



# ŚRÎ SÂI LEELA

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April 2016

“There is a wall of separation between oneself and others and between you and me. Destroy this wall!”- Śrî Sâi Bâbâ.”

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - April 2016

PHALGUNAM Apr 7th - Apr 8th CHAITRAM

**Apr 4 Mon Phalguna Krishna Trayodasi - SOMA PRADOSHAM**

10am and 6.30 pm Ekavara Rudra Abhishekam \$36  
Siva Archana \$18

**Apr 5 Tue Masa Sivarathri Phalguna Krishna Chaturdasi**

10.00 AM 360 Rudra Abhishekam \$54  
10.30 am Sri Ruda Homam /1 lakh bilva archana \$126

**Apr 6th Wed - Amavasya**

8.00 AM Deva Rishi Pitru Tarpanam \$21

**Apr 7th Thur Sri Chandramana Durmukhi Nama Samvatsara  
UGADI Celebrations**

9.30 am Sri Shirdi Sai Rudra Abhishekam \$54  
10.00am Navagraha Homam \$252

5.30 Evening arathi ; 6 pm - 7pm - Bhajans ; 7pm Panchanga  
sraavanam 7.30pm Sej Arathi & Maha Prasadam.

Visit the temple to get Baba blessings and for  
Yugadi Pachadi and Panchanga Sraavanam.

**Apr 10 Sun Chaitra Sukla Panchami - Sri Panchami**

6:30pm Mahalakshmi Puja 6.00pm \$21

**Apr 13 Wed Souramana Yugadi (Vishu) - Sri Durmukhi**

9.30 am Sri Shirdi Sai Rudra Abhishekam \$54  
10.00am Navagraha Homam \$252

**Apr 15 Fri SRI RAMA NAVAMI - Vasantha Navaratri Ends**

9.30 am Sri SitaRama abhishekam \$54

Sri Sita Rama Archana \$22

10.00 am Sri Rama Nama Homam \$126

6:30am “SRI SITA RAMA KALYANAM “ \$54

**Apr 19 Tue Chaitra Sukla Trayodasi-PRADOSHAM**

10am and 6.30 pm Ekavara Rudra Abhishekam \$36  
Siva Archana \$18

**Apr 21 Thu Chaitra Sukla Poornima - Chitra Gupta B day**

10:00 am Sri Sai Moola Vighraha Abhishekam \$108

10.30 am Chitra Gupta & MahaLakshmi Homam \$126

11.00 am & 6.00 pm Satyanaryana Pooja \$54

Baba Archana \$11, Mahalakshmi Kumkuma Archana \$21

**Apr 25 Mon Chaitra Krishna (Sankatahara) Chaturthi**

10.00 am Ganapathi Abhishekam \$54

11.00 am Ganapathi Homam \$126

06.30 pm GA kara sahasram \$36

## HINDU CALENDAR

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

Name of the Year: Sri Durmukhi

Ayanam: Uttarayanam; Rutuvu: Vasantha

Masam: Apr 8th Chaitram till May 6th

Krishna's Niryanam (Kali Yuga): 5117

Gregorian Calendar A.D. 2016



Temple wishes all the devotees “Nutan Samvatsara  
Subhakanshalu” Baba's Message for New Year: Every mo-  
ment is new. Many are wonder what troubles and losses the  
newyear will bring. But the year is not responsible for all our  
troubles and difficulties. Only our conduct is responsible. If our  
actions are good, the results will be good.

Special Celebrations on Saturday April 9th, 2016  
Chandramana Yugadi “Sri DRUMUKHI “

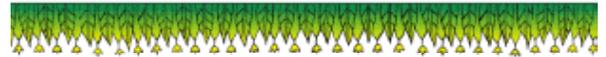
Telugu, Kannada, Marati, Kashmiri NewYear.

9.30am - Sri Shirdi Sai Abhishekam 10.30am - Navagraha  
Homam & Prasadam

Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam

Friday April 15th, 2016- 6.30pm

Kalyana Prasadam - blessed akshintalu & Kumkum



**Celebration of Ugâdi/Mesha Sankramana at Home** It is advisable to take abhyangana snâna (oil bath) in the early hours, and offer the daily prayers.

### **The Cabinet & Portfolios for 2015-2016**

1. King-Venus(Sukra); 2. Prime minister-Mercury (Budha)
- 3 Commander general of army-Mercury (Budha);
4. Controller of nourishment - Moon
5. Controller of clouds -Mercury (Budha);
6. Controller of water -Mercury (Budha);
7. Controller of Harvest & Grains - Venus(Sukra);
8. Controller of Rasadhipati(ghee,jaggary,honey) -Moon
9. Controller of weaknesses & Harvest - Saturn.

Out 9 plants 7 are good 2 are benign

**General Predictions of Durmukhi (2016-17):** Women will take high place in politics. Rains will fall in the right time. Cow's will be protected. RUDRA is the adipathi of the year. Rudrabhishekam & homas are suggested.

Out of 20 parts of rain, 8 parts are on ocean, 9 parts are on mountains, 3 part on plain land.

