI	Nov 15 Thur Masa Durgashtami	
10.30 am Sri Sai Dhanvantari Homam	10.30 am Durga Homam	\$126
Nov 6 Tues Naraka Chaturdasi / Mâsa Sivarâtri	Durga Archana	\$18
10.30 am 360 Siva Linga Archana	Nov 18 Sun Ekadasi/ Chaturmasa DeekshaSamaptam	
11.30 am Bilva Archana	09.30 am Sai Rudrabhishekam	\$54
Nov 6 Tues Deepâvali / Âkâsa Deepa Prârambham	Flower Service \$36 : Jyoti Arathi	\$108
Narakasura dahanam & Deepavali celebration Âkâsa	6.30 pm Sri Sai Satya Narayana puja	\$54
Deepa Prârambham Starlight to guide departed wandering	Nov 19 Mon Kârtika Somavâram	10am Abhishekam\$36
souls. Sponsorship: Month - \$108() ; 1 day \$11()	Vrischika Sankramanam	6 pm Veda Patanam \$21
Nov 7 Wed Aswija Amâvâsya / Kedareshwara Vratam	Ksheerabdi Dwadasi :	10am Tulasi Homam \$126
10.00 am Kedareshwara Vratam	6.30 pm Tulasi Puja: \$21: ksheerabdi Dwadasi Vratam	\$54
08.00 am Deva Rishi Pitru tarpanam	6.30 pm Tulasi Damodara Kalyanam	\$54
Nov 8 Thur Kartika sukla Dwitiya Yama Vidiya /	Nov 20 Tue Kartika Sukla Pradosham	
Yamadeepadâna / Bhagini Hasta Bhojanam: It is	09.30 am Sai Rudrabhishekam	\$54
customary to visit your sister on this day and have lunch or	Nov 22 Thur Kârtika Poornima/ Krittikâ Deepam	
dinner in recognition of the altruistic bond among siblings.	Guru Nânak Jayanthi	
Yama Tarpanam-To prevent untimely death	Nov 23 Fri Bhagavan Sri Satya Sai Baba Birthday	
13 lamps s for Yama	10.00 am Sri Sai Paduka abhishekam	\$54
Nov 11 Sun Kartika Sukla(Nâgula) Chavithi	11.00 am Sri Sai Homam \$126 Sai Archan	\$11
Nâgula Chavithi: Devotees are welcome to offer milk to	Nov 26 Mon Kârtika Somavâram /	
Naga vigraham in the temple. For fertility, overcoming	Sankatahara Chaturthi	
pregnancy complications, removal of Naga (serpents) and	09.30 am Ganapathi Abhishekam	\$54
Kuja(Mars) Dosha (inauspiciousness), offering a gift of	10.00 am Ganapathi Homam	\$126
silver serpent is suggested.	06:30 pm “GA” kara Sahasram	\$36

Sponsored Puja(s): _____ **Date:** _____ **Donation:** _____

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