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Sai Mandir at Columbus, Ohio Moves to New Premises

The Sai Mandir at Columbus, Ohio moved to a new premises at 6599 Dublin Center Dr, Dublin, Ohio. This time Baba has given The Saibaba Temple Society of Ohio a very big and beautiful premises. The current mandir it about 16000 Sq.Ft. in size with a big place for Gurusthan where devotees meditate, read Satcharitra and other Divine books. There is a proposal to add Chavadi also. On 7th January 2009 Vaikuntha Ekadasi was celebrated in the temple. The significance of Vaikuntha Ekadasi can be traced back to the Padma Purana. The Purana indicates that Lord Vishnu took the form of 'Ekadasi' – female energy – to kill demon Muran. This happened during the month of Margazhi. Impressed by



Devotees from various parts of US at the temple

a glimpse of Lord Sainath from the Vikuntha Dwaram. The Saibaba Temple Society of Ohio bought 7.75 acres of land in 2006 to build a beautiful temple for Lord Sainath. All the members of the The Saibaba Temple Society prayed to Lord Sainath form bottom of their hearts to give His blessing for this Mandir construction and accomplish this dream project. -Varaha Appikatla

'Ekadasi,' Lord Vishnu told her that whoever worships him on this day will reach 'Vaikunta' (heaven). The 'Vaikunta Dwaram' or 'the gate to the heaven' is opened on this day. This is the passage encircling the innermost sanctum of the Lord. Scores of devotees queue up to pass through the Gate of Vaikunta in the temples. Many devotees visited from various parts of United States on Thursday, Jan 8th for Bhajans and had



Devotees taking blessings from the priest

Devotees visited the temple. The Trustee od temple Mr. Mahadevappa made very good arrangements for all the devotees with prasad. All

Devenhalli Sai Temple Bangalore

A special pooja on 1st January 2009 was organised by temple authorities at Sai Baba

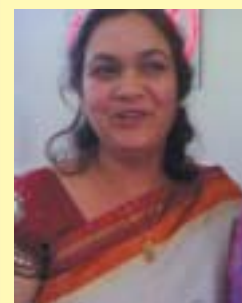


temple at Devenhalli, 40 Kms away from Bangalore. Approximately 20000 devotees attended the special pooja. The arrangement were made by Mr.Ashok for special pooja. He is an ardent devotee of Sai Baba who also contributed for constructing the temple at Devenhalli. -Chandrakant Jadhav

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Sai Bhajan in Sydney

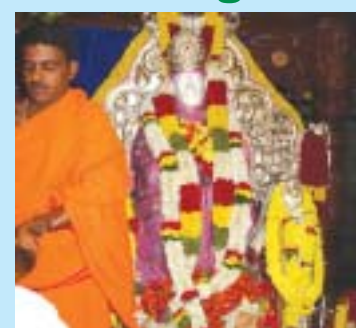
On 24 Jan. 2009 Sai bhajan programme was organised at Mrs. Baanu's residence in Sydney, Australia. Mrs. Baanu made special flower garland for Sai Baba. The bhajans started at 7.30 p.m with arti of Lord Sai Nath. Mrs. Sangita, Mr. Rao. Mrs.



Nancy recited the soulful bhajan in their melodious voice. Every body was engrossed in the bhajans. At 9.30 Shej arti was performed. Every body had dinner prasad at the end of programme. -Anibha Singh

Shiva Sai Temple - Bangalore

On 1st January 2009 a special pooja was organised at Shiva Sai Baba temple at Anand Rao circle in Bangalore. Many Baba's devotees gethered to attend the special pooja. Flower decoration was also very attractive. Devotees also arranged for prasad. The whole day lots of devotees visited the temple. The Trustee od temple Mr. Mahadevappa made very good arrangements for all the devotees with prasad. All



the artis were performed on that day. Aprogramme of Sai Bhajan was also organised & Palki procession was taken out by the devotees. -Chandrakant Jadhav

Swastik Vinayak Sai Baba Temple -Bangalore

On 1st January 2009 a special pooja was organised

decorated with flowers. Many devotees visited the temple



at Swastik Vinakaya Sai Baba temple at Sheshadripuram in Bangalore. Lots of devotees attended the special puja.

to take blessings of Shri Sainath. Prasad was distributed to all the devotees. Trustee Mr.Ramesh the trustee of temple made arrangement for convenience of the devotees. All the artis were performed on that day with abhishek. Bhajan was also conducted by renowned temple singers. -Chandrakant Jadhav



