



ŚRÎ SÂI LEELA

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September 2018

"Duty is God; Work is worship. Even the tiniest work is a flower placed at the Feet of God." - Śrî Sâi Bâbâ.

Ganesha Chaturthi

Bhadrapada Sukla (VINAYAKA) Chavithi
Wednesday September 12th, 2018



6.30 pm Sri VARA Siddhi VINAYAKA Vratam \$54

Sri Siddhi Buddhi Vinayaka Yagnam

Sep 12th Wednesday - Sep 22nd Saturday

The Yagna is performed to remove obstacles and disappointments, for wisdom, progressive evolution and stability.

Mahalaya Paksha Begins

Tuesday Sep 25th to Monday Oct 8th

Offer tarpanam to Pitru devatha on the same thithi which falls in Mahalaya Paksha, if not on Mahalaya Amavasya.

09.00 am Deva Rishi Pitru tarpanam \$27
Hiranya Shraddha - \$54, Annadanam : \$54

New Temple Fund Raising

\$108 - Silver Pendant
\$252 - Silver Pendant + Name on website
\$504 - Gold Pendant

Sanjeevani Tree :

\$1008 - Bronze Leaf ; \$2500 Silver ; \$5000-Gold leaf
\$10,000 -Gold Leaf, Small picture (4.25" x 5.5")
\$100,000 - Gold Leaf, Medium picture (8.5"x11")
\$500,000 - Gold Leaf, Large picture (15"x 22")
\$ 1 million - Gold Leaf, Extra Large picture(24"x 36")

Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Birthday Celebrations Thursday Sep 27th, 2018

6.30 pm - Bhajans

7.30 pm - Special Archana & Sej Arathi



"Aum Shirdi Vasaya Vidmahe
Sachidanandaya Dhimahi tanno
Sai Prachodayath"

LONG WEEKEND PROGRAM

Saturday, Sep 1st - Monday Sep 3rd

Temple Timings 09.00 am -8.00 pm

Daily Program:

09.00 am Kakad Arathi
09.30 am Sri Sai Rudra Abhishekam \$54
Lemon Garland \$36 / Flower Service - \$36
10.30 am Sri Sai Mahalakshmi Homam -\$126
05.00 pm Sri Sai Mahalakshmi Kumkum Puja - \$21
6.00 pm Sai Satyanarayana Vratam - \$54
07.30 pm Jyoti Arathi - \$108

Saturday Sep 1st, 2018

12.30 pm Palanquin Service -\$54
04.00 pm 360 Jyothir linga Archana -\$108

Sunday Sep 2nd, 2018

9.30 am Sri Surya Narayana Homam - \$126

Monday Sep 3rd, 2018

09.30 am Sri Sai Rudra Homam \$126

Significance of the Vinayaka Chaturthi:

Vinâyaka Chaturthi festival teaches us to avoid the company of bad people and cultivate the company of the good. What does the term Gañapati signify? Ga means Buddhi or intellect Na means Vijnana (Wisdom). Gañapati means one who is the Lord of the intellect and wisdom. He is also the Lord of all the Gañas (spiritual entities). Gañas also symbolize the senses. “Vigato Nâyaka Iti Vinâyakah” (Vinâyaka is one who is without a Master above him). All festivals of Bharatîyas are full of transcendental significance and are related not merely to the worldly phenomena. The first thing which is done on a festival day is to hang a festoon of green leaves on the front doors of the house. A festoon of green leaves is a sign of auspiciousness. By having such a festoon the householder indicates that he seeks auspicious happenings. This custom has also scientific significance. The green leaves hung at the door serve to absorb the Carbondioxide exhaled by people and to release Oxygen which is inhaled by the people.

Mahalaya Paksham & Its Significance:

King Sanjaya performed putra kameshti ((Prayers to God for bestowing children) for a son who can produce gold at will. In due course of time, he was blessed with a son who was named as Suvarna Ishti. Everything about the child was gold except the sweat, spit and other natural excreta. The king built golden palaces and abodes where even the toilets were made of gold. Shortly, some thieves came to know of the little prince's prowess, and stole him from the palace. They took him to the forest and foolishly thinking that there would be gold in the child's stomach, cut his stomach open. Finding nothing in the stomach they left the dead body and went away. The unhappy King Sanjaya lived for some more years and reached Brahmaloaka after his death. There he was offered food made of gold, because of his yearning for gold. After going hungry for a couple of days he complained to Brahma who explained the reason, but allowed him to go back to earth for 15 days. He said that the king must talk to his subjects about greed, and what it leads to. The reformed king accordingly spent the time in advising his subjects the importance of shraddha.

Also offer special feast for the brahmins that conducted the shraddha for them and the needy who partake on behalf of the ancestors and other invited gods. Wealth earned in the right way could bring solace and happiness, but greed can only cause misery. Let us not meditate for money and debase ourselves, and indulge in a million ways to amass wealth.

