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*"I think of my people day and night. I say their names over and over." - Śrî Sâi Bâbâ.*

Aswija Krishna Amâvâsyâ - Deepâvali

Narakasura Dahanam & Deepavali celebration

Thursday October 19th, 2017 at 6.30 pm



10 am	Sri Maha Lakshmi Abhishekam	\$54
11 am	Sri Maha Lakshmi Homam	\$126
6.30 pm	Sri Lakshmi kumkum Puja	\$21
	Lighting of Crackers & Maha Prasadam	

### 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 for further details to contribute.

## Sri Sai Rudra Yagnam

Friday, October 20th - Wednesday, Nov 15th, 2017

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.**

**Sponsorship:** Full Yagna \$1116 ( )  
Sri Siva Archana \$ 18 ( )  
Rudra Abhisekam \$36 ( )  
360 SivaLinga Abhisekam \$108 ( )  
Bilva Archana \$126 ( )

One day Homam \$153 ( )  
Sahasranama Archana \$21( )  
Flower Service \$40 ( )  
Rudra Homam \$126 ( )  
Annadanam \$54 ( )

Thursday Nov 16th - 5.00 pm Girija Kalyanam \$54( )

### Nov 03 FRIDAY KARTIKA POORNIMA SANTARPANA

9.30 AM RUDRA ABHISHEKAM	\$108( );	10.30 AM RUDRA HOMAM	\$126( )
5.00 PM BILVA ARCHANA		\$126( )	

**6.30 PM 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**

PRAYASCHITHAM DEEPAM(364 WICKES), 33 PUNNAMULA NOMU  
SPONSOR SPECIAL SAI RUDRA BILVA ARATHI - \$108( ); (LOOKING FOR 100 SPONSORS)  
PRASADAM - PANCHAMUKHA RUDRAKSHA

## 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 Kārtika:

The month after Dīpāvali is called Kārtika. According to the Vedic lore, Subrahmaṇya is the son of Lord Śiva and Pārvati. He grew up by the six stars and drank the milk, therefore known as Kārtikeya. 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 Kārtika 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 Kṛtika Pūrṇima. Swamy Vivekānanda 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. As if you find one, you have found the other.

**Yathaantaram na pashyami, thathatme 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.

### Sivopasana Mantram

Aum Nidhanapataye Namah Nidhanapatantikaya Namah  
Urdhvaya Namah Urdhvalingaya Namah  
Hiranyaya Namah, Hiranyalingaya Namah  
Suvarnaya Namah, Suvarnalingaya 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

### Rituals and Rules(Niyama) during Karthika Masam:

Fasting is advised.

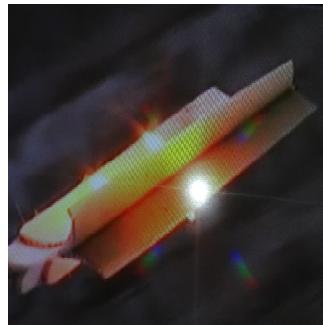
Ekabhuktam during the whole month of Kartika. Take meal only once a day. Some people take fruits or milk in the evening time after performing Puja, Or on auspicious days like Kartika Somavaram, Kartika Pūrṇimā etc. Light diya every evening and morning. Reciting one chapter of Kartika Purana every day during Kartika month is very auspicious. Kartika Somavaram, Kartika Pūrṇimā & 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 Kartika 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.



### Significance of Yamadeepadâna-Tues Oct 17, 2017

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 got 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."

### 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).

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS - October 2017**

**Samvatsaram: Sri Heyvilambi / Dakshinâyanam**

**Mâsam: Sep 19th - Aswijam/ Kartikam till Oct 19th; Rutuvu: Sharad**

<b>Oct 02 Mon Aswija Sukla Trayodasi</b>	<b>SOMA Pradosham</b>	Sponsorship: Month - \$108( ) ; 1 day \$11( )
<b>Gandhi Jayathi 9am Peace prayers</b>		08.00 am Deva Rishi Pitru tarpanam
6.30 pm Ekavara Rudra Abhishekam	\$36	\$27
Siva Archana	\$18	
<b>Oct 04 Wed 6.30pm Sri Sai Satya Narayana puja</b>		
<b>Oct 05 Thur Aswija Sukla Poornima</b>		
09.30 am Sai Rudrabhishekam	\$54	
10.00 am Sai Mahalakshmi Homam	\$126	\$18
Flower Service	\$36	
Jyoti Arati	\$108	
<b>Oct 07 Sat Aswija Krishna Tritiya - Atla Tadiya</b>		
Celebrated by married women for the health and long life of their <b>husbands</b> . It is the equivalent of <b>Karva Chauth</b>		
<b>Oct 08 Sun Aswija Krishna (Sankatahara) Chaturthi &amp; Krittikâ deepam, Karva Chowth</b>		
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	
<b>Oct 16 Mon Aswija Krishna Trayodasi</b>	<b>SOMA Pradosham</b>	
6.30 pm Ekavara Rudra Abhishekam	\$36	
Siva Archana	\$18	
<b>Oct 17 Tue Dhana Trayodasi &amp;, Yamadeepadâna</b>		
13 lamps for Yama	\$36	
<b>SRIDHANVANTARIJAYANTHI</b>		
10.00 am Sri Sai Dhanvantari Homam	\$126	
<b>Oct 18 Wed Aswija Krishna Chaturdasi ( Mâsa ) Sivarâtri, Naraka Chaturdasi &amp; Tula Sankramanam</b>		
10.30 am 360 Siva Linga Archana	\$108	
11.30 am Bilva Archana	\$126	
06.00 pm Veda Parayana	\$21	
<b>Oct 19 Thur Aswija Krishan Amâvâsyâ - Deepâvali Narakasura danam &amp; Deepavali celebration</b>		
Akâsa Deepa Prârambham Starlight to guide departed wandering souls. 10am Kedareswara vratham	\$54	

**Sponsored Puja(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation: \_\_\_\_\_**

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