



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

November & December, 2025

Om Namo Narayanaya

Sandesha

Na Me Bhakta Pranashyati

My Devotee Never Perishes



Quotes From Sri Sarada Devi

Each has to get the results of the actions he earned for this life. A pin at least, must prick where a wound from the sword was due.

Such is life: Here today, gone tomorrow! Nothing goes with one, except ones merits and demerits. Good and evil deeds follow one even after death.

There is no treasure equal to contentment and no virtue equal to fortitude.

Don't be afraid. Human birth is full of suffering and one has to endure everything patiently, taking the Name of God. None, not even God in human form can escape the sufferings of the body and mind.

You see, my son, it is not a fact that you will never face dangers. Difficulties always come, but they do not last forever. You will see that they pass away like water under a bridge.

One who makes a habit of prayer will easily overcome all difficulties and remain calm and unruffled in the midst of the trials of life.

The happiness of the world is transitory. The less you become attached to the world, the more you enjoy peace of mind.

BADARIKASHRAMA DIARY

The month of September opened with Sri Satyanarayana Puja and Kirtan on the 7th. The event marked the onset of the Mahalaya Pitrupaksha Amavasya period from September 8th to the 21st. Many families participated not only in the Puja of the 7th, but also gathered in prayer on the other days of the Pitrupaksha Amavasya period. Sunday the 14th saw the recitation of the Sundarkand Sri Ramacharitamahas authored by Sri Goswami Tulasidas. Sunday the 21st was the final day of the Mahalaya Pitrupaksha Amavasya period. The day hosted the Sri Ramanama Sankirtana & Meditation. Several devotees and their families attended the event, and offered obeisance and prayers for the peace of souls of their elders. For over 30 years, Badarikashrama has been hosting ceremonies like these, playing a yeoman role in upholding and continuing the deeply spiritual practices of Sanatana Dharma.



Navaratri Concert



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Navaratri Celebrations commenced on September 22nd. Also celebrated as Sri Durga Puja, this stretched a period from the 22nd of September, to the 2nd of October. Considered one of the holiest of festivals of Hinduism (Sanatana Dharma), this is a nine-night Hindu festival honoring the divine feminine, primarily the goddess Durga, and celebrating the victory of good over evil. Daily schedule includes a "Sri Chandi Paath" from 5 AM to 7 AM; Sri Durga Homa from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM; Sri Lalita Sahasranama Recitation, Puja and Aarti from 6:30 PM to 8 PM. Of course, there were special programs, as below! Friday, September 26th featured Mata Ki Chowki by Harjeet Mehendi and Friends, who have always delighted their fans and audiences!



Vijaya Dashami

The 27th of September hosted a music concert by Smt. Sumita Chakravarty and friends, who also happen to form the Suranjali School of Music. The Hindustani genre music performed enthralled those present in the auditorium!

The 28th of September facilitated a wonderful performance by Rakhi Nath and students, belonging to the Sarangi School of Music. The Sarangi school of Music is dedicated to teaching Indian Carnatic classi-



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cal music in its purest and the most authentic form. Rakhi and her students captivated the audience with their renditions!

Ashtami was celebrated on the 30th, the eighth day of the Navratri festival, observed in honor of the goddess Durga. It is a significant day of worship, with common rituals including fasting, performing pujas, and observing Kanya Pujan. Devotees offer prayers to Maha Gauri Maa by performing havan rites, and reciting Durga Sapatashati Paath. Badarikashramna marked this day in a special manner, as it has done during prior years, true to its commitment to spirituality and at norms and traditions of Hinduism.

October 2nd marked Vijaya Dashami Celebrations, also known as Dussehra. The day symbolizes the triumph of good over evil. It celebrates Lord Rama's defeat of the demon king Ravana, as told in the epic Ramayana. It also marks Goddess Durga's triumph over the buffalo demon Mahishasura, which concludes the Durga Puja festivities. After the Sri Durga Homa, long-time patron Smt. Illorak Jha and friends performed the Mahishasura Mardini enactment. This was followed by Aarti and Prasad.



