

BALAJI VANI



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**yuktāhāra-vihārasya yukta-ceṣṭasya karmasu |
yukta-svapnāvabodhasya yogo bhavati duḥkhaḥ | |**

He who is temperate in his habits of eating, sleeping, working and recreation can mitigate all material pains by practicing the yoga system.

**prāpya puṇya-kṛtām lokān uṣitvā śāśvatīḥ samāḥ |
śucīnām śrīmatām gehe yoga-bhraṣṭo 'bhijāyate | |**

The unsuccessful yogī, after many, many years of enjoyment on the planets of the pious living entities, is born into a family of righteous people, or into a family of rich aristocracy. B Gita 17-47



Peethadhipathi Jagadguru Sri Swami Nirmalanandanathiji & Sri Swami Narayanandaji

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In Month of July, many activities were performed in temple and many devotees attended various programs. Many Swamiji's visited from India to Balaji Matha, Peethadhipathi Sri Jagadguru Swami Nirmalanandanathiji and Swami Narayananda Puri honored them.

July 30th was the auspicious day of Guru Purnima. Swami Narayananda performed Satyanarayana Puja. Swami Nithyananda and Madhava Chaitanya performed at Swamiji's feet. Swami Nithyananda spoke about Swamiji's dedication, love, kindness, about his teaching's and building the Matha and Temple in US and India. Swamiji's plans to build more schools and hospitals in India. Swami Nithyanandha also requested to Swami Narayanandaji to speak about Guru Purnima occasion.

Sri Narayananda Swamiji Spoke: Guru Purnima is celebrated on the full moon day in the Hindu calendar of Ashadh (June to July). A Guru in India is a worshipped individual whose knowledge and wisdom have enlighten us in the journey of life. Guru Purnima is celebrated by conducting diverse programs and special cultural, devotee's present gifts in form of sweets and flowers to their spiritual gurus. It's an ideal time to commence spiritual lessons from a guru. A 'Puja' is kept by all spiritual aspirants of Vyasa in honor of his divine personage. By tradition, from this day the spiritual seekers begin to strengthen their spiritual 'sadhana'. Guru is the God, say the scriptures. Indeed, the 'guru' in Vedic tradition is looked upon as one no less than a God. 'Guru' is a honorific designation of a preceptor as defined and explained variously in the scriptures and ancient literary works including epics. A widely quoted Sanskrit sloka goes:

**"Guru Brahma Guru Vishnu Guru Devo Maheshwara
Guru Sakshath Parambrahma Tasmai Shri Gurave Namah"**

Guru himself is the creator, sustainer and the destroyer. He is verily the very transcendental divinity, (the timeless life-principle, which is the very essence of the creator etc.) My reverential salutations to that glorious teacher.

"Guru is Shiva sans his three eyes, Vishnu sans his four arms Brahma sans his four heads. He is parama Shiva himself in human form" ~ Brahmanda Puran.

There were gurus as well as disciples of different hues to whom references were made in scriptures and literary works. The most popular legend is that of the amazing young tribal boy Ekalavya on being rejected by the ace trainer Dronacharya, raised his statue and with great dedication practiced the art of archery and left behind Arjuna, the master archer, who actually learnt the art under the living guru. And the heartless guru asked for his thumb as guru dakshina or fees, and made him inferior before his royal disciple. From generations, they have transmitted spiritual and fundamental knowledge. They have formed the axis of ancient educational system and ancient society, and enriched various fields of learning and culture by their creative thinking. Herein lays the lasting significance of gurus and their contribution to the upliftment of mankind. Swami Narayananda said finally to all devotees to come and join the matha to learn Vedas and Upanishad's to realize god through gyana (Knowledge).

MONTHLY EVENTS

August 2nd, Sunday Sankatahara Chathurti	6:30 PM
August 7th, Friday Krittika Subramanya Abhishekam	6:00 PM
August 9th Sunday Ekadasi Rohini Ramanama Sankeertana	6:00 PM
August 11th Tuesday Trayodasi Pradosham Shiva Puja	5:30 PM
August 13th Thursday Chathurdasi / Amavasya Shiva Abhishekam	6:00 PM
August 15th Saturday Balaji Abhishekam	5:00 PM
August 16th Sunday Vishnu Sahasranama Stotram	6:00 PM
August 22nd Saturday Sundarakanda and Hanuman Chalisa	5:00 PM
August 23rd Sunday Free medical checkup: Dr. Ashok Kumar Lalitha Sahasranama Stotram	10:00 AM to 12:30 PM 6:00 PM
August 25th Tuesday Ekadasi Panduranga Abhishekam	6:30 PM
August 27th Thursday Trayodasi Pradosham Shiva Puja	5:30 PM
August 28th Friday Rig Upakarma Vara Maha Lakshmi SatyaNarayana Puja	8:00 AM 6:30 PM
August 29th Saturday Yajur Upakarma Raksha Bandhana	9:00 AM
August 30th Sunday Gayatri Japam Vasavi Abhishekam	11:00 AM
August 31st Monday Sri Raghavendra Swami Aradhana	7:00 PM

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

TEMPLE OPEN
WEEKDAYS 7:30 AM TO 1:00 PM & 4:00 PM to 8.30 PM
WEEKENDS SAT-SUN 7:30 AM to 8:30 PM

Daily Puja & Aarti

Morning	8:00 AM
Afternoon	12:30 PM
Evening	8:00 PM

Every Monday

Rudrabhishekam (Shiva Puja)	6:00 PM
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Every Tuesday

Hanumanji Puja	6:00 PM
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Every Wednesday

Vishnu Stotram	6:00 PM
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Every Thursday

Sri Sai Bhajans	7:30 PM
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Every Friday

Santoshi Mata Puja Lakshmi Puja, Lalitha Stotram & Mahaprasadam	7:00 PM
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Every Saturday

Sri Venkateshwara Suprabhatam Seva & Vishnu Stotram	8:00 AM
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Every Sunday

Yoga & Children's class by Pushpa Dhar Bhajans, Puja & Aarti	9:30 AM 7:00 PM
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Every Sankasthahara Chaturthi

Sri Ganesha Puja	7:00 PM
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Every Purnima

Sri Satyanarayana Puja	6:30 PM
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Every Amavasya

Siva Pooja	check website for time
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Third Thursday of every month

Vedic Anna Dana for India

OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of Balaji Temple is to form a Hindu Temple and Vedic Cultural Center on the Peninsula in the heart of Silicon Valley where people can come together to study and worship, regardless of our different backgrounds. Our aim is to promote the feeling of universal love and unity among all people.

We will share the ancient wisdom of the Vedas and the Upanishads (sacred texts of India) with individuals of all ages and backgrounds. We will celebrate the One Truth behind all religions: that God is One and in all of us. Our worship services are free and open to all who wish to celebrate with us. All are welcome.

Construction at 5004 N. First Street, San Jose, P.O. Box 1146, CA 95002 for landscaping and sun room will begin soon. Please donate generously to expedite this good cause.

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Peethadhipathi Sri Swami Narayananda Puri honored by Swami Nithyananda on Guru Purnima Day