



ŚRÎ SÂI LEEA

Śrî Shirdi Sai Bâbâ Temple

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“Spend money in charity; be generous and munificent but not extravagant.” - Śrî Sâi Bâbâ. **December 2015**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - DECEMBER 2015

KARTIKAM TILL DEC 10TH - MARGASIRAM

Dec 5 Sat Sri Sai Rudra YAGNAM POORNAHUTHI
6.30 pm Siva PARVATI SHANTI KALYANAM \$54

Dec 8 Tue Kartika Krishna Trayodasi - PRADOSHAM
10.00 am Sri Sai Rudra Homam \$126
PRADOSHAKALA Siva Archana \$18
10.00 am & 6.30 pm - Ekavara Sri Rudra Abhishekam \$36

Dec 9 Wed Kartika Krishna Chaturdasi -Masa Sivaratri
10.00 am 360 Rudra Abhishekam \$108
10.30 am Sri Rudra Homam \$126
07.00 pm Jyoti Arati \$108

Dec 10 Thur Kartika Krishna Amavasya - Poli Swargam
8.00 am Tarpanam \$21

Light 33 Gooseberry (amla or usiri) lamps (count of 33 - the 31 wicks represents each day of the month whole Kartika month and the remaining two are for that day.) in front of the God.

Dec 16 Wed Dhanu SANKRAMANAM / SKANDA Shashti
10.00 am Subramanya Abhishekam \$54
11.00 am Subramanya Puja \$21
06.30 pm Veda Patanam \$21

Dec 19 Sat Margasira Sukla Navami - 10am NANDINI Puja \$21

Dec 21 Mon Margasira Sukla Ekadasi -Vaikunta Ekadasi
10.00 am Vishnu Sahasranama Homam \$126

Dec 22 Tue Margasira Sukla Trayodasi /PRADOSHAM
10.00 am Sri Sai Rudra Homam \$126
PRADOSHAM | Siva Archana \$18

10.00 am & 6.30 pm - Ekavara Sri Rudra Abhishekam \$36

Dec 24 Thu Margasira Sukla Poornima -DATTA POORNIMA
9:30 am Sri Sai Moola Vighraha Abhishekam \$108
10:30 am Sri Datta & Maha Lakshmi Homam \$126
11.00 am pm Sai Satyanarayana Vratam \$54
7.00 pm Sej & Jyothi Arathi \$108

Dec 25 Fri Christmas Peace Prayers 10.00 am

Dec 26 Sat Margasira Krishna Vidiya - PARASU RAMA jayanthi

Dec 28 Mon Margasira Krishna (Sankatahara)Chaturthi

10:00 am Ganapathi Abhishekam \$54
11:00 am Ganapathi Homam \$126
06:30 pm “GA” kara Sahasram \$36

HINDU CALENDAR

Current Year of the Earth: 1,955,885,2015

Name of the Year: Sri Manmadha

Ayanam: Dakshinayanam ;Rutuvu: Vasanta

Masa: Kartikam till Dec 10th Margasira

Current Year after Rama's Birth: 14,601,202

Krishna's Niryanam (Kali Yuga): 5116

Gregorian Calendar A.D. 2015

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS

Thursday Dec 31st, 2015 Bhajans 8 pm to 12 am

Sai Ram. Sri Shirdi Sai Baba temple will have New Year's Eve celebrations on **Thursday December 31st, 2015.**

We will start the New Year with Bhajans and welcome the New year with Baba Archana & Jyoti Arati.

Temple has been hosting New Year's Eve bhajans for 10 years now, and it has become a tradition for a lot of families to spend 31st evening in the grace of Baba by singing his divine glory.

COME JOIN US FOR BABA'S BLESSINGS

Jan 1st 2016 - Friday

Jan 1 Friday New Year Prayers

9.30 am Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Abhishekam \$108
10.30 am Sri Sai Navagraha Homam \$252
11.00 am Sri Sai Satyanarayana Vratam \$54
Sri Sai Archana \$11 / Sahasranamam \$21

Dear Devotees,

TEMPLE WISHES A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL DEVOTEES. MAY BABA BLESS US ALL WITH GOOD HEALTH AND PROSPERITY!

