



OM SAI RAM

NASSTA NEWSLETTER Om Sai Ram

Baba's 100th
Punyathithi Year

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This is our twenty sixth NAASTA newsletter with the list of upcoming events, temple pictures, stories and future temple projects. With our devotee's participation, we would like to publish more monthly newsletters.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Believe me that if anybody sings my leelas, I will give him infinite joy and everlasting contentment. It is my special characteristic to free any person, who surrenders completely to me and who worships me faithfully and who remembers me and meditates on me constantly."

JANUARY – MARCH EVENTS

Sri Sai Vrata

January 27th at 3 PM
February 10th at 3 PM

Sri Satyanarayan Vrata

Saturday January 25th at 3 PM
Saturday February 24th at 3 PM
Saturday March 24th at 3 PM

Sai Paduka Pooja

Saturday February 3rd at 7PM

Maha Shivratri / Shiva Kalyanam

Tuesday February 13th

Sai Bhajan

Sunday February 18th at 4 PM
Sunday March 18th at 4 PM

Holi Celebrations

Holika Dahan
Saturday March 3rd at 7 PM

Temple Anniversary

March 15, 16 & 17th

Sri Rama Navami/Sita Rama Kalyanam

Sunday March 25th

Sri Sai Koti Namaavali Chant

Saturday February 17th at 3 PM
Saturday March 17th at 3 PM

POEM OF THE MONTH

Where all your wishes fulfill

A wish, a desire of prayer to God at length,

We look to the sky for help or to gain wealth!

And we conduct rituals to prevent angels' wrath;

But ultimately what we get on this temporary Earth?

Let us search inward; first with in our heart,

To find the divine love and where can we get that?

Only when we relate with others' heart and connect,

Then we get to see, the God' dwelling in every heart.

Next a probe into the arteries and veins of our brain,

For the knowledge of peace, happiness and heaven,

Get that from the Vedas, and or from Yogis written!

Now, we get to see the God in our inner Meditation!

Ultimately, we search for the existence of the Soul,

where the treasure of human power shielded with will;

Nothing in the Universe can destroy the Soul or kill; Where Shirdi Sai will Prevail and all our wishes to fulfill.

- SURARA

President's Message

Sairam!! Happy New year !!

Dear Devotees,

This year we are celebrating Baba's 100th Punyathithi year. On September 30th 2017, Vijayadasami day, we started the events that will culminate in celebration from October 9th to 18th, 2018. We are excited to share the below list of all events planned for.



1. SAI KOTI NAMAVALI - This event was started on Vijayadashami day, September 30th 2017. Devotees chant Sai Nama one crore times within a year from September 30th. By Baba's grace, it is going on well with help and participation from all devotees.

2. SAHASRA KALASABHISHEKAM: For this event, we are planning to perform Abishekam for Baba with water from

river of all continents including sacred rivers such as Ganga, Yamuna, Godavari, Narmada, Sindhu, Kaveri and Alakananda. This event is planned for October 18th.

3. SRINIVASA KALYANAM: This event is planned for October 13th, 2018 at 2 PM.

4. SAI PADUKA PUJA: This program started on October 7th. This Puja is performed every Saturday at Devotees home. This is a 52 week event and is going on well.

5. HOMAM: Homa's are to be performed at temple every day from October 9th to 18th.

6. PRAVACHANAMS: Religious discourses by Swamijis are planned for each day

7. SAI PICNIC: Picnic is to be held when all devotees can meet with other devotees and spend some time.

8, SATCHARITRA QUIZ: Competition for children to be held during the 10 days

9. ESSAY COMPETITIONS: Competition for children to be held during the 10 days

Along with Punyathithi events, the temple has undertaken several projects, most notably the Priest quarters. As you may be aware, Baba's grace and selfless service by our volunteers and devotees have made us plan these events and projects. We request you to continue to actively participate in some level and show your support to our temple and community.

Please reach out to any of the EC members or the Punyathithi Coordinator Venkat Maddi to find out how you can help.

Thank you.

The President

A DEVOTEE'S TRUE STORY

This story has been derived from Shri Sai Leela Magazine. There is a saying in Tamil “Avan arulale avan thazh vanangi” meaning by His will you pray to Him. Sai Baba makes each His follower and then the person becomes a staunch devotee. Baba says “**Those who visit my Shrine, I shall free them from all their worries**”.

This is a real story of Sai Baba devotee undertaking pilgrimage on foot. Mr. Lawrence D'Souza lives in Mumbai, India. Many years ago, Mr. D'Souza was arrested due to some problems at work. When he was in the lockup, he noticed a photo of Shri Sai Baba. While the other inmates worshipped the photo, he did not.

One day, on returning from bath, he saw an old man sitting near the photo of Shri Sai Baba. The old man called Mr. D'Souza and made him worship the photo and perform puja. After puja, Mr. D'Souza had to leave the room. When he returned, the inmate who usually performed puja came. Mr. D'Souza told him that he performed the puja as he was called to do so by an old man.

Upon further investigation, it was found out that the old man was not one of the inmates and he vanished mysteriously. When Mr. D'Souza described the appearance of the old man, it was similar to Shri Sai Baba.

The inmates were astonished and were certain that the old man was none other than our beloved Shri Sai Baba. They were all surprised that Mr. D'Souza got Shri Sai Baba's darshan that they did not get.

Mr. D'Souza then became a devotee of Shri Sai Baba. He was soon released from lockup. He undertook pilgrimage from Mumbai to Shirdi by foot. This pilgrimage took 9 days. For the past 37 years, he has been doing this pilgrimage on foot. This story proves that whether we know Shri Sai Baba or not, whether we believe in him or not, it is only His will that makes each is His follower



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

Regular Events at Temple

Sri Lalitha Sahasranamam

Every Friday at 7 PM

Yoga Classes

Every Saturday 8AM - 9:30AM

Heartfulness Meditation Session

Every Saturday 7:00PM

Sri Sai Satcharita Study

Every Saturday from 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Lead by Dr. Satya Gowrisankar (GA Tech Professor)



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TEMPLE HOURS

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Thu 5.45 AM to 9:30 PM

Fri, Sat, Sun 5:45 AM to 9:00 PM

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