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PROGRAMME

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05:00 PM - Ganpathy Puja & Maha Sankalp,
05:45 PM - Jalaadhivaasam, Evening Aarti,
6:30 PM - Bhajans & Aarti

27 th February 2009

9:00 AM - Poorvaanga Puja, Anugraha Puja,
Ghatastapanam, Punyahavachanam, Nandi Puja, &
dasa Daanam, 10:00 AM - Dhaanyaadhivaasam,
10:25 AM - Ganpathy Havan, Gayatri Havan, vaastu
havan, Shanti Havan, Nav Graha Havan & Puja,
12:30 AM - Phalaadhivaasam,
3:00 PM - Chandhi havan, 6:15 PM - Vastradhivaasam

28 th February 2009

06:30 AM - Prana Pratishtha havan 11:30 AM -
Pushpaadhivaasam; 12:00 AM - Lalita & Vishnu
Sahastranamam, 04:00 PM - Vishnu Sahastranamam
04:30 PM - Vadamala Puja, Hanumaan, Chalisa-3
Times), Bhajans & Aarti, 6:30 PM - Sayanaadhivaasam

01 March 2009

6:30 AM - Pranpratishtha;
6:45 AM - Pran Pratishthan Havan;
7:45 AM - Poornaahuti, Netra Unmeelinam;
8:15 AM - Sumangali Puja, Kanya Puja &
Vaduga Puja, Guru Paada Puja;
09:00 AM - Procession of Kalash;
9:15 AM - Mahaabhishek of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba
Sri Saldas Baba Ji & Kalash (Top of Mandir);
10:00 AM - Alankar, Archana & Mangal Aarti;
11:30 AM - Maha Prasad
14:00 PM - Departure to Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine

Have Faith In Sai Baba

On Thursday, Nov 29, 2007 I went to Sai Baba temple in Mylapore. I entered the temple at 10.30 AM at 10.40 when I wanted to subscribe for Anna Daan, I found my purse missing. Mandir is flooded with devotees on all days, especially on Thursdays, it's packed. I was sure at 10.30 I had my purse in my handbag, because my husband gave me money for the subscription, I had kept the money in my purse and put it inside the bag. It was our wedding anniversary and I was terribly upset, to be very honest, I could not pray sincerely that day. I had all my cards in the purse. Fortunately, there were a couple of police constables in the temple and I lodged a complaint immediately with them and blocked my cards by calling the banks from the temple itself. That day I returned home with a heavy heart and prayed to SAI MA to get back my purse with the cards, because my purse had all the cards like medical, pan, etc. Days elapsed, months elapsed. Suddenly on 22 March 2008,

I got a call on my cell from a gentleman that he had found my purse. He told me that while he was standing on the bus stand, he saw my purse on the road, he picked it up and found a few cards along with my business card. He called me immediately the moment he saw my business card. He said, in a couple of hours he will let me know as to where I should go and pick up the purse. I was skeptical and could not believe at the first instance. That gentleman gave his contact number to me. I called my husband who was away, to get in touch with that gentleman to collect the purse. In the evening when my husband was returning from office, he went to that gentleman's house to collect the purse. My husband was surprised to receive the purse along with Sai's prasad. That gentleman had been to Shirdi and had just returned the previous day. He has given a couple of rare photographs of SAI MA and Udi along with the purse. WE WERE SPELL BOUND.

-Usha

Courtesy- Sai Vichaar

Philosophy of Lord Sainath of Shirdi

Lord Sainath of Shirdi, a Unique Saint, by His inscrutable leelas and actions has given messages for the welfare of not only his devotees but of all human kind. The messages given by Baba can be, in common parlance, called His philosophy. Lord Sainath's Philosophy consists of five elements, the way human body consists of five elements and the way for achieving the ultimate goal, the human beings have shed five things 1. Five Pranas (vital forces), 2. Five senses, 3. Mind, 4. Intellect, 5. Ego. The five elements of Lord Sainath's philosophy are: 1. Love, 2. Forgiveness, 3. Charity, 4. Devotion and 5. Universal Brotherhood.

Love Baba loved and loves His devotees. His love is like mother's love. It is a universal fact that mother's love is Peculiar, Extraordinary, Disinterested, Unconditional and Unparallel. Further, the mother tortoise way of bringing up her children is unique. She neither gives milk nor warmth to her children. Her mere glance gives her children nutrition for their growth. Mother tortoise, glance is a down pour of nectar, the only source of sustenance and happiness. The love of lord Sainath of Shirdi for his devotees is like the love of mother tortoise. Lord Sai nath's mere glance towards His devotees is a down pour of nectar and source of sustenance and happiness.