Sai Ram. By Baba's grace and your support in the past year, the Temple has been able to accomplish the following:

- 1) Conduct Various Yagnas throughout the year.
- 2) Perform Annadanam here and in India.
- 3) The Temple now has three well qualified priests to perform services at the temple as well as outside.
- 4) The temple has started Sai's Kitchen for raising funds for the new temple :

- Devotees are now able to sponsor Naivedyas (ie Tuesday appam mala for Anjaneya)

- Catering for Outside Services
- Weekend Canteen

- 5) Regular programs at temple:

Thursdays: Bhajans and Dinner Prasadam

Fridays: Vishnu & Lalitha Sahasranama Parayana

Pradosham: Evening Abhishekams

Sunday: Vedic and Bhajan classes.

With your continued support Temple wishes to continue these programs, and add on in the years to come.

May Baba's Blessings be always with you and your family.
Bow to Sai, Peace be to all.

President,

Panduranga Rao Malyala

LORD DATTATREYA

The full moon day in the month of Margashira is celebrated as Datta Jayanti. Traditionally, Lord Dattatreya is depicted with three heads representing the trinity of the Hindu pantheon - Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. He has six hands two each from Brahma (holding the rosary - japa mala that represent Guru and knowledge, water vessel - kamandala that represents the power behind all creation), Vishnu (holding the weapon - chakra that gives emancipation/moksha from rebirth cycle and conch shell - Sankha that echoes the monosyllable mantra OM), and Shiva (holding a drum - damru that awakens all from sleep/ignorance and a trident-trisula that kills the ego).



He is a Guru. He is followed by four faithful dogs representing the four Vedas. Remember that Dharmaraja had also followed Yudhisthira (the eldest Pandava) in his last journey, in the form of a dog. He is standing in front of a cow -Kamadhenu (that represents creation and kindness) and the tree (wish fulfilling tree).The name Dattatreya can be divided into two words - "Datta" (meaning given) and "Atreya" referring to the sage Atri, his physical father.In the Nath tradition, Dattatreya is recognized as an Avatar or incarnation of Shiva and as the Adi-Guru (First Teacher) of the Adinath Sampradaya of the Nathas.

BIRTH OF DATTATREYA: Kaushika, a Brahmin, was enchanted by a courtesan to whom he lost his wealth and also suffered from ill health etc. In spite of this, his wife Shandili was faithful and dutiful to him. When sickness prevented him from visiting the courtesan, she even carried him on her shoulders to the courtesan's abode. During one such journey with her husband Kaushika on her shoulders, she unconsciously stepped on Sage Mandavya. The sage cursed them to die at dawn (just at sunrise). Shandili the pure one, prayed sincerely and begged that the Sun should never rise to enable her husband to continue living. The large hearted Sun God (Surya) was pleased by her sincere devotion and promised to fulfill her request. The Sun did not rise and the world was in darkness. The Devas were bewildered and shocked to see the order of time and sunlight (the cause of all life) destroyed. Taking the wise counsel of Lord Brahma, they approached Anusuya, the wife of Sage Atri, to advise Shandili to take back her prayer and save the world.

The devas approached Anasuya who decided to do the impossible – to liberate the day allowing for a return of the life rejuvenating light from the Sun while protecting the spouse of Shandili as well as that the austerity and purity of such a pious one may not go in vain. After deliberations, Shandili agreed on the condition that Kaushika would live on after sunrise (i.e. the Sage's curse shall not be fulfilled). The Sun rose and Kaushika the Brahmin, died as per the words of Sage Mandavya. However, he was immediately brought back to life by Anusuya.

Delighted with Anusuya's efforts to save the world, the Devas granted her three boons. She asked for (a) her liberation, (b) her husband's liberation and (c) that the Trinity - Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva be born as her children. Granting these boons the Devas departed.

Thereafter, a light emanated from Sage Atri's eyes which impregnated his wife Anusuya resulting in the birth of three divine sons - Soma, Durvasa, and Datta (partial incarnations of Brahma, Shiva and Vishnu, respectively).

BIRTH OF SOMA: The sky seized the white-luster form of Brahma which fell all around in the form of Soma, characterized by passion (Rajas Guna). That light from the mind of (Prajapati) Atri, the mental Soma was begotten in Anasuya as the life and possessor of every excellence. He is forever protecting the plant and animal kingdoms to grow with his cool rays. His abode is the Svarga.

