



# Sai Dharmam

## Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centre of Cooksville

### Swami's Birthday

Some years passed and Easwaramma longed for another son. She prayed to the village gods, performed Sathyanarayana Puja and observed several rigorous vows. One day, an extraordinary incident occurred that indicated the descent of the divine into her womb. Easwaramma had gone to the village well to draw water. There, she noticed a strange bluish glow that transformed itself into a luminous orb. The ball of light then glided towards her and entered her womb. Shortly thereafter, to the joy of her family, Easwaramma found herself in the family way.

After a while, mysterious indications of the impending incarnation occurred in Pedda Venkama's house. For example, the tambura twanging automatically, and the maddala beating rhythmically as if an expert hand was playing on it! One shastri (Vedic scholar), whom Pedda Venkama Raju approached for an explanation, said that it was an

auspicious occurrence: it meant the presence of a Shakthi, a beneficent Power, conferring harmony, spiritual elevation and joy. 23rd of November 1926; the Hindu year of Akshaya meaning, 'the never-declining, the ever-full'. It was the time of sunrise and the villagers were chanting the names of Lord Shiva, remembering that the day was still Karthika Somavara. That day was made even more auspicious for Shiva worship because the ascendant star was Ardra. (cont'd on page 2)



Easwaramma had just finished her Sathyanarayana Puja in accordance with her vows, for, even while she was going through the final rituals, the pangs forewarned her. When Easwaramma announced the cramps, word was sent to her mother-in-law who was also performing Sathya Narayana puja at priest house, the messenger urged her to return; but she was so confident of the grace of Lord

Sathyanarayana, so steadfast in her devotion and sent a word that she would bring with her the sacred offerings after the puja. She finished the entire ritual with full concentration, came home and gave her daughter-in-law the flowers and the sacred water. Easwaramma partook of the blessings of the Lord. Next moment, the Lord was born, and the Sun rose above the horizon!

## Swami's Discourse Summary

### A Birthday Offering of Unity, Purity, and Divinity

For Baba's 90<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary, Radio Sai put together an article containing excerpts from His 50<sup>th</sup> birthday discourse. The excerpts taken, beautifully summarize the meaning of His birth and how it should be celebrated at both an individual level and as a global community. The full article can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2p3fIRz>



Baba said, "to deliver the pious and to annihilate the evil" is the reason that an avatar is born on Earth every so often. However, our ego and ignorance take the best of us. Hindus tell Mohammedans that what is written in the Vedas is superior to what is in the Quran, Mohammedans tell Christians that the Quran is superior to the Bible because it is the more current word of God. Even us Sai devotees develop a liking towards the traditions we have developed and view them as superior. Baba says that in fact, the content

of all the religious texts are the same. It is different only in practice. Therefore, we must develop a universal unity "to promote brotherhood of man and fatherhood of God."

In another part of Baba's discourse, He explains the importance of time. We have been born into a society that has political, environmental, social, and technological facets. Being on a path to find the divine in ourselves does not mean we must remove ourselves from the world and focus solely on the Divine – this is useless and purposeless. Baba says to instead not waste time and that we must sanctify time for social service that will bring fulfillment to our lives.

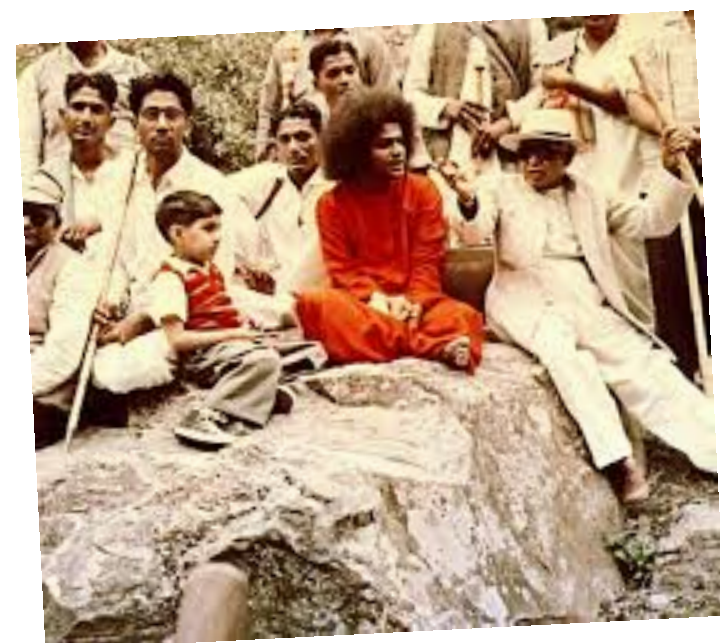
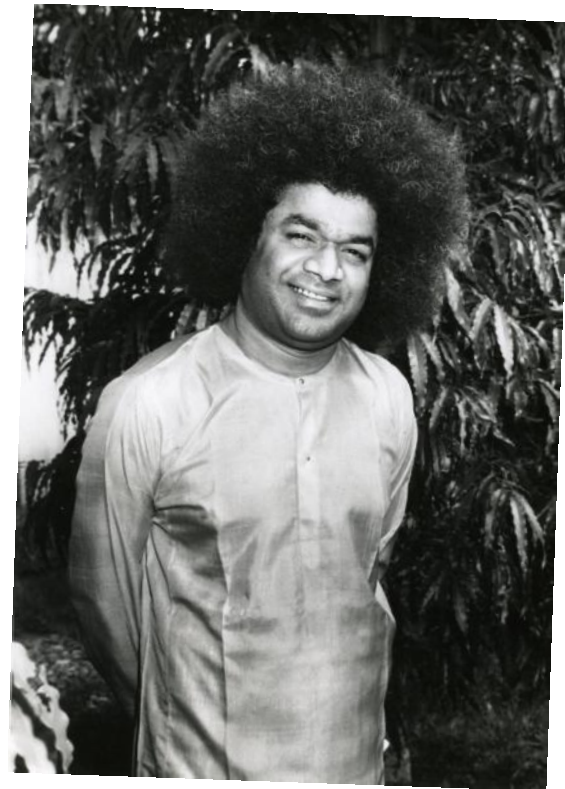
The Radio Sai authors of this article remind us to celebrate Baba's birthday as He considers His birthday worth celebrating. We celebrate His presence in our lives and the fortune we have to be in His fold. As a true expression of gratitude, we must align ourselves to His message – promote unity and love in the world and actively participate in the society we were born in with the values He has given us.

