

# BALAJI



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Sri N. Swamiji 108 Satyanarayana Swami Puja

GANDHADVARAAM DURADHARSHAAM NITYA PUSHTAAM  
KARISHINEEM |  
EESVAREEHIM SARVABHOOTTAANAAM TAAMIHOPAHVAYE  
SRIYAM ||

I invoke the supreme Goddess Lakshmi to dwell in my home forever. She is the supreme power of protection and Goddess of all the universes. She is Mother Earth, the bestower of great contentment. Her blessings bring us the fragrance of sandalwood paste. May Ishwari be ever present in me.

MANASHAHA-KAAMAMAAKOOTIM VAACHASATYA  
MASHEMAHI |  
PASHOONAM ROOPAMANASYA MAYI SREESRAYATAAM  
YASAHA ||

May Mahalakshmi fulfill all my desires. May I attain perfection. May my words come true. May I be bestowed with cattle, wealth, food, milk and honey to share with all. May Sri Devi come to my home in the form of the eternal flame.



Devotees participating in Guru Vandana Program

## HARI OM

November began with Nagachaturthi and Subramania pulas and the second annual Guru Vandana program commemorating the Prana Charaprathishta of the Balaji and Lakshmi murthies. It was a grand 3 day puja celebration led by head priest N. Swamiji. 108 Kalashas filled with holy water were all ready in place with Sri Sathyanarayana Swamy photo on the first day Thursday, Nov. 6th when the devotees arrived to take deeksha (3 day commitment to participate in the puja). Devotees led by Mr. Rajesh and Mrs. Pragati Kamath and family, sang bhajans, prayed and performed punyavachanam, kalasha stapana, and red thread was tied to all taking part. On the 2nd day, Friday Nov. 7th, devotees performed Samuhik Sri Sathyanarayana puja. After invoking Lord Ganesha, navagrahas, pancha palakas and dikpalakas, abhishekham to Sri Satyanarayana Swamy was performed while chanting Purusha suktam and Sri Suktam anda Lalitha Sahasra Nama stotram. The Satyanarayan Katha (Story of the Lord) was also explained. On the 3rd day, Sat. Nov 8, the temple opened with sounds of Sri Venkateshwara Suprabhatam (Tirupathi Balaji style). This was followed by the puja with Mr. Prabhu and Mrs. Poonam Goel and family along with the Kamath family and all devotees. Then the abhishekham for Lord Venkateshwara and Goddess Mahalakshmi was performed by priest N. Swamiji assisted by Manoj Kumar, Srikanth, Muralikrishna and Sarangaphani. The abhishekham started with pouring the holy water from all 108 Kalashas which was energized by the vibrating sounds of chanting of all the mantras for the past two days. The devotees recited Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Stotram and Sri Lalitha Sahasranama Stotram, devotional and inspiring bhajans concluding with a highly energized Panduranga Vittala bhajan by priest N. Swamiji. When the curtains opened devotees were spellbound with the glorious sight of Lord Venkateshwara and Lakshmi fully decorated with flower garlands. The two gold pendants of Sridevi and BhooDevi on Sri Venkateshwara murthys chest were shining as the rays of sunlight reflected on to them and in turn glorious light reflected onto the faces of all devotees standing mesmerized with the Lords darshan in front of them. Guru is the teacher who initiates students into the secrets of the holy scriptures or Vedas. Since the Lord is the author and knower of the Vedas, he is considered to be the Teacher or Guru in all spiritual studies. Balaji Temple celebrates the annual Guru Vandana program to rekindle our knowledge of the Vedas. Swamiji emphasized that knowledge comes from the Almighty Lord through the Guru. Accept one name or mantra from the Guru and recite it daily with your utmost devotion which will lead to Self-realization of the Lord. Swamiji also explained the meaning of the closed eyes of Lord Venkateshwara. The condition of the closed eyes is called Nimishah, the nonblinking is called Animishah. When the eyes are open, the mind is extrovert and wandering in the worldly surroundings. When man is in deep thinking or trying to remember something, he naturally closes his eyes. In the same way when you are in a state of intense contemplation of the Lord, closing your eyes helps you reach him faster. The Lord has closed his eyes to indicate that he is ever rooted in Himself and there exists nothing other than Him. Lord Venkateswara is the ultimate Guru. The new brochure for Balaji Temple was released by Mr. Prabhu and Mrs. Poonam Goel. Blue prints are ready to construct Balaji Temple at the new site in Alviso.

Friday, Nov. 26th, 2008 shanti prayers were performed for the victims of the recent violence in Bombay. Devotees were grateful for the prayer service as an opportunity to pray for peace in the world. The service was covered in the news by ABC Channel 7 San Francisco. For more information visit our website at [www.balajitemple.net](http://www.balajitemple.net) or contact us at 408-203-1036.

--Balaji Temple board

## MONTHLY EVENTS

<b>December 3rd, Wednesday</b> Sukla Shashti Subramanya Puja	7:00 PM
<b>December 7th, Sunday</b> Divya Sri Ramanama Sankirtan	7:00 PM
<b>December 8th, Monday</b> Moksha Ekadashi	7:00 PM
<b>December 11th, Thursday</b> Satyanarayana Swami Puja (Datta Jayanti)	6:30 PM
<b>December 14th, Sunday</b> Vishnu Sahasranama Valli Puja	7:00 PM
<b>December 15th, Monday</b> Sankata Hara Chaturthi	7:00 PM
<b>December 18th, Thursday</b> Margasiram Mahalakshmi Abhishekam	6:30 PM
<b>December 20th, Saturday</b> Sri Venkateswara Suprabatha and Abhishekam 8:00 AM	
<b>December 26th, Friday</b> Sri Hanuman Jayanti Sundar Khand, Hanuman Chalisha & Devi Puja	6:30 PM
<b>December 28th, Sunday</b> Lalitha Sahsranamavalli Puja	7:00 PM
<b>January 1st, Thursday</b> New Years Sri Ganesh Abhishekam & Archana for all day	8:30 AM
<b>January 2nd, Friday</b> Devi Puja	6:30 PM
<b>January 4th, Sunday</b> Sri Lalitha Stotram Puja	7:00 PM

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Temple open daily from 8.00 am to 9.00 pm

### Daily Puja & Aarti

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

### Every Monday

Rudrabhishekam (Shiva Puja)	7:00 PM
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### Every Tuesday

Hanumanji Puja	7:00 PM
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### Every Wednesday

Meditation	7:30 PM
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### Every Thursday

Shri Sai Bhajans	7:30 PM
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### Every Friday

Santoshimata Puja	7:00 PM
Lakshmi Puja, Lalitha Stotram & Mahaprasadam	

### Every Saturday

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

Yoga & Childrens class by Pushpa Dhar	9:30 AM
Bhajans, Puja & Aarti	7:00 PM

### 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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### Third Thursday of every month

Homeless feeding service

## **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 service are free and open to all who wish to celebrate with us. All are welcome.

We have acquired land at **P.O. Box 1146, 5004 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95002** to construct our new temple. Construction to begin soon. Your generosity will expedite this good cause.

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Mr. Prabhu & Mrs. Poonam Goel launch new Temple Brochure