Baba always told His devotees to have love compassion towards all creatures. His message is that God lives in all beings and creatures. Whole world is interdependent. Take pity and love all cratures. Leave adventurous fights and killings and be patient.

Forgiveness Baba by his inscrutable actions and leelas conveyed to his devotees to inculcate the virtue of forgiveness. Baba forgave the banias who refused to give oil for lighting the lamps. However, when Lord Sainath of Shirdi lighted the lamps with water, the banias realized their mistake and asked for Baba's pardon. Baba pardoned the banias. By this leela Baba conveyed that we should forgive people who realize their mistakes.

Charity (Dan/Dakshina) Lord Sainath of Shirdi always advised his devotees to practice charity. In order to teach lesson of charity and to remove attachment to money and to purify the minds of His devotees Lord Sainath of Shirdi extracted Dakshina from the devotees. Baba used to say- **Give with 'Faith' 'Magnanimity'; 'Modesty'; 'Awe'; 'Sympathy';** Baba used to say that charity teaches lessons of 'Renunciation' and 'Purification', conditions precedent to achieve the

"Ultimate Goal" of the human birth i.e. "Self Realisation."

Devotion: Baba used to say that He does not need any paraphernalia of worship either Eight fold or Sixteen fold. "I REST THERE WHERE THERE IS FULL DEVOTION" Devotion consists of Firm Faith and Perseverance i.e. Shradha and Saburi. In chapter 28 and 29 of Sat Charitra gave story of His Guru while addressing Mrs. Radha Bai Deshmukh who was bent upon getting Guru mantra from Lord Sainath of Shirdi "I had a guru who was a great saint and most merciful. I served him long, very long; still he would not blow any mantra into my ears. I had a keen desire, never to leave him, but to stay with him and serve him and at all costs receive some instructions from him. But he had his own way. He first got my head shaved and asked me two pice as Dakshina. I gave the same at once. If you say, that as my Guru was perfect, why should he ask for money and how should he be called desireless? I replied plainly that he never cared for coins. What had he to do with them? His two pice were 1) Firm Faith and 2) Patience or Perseverance. I resorted to my Guru for 12 years. He brought me up. There was no dearth of food and clothing. He was full of love say, he was love incarnate. How can I describe it? He loved me the most. Rare is the Guru like him. When I looked at him he seemed as if he was in deep meditation and then we both were filled with bliss. Night and day I gazed at him with no thought of hunger and thirst. Without him I felt restless. I had no other object to meditate, nor any other thing than my Guru to attend. He was sole refuge. My mind was always fixed on him. This is ONE PICE- DAKSHINA.

SABURI (patience or perseverance) is the other pice. I waited patiently and very long on my Guru and served him. This Saburi will ferry you across the sea of this mundane existence. Saburi is manliness; it removes all sins and afflictions, gets rid of calamities in various ways and casts aside all fear, and ultimately gives you success. Saburi is the mine of virtues, consort of good thought. Nishtha (Faith) and Saburi (Patience) are like twin sisters loving each other very intimately.

My Guru never taught me any mantra, then how shall I blow any mantra in your ears?..... Do not try to get mantra or Updesh from anybody. Make me the sole object of your thoughts and actions and you will, no doubt, attain Paramarth (the spiritual goal of life). Look

at me whole-heartedly and I in turn look at you similarly..... Believe fully that Guru is the sole Actor or Doer. Blessed is he who knows the greatness of his Guru and thinks him to be Hari, Hara and Brahma (Trimurti) incarnate".

Universal Brotherhood Lord Sainath of Shirdi always use to say "Sabka Malik Ek" i.e. God is One. By this utterance, Baba used to convey that we should not fight for religion as the purpose of all the religions is to get god who is one. Baba never differentiated in any religion. Sai Baba was a saint who saw no difference between caste and creed and even in human beings particularly, in Hindus and Muslims. Factually speaking, no one definitely knew whether Sai Baba Himself was a Hindu or Muslim. He celebrated Hindu festivals of Ram Navami with all due formalities and at the same time permitted the 'Sandal' procession of the Mohamedans. On Gokul Ashtami, Gopal kala ceremony used to be duly performed and on Id festival, He allowed the Mohamedans to chant their prayers (Namaz) in His masjid. If we say that He was Mohamedan his ears were pierced. If we call Him Hindu, He always lived in Masjid and called it Dwarkamai, if Mohamedan, He had always the Dhuni- the sacred fire. 'Allah Malik' was constantly on the tip of His tongue. Yet He appeared in the grab of Rama, Krishna, Shiv or the guru of the devotee concerned.