On the day of Mahalaya Paksham you make rice balls about 0.5 inches in diameter, after cooking drop these rice balls in milk; add sugar or jaggery. Khir (pudding) thus prepared shall be offered to Divine Mother for peace and protection. For spiritual upliftment, ghee lamps should be lit on banana stalk and set afloat in water.

Mahalaya Paksham -Hiranya Shraddha (Tarpanam) Most of the families have problems due to neglecting and forgetting the forefathers. Their spirits wander in pain, hunger and thirst that causes restlessness, miscarriages, loss or lack of children and mental health. Therefore in order to appease and get blessings from fore fathers everyone should offer food to the departed souls.

The temple is specially conducting Hiranya (Aama) shraddha in the Mahalaya Paksha. Avail this service to get blessings of forefathers!

Items to bring - Rice, daal (Moong, Toor, Urad), Vegetables, salt, tamarind, Jaggery, Ghee, Coins. **3 generations names and gotram (if known) .**

Sponsorship:

Tarpanam - \$21() Hiranya Shraddha - \$54()

Annadana - \$54() \$108()

When Can we offer to my Loved ones?

1. Forefathers (Father, Mother, Grand & great fathers & mothers) - Same thithi (the day of their passing)
2. Before the 1st abdhikam (yearly ceremony)
- Chavithi or Panchami thithi
3. For Wife - Avidhava Navami - Navami thithi
Offer Sumangala dravyas (Saree & blouse piece, Kumkum, Turmeric, flowers).
4. Before 10 years or Upanayana - on Dwadasi
5. Departed before their time (Untimely and Unnatural)
- Chaturdasi
6. OFFER Annadanam or (Bhojanam) to 5 people representing
 1. Vishnu (Adhi devata of Pitru)
 2. Visway devatha - who is representing ancestors
 3. Pitru - Representing forefathers
 4. Mata Maha - Representing Maternal side
 5. Sarvakarunya - Relatives of both sides

For further information call temple at 412 374 9244.

If you miss any of these dates, Mahalaya Amavasya is the most auspicious day to offer you oblations.

Why Should We perform Tarpana or Sraddha to our Forefathers?

Tarpanam is the oblations/Offerings to the dead ancestors. In general Tarpanam means "That offering which satisfies". The Pitru devatas since they have left the world are solely dependent on only their progeny to feed them. This feeding is done through Tarpanam. Hence 'tarpan' is done on Amavasya days and special occasions.

It is believed that if Tarpanam is not done, Pitru devas will curse us so that we may not have male descendants to offer Tharpanam to us. Many of the problem with children - not getting married, Mental health issues, unhappiness caused by the restless forefathers.

Offering tarpanam is very important for our progeny, happiness and mental well being.

Join us at the Temple or sponsor tarpanam and annadanam and get blessing of your forefathers.

All are Welcome! Bow to Sai - Peace be to all.

Undralla Taddi (Tadiya):

Undralla Taddi is celebrated on Bhadrapada Bahula or Krishna Paksha Tadiya, which is the third day. **On Undralla Taddi (Tadiya)** one has to take head bath on vidiya the day before tadiya, eat the food early in the morning of Tadiya before sunrise and observe fasting until Sun set. Sri Gauri Devi is worshipped.



The process of worship is: Ganapathi Puja , Gauri Shodasopachara Puja. Offer 5 Undralla for nyvedyam. After the puja, give Vayanam to Sumangali(Married women)and take blessings, with the sraddha that the women taking the Vayanam is Goddess Gauri herself. Read the Undralla Taddi Vrat katha. This has to be continued for five

years. After the completion Vrata Udyapanam must be performed for completion. Even after Udhyanam one can continue the Vrat or Nomu every year. Invite 5 Sumangali (married women). Offer Sumangala dravyam (kumkum, Pasupu, Mehendi to the Married women) and Vayanam. Vayanam consists of 10 Kudumulu, Tambulam, Blouse piece, Black beads , Pasupu or Turmeric, Kum kum, Dakshina. With the blessings of sumangali the nomu is completed.

Rishi Panchami (All Saints Day) - Sep 13 - Thursday

Bhadrapada Sukla (RISHI) Panchami

Rishi Panchami is observed to remember the social contribution of great Rishis and express gratitude. We offer our prayers to Saptarshi' and their wives. It is performed by women, for menstrual related problems such as stomach ache and backache.

This vratam removes ill deeds and mistakes they might have committed.

