



## OM SAI RAM

This is our twenty fifth 2017 quarterly NAASTA newsletter with the list of upcoming events, temple pictures, stories and future temple projects..

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"If a man utters My name with love, I shall fulfill all his wishes, increase his devotion. And if he sings earnestly My life and My deeds, him I shall beset in front and back and on all sides. Those devotees, who are attached to Me, heart and soul, will naturally feel happiness, when they hear these stories.."*

## REGULAR EVENTS AT NASSTA

## 1. Sri Lalitha Sahasranamam

## Parayan

Every Friday's at 7:00 PM

## 2. Bhajan classes

Every Sunday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

## 3. Yoga Classes

Every Saturday 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

## 4. Sri Sai Satcharita Study

Every Saturday 4:30 PM – 5 PM

## AUGUST EVENTS AT NASSTA

## 1. Sri Vara Maha Laxmi Vratam

Friday August 4<sup>th</sup> 7 PM – 8 PM

## 2. Sai Padhuka Pooja

Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> 7 PM – 8 PM

## 3. Sri Saraswathi Pooja

August 5<sup>th</sup> 10 AM – 11 AM, 3 PM – 4 PM

## 4. Sri Satyanarayanan Vrat

Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM

## 5. Rig Yajur Upakarma

Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup> at 8.30 AM

## 6. Sri Sai Vrat

Saturday Aug 12th, 2017 at 3 PM

## 7. Sri Krishnashtami

Monday Aug 14th 2017

## 8. Spiritual lecture by Sri M

Saturday Aug 19th 2017 at 5:30 PM

## 9. Sri Sai Bhajans

Sunday Aug 20th, 2017 at 4 PM

## 10. Ganesh Idol Making Workshop

Sunday Aug 20th 2017

## 11. Sri Ganesh Chaturthi

Thursday Aug 24th 2017

## 12. Sri Satyanarayan Vrat

Saturday Aug 26th 2017 at 3:00 PM

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## SEPTEMBER EVENTS AT NASSTA

## 1. Sai Padhuka Pooja

Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM

## 2. Sai Bhajan

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM

3. Navaratri & 99<sup>th</sup> Punyathithi

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>

## 4. Vijayadasami &amp; Sri Sai Vrat

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>

## POEM OF THE MONTH – Ishna K

*Foremost you see the beautiful bud,  
Which arises from the plant from mud.  
The most magnificent colors of all and red  
Together to form a beautiful flower bed  
The sweet nectar feeds the bees  
That helps them work with ease.  
The flowers fill the nature with color  
With the help of many cluster  
Many shapes and many wreaths,  
And the scents spread in many breaths,  
In every occasion and function,  
The flowers get their attention.  
Primarily a Bud and now as a flower,  
A beautiful transformation occur,  
Then it enters as a part of a Sai's  
Garland,  
Its creator, but transformer of the  
World.*

## President's Message

Sairam !! Dear Devotees,

During second quarter we had some great events and devotee participation. The most important among the events was Guru Purnima which was celebrated on July 8<sup>th</sup>. With Baba's grace, the event was well attended by devotees. It is estimated that over 5000 devotees attended the event to receive blessings of Baba.



This auspicious day program started with Kalasha avahana, Guru Prarthana and Ganapathi Puja. This was followed by homams, maha abishekam and Alankaram. In the evening after Palki Seva, Guru Pranam and Community Archana were performed. During Guru Pranams, the devotees had the opportunity to prostrate and touch the feet of Baba. Due to overwhelming number of devotees, additional parking was arranged at Settles Bridge School



On Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> Poojyasri Sampurnanda Giri Swami gave a vedic Discourse. The topic was Importance of Guru Purnima.

As you all know, NASSTA will be celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> Punyathithi next year. The temple will kick off the program on Vijayadasami day of 2017 leading up to the major event next year. All the events require co-ordination and support of devotees and our community. We will communicate the events and activities

that are planned to you. On behalf of the temple executive committee, I would like to express our deep appreciation for all volunteers that make this temple a great place of worship serving our community.

Jai Sairam !!

