



ŠRÎ SÂI LEELA

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“ Everyone should firmly believe that they are the Atma, Embodiment of Divine Self. Šrî Sâi Bâbâ.”

Nutana Samvatsara Subhakankshalu - Happy Yugadi - Sri Vilambi



Temple wishes all the devotees

“Nutana Samvatsara Subhakankshalu”

Wish you a wonderful prosperous New year

Baba’s Message - Every moment is new. Many wonder what troubles and losses the New Year brings. 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. Jai Sairam

Special Chandramana Yugadi Celebrations

Sunday March 18th, 2018

Sri Chandramana Yugadi “Sri Vilambi nama Samvatsaram
Telugu, Kannada, Marathi, Kashmiri New Year.

09.30 am Sri Shirdi Sai Abhishekam

10.30 am Navagraha & Shirdi Sai Homam

06.00 pm Panchanga Sravanam

Sej Arathi & Prasadam

All day Ugadi Pachadi available in the Temple.

How To make Yugadi Pachadi? Neem flower chutney is part of the Ugâdi feast. The traditional recipe includes jaggery, neem flowers, 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**.

Shastras declare 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 Sunday March 18th, 2018.

Dear Embodiments of Love:

May SAI BABA BLESS ALL OF US. The Temple conveys gratitude for your continued support to the First Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Temple in USA for the past 3 decades. As you all know, the Temple is in the process of constructing a new Temple building to better serve the needs of the devotees.

The new Temple site plan includes a new building, private driveway, meditation Gazeboes, and a walking trail. The estimated budget for the all the construction is an estimated 5 million dollars. WE CANNOT MOVE AHEAD WITHOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

You do not have to make the full donation at one time. You can pledge a total amount and can donate towards the pledge over time. **The Temple acknowledges all the devotees that have pledged to donate to the New Temple project so far.**

We thank all the devotees that have supported the temple so far. Consider supporting the construction of the New Shirdi Sai Baba Temple and be a part of our Sri Sai Sanjeevani Tree. The amount that has been fundraised so far is close to \$400,000, the goal is \$500,000.



The names of devotees who have sponsored 1-3 bricks for the proposed temple project are on our temple website.

We humbly request you to sponsor a leaf on the Sanjeevani Tree with a donation of \$1008 or greater. (You can have your family names or names of your choosing on the leaf) You may make a pledge to donate over time. If you cannot sponsor a leaf consider sponsoring a single brick for \$252.

With Gratitude and Love, May Baba bless us all -Temple Management

Leaf Sponsorship of the Sai Sanjeevani Tree

\$252 – One brick (1-3) - Name on website

\$1008 - Bronze Leaf

\$2500 - Silver Leaf

\$5000 - \$10,000 Gold Leaf

\$10,000 - 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")

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

The Cabinet & Portfolios for 2018-2019

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

Out of 9 planets 4 are good 5 are benign

General Predictions of Sri Vilambi (2018-19):

In Vilambi nama Samvastara Prayers to Lord Surya are recommended as He is the King, for health and prosperity.

Due to the Saturn effect crop will decrease and people suffer the loss of money and life. Due to Sukra Cow's will be healthy. Due to Jupiter, prices will be reduced. Rudrabhishekam & homas are suggested. Ishta & Kula devata Prardhana is must. Navagraha sthothram parayana and donation of wheat is recommended for Surya.

Out of 20 parts of rain, 9 parts are on ocean, 9 parts are on mountains, 2 parts on plain land.

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

Solar Eclipses: July 13th, Aug 11th - Not Visible in USA.

Lunar Eclipses: July 17th, -Not Visible in USA.

PUSHKARA: On October 12th - 23rd, 2018

River **BHEEMARADHI** Pushkaram takes place during the transit of Bruhaspati (Jupiter) into Vruschika Rasi (Scorpio Zodiac Sign). During this time it is auspicious to take bath in the river (Pushkara Snanam). Devotees gather here to take a dip in the river which is considered sacred by the Hindus. Various pujas and rituals are performed. Tarpanam will be offered to forefathers.

Significance of Navagraha Sttotharam:

The effects of Navagraha or nine planets can be clearly seen on a person's life. By using some simple remedies to calm down these planets, a lot of problems in our lives can be solved. A lot of different remedies have been mentioned out of which mantras play a very important role. Navagraha sttothra is one such compilation of mantras. Chanting these slokas will help the Navagraha to calm down. Planets can be calmed down by reading Navagraha sttothra and making donations of dhanyas. Navagraha sttothara is considered to be very important for calming down Navagraha.

