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June 2016

“What is our duty? To behave properly. That is enough.” - Śrî Sâi Bâbâ.”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - June 2016

VAISAKHAM till Jun 4th - JYESHTA - Jul 4th

Jun 2 Thur Vaisaka Krishna Trayodasi - PRADOSHAM	
10am and 6.30 pm Ekavara Rudra Abhishekam	\$36
Siva Archana	\$18
Jun 3 Fri Vaisaka Krishna Chaturdasi Masa Sivarathri	
10.00 AM 360 Rudra Abhishekam	\$108
10.30 am Sri Rudra Homam /1 lakh bilva archana	\$126
Jun 4 Sat Vaisaka Krishna Amavasya/SHANI Jayanthi	
08.00 AM Deva Rishi Pitru Tarpanam	\$21
10.00 AM Sri Saniswara Abhishekam	\$54
11.00 am Sri Saniswara Homam	\$126
Sri Sanimaharaj Archana	\$18
06.00 pm SAVITRI VRATAM	\$54
Jun 5 Sun JYESHTA Masa begins	
Jun 15 Wed Mithuna Sankramanam - GAYATRI JAYANTHI	
07.00 pm Veda Patanam	\$21
Sri Gayatri Yagnam Full - \$1116 One day	\$126
Jun 17 Fri Jyeshtha Sukla Trayodasi - PRADOSHAM	
10am and 6.30 pm Ekavara Rudra Abhishekam	\$36
Siva Archana	\$18
Jun 19 Sun Jyeshtha Sukla Poornima	
10:00 am Sri Sai Moola Vighraha Abhishekam	\$108
11.00 am Maha Lakshmi Homam	\$126
Flower Service	\$36
06.00 pm Sai Satyanarayan Vratam	\$54
07:30 pm Jyoti Arati	\$108
Jun 23 Thurs Jyeshtha Krishna Chaturthi - Sankatahara Chaturthi	
10:00 am Ganapathi Abhishekam	\$54
11:00 am Ganapathi Homam	\$126
06:30 pm “GA” kara Sahasram	\$21

July Calendar of Events

Jul 1 Fri Jyesta Krishna Trayodasi - Pradosham
 Jul 2 Sat Jyesta Krishna Trayodasi - SHANI Trayodasi
 Jul 3 Sun Jyesta Krishna Chaturdasi - Masa Sivaratri
 Jul 4 Mon Jyesta Krishna Amavasya
 Long weekend - Friday 1st - Monday 4th

HINDU CALENDAR

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

Name of the Year: Sri Durmukhi

Ayanam: Uttarayanam; Rutuvu: Grishma

Masam: Jyesta July 4th

Krishna's Niryanam (Kali Yuga): 5117

Gregorian Calendar A.D. 2016

Upcoming Events :

Sri Sai Gayatri Maha Yagnam

Thursday, June 2nd - Saturday, June 25th

Vaisaka Krishna Amavasya/SHANI Jayanthi
Saturday June 4th, 2016

10.00 AM Sri Saniswara Abhishekam	\$54
11.00 am Sri Saniswara Homam	\$126
Sri Sanimaharaj Archana	\$18



Shani Jayanti is birth anniversary of Lord Shani, observed on Amavasya Tithi known as Shani Amavasya. Lord Shani is son of Lord Suryadev and rules planet Saturn.

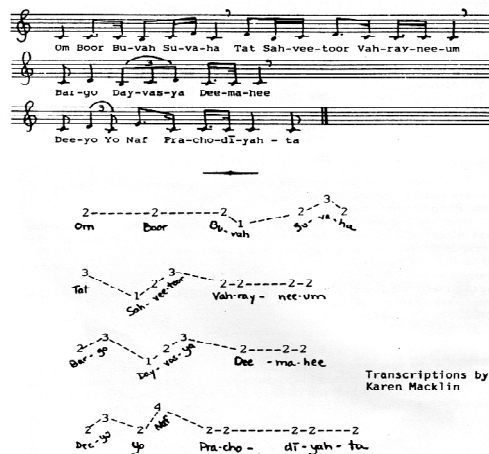
On Shani Jayanti devotees keep fast or Upvaas to propitiate Lord Shani and visit Shani temples to seek blessing of Lord Shani. It is believed that Lord Shani believes in fair justice and if appeased blesses His devotee with good luck and fortune. People, who don't have blessing of Lord Shani, toil for years without getting any reward for their hard work in life.