**According to Baarhaspatya maana(Based on rotation of Jupiter) the name of the year is Sowmya.**

**Solar Eclipses:** Sep 1st - Not visible in USA.

**Lunar Eclipses:** Aug 18th, Sep 16th-Not visible in USA.

**PUSHKARA:** On 12th - 23rd August, Krishna Pushkaram takes place during the transit of Bruhaspati (Jupiter) into Kanya Rasi (Virgo Zodiac Sign). It auspicious to take bath in the Krishna River (Pushkara Snam) during this time. Devotees gather here to take a dip in the Krishna River which is considered sacred by the Hindus. Various pujas and rituals are performed. Tarpanam will be offered to forefathers.

**How To make Yugadi Pachadi?** Neem flower chutney is part of the Ugâdi feast. The traditional recipe includes jaggery, neemflowers, tamarind paste, bananas, sugarcane pieces, mango pieces. The recipe connotes that life is a combination of all tastes: good, bad, sour, bitter and sweet! Offer Pushpanjali to Sun. Then eat the ugadi chutney before coffee or tea. This is termed as **Nimbakusuma Bhakshanam**.

The Sastra declares that eating chutney enhances longevity, balances the negative effect of planets and provides prosperity. **The chutney will be available in the temple all day on Thursday Apr 7th, 2016.**

### **SRI RAMA NAVAMI CELEBRATION**

This is the (28th Kali yuga). Lord Sri Râma took avatâra in the 24th Treta Yuga with about 30,000 years ago. The birthday of Śrî Râma will be celebrated this year on Friday, Apr 15th, 2016. In Shirdi the joint celebration of two festivals Urus and Śrî Râma Navami was started in 1912 to bring harmony among Hindus and Muslims.



The Yajnam at our temple is for the welfare and peace of the whole universe. The participants will derive health, happiness, progeny, and relief from evil spirits.

### **Sri Sita Rama Yagnam**

**Thursday, Apr 7th - Friday, Apr 15th, 2016**

Whole Yajnam \$504

Homam or Abhishekam for Śrî Râma & Sîta \$54

Day Puja for Śrî Râma \$108

(Japam, Homam, Archana and Tarpanam)

Sîtâ Râma Kalyâñam \$54

Sahasranâma Archana \$21

Ashtottara Archana Sri Sita Rama \$11

**Yagna Prasadam will be mailed to all the Sponsors**

*Ramaya ramabhadraya ramachandraya vedhase  
raghunathaya nathaya Sitayah pataye namaha*

*Srirama rama raghunandana rama rama  
Srirama rama bharatagraja rama rama  
Srirama rama ranakarkasa rama rama  
Srirama rama saranam bhava rama rama  
Srirama chandra charanou manasa smarami  
Srirama chandra charanou vachasa ghrunami  
Srirama chandra charanou sirasa namami  
Srirama chandra charanou sarnam prapadye*

*Mataramo matpita ramacandraha  
Swami ramo mat sakha ramacandraha  
Sarvaswam me ramacandro dayaluhu  
Lokabhirama ranaranga dhiram  
Rajivanetram raghuvamsa natham  
karunya rupam karuna karantham  
Sriramachandram saranam prapadye*

## Sri Shirdi Sai Sath Charitra:

### In Quest of Guru and God - Fasting Disapproved.

Hemadpant describes two things:- (1) How Baba met His Guru in the woods, and through him God; and (2) How Baba made one Mrs. Ghokhale, who had made up her mind to fast for three days, eat Puran-Polis.

In the beginning, Hemadpant describes the samsara (visible world) by the allegory of Ashvattha (Banyan) tree which has, in the phraseology of the Geeta, roots above and branches below. Its branches are spread downwards and upwards and are nourished by the gunas (qualities), and its sprouts are the objects of the senses. Its roots, leading to actions, are extended downwards to this world of men. Its form cannot be known in this world, nor its end, its beginning nor its support. Cutting this Ashvattha tree of strong roots with the sharp weapon of non-attachment, one should seek the path beyond, treading which there is no return.

Baba's experience in this matter, the story which He gave out Himself, is really wonderful, which, when attended to, will give you faith, devotion and salvation.

Fasting and Mrs. Gokhale

Baba never fasted Himself, nor did He allow others to do so. The mind of the faster is never at ease, then how could he attain his Paramartha (goal of life)? God is not attained on an empty stomach; first the soul has to be appeased. If there is no moisture of food in the stomach and nutrition, with what eyes should we see God, with what tongue should we describe His greatness and with what ears should we hear the same? In short, when all our organs get their proper nutrition and are sound, we can practise devotion and other sadhanas to attain God. Therefore, neither fasting nor overeating is good. Moderation in diet is really wholesome both to the body and mind.