BIRTH OF DATTA: From the predominant satwa Guna (goodness) of Vishnu, Dattatreya the Brahmin incarnated. He is forever protecting the good and causing its dominance and protects offsprings from destruction by the Daitya (Asura's as the sons of Diti).

BIRTH OF DURVASA: Enraged on seeing the haughty king of the Haihayas offending Maharishi Atri, Durvasa, the partial incarnation of Shiva issued from the womb of Anusuya. The predominant Tamas Guna made him angry and desire to burn up the Haihaya. He assumed a haughty look and speech and destroys scornors.

The Saandilya Upanishad declares that Lord Dattatreya is the Supreme Reality and is the cause of everything that is created.

"Om Kaalakaalaaya Vidhmahey Kaalaatheethaaya dheemahi Thanno Kaala Bhairava Prachodhayaath"

THE JOY OF GIVING

The character of Karna in the epic Mahabharatam is fascinating. He was born with an armor and earrings which ensured him immortality and invulnerability. He was a prince who could not resist giving, at any cost. When Krishna came in the guise of a poor brahmin and tricked him to give him the armor and earrings, Karna did not hesitate, in spite of knowing the consequences. The ecstasy of giving overwhelmed everything else. He knew that the sheer act of giving would save him ultimately!

After Mahabharata war ended, Lord Krishna once visited King Yudhishtira. The royal assembly was full of sages, seers, ministers and eminent men and women to meet the Lord. In this great gathering, Dharmaputra politely asked Krishna, 'Sir! You are the Lord of the whole universe. Every little thing, animate and inanimate, belongs to You. Why is it, then, you accept gifts even if it were a leaf of Tulasi? How can we give You what is Your own? How come you say that it pleases You?'

Janardhana smiled bewitchingly and answered the king with another question, 'Why do you feel happy when your subjects present you with gifts, even though everything in your kingdom belongs to you?'

Every parent knows the joy of accepting what is offered by their child. Here is another interesting mythological anecdote. God created three kinds of people: the devas who were satvik, the humans being who had both rajasa and tamasa characters and demons who were essentially tamasik. None of them had elbows which are necessary to bend the hand for various chores including the very important task of eating. The devas solved the problem instantly; they used their hands like ladles, and fed one another. The human beings took time to learn the trick, but did so in due course of time. The demons never learned the art of giving and almost perished before there was divine intervention!

THE VALUE OF THE GIFT IS NOT NECESSARILY IN THE GIFT, BUT IN THE ACT ITSELF.

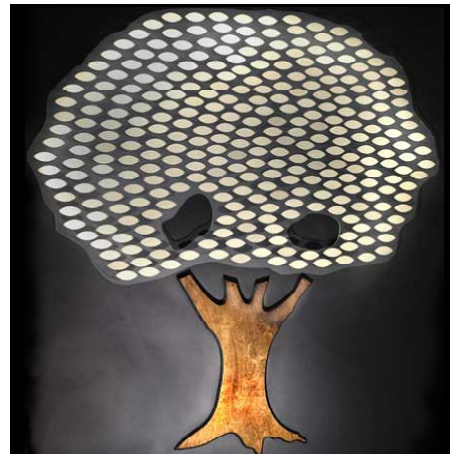
Shirdi Sai Baba Temple, Pittsburgh is grateful for the unstinted support of its devotees. As the year closes we seek your donations be used for worthy causes such as Annadanam. Sri Baba says, 'If there is no charity, wealth has no intrinsic value at all.

- Jai Sai Ram

SRI SHIRDI SAI BABA TEMPLE: DONATION AND PUJA SPONSORSHIP FORM

NEW TEMPLE BUILDING - SRI SAI SIVA ALAYAM

We are in the process of raising funds for the New Temple Building. The GOAL is to raise 8,000 bricks for the 1st Phase. We have started a "SPONSOR A BRICK" program. Over 100 bricks raised so far! Thanks to all who have sponsored a brick.



PLEDGE YOUR DONATION!

IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO MAKE THE WHOLE DONATION AT ONCE. You can make a pledge for the total amount of donation, and then pay the over a period of 1 year (ie you can pledge \$6,000 and give make 6 monthly donations of \$1,000 each). Call the temple at 412 374 9244 or return this form to pledge. Thank you for your support!