Shani Jayanti is very appropriate day to perform Homam and Yagya to appease Lord Shani. Shani Tailabhishekam and Shani Shanti Puja are the most important ceremonies performed during Shani Jayanti to lessen the effect of Shani Dosha, which is popularly known as Sade Sati, Shani Jayanti is also known as Shanishchara Jayanti.

Join us for Taila abhishekam and Homam

GAYATRI MANTRA

“Soma”, represented by the face with a chakra on the forehead, is sometimes considered a separate chakra, associated with the mental clarity to achieve enlightenment. It is located between the Ajna and Sahasrara chakras. Located above the third eye in the center of the forehead, the soma chakra refers to the “nectar” (amrita), of the lotus of twelve petals in the center of which rests the crescent moon. Kamadhenu Gayatri, the wish-fulfilling cow, provides Soma (nectar) to the third eye of the sixth chakra (Soma chakra, or moon chakra). Kamadhenu is white in color with the face of a crow; her forehead is Ahamkar (ego) and her eyes are human. She has horns like a cow, neck like a horse, wings of a swan and a tail like the peacock. With penance and practice, yogis can hear the subtle sounds of Nada and learn to enjoy the nectar which comes from Kamadhenu Gayatri to the Soma (Moon). Saint Vishwamitra imparted the Gayatri mantra (as Bala and Athi Bala) to Rama and Lakshmana. The recitation of this mantra by Rama and Lakshmana provided the capacity to overcome thirst, hunger and fatigue. Thus, Kamadhenu becomes accessible to the yogi who meditates and reaches the Soma chakra.



Gayatri is shabda brahman (the sonic divinity). Brahman is all pervasive and its sound is the Vedas. Thus Gayatri is the very basis of the Vedas and merits the name of veda mata, or the Mother of the Vedas. It is the very substance of the cosmos and therefore the reality behind the known universe. The Gayatri mantra is composed of a metre consisting of twenty-four syllables, generally arranged in a triplet of eight syllables each. Therefore, this particular metre (TRI PATHI) is also known as the GAYATRI metre. The Gayatri is divided into three sections. In the first section: Aum Bhuh Bhuvah Svah; the chanter contemplates the Glory of Light that illuminates the three worlds, or the regions of experience. The second section: Tat Savitu Varenyam, Bhargo Devesya Dheemahi; describes the glory, the splendor, and grace which flows from that Light. The third section: Dhiyo Yo Nah Prachodayat; is a prayer for final liberation, through the awakening of the innate intelligence that pervades the Universe as Light.

History of Gayatri Mantra

Gayatri Devi is an incarnation of Saraswati Devi, consort of Lord Brahma, symbolising the "shakti" (strength) and "dev" (quality) of Knowledge, Purity and Virtue. Saraswati Devi is held to be the patroness of the Arts, being a poet and musician, as well as skillful composer. In the form of Gayatri Devi, with the blessings of Lord Brahma, she is believed to have given the four Vedas to mankind.

Gayatri is depicted seated on a lotus. She is depicted with five faces representing the pancha pranas /pancha vayus(five lives/ winds): prana, apana, vyana, udana, samana, of the five principles/ elements (pancha tatwas) earth, water, air, fire, sky (prithvi, jala, vayu, teja, aakash). She has 10 hands carrying the five ayudhas: shankha; chakra, kamala, varada, abhaya, kasha, ankusha, ujwala utensil, rudrakshi mala.

Gayatri, Savitri and Saraswati are three goddesses representing the presiding deities of the famous Gayatri mantra chanted thrice a day. Gayatri is the presiding deity of the morning prayer and rules over the Rigveda and the garhapatya fire. Every grihasta (householder) was expected to keep 5 or 3 sacred fires (Five fires: ahavaneeya, dakshagni, garhapatya, sawta, aavasadha.) in his house to perform Vedic rituals.

In Sanskrit, there are definite rules that regulate poetry: rhyme and meter are not written whimsically. The Gayatri Mantra has a Vedic metre of 24 syllables. Amongst the regulated poetry, the Gayatri mantra, chanted by properly qualified persons, is the most prominent. The Gayatri mantra is mentioned in the Srimad Bhagavatam. Great sins are said to be expiated by a pious recitation of this Gayatri verse which reads as follows:

Om bhoor bhuva svaha,
Tat Savitur varenyam,
Bhargo devasya dheemahi,
Dheeyo yonah prachodayat.