## Why Are You Here?

In December/January 2009, I decided to travel to Prashanthi, as was my habit to spend my Christmas holidays basking in his presence. One morning, Swami came for darshan in his Silver Toyota, and as he made one round, the van proceeded out of the centre gates between the men's and ladies sides. Swami was gone for the rest of darshan. After bhajans ended, I proceeded to take a walk to the Chitravati river, one of my favourite spots. I sat there for about an hour, enjoying the peacefulness that one can only experience in Puttaparthi. I re-entered the ashram through the Ganesha Gates, and walked around the back of the Sai Kulwanth Hall. Not knowing if Swami had returned, I secretly hoped to catch a glimpse of Him. As I rounded the back of the darshan Hall, suddenly the doors to the Gopuram Gate flew open, and in a rush of excitement, the Seva Dals came running and pulled a rope, blocking anyone from passing along the path where I could only guess Swami was about to re-enter!

Coincidentally, I ended up on the opposite side of the Seva Dal's rope, and not knowing what to do, I instinctively dropped to my knees and clasped my hands, in anticipation of My Swami. As the car turned through the majestic Blue gates, I realized Swami's window was going down! My heart began to race, and tears immediately began flowing down my face. As the car approached, Swami signalled for the driver to stop, and immediately he looked at me directly in my eyes. "From where have you come?" Swami asked. I replied "Swami, I came from Toronto." Swami smiled. "Why are you here?" He asked, with a twinkle in his eye. "Swami, I came for your darshan. I come every year!" I hesitantly responded. "Yes, but WHY are you here?" Swami persisted. "Swami, I wanted to

enjoy being in Prashanthi and I wanted to catch a glimpse of you!" I replied, more confident this time. "No my boy, you are here because I want you to be here! You will ALWAYS be where you are supposed to be! Remember!" Swami whispered, pointing to his head. At this, Swami's window started going up, and the car began to move again. His words, although brief, have had a lasting impact on my life. I constantly find myself asking why I am in a particular predicament, or why certain things are happening in my life. Each time I ask myself these questions, I suddenly hear his words echo again!





Happy Birthday to All!!!

"My birthday is the date when divinity blossoms in your heart". Bhagawan Sathya Sai Baba



On June 9, 1974, Bhagawan declared that God lives in the heart of every human being. This leads us to the question: is Baba in human form the miracle, or is the miracle that we are all God? The real miracles are not the projects and witnessed miracles which Baba carries out, but this: With Love, Man is God! Swami will help us find our Divine Selves, no matter what is happening in the world.

Wondering what will we give Swami for his 94th Birthday? Perhaps we can give up a bad habit or take on a good habit? Whatever the change is, it must be done with love and gratitude for Swami, in thanks for all the good things we have!

The 94rd birthday celebrations for our Divine Lord have begun! The SSE children are working hard on the play "End of Education is Character" with the Gurus and the Volunteers which they will be offering to Bhagawan on Saturday November 30, 2019 at Port Credit Secondary School. We request all the members, including the parents, family and friends volunteer to support this.

Thursday, October 20, Prashanthi has celebrated the annual Avatar Declaration Day. It is on this historically significant day in the year 1940 that the young lad Sathyanarayana Raju revealed to the world His Divine identity and the glorious mission on which He had come.

