



Arise ! Awake ! Stop not, till the goal is reached.

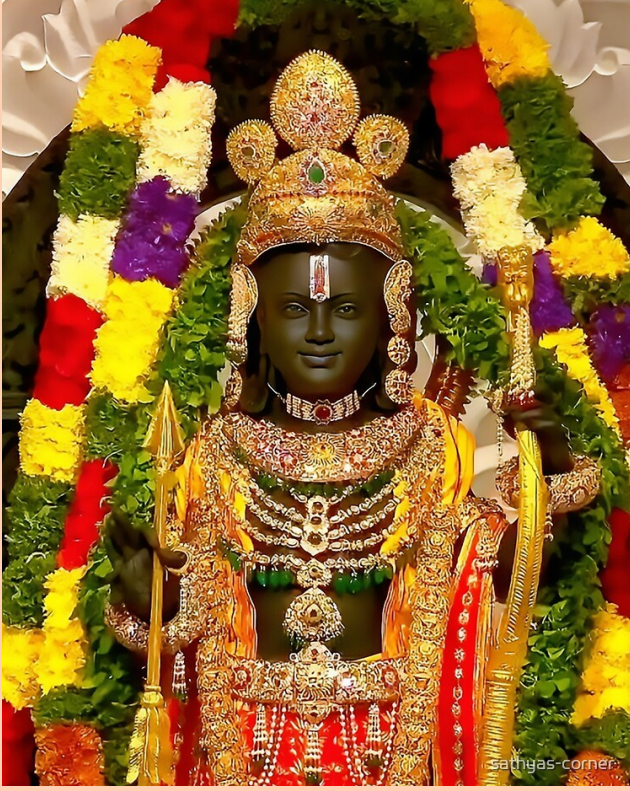
March & April 2025

Om Namō Narayanaya

Sandeshā

Na Me Bhakta Pranashyati

My Devotee Never Perishes



Sri Rama Jaya Rama Jaya Jaya Rama

Sri Ramanavami Music Festival

April 12th & 13th, 2025

17 schools of music!

Sri Ramanavami Festival of Music has been celebrated for the past thirty years in badarikashrama on the occasion of chaitra navaratri. The Festival brings together artists and students from both the vocal and instrumental traditions of Classical Music . Please join us with your family and friends to celebrate and glorify Sri Rama. This two day program is free and open to all.

BADARIKASHRAMA DIARY

Om Sri Ganeshaya Namah. The new year began with the blessings of a Sri Ganesha homa on Wednesday, Jan. 1st . Swami Omkaranandaji led the homa, inspiring everyone to join in the mantra recitation. After the aaratri Dr. Rajeev Verma, a resident of Fresno CA, presented a New Year's message based on the teachings of Shrimad Bhagavad Gita. His practical approach, humor and ability to connect with the audience left everyone inspired.

The annual Sri Akhanda Ramayana recitation began Saturday, Jan. 4th and concluded Jan. 5th. For nearly 30 consecutive hours devotees from all over the Bay Area joined in Badarikashrama to sing and chant the entire Sri Ramacharitamansa of Goswami Tulsidas. Many groups led the recitation with beautiful melodies. As the program drew to an end there was a tremendous feeling peace and joy.



Sri Ganesha Homa

The month of January continued with another grand celebration. On Sunday the 12th was Swami Vivekananda Jayanthi. The program began at 2:30 pm with an excellent talk on 'the legacy of Swami Vivekananda in modern life' by Swami Prasannatmanandaji Maharaj, director of the Berkeley Vedanta Society. Rita



Sri Akhanda Ramayana Recitation

Sahai and her students presented a melodious concert to conclude the program. On Tues. the 14th, a Sri Rudra Abhisheka puja was conducted for Makara Sankranti, a festival that celebrates the harvest sea-



Sri Akhanda Ramayana Recitation

son, also symbolizing the changing of the seasons. A Sri Satyanarayana puja was performed on Sunday the 19th. The final service of January was held on Sunday the 26th with an enlightening talk on the

Shrimad Bhagavad Gita by Subita Sudershana. With joyful anticipation, children gathered in the mandir for the annual Sri Saraswathi puja on Sat. February 1st. Organized by Sima Chakraborty and friends, this puja is dedicated for the blessings of the children.