One Mrs. Gokhale came to Shirdi with an introductory letter from Mrs. Kashibai Kanitkar (a devotee of Baba) to Dada Kelkar. She came to Baba with a determination to sit at Baba's Feet observing a three days fast. The day previous, Baba said to Dada Kelkar, that He would not allow his children to starve during the Shimga, i.e., Holi holidays, and that if they had to starve, why was He there? Next day when the woman went with Dada Kelkar and sat at Baba's Feet, Baba at once said to her, "Where is the necessity of fasting? Go to Dadabhat's house, prepare the dish of Puran Polis (wheat rotis with gram-flour and jaggery), feed his children and yourself too." Shimga holidays were on. Mrs. Kelkar was then in her menses and there was nobody to cook in Dadabhat's house. So Baba's advice was very timely. Then Mrs. Gokhale had to go to Dadabhat's house and prepare the dish as directed. She cooked that day, fed others and herself. What a good story and how beautiful its import!

## New timings and Program from Ugadi (New Year) 2016

### Temple timings:

**Spring & Summer:** Saturday-Wednesday-9am -8.30pm

**Fall & Winter :** Saturday - Wednesday-9am - 7.30 pm

Thursday - 9am - 9pm

### DAILY EVENTS AT THE TEMPLE :

**Sandya Arathi** ( Evening):5.30pm (From 6.00 pm)

**Thursday Bhajans** : 6.30 pm (from 7.00 pm)

**Sej Arathi** : 7.30 pm (from 8.00 pm)

**Friday** - 6.00 pm - Lalitha Sahasranama Parayana

**Saturday** -6.00 pm -11 times Hanumanchalisa Parayana

**Sunday** -9.30 am -Subha Drishti Ganapathi Abhishekam

11.00 am 11 times Aditya Hrudaya Parayana

### Vedic Classes - Kids and Men

**Stotra Classes for Women:** Lalita & Kanakadhara etc.

5.30pm - 6.00pm-Kids(Gayatri Japam,Suktas& Slokas)

6.00 pm -7.00 pm - Adults-Rudram(Namaka,chamaka)

*All are welcome to participate.*

**LORD CHITRAGUPTA.** Through worship of Lord Chitrugupta, it is felt that when one appears before Yama, Lord Chitrugupta will give a benign report. Since everyone has made mistakes in their lifetime, this is very important! According to the Navagraha Mantras Ketu is responsible for liberation (Moksha) the 9th planet. Chitrugupta is the Athi (adhi) devata for Ketu. So worship of Chitrugupta is especially useful for those seeking liberation or who are afflicted by Ketu. During the Chitrugupta Puja, earning members of the household give an account of the household budget and ask Chitrugupta Maharaj for the additional amount of money that is required to run the household next year. Chitrugupta has authority to cut and paste good and bad karmas (actions) of our lives. Therefore Chitrugupta will bestow prosperity on those who worship him. Chitrugupta puja is performed for world peace, knowledge and literacy. The puja is also known as Dawat (Inkpot) Puja, in which pen & books are worshipped, symbolizing the importance of study in the life.

Chitra Poornima the full moon day in the month of Chaitra, which falls on April 21st, 2016, which is the best day to perform worship of Chitrugupta. It is also sacred to remembering your mothers: austerities on this day are supposed to please them (an early bath, no eating of flesh and at least ten good minutes of sitting down peacefully and praying to be cleansed of emotional toxins. (anger, bitterness, revenge, jealousy).

### CHITRAGUPTA Mantram

*Sachitra chitram chitayamtasmey chitrakshatra  
chitratamam vayodhaam Chandram rayim puruveeram  
Bruhantam Chandra chandraabhirgunutey yuvaswa*

# Sri Chitragupta yagnam

Sunday, April 17th to Thursday, 21st 2016

Dear Embodiment of Love, Under the Divine Command of Sai Baba Chitragupta Yagna will be performed from April 17th – 21st,

The story of Chitragupta is wonderful and all those who participate in this yagna will receive his blessings. Lord Chitragupta is the chronicler of the good and bad deeds of individual souls during their sojourn on earth. His judgment as to whether the soul of a particular individual should be consigned to hell or lofted to heaven, is accepted by Yama Dharma Raja as final. Since all of us make mistakes while on Earth, this yagna is important. It persuades Lord Chitragupta and his angels to give a benign report to Lord Yamadharmaraja before Judgement. Other benefits of the yagna include world peace, self-knowledge, literacy, prosperity, and wish fulfillment. This yagna is also a memorial and remembrance to love our mothers through whom we came into this world. Our mother's love toward us is six and God's love is seven on a scale of the seven. Through the blessings of Chitragupta and our own Mother we will be able to live in love and bliss. Chitra Gupta Vratam, part of the Yagna, is performed to change the divine account of karma. Iron piece shall be gifted to please Yama. Surya and Chitragupta Pratima (picture) made with silver or gold will be used in worship. 5 copper kalasas, 5 towels, 5 kunchas rice (40lbs), one red color silk dhoti and 5 kunchas of paddy with a basket will be also offered.



***Sponsorship of the yagna will be \$153 for one day and \$1,008 for all 11 days.***

**Service Requested:** One day Yagna: \$153(    ); 11 days/Yagna: \$1,008(    ); Dana (1 bag of rice ) - \$25(    )

Annadanam (Poor Feeding in India): \$54, \$108, \$504, \$1116; Annadanam Pledge: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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