



ŚRÎ SÂI LEELA

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May 2019

“ If you honor your mother, the mother of the universe will guard you against harm.” - Śrî Sâi Bâbâ.

Sri Hanumat Jayanthi

Tuesday, May 28th, 2019



Sri Hanuman Suvarchala Kalyanam

Tuesday May 28th, 2019 at 6.00 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.

Hanuman Pavilion

The Hanuman pavilion was built and enclosed last year. We still need to insulate, decorate and put electricity to the pavillion. Please donate generously.

\$108 - blessed Silver pendant

\$1008 - blessed Gold pendant



Memorial day Long Weekend Program

Saturday May 25th - Monday 27th, 2019

Temple Timings 9 am - 8.30 pm

Program May 25th - May 27th

09.00 am Kakad Arathi

09.30 am Sri Sai Rudra Abhishekam \$54

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

010.30 am Sri Sai Mahalakshmi Homam -\$126

06.00 pm Sri Sai Mahalakshmi Kumkum Puja -\$21

08.00 pm Jyoti Arathi - \$27

Saturday May 25th

12.30 pm Palanquin Service -\$54

06.00 pm 360 Jyothir linga Archana -\$252

Sunday May 26th

9.30 am Sri Surya Narayana Homam -\$126

Monday May 27th

09.30 am Sri Sai Rudra Homam \$126

Reverence and Gratitude Yagnam for Parents May 12th and June 16th, 2019

Time: 10.30am – 12noon



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

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*

Reverence and Gratitude Yagna for Parents

Mother's day - Sunday May 12th, 2019

Father's day - Sunday June 16th, 2019

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 Dhrtarastra) 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 and receive their blessings.

Bow to Sai - Glory to all Mothers and Motherlands

Sai's Kitchen

The Temple has established Sai's Kitchen to serve the devotees visiting the temple and to offer Naivedyam.

Devotees may sponsor the following **Nai vedyams: 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.

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 10.30 am. It is a beautiful spiritual experience and is very soothing to the mind which is usually tense and way-

ward. 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, yogurt (butter-milk), 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 Krshna 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 Beginning less 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 ellipsoid is used as the symbol of Energy since it is the first conceivable form of energy. The ellipsoid 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 2019 Samvatsaram: Sri Vikari / Uttarāyanam

Māsam: / Chaitram till May 4th / Vaisākham till Jun 3rd; Rutuvu: Vasanta

May 1 Wed Chaitra Krishna Trayodasi - Pradosham

10.00 am Sai Rudra Abhishekam \$54
 11.00am Sai Rudra Homam \$126
 Siva Archana \$18

May 3 Fri Chaitra Krishna Chaturdasi - Masa Sivaratri

10.30am 360 Siva Linga Archana \$108
 11.30am Bilva Archana \$54
 7.30pm Jyothi Arathi \$27

May 4 Sat Chaitra Krishna (Sarva) Amavasya

08.00am Deva Rishi Pitru tarpanam \$21

May 5 Sun Krittika Deepam / Vishakam begins

Krittika Deepam Lamps 6 \$12

May 7 Tue Vaisakha Sukla (Akshaya) Tritiya/Parasurama Jayanthi

May 8 Wed Ramanuja Jayanthi

May 9 Thur Adi Shankaracharya Jayanthi

10.30am Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Homam \$54

May 10 Fri Vaisakha Sukla (Masa Skanda) Shasti

09.30am Subrahmanya Abhishekam \$54
 Subrahmanya Archana \$18

May 11 Sat Vaisakha Sukla (Masa Durga)Astami/ Ganga Jayanthi

10.30am Durga Homam \$54
 Durga Archana \$18
 Ganga Arathi \$21

May 12 Sun Mother's Day -Send Particulars name,star& gotram

10.30am Reverence and Gratitude Yagnam \$126

May 14 Tue Vaisakha S (Mohini)Ekadasi /VrishabhaSankramanam

6.00pm Vedapatanam \$21
 11am & 6pm Sri Sai Satyanarayana Vratam \$54

May 16 Thur Vaisakha Sukla Trayodasi Pradosham

10.00am Sai Rudra Abhishekam \$54
 11.00am Sai Rudra Homam \$126
 Siva Archana \$18

May 17 Fri Narasimha Jayanthi

May 18 Sat Vaisakha Sukla Poornima

09.30am Sri Shirdi Sai Abhishekam \$108
 10.30am Sri Sai Rudra ,Maha Lakshmi Homam \$126
 11.00am/ 06.00 pm Sri Sai Satyanarayana Vratam \$54
 Sri Sai Archana \$11 / Sahasranamam \$21
 07.00 pm Jyoti Arathi \$108

May 19 Sun Narada Jayanthi

May 21 Tue Vaisakha krishna (Ekadanta SankataHara) Chaturthi

09.30am Ganapathi Abhishekam \$54
 10.00am Ganapathi Homam \$126
 06:30 pm "GA" kara Sahasram \$36

May 28 Tue Vaisakha Krishna Dasami - Hanumat Jayanthi

09:30am Abhishekam to Hanuman \$54
 07.00pm Nagavalli(betle leaves) Sahasranamam \$108
 05:00pm Sri Suvarchala Hanuman Kalyanam \$54

May 29 Wed Vaisakha Krishna (Apara) Ekadasi

11 am & 6pm Sri Sai Satyanarayana Vratam \$54

May 31 Fri Vaisakha Krishna Trayodasi – Pradosham

10.00am Sai Rudra Abhishekam \$54
 11.00am Sai Rudra Homam \$126
 Siva Archana \$18

May Sat 25th, Sun 26th, Mon 27th - Memorial day long Weekend

Reverence and Gratitude Yagnam

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Mother's day May 12th : Sponsorship:\$126

Mother's Name: _____

Father's day June 16th :Sponsorship:\$126

Father's Name: _____

Sri Sai Hanuman Suvarchala Yagnam

May 19th Sun - May 29th Wed

29th - Wed Poornahithi

Benefit: Settles legal battles & litigations.

May 28th – 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 Suvarchala Hanuman Kalyanam \$54
 7pm Sri Nagavalli(betel leaves) archana \$108

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

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