Sri Saraswathi Puja

Gunguru's (sacred anklets for dancers), books, instruments, etc. were placed before the altar to be blessed by Devi Saraswathi, the goddess of art and learning. Following the puja were a veena and bharatanatyam dance performance. Sunday Feb. 2nd, artists throughout the Bay Area performed Canatic music for our annual Hari Dasa Day. Music filled the air, the ashrama brimming with the spark



Sri Saraswathi Puja Bharatanatyam Performance

of devotion. The Haridasa movement was a devotional movement that originated in Karnataka in the 13th and 14th centuries. The movement's goal was to spread the Dvaita philosophy of Madhvacharya through literature, music, and social change. Composers included Purandaradasa, Kanakadas and Vyastirta to name a few.



Hari Dasa Day Performance

On Sunday the 9th a Sri Satyanarayana puja was performed, the resounding chants of Om Namō Narayana fill the mandir. Swami Omkaranandaji led the puja, inspiring everyone to awaken their hearts to devotion. The monthly full moon Sri Satyanarayana puja was held on Wed. the 12th at 7pm with many families in attendance.



Hari Dasa Day Performance

The following Sunday was group recitation of Sri Ramanama Sankirtana and meditation. The monthly Srimad Bhagavad Gita talk was observed on Sunday the 23rd. Dr. Rajeev Verma spoke on “The Powers of God’s Name.” He emphasised that this human birth is a gift. For peace and protection for this human birth we must cultivate shraddha and faith. If we believe the love of God is important and illuminating our mind important than we take to repeating God’s name. Dr. Verma’s talk was well received for its simplicity and practicality, a hallmark of his presentations on the Bhagavad Gita.



Dr. Rajeev Verma

The month of February concluded with a Maha Sivaratri celebration on Wed. the 26th from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. A Sri Rudra Abhisheka puja was led by Swami Vishnumayanandaji. The mandir was packed with devotees. Everyone offered milk on the shiva linga as Swami Omkaranandaji led group chanting of Om Namah Shivaya. Following the puja were excellent bhajans by students of the late Nagaraj Patil followed by Sandhya Shankar, accompanied by Swasti Pandey on harmonium and Amman on tabla. Bharati Bhakta and friends joyful sang until 12 midnight. The program concluded with a siva puja and aarathi. May Lord Shiva bless all with health, happiness, peace and prosperity.

Calendar of Events 2025

March	Timings	Upcoming Programs
Sat. 8th	5:30 p.m.	Mataki Chowki (Krishna Kirtan Group)
Sun. 9th	11 a.m.	Sri Satyanarayana Puja
Fri. 14th	7 p.m.	Full Moon Sri Satyanarayana Puja
Sun. 16th	10:30 a.m.	Sri Sundarakanda Ramayana
Sun. 23rd	11 a.m.	Srimad Bhagavad Gita Talk
Sun. 30th	9am –1 p.m.	Mrityunjaya Japa and Homa (Makara Sankranti)
April	Timings	Upcoming Programs
Sat. 5th	6:30 p.m.	Mataki Chowki (Harjeet Mehndi)
Sun. 6th	10:30 a.m.	Sri Durga Homa (Chaitra Navaratri)
Fri. 11th	7 p.m.	Full Moon Sri Satyanarayana Puja
Sat. 12th & Sun 13th	10 a.m. – 6 p.m	Sri Ramanavami Music Festival
Sat. 19th	9:30 a.m.	Sri Hanuman Jayanti (108 x Hanuman Chalisa)
Sun. 20th	11 a.m.	Sri Ramanama Sankirtana & Meditation
Sun. 27th	11 a.m.	Srimad Bhagavad Gita Talk

Teachings of Sri Ramakrishna

Persevere In Your Search For God

"There are pearls in the deep sea, but one must hazard all to find them. If diving once does not bring you pearls, you need not therefore conclude that the sea is without them. Dive again and again. You are sure to be rewarded in the end. So is it with the finding of the Lord in this world. If your first attempt proves fruitless, do not lose heart. Persevere

Badarikashrama Next Gen. Project

Expanding into the future for the Next Generation

Goal: Expand our San Leandro Center to a larger facility. Key features include

- Prarthana Mandir • Large Parking Lot • Cultural Center • Dinning Facilities • Residential Quarters

How to make tax-deductible donation

Zelle, Venmo, Cash, Checks, Paypal and Employer Matching Funds

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Daily Schedule at San Leandro

Temple is open between the hours of 8am to 12 noon and 5pm to 7:30pm

Temple is Closed Every Thursday

Evening aarati daily- 6.30pm

Every Monday 6:30 pm: Sri Siva Puja & Aarti

Every Tuesday 6:30 pm: Sri Durga Puja & Aarti

Poornima Sri Satyanarayana Puja