Before the Swami's birthday, every year all over the world, devotees celebrate Global Akhanda Bhajans singing Swami's glory and this year it is on Saturday Nov. 9th, 2019 between 6pm to 8pm at Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centre of Cooksville and later will be joining Regional Global Akhanda Bhajan at York Sai Centre for 24 hours until 6pm of Sunday Nov. 10th, 2019.

November 19th is a "Ladies Day" as declared by Swami and our sisters will be celebrating it on Tuesday Nov. 19th, 2019 at the Centre in the evening hours between 7pm to 9pm.

Bhagawan's Birthday celebrations is on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at our center. Runs in two sessions. Morning session starts at 5.30am with Nagarsankirthana, Veda chanting and bhajans followed by prasadam, ends at 7.30am. Evening session is between 6pm to 8.30pm, starts with Veda chanting followed by "Medley Musical Program" by Young adults/SSE children, speech by guest speaker Dr. Revathi Channabathni, principal from Sri Sathya Sai School, Scarborough and the birthday bhajans. We request all to bring the Likhita Japam sheets on this day and we will surrender it at the lotus feet of our dear lord Swami as a token of our gratitude's on this auspicious day. Special Narayana Seva by food coordinator is performed serving the food to home-less people at food shelters and the Centre is opened all-through on this auspicious day. We request all to bring Non-Perishable food on this day in support of achieving this year's target of 2019 pounds.



More details will follow soon through email and posted on notice board and announced during Thursday Bhajans at the Centre. We Welcome All and appreciate, if you could bring family and friends together and be a part of these blissful moments.

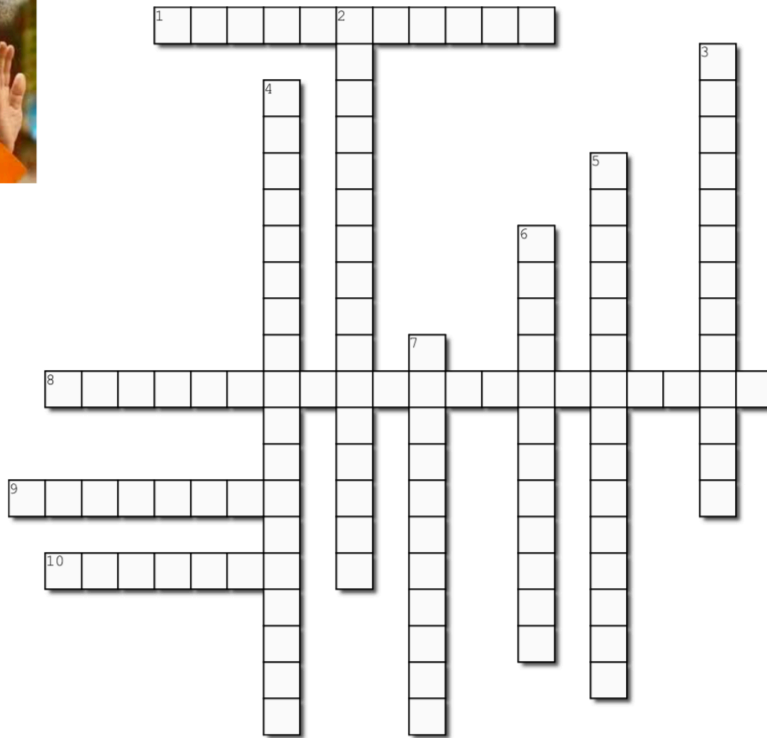
Thanking you all sincerely for your kind support and loving from the bottom of our heart.

Sairam!

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## Sri Sathya Sai Baba



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### Horizontal

1. Place of birth
8. Childhood name
9. Month He was born in
10. Flowers He threw when he became Sai Baba

### Vertical

2. Father's name
3. One of the 3 projects
4. One of Swami's quotes
5. First bhajan sung
6. Sathya, Dharma, Shanthi, Prema, Ahimsa
7. Mother's name

## Bhajan

Manasa Bhaja Rey Guru Charanam

Dustara Bhava Sagara Taranam

Guru Maharaj Guru Jai Jai

Sai Natha Sad Guru Jai Jai

Om Namah Shivaya Om Nama Shivaya

Om Namah Shivaya Shivaya Namah Om

Arunachala Shiva Arunachala Shiva

Arunachala Shiva Aruna Shiva Om

Om karam Bhava Om karam Bhava

Om karam Bhava Om Namu Baba

## Meaning

O Mind, without worshipping the Lotus Feet of Guru Sai Natha it is not possible to cross the ocean of life and death. Victory to the Noble Teacher, Lord Sai Natha. Chant "Om Namah Shivaya". Chant the name of Lord Shiva, Who resides in Arunachala (a sacred mountain in Southern India associated with Lord Shiva). Chant the name of Lord Baba, Whose form is Om.

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