

# Aríse! Awake! Stop not, tíll the goal is reached.

Aug. Sept. Oct., 2024

Om Namo Narayanaya



Na Me Bhakta Pranashyati

My Devotee Never Perishes



# Samuhika 108 Sri Satyanarayana Puja

Sunday, December 15th, 2024 10:30 a.m.

**Music By Swasti Pandey** 

The Samuhika 108 Sri Satyanarayana Swami Puja was design to bring families together, to bring prosperity, health, happiness & peace, remove planetary obstacles, and develop faith and devotion.

The 108 families and individuals sponsoring the Puja will sit for worship with kalasha provided by the temple. Those who cannot attend may sponsor by mail, and their names will be included in the prayers

We urge you all to share in this group Vedic worship. Visit www.badarikashrama.org to learn more.

#### BADARIKASHRAMA DIARY

On a beautiful August morning devotees gathered in our Lakshminarayana Mandir to sing the glories of Sri Ramanama Sankirtana, verses of the Ramayana. Sri Ramakrishna instructed us to repeat God's name, sing His glories, and keep holy company. On Sunday Aug. 11th Subita Sudershana spoke on the Srimad Bhagavad Gita along with melodious bhajans by Sargam Shah. The following weekend devotees joyfully participated in a Sri Satyanarayana puja on Sun. the 18th. The holycelebration of Sri Krishna Janmashtami took place on Sun. the 25th beginning 6pm with heart rendering kirtan by Swasti Pandey and students. Outstanding Odissi dance performances were presented by the students of Jyoti Rout. Ilora Jah accompanied by Pradosh Sarkar on tabla sang beautiful Krishna bhajans. Sumita Chakraborty and students presented a joyful performance of melodious kirtan.



Janmashtami -Swasti Pandey and students

The final performance of the evening was led by Bharati Bhakta and friends. Janmashtami concluded with a midnight Sri Krishna puja, aarati and sharing of prasad.

Reliving the joy of Krishna Janmashtami, ashrama devotee Onureena Banerjee, spoke on "Sri Krishna's Life and Lila," sharing thrilling stories of Sri Krishna's youth, from his birth to the time he killed Kamsa. Through his stories we are filled with tremendous enthusiasm to achieve our highest ideals.



Students of Guru Jyoti Rout

On Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Sri Ganesha Chowti. Ganesha represents the highest spiritual achievements, such as understanding, wisdom, and a discriminating intellect. Many families gathered to participate in a Sri Ganesha homa, joining in the mantra recitation with great zeal and eagerness. Following the homa was a wonderful concert by Anupama Chandratreya and students. They were accompanied by Shripad Torvi on tabla an Ravi Torvi on harmonium. The following day was group recitation of Sri Sundarakanada Ramayana led by Sunita Gupta and friends.

On Sunday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> Swami Omkaranandaji led a Sri Satyanarayana Puja with many families in attendance. It was soothing to the heart as devotees joined in group chanting of 'Om Namo Narayanaya'. The monthly Shrimad Bhagavad Gita talk took place on Sunday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Anupama Chandratreya & Students

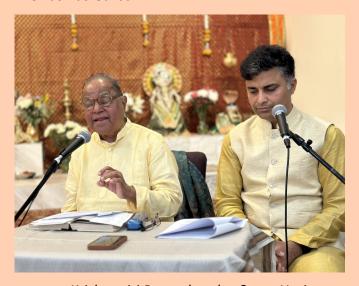
Dr. Rajeev Varma, author of "My Gita- x365" presented an excellent talk. Rajeev, a retired pediatrician says that if his teachings can be understood by the youth then it is practical for all ages. The month concluded with "Gamaka Vachana" a style of storytelling through singing, primarily originating from Karnataka, India, where a singer embellishes a poem with melodic variations (Gamakas) while emphasizing the meaning of the text, essentially "speaking" the poem through song. The program "Sri Krishna Sarathya" From Kumaravyasa Bharatha was led by Krishnagiri Ramachandra and son Hari Ramachandra. They come from a family which pioneered the Gamaka tradition. It was a sentimental program to the many Kannada families present.





Shrimad Bhagavad Gita Talks by Smt. Satya Kalra & Dr. Rajeev Varma

During Navaratri devotees lovingly prepared the ashrama to glorify Divine Mother through homas, recitations, kirtan, etc. The daily schedule began at 5 a.m. with recitation of the Sri Chandi Paath (Durga Saptashati). Group worship of the Sri Durga Homa was conducted daily from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. along with evening prayers of Lalitha Sahasranama, puja, kirtan and aarati. This daily schedule continued from Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>. Special programs included Mataki Chowki led by Harjeet Mehdni and group as well as Ras Garba.



Krishnagiri Ramachandra & son Hari

Everyone enjoyed the tranquility of the ashrama felt throughout Navaratri, the blessings of Divine Mother. It was a joy to celebrate Swami Omkaranandaji's 87<sup>th</sup> birthday during this auspicious occasion.



Navaratri Sri Durga Homa

On Sharad Purnima a full moon Sri Satyanarayana puja was conducted on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> followed by a Shrimad Bhagavad Gita talk on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. The program began with melodious kirtan by Sargam Shah followed by an excellent talk by author, Satya Kalra. Her book "My questions and God's answers – Bhagavad Gita" is used at UC Berkeley and other universities. The final service of Oct. was group singing of Sri Ramanama Sankirtana and meditation. We welcome you to participate in our upcoming holiday programs.



Celebrating Swamiji's 87th birthday

# Calendar of Events 2024–25

<u>November</u>	Timings	Upcoming Programs
Sun. 17th	11am	Sri Satyanarayana Puja
Sun 24	11 am	Sri Ramanama Sankirtana and Meditation
* Thurs. 28th	3 p.m.	Thanksgiving Celebration—Music & Intl. Veg. Dinner
<u>December</u>	Timings	Upcoming Programs
Sun. 1st	10:30 am	Sri Sundarakanda Ramayana
Sun. 8th	11 am	Shrimad Bhagavad Gita Jayanti– Talk by Dr. Rajeev Varma
Sun. 15th	10 am	Samuhika 108 Sri Satyanarayana Puja
Sun. 22nd	10:30 am	Sri Sarada Devi Jayanti Celebration—Talk and Music
* Wed. 25th	3 pm	Christmas Celebration (Concert & Dinner)
Sun. 29th	11 am	Sri Ramanama Sankirtana & Meditation
January 2025		Happy New Year!
Wed. 1st	10:30 am	New Years Day Sri Ganesha Homa and Music
Sat. & Sun 4th & 5th	Begins Sat. 9:30am	Sri Akhanda Ramayana of Goswami Tulsidas

#### **Balsamskara Classes**

Classes for children are held every Sunday at 10:30 am. Bay Area parents who want to actively participate in the cultural and spiritual education of their children conceived of the school. The curriculum includes Hindi classes, Sanskrit Mantras, and explanations of puja, rituals, symbolism of Gods and Goddesses and Indian festivals. Story telling familiarizes our children with our ancient culture and epics. Children find it a lot of fun and look forward to every session. We encourage all of you to bring your children from the ages of 5-15 to our school. Please call the Ashram staff for more information. All are welcome. Classes are Free.

#### 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

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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 every fullmoon