Navagraha Sttotharam

Aadityaya cha somaya mangalaya budhayacha
Guru shukra shani bhyascha raahave ketave namaha

Surya

Japakusuma sankasham kashyapeyam mahadyutim
Tamorim sarva paapa gnam pranatosmi divakaram

Chandra

Dadhi shamkha tusharaabham kshirodarnavasambhavam
Namami shashinamsomam shambor Makuta bhushanam

Kuja

Dharani garbha sambhutam vidyutkantisamaprabham
Kumaaram shakti hastam tammangalam pranamamyaham

Budha

Priyangu kalikaashyamam rupena pratimambudham
Sowmyam sowmya gunopetam tambudham pranamamyaham

Guru

Devanamcha rushinamcha gurum kanchana sannibham
Buddhi mantam trilokesham tamnamami bruhaspatim

Sukra

Hima kunda mrunalabham daityanam paramamgurum
Sarwa shastra pravaktaram Bhargavam pranamamyaham

Shani

Neelaanjana samabhasam ravi putram yamagrajam
Chhaya martanda sambhutam tamnamami Shanaischaram

Rahuvu

Ardha kayam mahaviram chandraditya vimardhanam
Simhika garbha sambhutam tamrahum pranamamyaham

Ketuvu

Palasha puspa-sankasham taraka graha mastakam
Rowdram rowdratmakam ghoram tamketum pranamamyaham

Danas recommended for Navagrahas:

Aditya (Surya): Donate wheat on Sunday.

Colour - Red

Chandra (Moon): Donate cow's milk or rice
on Monday

Colour - White

Kuja (Mars): Donate Masoor dal(Red lentils)

on Tuesday.

Colour - Red

Budha (Mercury): Donate whole Moong dal on

Wednesday.

Colour - light Yellow

Guru (Jupiter): Kala Channa or Saffron on Thursday.

Colour: Gold

Sukra (Venus): Black eye pea on Friday. Colour: White

Saturn (Shani) Donate black Til (sesame seeds) on

Saturday.

Colour: Black

Rahu: Urad dal on Tuesday or Sunday.

Colour: Ash

Ketu: Horse grain on Tuesday or Sunday.

Colour: Mixed

DAILY EVENTS AT THE TEMPLE

Sri Shirdi Arathi: 09.00 am Morning | Kakada Aarati
12.00 pm Noon | Madhyan Aarati
05.30 pm Evening | Doop Aarati
07.30 pm / 8.00 pm Night | Sej Aarati

Thursday Bhajans : 06.30 pm

Sej Arathi : 07.30 pm/08.00 pm

Friday - 06.00 pm - Lalitha Sahasranama Parayana

Saturday - 06.00 pm - 11 times Hanuman chalisa

Sunday - 10.300 am - Drishti Ganapathi Abhishekam

Times are subjected to change for special puja celebrations.

Dress Code for Visitors: Please wear appropriate respectable clothing covering knees and shoulders.

Call temple at **412 374 9244** for further details.

Sri Rama Sthuthi

*Ramaya ramabhadraya ramachandranya vedhase
raghunadhaya 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 saranam prapadye

Mata ramo matpita ramachandraha

Swami ramo matsakha ramachandraha

Sarvaswamme ramachandro dayaluhu

Naanyam Jaane Naiva Jaane Na Jaane

Lokabhiramam ranarangadhiram

Rajivanetram raghuvamsanadham

karunya rupam karunakarantham

Sriramachandram saranam prapadye

Sri Rama Nama Yagnam

March 18th Sunday to March 25th Sunday

Whole Yagnam \$504

Abhishekam for Śrī Râma & Sîta \$54

Sri Rama Nama Homam \$126

Day Puja for Śrī Râma \$108

(Japam, Homam, Archana and Tarpanam) Sahasranâma

Archana \$21

Ashtottara Archana Sri Sita Rama \$11

10 am Sri Sîtâ Râma Kalyâñam - **Mar 25 Sunday** \$54

Yagna Prasadam will be mailed to all the Sponsors

Bhakta(Great Devotee)Sabari:

Sabari was a tribal woman, who lived in a small hut in Sage Matang's ashram in the forest. She was a great devotee of Rama. Before he died, Sage Matang told her that her devotion would be rewarded and Rama would visit her one day. Many years passed by and Sabari grew old. Each day, she cleaned her hut and the surroundings and waited patiently for Rama to come and visit her. Finally Rama and Laxmana stopped by the ashram in their search for Sita, who had been kidnapped by Ravana. Sabari was overjoyed and took them to her hut. She washed their feet lovingly. She had collected berries for Rama. Sabari tasted each berries before giving it to Rama. Laxmana was very agitated by this action, Rama then gently explained to Laxmana that tasting the berries before giving them to Rama to eat showed Sabari's love and devotion.

Conclusion: Blessed are those souls, who realize and recognize divinity (Bhagwat tatwa) within all beings amongst us.
Jai Sitaram!