Sponsorship - \$54 () - Blessed Kumkum & Vibhudhi
Rishi - Wife

Atri - wife - Anasuya
Bharadvaja - wife - Susheela
Gautam - wife - Ahalya
Jamadagni - wife - Renuka
Kashyapa - wife - Aditi and Diti
Vasishta - wife - Arundhati
Vishwamitra - wife - Sruti

LAKSHMI GANAPATHI MANTRA:

**AUM SREEM HREEM KLEEM GLAUM GAM
GANAPATAYE VARA VARADA SARVA
JANAMME VASAMAANAYA SWAHAA**

AUM: Aum represents the one being pervading space, time, and forms. It also means 'I bow', 'I agree' or 'I accept'. **SREEM:** represents the goddess of fortune. **HREEM:** represents maya the power of illusion. **KLEEM:** represents the form of joy, of pleasure. **GLAUM:** is Ganapathi as giver of mental power. **GAM:** Ganapathi, the unity of microcosm and macrocosm

**GANAPATAYE VARA VARADA SARVA
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**SALUTATIONS TO THE REMOVER OF OBSTACLES
FOR WHICH GAM IS THE SEED. SEEN OR UNSEEN
OBSTACLES WHICH SEEM TO BE STANDING IN
THE WAY OF YOUR PROGRESS OR ACHIEVEMENT**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - September 2018

Samvatsaram: Sri Vilambi / Dakshinâyanam **Mâsam:** Sravanam till September 9th /Bhadrapadam; **Rutuvu:**Varsha

Sep 01 Sat Sravana Krishna Shashti Krittikâ deepam
Krittikâ deepam - Oil lamps 6 \$12

Sep 02 Sun SRI KRISHNA ASHTAMI /Bhanu Saptami
Krishna Puja \$21 / Surya Puja \$21

10.30am Sri Tulasi Brunda /Sri Aruna Ketuka Homam \$126

Sep 05 Wed Sravana Krishna (Aja) Ekadasi - Sai Archana \$11

Sep 07 Fri Sravana Krishna Trayodasi Pradosham
10.30 am Abhishekam - \$54 /Sivaarchana \$18

Sep 08 Sat Sravana Krishna Chaturdasi - Mâsa Sivarâtri
10.30 am 360 Siva Linga Archana \$108
11.30 am Bilva Archana \$126

Sep 09 Sun Sravan Krishna (Polala) Amâvâsya
08.00 am Deva Rishi Pitru tarpanam \$21

Sep 11 Mon Swarna Gouri Vratam/ Sama Upakarma

Sep 12 Wed Ganesha Chaturthi/ Varaha Jayanthi
Bhadrapada Sukla Chavithi - VINAYAKA CHAVITHI
6.30 pm Sri VARA SIDDHI VINAYAKA Vratam \$54

Sep 13 Thu Bhadrapada Sukla (RISHI) Panchami
10.30 am Rishi Panchami Vratam \$54

Sep 14 Fri Bhadrapada Sukla Skanda /Surya Shashti
09.30 am Subrahmanya Abhishekam \$54
Subrahmanya Archana \$18

Sep 16 Sun Bhadrapada Sukla Saptami Bhanu Saptami
Masa Durgashtami - 10.30am Durga Homam \$54

10.30am Sri Aruna Ketuka homam \$126

Durga Archana - \$18 / Surya Puja - \$21

Sep 19 Wed Kanya Sankramanam - Veda Patanam \$21

Sep 20 Thur Bhadrapada Sukla(Parsva) Ekadasi - Archana \$11

Sep 22 Sat Bhadrapada Sukla Trayodasi - Shani Pradosham
Ganesha Visarjana

10.00 am Shani taila (oil) Abhishekam \$54

11.00 am Shani Homam \$126

Siva Archana / Shani Archana \$18

Sep 24 Mon Bhadrapada Sukla Poornima
09.30 am Sai Rudrabhishekam \$54

10.00 am Mahalakshmi homam \$126

Flower Service \$36

06.00 pm Sai Satyanaryana Vratam \$54

Jyoti Arati \$108

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10.00 am Sri Shirdi Sai homam \$126

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Sep 28 Fri Sankatahara Chaturthi & Krittikâ deepam
09.30 am Ganapathi Abhishekam \$54

10.00 am Ganapathi Homam \$126

06:30 pm "GA" kara Sahasram \$36

Krittikâ deepam - Oil lamps 6 \$12

Sri Siddhi Buddhi Vinayaka Yagnam

Sep 12th Wednesday - Sep 22nd Saturday

Sri Siddhi Buddhi Ganapathi Kalyanam \$54

SPONSORSHIP: Entire Yagna -\$1116; 1day -\$126

Abhishekam-\$54; Flower Service - \$60 Archana - \$11

S Archana - \$21; "GA" Kara S.A. \$108

Prasadam: - Kumkum & Akshintalu

Sri MahaLakshmi & Tulasi Brinda Yagnam

Sunday Sep 2nd, 2018

Benefit: For long and healthy and Prosperous life.

1 day \$126 ; Tulasi Puja \$21

Sri Tulasi Damodara Yagnam - \$54

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

Payment Method : Check Cash Credit Card ; *Please make check payable to:* SRI SHIRDI SAI BABA TEMPLE

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