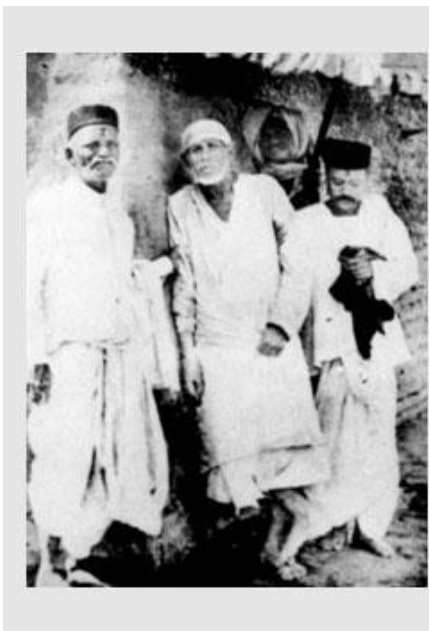
## Short Stories for Kids

### Turning Water into Oil

Sai Baba was very fond of lights. He used to borrow oil from shopkeepers, and keep lamps burning the whole night in the Masjid and temple. This went on for some time. The Banias, who supplied oil gratis, once met together and decided not to give Him oil. When, as usual, Baba went to ask for oil, they all gave Him a distinct No. Unperturbed, Baba returned to the Masjid and kept the dry wicks in the lamps. The banias were watching Him with curiosity.

Baba took the Tumrel (tin pot) which contained very little (a few drops) of oil, put water into it and drank it and forced it fall in the container. After consecrating the tin-pot in this way, He again took water in the tin-pot and filled all the lamps with it and lighted them. To the surprise and dismay of the watching Banias, the lamps began to burn and kept burning the whole night. The Banias repented and apologized. Baba forgave them and asked them to be more truthful in future.

Source: <http://www.saidhamsola.org>



### Udi helps in restoring 2 children from certain death

Sri S., P. B. Naidu, President, Sri Sai Bhakta Samaj, Matunga Bombay, 22nd September 1943 writes as narrated by Sri K S. Venkataramier, an Officer of the Kurla Municipality, ' Bombay (Husband of Sri Lalitha Venkataraman of Veena and Radio Fame). From the 1st week of Sep. 1943, my two sons were suffering from a severe attack of Typhoid and their condition was day by day causing me grave concern and anxiety, so much so, that I was not even able to stir out" of my residence to take Darshan of our Rev. Swamiji or attend any of the numerous lectures and discourses arranged for him in Bombay city and the Suburbs. On Sunday the 19th Sep. '43, the condition of the children became very critical and their lives were almost given up for lost.

Sri Swamiji, all of a sudden at 8 o'clock that night visited my house and began applying Sri Baba's Udi all over the bodies of both the prostrate children, simultaneously sending forth his PRAYERS to Baba to protect the children from any harm befalling them. - Miraculously enough, the Prayers were immediately heard and from that moment onwards there was a perceptible change for the better. -We are now daily applying the Udi given by Sri Swamiji to the boys and I am glad to say that they are progressing satisfactorily—through what else it is but by Sri Baba's Benign GRACE." Sri Swamiji has laid me in a deep debt of gratitude to him and' needless for me to state that it was Sri Sai Baba, the All-powerful, Who rushed to my rescue through our Swamiji.

Source: *Saileela magazine*

## Community Activities

- Uphaar: NASSTA alongwith four other temple and organisations participated in Habitat for humanity. Indian Community Service Initiative of Atlanta is a new project that the Atlanta Indian community started recently. The goal of this initiative is to pool our resources together, and fund projects that help the local communities of Metro Atlanta regardless of race, religion or ethnic origin.



Through its first project, "Upahar", meaning the Gift, ICIA will sponsor a Habitat for Humanity House for a deserving low income local family in Atlanta. NASSTA is proud to be part of this project by providing financial support and volunteer to help this noble cause

- June 3<sup>rd</sup>: NASSTA conducted health fare lab, Blood Test
- Inter faith meeting: EC members attended this meeting hosted by Johns Creek United Methodist Church. This meeting gave opportunity for other faith leaders to understand Baba and his teachings.
- Scholarship on behalf of Temple: The temple awarded a \$ 1000 scholarship to a graduating student from Lambert High School.

### ARATI TIME - EVERYDAY

Kakad Arati –6:00 am

Abhishekham - 6:30 am

Madhyana Arathi –12:00 pm

Dhoop Arati –6 pm

Shej Arati – 8:30 pm



### MEDITATION SESSION

Saturday 7.00 pm

### FREE BHAJAN CLASSES

Sunday 10.30 am

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