Sai Baba's constant advise was that Ram and Rahim were one and same; there was not the slightest difference between them; then why should their devotees quarrel among themselves; Baba also used to advise that both the communities join hands; act sanely to gain the object of national unity. The Path shown by the Lord Sainath of Shirdi appears to be easy but actually it is difficult to traverse. However it can be traversed easily if Lord Sainath of Shirdi showers His grace and blessings. Bow to Shri Sai Peace be to all.

-Premendra Ojha,
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Great Miracles of Healing Touch

Shri Jagtap baba has done a free service camp of the Healing Touch at Kolkata on an invitation by the devotee Shri Dulal Goswamy and all the members of the Shirdi Sai Baba Devotees Association of Kolkata on 10th to 12th January, 2009 at Utsav Building Kolkatta. Many devotees came there and Shri Sai Baba blessed them through Jagtap baba and so many miracles were witnessed by the devotees. One devotee named Mrs. Ekta Singh aged 33 years, was suffering from the severe pain in her chest since last 4 years, and after the healing touch service to her, Sai Baba cured her instantly and Shri Sai Baba gave her DARSHAN in right hand palm of Jagtap baba as well as in his eyes, and she told that Shri Sai Baba was in yellow colour cloths.

Also Mrs Madhu Gupta aged 56 years, was suffering from severe spondylitis and various ailments in her stomach since last 36 years. After the free service of healing touch, Sai Baba cured her instantly.

Also Mrs. R.M.Chopra aged 69 years was suffering from paralytic stroke on her right side and due to that she lost her speech. After doing the free service of healing touch Baba cured her instantly and she regained her speech and she is advised to take vibhuti for certain days. What are these miracles Shri Sai Baba is doing are beyond our imagination.

Devotees can contact Shri Jagtap Baba ji on 09841586849 & 044-22294719 or email-jagtapsai@rediffmail.com for the free service.

FIRST SAI SATSANG AT SHANTHIDHAM, BANGALORE

On new year day, i.e. on 1st January 2009, a mammoth Sai satsang was held for the first time at Shanthidham, Bangalore by Sri Sai Santoshi Maata Charitable Trust (SSSMCT). It was attended by more than 300 Sai devotees singing Sai bhajans continuously for two hours. Every one was thrilled to hear the melodious voice of the professional singers.

Due to pending construction of a regular Sai temple as per the design given by the local architect SSSMCT has erected a temporary structure measuring 20ft x 30 ft wherein a life size beautifully laminated photo of Sri Shirdi Sai Baba is kept. This temporary structure is named as SAI DHYAN MANDIR. The trust has plans to feed poor people on every Thursday in due

course of time, besides organizing satsangs periodically at this place. One devotee by name Shri A.N.Murali promised to donate Rs 3.00 lakhs which shall be used as corpus amount and the interest earned on it will be utilized for serving food to the poor and also the devotees attending noon arthi. Over a period of time this corpus amount will be raised to Rs 10 lakhs.

- G. Laxminarayana

I had many experiences with Baba but I would like to share one of the experience at Veena Ma's house. On my Birthday i.e. on 16th December I went to Veena Ma's house to take Baba's and her blessings. I took along with me a birthday cake, Dhokla, Samosa



& Paan for Baba. Ma kept all the things in front of Baba for bhog and to our surprise Birthday cakes cream was on Baba's lips and rest were partially taken by Baba as Bhog. In few seconds cream of the cake disappeared from Baba's lips. I am really thankful to Baba & Ma for their blessings.

-Jyoti Bahl 9899147273

The real/true meaning of spirituality which transcended to us from the Saints/Seers/Rishis who experienced it thousands of years back, is an undisputable knowledge. It is not appreciated by those who comprehend him within space, time & cause. We need to know this reality better sooner than late. Accepting the true nature of the absolute we need to muster the courage by constant thought process (mannan) & be firm and strong till we experience the truth. (our true nature). All disputes and doubts arising from ignorance disappear and we become one with absolute (Brahama). The path is very difficult but strong will and conviction will take us to the goal. Constant effort in the right direction is a must to achieve anything in life. So is with the attainment of true knowledge. We remained deprived of this knowledge till Adhi Shankaracharya gave his commentaries on Upnishads & in my opinion, most of us could know it from the saints of modern times like Swami Vivekanand etc. through their lectures & discourses, some of them were later documented in books & Journals also. There are numerous paths to reach unto reality but caution is needed not to get stuck in rituals & materialistic achievements in the grab of spirituality. Spirituality, in my opinion is the purity in thought, word & action. This needs constant eye on your goal. As rightly said in Bhagvat Gita that hundreds move towards Him and rarely someone reaches to him. The reason being obvious that we get distracted from the real path & get lost in lanes & bylanes of maya. We have to be our own guard, as rightly said that spirituality is achieved by strong & controlled mind. The mind is controlled by mind itself. The ways & means to control it are adopted according to ones own requirements with the help of a master who has the qualities of a true master as described in Bhagvat Gita. The control of mind is therefore a game played by self within the self for the self.-C.L.Tikoo, Singapore