Gayatri mantra is meant for realization of God and is regarded as representing the Supreme Lord. It is meant for spiritually advanced people. Success in chanting it enables one to enter the transcendental position of the Lord. But, in order to chant the Gayatri mantra, it is necessary for one to first acquire the qualities of the perfectly balanced person in terms of the qualities of goodness according to the laws of material nature. The Gayatri mantra is considered to be the sonic incarnation of Brahman and is regarded as very important in Vedic civilization.

Hindu Temples across the world perform Gayatri havan (homam) periodically to propitiate the Lord. Ghee (rectified butter) is applied during the homa by all the participants seated around the homa-kunda.

HELP EVER-HURT NEVER -PARAPSYCHOLOGY
AHIMSA - NON VIOLENCE
The Story of Baba and the Tiger skin

When Sai Baba was young boy, An Englishman was hunting on the other side of the Chitravati River, which runs along by the side of Puttaparthi, Baba's hometown. He killed a tiger near Puttaparthi. He was returning to Anantapur and his jeep was stopped opposite to Puttaparthi village and would not start again. The driver who had heard about the Miraculous Boy (Baba) went in search of Him to see if He could help them to get their car started. The driver asked the boy "Are you Sai Baba"? Then Sai Baba told him that he would come to the jeep. Baba peeped into the jeep and saw the carcass of the dead tiger which the officer had shot just two hours ago.

Sai Baba said that he himself is the one who stopped the jeep at this place. He told them that the dead tiger was a mother of three cubs just of two weeks old. They are at this time wailing for their mother. He told them to go back, recover the cubs and gift them to the zoo, where they would be cared for. He told them not to shoot wild animals with his guns. Instead, he told the Englishman, that he should shoot them with his camera.

The Englishman obeyed Baba. Swami's counsel touched him very much and he stopped killing animals. A month later, he came to Baba with the tiger skin. The Englishman told Baba "I cannot live with it any more, sir. I would like to present it to you".

There is a tiger skin under the feet of Baba in Prasanthinilayam, and I presume, that is the same tiger skin. Lord Shiva normally wears a tiger skin and sits on it for meditation.

There is a great lesson here that hunters should keep in mind, to save the wildlife. We reap what we sow. Therefore **STOP eating meat and convert others into vegetarians to transform into Higher Learning.** Or else they will also be hunted by the same animal which will take human birth and the humans will become animals in their next birth. As mentioned in the Newton's third law "Every action has an equal and opposite reaction."

Savitri Vratam

Savitri Vrat is observed during Jyeshtha Amavasya which coincides with Shani Jayanti..

According to legend great Savitri tricked Lord Yama, the lord of death, and compelled Him to return the life of her husband Satyawana. Hence Married women observe Savitri Vrat for well-being and long life of their husband.

Customs & Rituals

Hindu women observe this festival worshiping and propitiating Savitri as a Devi. On this day, early morning the women take bath and wear new clothes, new bangles and apply vermilion on the fore-head and the hair-parting line. Then Savitri is worshiped. Wet pulses and rice, mango, jackel fruit, lemon, banana and several other fruits are offered as Bhoga (offering). After observing fasting for the whole day they take the Bhoga. In the afternoon when all formalities of worship are over they bow low to their respective husbands and elderly people.

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Sri Sai Gayatri Maha Yagna - Thursday June 2nd - Saturday June 25th 2016



GAYATRI MANTRA

ॐ भूर्भुवः स्वः
तत्सवितुर्वरेण्यं
भर्गो देवस्य धीमहि
धियो यो नः प्रचोदयात्

Om Bhur Bhuvah Suvah Tat Savitur Varennyam
Bhargo Devasya Dhimahi Dhiyo Yo Nah Prachodayat

The sacred Gayatri mantra, a universal hymn for all, is an invocation to the Sun for enhancing the faculty of buddhi, or intelligence. The chanting of Gayatri dispels ignorance and renders intelligence to shine like the Sun. In addition, recitation of the mantra engulfs the seeker with the brilliance of Brahman. Just as bathing cleanses the body, Gayatri purifies the mind and the soul.

Dear Embodiments of Love,

Under the divine command of Sai Baba, Sai Gayatri Yagna will be performed from Thursday, June 2nd to Saturday, June 25th (Mahapurna Ahuti on June 25th at 12noon). All are welcome to participate in the yagna to reap its benefits. The Gayatri yagna has beneficial effects for:

- educational success
- Protections from negative forces
- Creative pursuits, new research discoveries and innovative techniques
- increased motivation and concentration
- school dropouts
- children with ADD, dyslexia, etc.

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