March 30th , Friday - Chitra Poornima

Lord Chitra Gupta Birthday

Friday, Mar 30th - Sunday, Apr 1st

Dear Embodiment of Love, Under the Divine Command of Sai Baba Chitragupta Yagna will be performed.

Sponsorship of the yagna-3 days-\$252 ;1 day - \$126.

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 Yamadhararaja 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 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.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MARCH 2018 Samvatsaram: Sri Heyvilambi / Sri Vilambi

Ayanam: Uttarāyanam; Māsam: Phālgunam till March 17th /Chaitram ; Rutuvu : Sisira/Vasanta

Mar 1 Thur Phalguna Sukla (Holi) Poornima		Mar 18 Sun Sri Vilambi Nama Ugadi	
09.30 am Sri Shirdi Sai Abhishekam	\$108	09.30 am Sri Shirdi Sai Abhishekam	\$54
10.30 am Sri Sai Rudra Homam	\$126	10.30 am Navagraha Homam	\$126
11am/ 6pm Sri Sai Satyanarayana Vratam	\$54	06.30 pm Panchanga Sravanam & Sej Arathi	
Sri Sai Archana \$11 / Sahasranamam	\$21	Mar 19 Mon Matsya Jayanthi / Julelal Jayanthi	
Mar 3 Sat Sri Lakshmi Jayanthi		Mar 21 Wed krittika deepam/ Sri(Lakshmi) Panchami	
10.30 am Sri Mahalakshmi Homam	\$126	Krittika Nakshatra Archana	\$18
05.30 pm Sri Mahalakshmi Kumkum Archana	\$21	Oil Lemon lamps (2)	\$6
Mar 5 Mon Sankatahara Chaturthi		Mar 22 Thur Māsa Skanda Shashti	
09.30 am Ganapathi Abhishekam	\$54	09.30 am Subrahmanya Abhishekam	\$54
10.00 am Ganapathi Homam	\$126	Subrahmanya Archana \$18/ Oil Lamps	\$12
06:30 pm "GA" kara Sahasram	\$36	Mar 24 Sat Māsa Durgāshtami	
08.00 pm Jyoti Arati	\$108	10.30 am Durga Homam	\$126
Mar 11 Sun Day light Savings time begins		Durga Archana	\$18
Mar 12 Mon Pappochani Ekadasi / Rukmini puja		Mar 25 Sun SRI RAMA NAVAMI Navaratri ends	
11am & 6pm Sri Sai Satyanarayana Vratam	\$54	10am Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam	\$54
Mar 14 Wed Pradosham / Karadaiyan Nombu		Mar 27 Tue Kamada Ekadasi	
06pm Ekavara Rudra Abhishekam	\$36	11.00 am & 6 pm Sri Sai Satyanarayana Vratam	\$54
Siva Archana	\$18	Mar 28 Wed Pradosham	
Mar 15 Thur Māsa Sivarātri		06.00 pm Ekavara Rudra Abhishekam	\$36
10.30 am 360 Siva Linga Archana	\$108	Siva Archana	\$18
6.00 pm Bilva Archana	\$126	Mar 30 Fri Chaitra Poornima/Satyanarayana Vratam	
Mar 16 Fri Meena Sankramanam		Sponsorship of the yagna-3 days-\$252 ;1 day - \$126.	
6.30pm Veda Patanam	\$54	09.30 am Sri Shirdi Sai Abhishekam	\$108
Mar 17 Sat phalguna [Kotha] Amāvāsya		10.30 am Sri Sai Rudra Homam	\$126
08.00am Deva Rishi Pitru tarpanam	\$21	11am/ 6pm Sri Sai Satyanarayana Vratam	\$54
		Sri Sai Archana \$11 / Sahasranamam	\$21

Donation and Puja Sponsorship Form

Devotees that donate \$108 or greater will receive a Silver Sai Pendant, \$500 or more will receive a Silver Sai Coin, and those who donate \$1008 will receive a Gold Sai Pendant.

1116 Sahasra Jyotir Linga Puja	\$504 ()
360 Siva Linga Abhishekam	\$108 ()
Parvati Siva Kalyanam	\$108 ()
Homam for Gayatri, Mahalakshmi, Surya, Ganapati, Navagraha, Sanisvara Or Mrutyunjaya	\$126/ea ()
Go Puja or Veda Parayanam	\$108 ()
Kumkuma Puja for Mahalakshmi, Sarasvati or Durga	\$108 ()
108 Jyoti Arati	\$108 ()
Archana	\$11 ()
Sahasranama Archana	\$21 ()
Pitru Puja (Tarpanam)	\$21 ()
Sai Vratam or Satyanarayana Puja	\$108 ()
Donation for Veda Pathasala	\$ _____
Annadanam(Narayan Seva)	\$ _____
Temple Renovation	\$ _____
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