Navaratri - Mata Ki Chowki

It is a festival with different legends and religious traditions contributing to its meaning, including the return of Lord Rama to Ayodhya and the defeat of the demon Narakasura by Krishna. The celebrations started off with a Sri Mahalakshmi Homa, followed by a Hindustani music concert by Manoj Tamhankar and family. Manoj on the harmonium and vocal, was joined in the vocals by wife Archana, and daughters Preeti and Sharwaree. Accompanying on the tabla was Gaurav Kale. The group received thunderous applause for their grand performance, bringing the month to a resounding close!



Deepawali Celebrations

October 7th marked Sharad Purnima celebrations. This also happened to be the day we celebrated Swamiji's birthday! The evening bustled with devotees in attendance for Sharad Purnima celebrations, intermingling with those visiting Swamiji to deliver birthday wishes! October 12th hosted a Srimad Bhagavad Gita talk. This day was special as the featured speaker was Devyani Biswas, a long-time devotee and patron of Badarikashrama. Devyani quoted select verses from the Bhagavad Gita and answered many questions posed by the audience.

The festival of Deepawali was celebrated on October 19th. Deepawali's significance lies in the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance, symbolized by the lighting of lamps.

Badarikashrama thus continues in its 41st year of providing selfless service to humanity. You may be aware that we are intending to grow into a new premises: You are invited to enquire with the office and participate in the expansion project!!



Swamiji's Birthday Celebrations!

Calendar of Events 2025 / 2026

<u>Nov. 2025</u>	Timings	Upcoming Programs
Sun. 2nd	11 a.m.	Sri Satyanarayana Puja and Kirtan
Sun. 9th	10:30 a.m.	Sundarkand Recitation Sri Ramcharitamanas of Goswami Tulsidas by Swasti Pandya and Devotees
Sun. 16th	10:30 a.m.	Maha Mrityunjaya Japa and Homa
Sun. 23rd	11 a.m.	Sri Ramanama Sankirtana and Meditation
Thu, 27th	3 p.m.	Thanksgiving Dinner and Vocal Concert by Shubhangi Sakhalkar
Sun, 30th	10:30 a.m.	Srimad Bhagavad Gita Jayanti by Dr. Rajeev Verma
<u>Dec. 2025</u>		
Sun. 7th	10:30 a.m.	Samuhika Sri Satyanarayana Puja
Sun 14th	11 a.m.	Sri Sarada Devi Jayanthi. Kirtan by Sunita Rai and students. Talk by Pravarjika Anantaprana from the Vedanta Society, San Francisco
Sun. 21st	11 a.m.	Sri Ramanama Sankirtana and Meditation
Thu 25th	3 p.m.	Christmas Dinner and Music by Chandrika Pai
Sun 28th	11 a.m.	Sri Satyanarayana Puja and Kirtan
<u>Jan. 2026</u>		
Thu 1st	10:00 a.m.	New Year Celebration Sri Ganesha Homa and Music By Amit Gud: Sarod
Sat 3rd Sun 4th	9:30 a.m.	Akhanda Ramayana Sri Ramcharitamanas of Goswami Tulsidas.

Teachings of Sri Ramakrishna

"God can be realized through all paths. All religions are true. The important thing is to reach the roof. You can reach it by stone stairs or by bamboo steps or by a rope."

"When the flower blooms, the bees come of their own accord. So let the flower of your devotion bloom, and the Lord will come."

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 • Dining Facilities • Residential Quarters

How to make tax-deductible donation

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

Checks can be made to "Badarikashrama". On the "For" line, please write "Next Gen Project".

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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

Mondays 6:30 pm: Sri Siva Puja & Aarti

Tuesdays 6:30 pm: Sri Durga Puja & Aarti

Poornima Sri Satyanarayana Puja
every fullmoon