

The Shirdi Sai Mandir

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Baba's New Mandir

Click [here](#) to view plans of Baba's new Mandir. Expected to cost \$4 million, the new Mandir shall be inaugurated on Guru Poornima (Jul 2015). All devotees are requested to contribute generously to this holy project.

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Mapya Priyantham
Tarum Kalpa Vrukshadhikam
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Mandir Timings

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sun
7:00 am – 8:30 pm

Thu, Sat
7:00 am – 10:00 pm

Aarthi Timings

Kakad Aarthi

Mon to Sun
7:00 am

Madhyan Aarthi

Mon to Sun
12:00 noon

Dhoop Aarthi

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sun
6:00 pm
Thu, Sat
7:30 pm

Shej Aarthi

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sun
8:00 pm
Thu, Sat
9:30 pm

Neem Tree and Our Baba

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Tarum Kalpa Vrukshadhikam Saadhayantham
Namaamishvaram Sadgurum Sainaatham”.

All Sai Devotees have never missed hearing or singing this shloka line during Aarthi time for our Baba. The words are not new for every Sai devotees yet, this is a powerful shloka depicting the greatness of our Baba.

In Hinduism, various trees are considered sacred and worshipped for various benefits. Each of them are associated with different God or Goddess. For example, bilva or bel tree's leaf is used for Shiva pooja; tulsi or basil is for Lord Vishnu, dhurva or grass is for Lord Ganesha.

One among this list is Neem tree which is associated to Maa Devi's *Swaroopam*.

Neem tree – Sanskrit name is Arista and also called as “Nimba”. Nimba literally means bestower of Good health. Neem tree is also called as “Vepa” in Telugu which means purifier of air. The name itself signifies the nature of the product. It is believed that Baba has used the neem tree as His first abode during His early visit in Shirdi.

One old woman of Shirdi, the mother of Nana Chopdar, described Him thus. “This young lad, fair, smart and very handsome, was first seen under the Neem tree, seated in an Asan. The people of the village were wonder-struck to see such a young lad practising hard penance, not minding heat and cold”. Sri Sai Satcharitra, Chap, 4, p.no.21, edition, 1996.

For Baba, the Neem tree is sacred as Ashwattha and Audumbar trees and loved it most. Baba considered that neem tree as sacred place and revered as Gurusthan.

It is also significant to note that neem tree is considered as Neemari Devi (Mother Goddess). In South India, neem tree is grown in Devi mandirs and even temples are build under the neem tree. In North India, Neem goddess Bhavani is still worshipped. In Bengal, Neem tree is the dwelling place for Sitala devi, goddess who control pox and cures it. Yellamma one

of the goddess considered to be residing in the Neem tree.

Apart from being adobe of goddess herself, Neem tree is considered as great medicinal herb for skin ailments, curing internal diseases, diabetes etc.

From my understanding, I feel Baba who is the incarnation of the divine mother to us, who has cured devotees and graced every one with love and affection. He has even ate margosa (neem) leaves by himself and has given some of his devotees as Prasad to consume. It is clear that Baba has made such a valuable tree as his Gurusthan and even his own dwelling place. To me, Baba is Goddess Adhiparasakthi who is worshipped as the mother supreme for this universe. Let us do a sankalpam here after, where ever we see neem tree let us think our Baba is residing under the tree as Sai Maa and gracing us. Let us consider every neem tree is Shirdi to us.

“Let us bow to lord Sainath, who by his constant stay at the foot of the neem tree, made it, which though bitter and unpleasant, to provide nectar as Amrit, better than the Kalpavriksha – Wish fulfilling tree.” –

Sri Sachithananda Sat Guru Sai nath Maharaji ki Jai



History of The Shirdi Sai Mandir

Oct 2005

Mandir Inauguration

Oct 2006

Murthi Pratistha ceremony

Oct 2007

Baba owns Mandir (Unit 8)

Oct 2008

Baba expands Mandir with acquisition of Unit 7

Feb 2009

2.2 acres land purchased

Apr 2011

Baba expands Mandir with acquisition of Unit 6

Services

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Online Donations

Donations can be processed by devotees from Baba's website at www.theshirdisaimandir.ca/about-us using PayPal's secure website. Tax receipts will be issued by email within 8 weeks of receipt of donation.

Parking

Devotees are requested to park cars at 2781 Markham Rd. Cars parked in the Condominium Complex shall be ticketed and towed away at owner's expense. Please follow volunteer's directions for parking.

Code of Conduct

Please click [here](#) to review the Mandir's code of conduct.

Events

Please click [here](#) for latest event updates.