

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.

Sada Nimba Vrukshasya
 Muladhi Vaasat
 Sudha Sraivanam Tikta
 Mapya Priyantham
 Tarum Kalpa Vrukshadhikam
 Saadhayantham
 Namaamishvaram Sadgurun
 Sainaatham.

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

Baba and Vishnu Sahasranam

One of the sacred texts for parayanam is "Vishnu Sahasranama." It is very significant to notice that our Guru, beloved Shirdi Sai Baba, has referred about this sacred text to His favorite devotee Shama. In chapter 27 of Sri Sai Satcharita, it is narrated that a Ramadasa (who is the Ramabhaktha) sits in front of Baba and chants Vishnu Sahasranama along with Adhyatma Ramayana daily. On a particular day, Baba sent Ramadasa on errand, outside. He stepped to Ramadasa's seat and took the Vishnu Sahasranama book and gave it to Shama and advised him as follows, "Oh Shama ! This book is very valuable and efficacious; so I present it to you, you read it. Once, I suffered intensely and My heart began to palpitate and My life was in danger. At that critical time, I hugged this book to My heart and then, O Shama ! What a relief it gave Me! I thought that Allah Himself came down and saved Me. So, I give this book to you; read it slowly, little by little, read daily one name at least and it will do you good." (Chapter 27 of Sri Sai Satcharitra). These words are not only addressed to Shama. It is for all of us, who are aspirants and followers of Baba.

By the words of our Guru, it will be worthy to understand the greatness of this sacred chant. In addition, it becomes essential for every Sadhaka to understand the inner meaning of this holy verse. This is my maiden attempt to write about this great work. With the grace of our beloved Guru, and blessing of all the great acharyas, who have given commentaries and explanation for this text, I like to share some of them to you.

Legend behind Vishnu Sahasranama

This sacred text is one of the jewels of Mahabharata. "Bharatam Panchama vedaha", that is Mahabharat is considered to be the fifth Veda in order. Bharatam has given us great texts like Bhagavad Gita and Vishnu Sahasranama. This chant is handed over by Pithamaha and renowned Bhishma to Yudhishtir in the Anusasanaparva (chap 254 of Mahabharata). The context starts when Yudhishtir was mentally disturbed due to the after effect of the war, the misery of death and destruction caused by the war. He was disturbed and lost peace of mind. Bhishma was his favorite grandfather and was lying on his death bed due to the effect of war. Krishna and Maharishi Veda Vyasa guided Yudhishtir to get

Bhishma's blessings and seek his advice on every aspect of life, righteousness, virtue and mental peace.

Yudhishtir, as per the advice of Lord Krishna, approached Bhishma seeking blessings and advice. Both met together, various dialogs were recorded between the both. They discussed about dharma, karma and even politics etc. In one of those sessions, Yudhishtir was seeking advice about simple and easiest way for the mankind to attain everlasting happiness, to get rid of sorrows, bondages and get the peace of mind. On this occasion, Bhishma delivers one thousand names of the supreme god to his grandson.

This sacred text can be divided as

1. Poorva bhag – Prolog which covers the important dialog between Bhishma and Yudhishtir on Spiritual process
2. Moolam – Thousand Sacred names of the Lord Vishnu (supreme lord of the universe)
3. Phala sruthi – Benefits one can gain by chanting this sacred text daily with faith and patience.
4. Prolog – Dialog between Grandson and Grandfather

The entire prolog is about the dialog between Bhishma and Yudhishtir on the spiritual quest. Yudhishtir posted 6 questions to Bhishma to get clarity about the spiritual process and how to attain moksha and peace. The ultimate goal of every human being is to be happy and bliss. The question asked by Yudhishtira was compared as a student who was taught a lengthy Math exercise with several steps. At the end, student asks his teacher for a short method to understand and achieve the result. Considering the future generations, Yudhishtir posted 6 questions to Bhishma in order to undergo a simple process to attain spiritual growth. The answer for those 6 questions gave birth to the sacred chant of Vishnu Sahasranama, thousand names of Lord Vishnu.

In the next article, we will discuss about those questions asked by Yudhishtir and answers given by Bhishma. Also, we will try to understand the meaning of those thousand names uttered by Bhishma. Let us pray to our Saibaba, let him light the lamp of knowledge in understanding these sacred names.

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.

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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

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Events

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