As One Looks at Baba's Eyes One Forgets One's Eye

Since the time when Sai has graced me and favoured me, I think of him only day and night. He has destroyed my fear of worldly existence and the fear of the cycle of birth and death.

Not for me the repetition of any other prayers; not for me any other penance I behold only one form – the Pure Form of Sai. As soon as one gazes upon Sai's face, thirst and hunger are forgotten. What is the value of other pleasures? One forgets the worldly sorrows.

As one looks at Baba's eyes, one forgets one's self. Waves of love swell from within and the whole world is drowned in the raptures of devotion. Action, religion, scriptures, 'puranas', yoga, sacrifices, performance of

prescribed religious ceremonies, pilgrimage to holy places and acts of penance – all these are at Sai's feet for me.

Continuous observance of the teachings of the Guru, and firm adherence to them brings unshakable faith and unwavering stability.

It is due to the outcome of my past deeds that my attachment to Sai has increased and I began to experience his inconceivable power. How can I adequately describe it?. That power which creates devotion and attachment to Sai's feet, also leads to detachment while participating in worldly life and gives great bliss.

Compiled by:

Saisevak Motilal Gupta

Sai Baba Blessed Me

Pray to Sai Baba

The Heart should rise on wings of love to heaven. One of the most powerful concepts is the thought that Sai is with me, Sai is helping me and Sai is always guiding me. Every problem can be solved in right way if we pray for help to Sai. Daily practice of the prayer to Sai gives affirmation. On the 109th anniversary of my loving great father sh. Shevaram Lala, I want to dedicate the prayer to Sai Baba.

prayer to thee, my Lord!
strike at the root of
penury in my heart
give me strength
lightly to bear
my joys and sorrows.
Give me strength
to make my love
fruitful in service
Give me strength
never to disown the poor
and bend my knees
before insolent might
Give me strength
to raise my mind high
above daily trifles
Give me strength
to surrender my strength
to thy will with love

-Amar Lala

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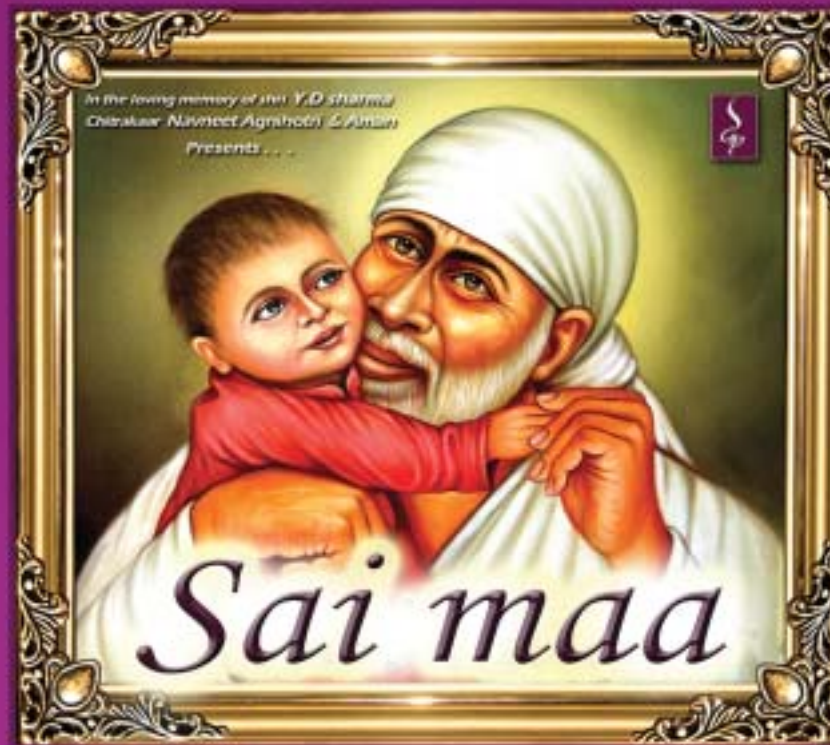
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