I want to sponsor :

- ☐ 1 BRICK - \$252 (NAME MENTIONED ON WEBSITE)
- ☐ 4 BRICKS - 9 BRICKS (BRONZE LEAF SPONSOR)
- ☐ 10 BRICKS - 19 BRICKS (SILVER LEAF SPONSOR)
- ☐ 20 BRICKS AND ABOVE (GOLD LEAF SPONSOR)

***LEAF SPONSORS CAN HAVE THEIR FAMILY NAME OR A DESIGNEE PRINTED ON THE LEAF OF THE SANJEEVANI TREE**

I / WE PLEDGE A TOTAL OF \$ _____

I will pay the total amount (check one):

- ☐ **Single Payment** or ☐ **Payments of _____ in _____ Months**
(i.e. Payments of \$500 in 5 Months = Total Amount \$2,500)

*****Make your donation more - Does your employer match donations to charities? Ask your HR Dept. *****

Acknowdgement Information (choose one) : ☐ **In Memory of _____**

☐ **Use the following name: _____** ☐ **Anonymous Donation**

Enclosed check (pay to the order of *SRI SHIRDI SAI BABA TEMPLE*) or Credit Card information :

Name _____ Address _____

City,State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Card No. _____ Expiration _____ CVC _____

Signature _____ Email _____

DONATION AND PUJA SPONSORSHIP FORM

SRI SAI BABA MOOLA MANTRA NITYA HOMAM

For Loka Kalyanam (Universal Peace) and good of all beings, This will cleanse all levels of their 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: ARCHANA \$11 ☐ SAHASRANAMA ARCHANA \$21 ☐
ABHISEKAM \$54 ☐ FLOWER SERVICE \$40 ☐
360 SIVALINGA ABHISEKAM \$108 ☐ RUDRA HOMAM \$126 ☐
BILVA ARCHANA \$126 ☐
ENTIRE SPONSORSHIP: \$2502 (YAGNA PRASADA : DHOTI AND SAREE) ☐

KORAALA POORNIMA - THURSDAY DEC 24TH

9.00 AM SRI SAI DATTA VIGRAHA ABHISEKAM \$108 ☐
10.00 AM SRI SAI RUDRA & DATTA HOMAM \$126 ☐
11.00 AM SAI SATYANARAYANA VRATAM \$54 ☐
06.30 PM EKAVARA RUDRA ABHISEKAM \$36 ☐
8.30 PM SEJ & JYOTHI ARATHI \$108 ☐

MAHAPRASADAM

PRADOSHAM - TUESDAY DEC 8TH & TUESDAY DEC 22ND

EKAVARA RUDRA ABHISEKAM - \$36 ☐
SRI SIVA ARCHANA - \$18 ☐
SRI SIVA BILVA TRISATHI - \$54 ☐
7.30 PM SEJ & JYOTHI ARATHI - \$27 ☐

MAHA PRASADAM

JANUARY 1ST FRIDAY - HAPPY NEW YEAR PRAYERS - PROGRAM

9.30 AM SRI SHIRDI SAI BABA ABHISEKAM \$108 ☐ 10.30AM SRI NAVAGRAHA HOMAM \$252 ☐
11.00 AM SRI SAI SATYA SATYANARAYANA VRATAM \$54 ☐ ARCHANA \$11 ☐ (anytime) / 5pm SAHASRANAMA \$21 ☐

Temple Programs or Projects you can Support:

Annadanam(Narayana seva) : _____)Go (Cow) Rakshana (maintenance)

Veda Uddharana(Veda Patasala): _____General Donation(maintenance)

Sai Family (Annual)Sponsorship(see form): _____ Temple improvement Fund Amount: _____

MAKE CHECKS TO: SRI SHIRDI SAI BABA TEMPLE - PO BOX 507, MONROEVILLE, PA 15146

SPONSORED PUJA: _____ DATE: _____ IN TEMPLE DATABASE(Y/N): _____

NAME: _____ ADR: _____ CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____ PH: _____ GOTRAM: _____

NAMES: _____

BIRTHSTARS: _____

CC# _____ EXP: _____ CVC: _____ SIGNATURE: _____