

# SAI DHARMAM

**Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centre of Cooksville**

## Sai Trinity

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A guru to both Hindu and Muslim devotees alike, Shirdi Sai Baba was a religious figure who had lived from the mid-1800's to 1918. Shirdi Sai was always quite vague when asked about his birthplace and his origin, claiming that these facts were unimportant; therefore, it is hard to say where and when he was born. It is believed, however, that Shirdi Sai was born to a fakir and his wife in the village of Pathri. He had lived a very devotional and ascetic life; often spending hours in prayer and meditation. His teachings were based upon the fact that all religions had the same goal; he also

taught the connections or unity between the Hindu and Muslim faiths. Sai Baba was also known for his ability to create miracles, such as creating things out of thin air; much like Sathya Sai Baba. Though he had not left any written records of his teachings, he had left a strong oral legacy of teachings, which were later written down by his disciples. Shirdi Sai Baba's Samadhi is a well-known place of pilgrimage; where hundreds of devotees journey to each year. After Shirdi Sai Baba had passed away, several years later another avatar was born known as Sathya Sai Baba. He was born on

November 23rd 1926 in Puttaparthi to Meesaraganda Eashwaramma and Peddavenkama Raju Ratnakaram. He also was another form of the spiritually divine who helped spread the message of God to countless individuals all across the world. His teachings are practiced and taught till this day after he had left his physical form on April 24th 2011 due to medical implications.

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# Similarities and Unity between the Avatars

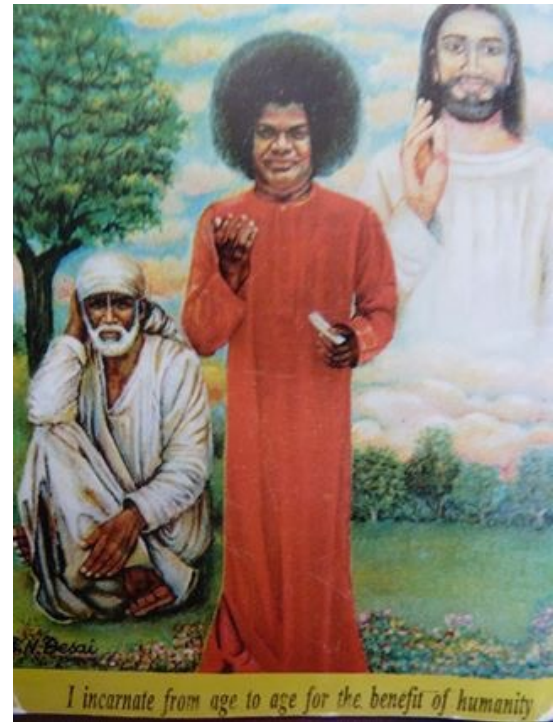
In the Bhagavad Gita it is said that whenever there is a decline in righteousness on Earth, an Avatar is born in order to uphold Dharma and raise the level of universal consciousness. This is an act of the formless God's love for his creation and wanting to make it better by setting it on the correct path.

During a discourse on Guru Purnima of 1963, Baba revealed the truth behind his birth as God in human form. He stated that he is part of a triple incarnation and explained the Shiva-Shakti principle – that Shirdi Sai Baba embodied Shiva, Sathya Sai Baba embodied Shiva and Shakti together, and Prema Sai will embody Shakti alone. While these are three physical bodies, Baba constantly reiterated the oneness of

them, as they all came and will come from the same divine body.

The work to be done on Earth at this time is so great that it was destined to be split in to three life times of Avatars. A good analogy is of a fruit. A fruit begins with a seed which grows into a tree and then only can the tree bears fruit. Likewise, Shirdi Baba incarnated to lay the foundation and plant the seed. He lived by the message that all religions are one and duty is work. Building on this, Sathya Sai Baba's message was that the same divinity in God resides in all of us. Therefore, worshipping one of God's many human forms is the same as connecting with the divinity within us. Finally, Prema Sai will promote the idea that each and every one of us not only has the same divinity as God in us

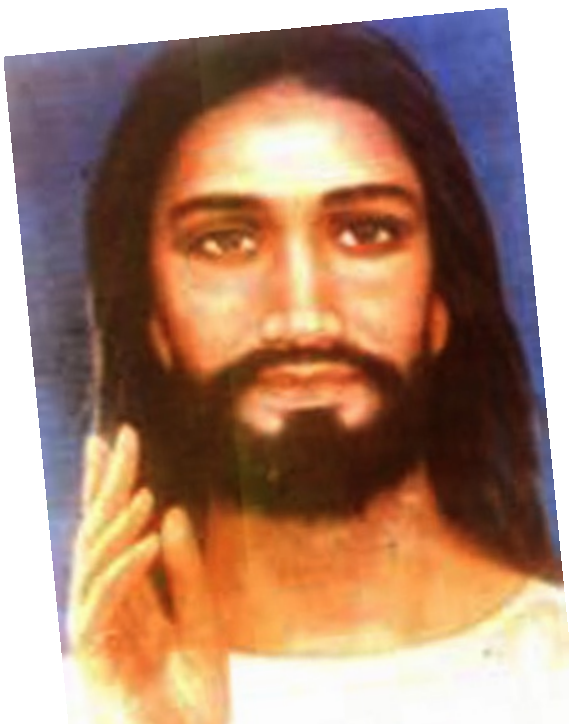
but that we are all God. This wisdom is the fruit of the tree as it will allow mankind to go to God. Together they exemplify the message of work, worship, and wisdom which is the path to self-realization.



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# Devotees Speaks

My mother, sister and I visited Puttaparthi in 2008. There were no accommodations available anywhere in Prashanti Nilayam except for the Public Dormitories. In the Public dormitories there are no separate rooms or bathrooms, and were divided by gender. As my father had not accompanied us, I was by myself in the male dormitory surrounded by strangers, most of whom were much older than me. Having grown up hearing the horror stories about how some people in India took advantage of unaccompanied minors by causing them physical and material harm I was quite upset with my mother for putting me in such an uncomfortable situation. My mother had told me, "You are in the abode of Mother Sai. You are a thousand times safer here than you are with me or your father." Those words did not assure me. That night, I had trouble falling asleep due to fear coupled with the loud snoring from the men around me. I managed to fall asleep somewhere around midnight. I awoke some time later to some shouting and

a few older uncles standing above me with large sticks in their hand. Looking at the large sticks I began to scream in fear. One of the uncles dropped the stick in his hand and pointed at the ground where a rat, the size of a large boot lay dead. The uncle explained that he had awakened a few minutes earlier to see the rat slithering towards my face. He gathered some of the other uncles and some sticks quickly before the rat hurt me. They had tried to do it quietly as to not wake me up but the rat had given them some trouble. Once I had calmed down, he further explained that he had never woken up in the middle of the night before in his life and that Baba must have woken him up to protect me. Since that incident, no matter where I am, I never worry about my safety. I realized then that my mother was right. Swami would always find a way to protect me, no matter what. Ever since, that thought has inspired me to have complete faith in Swami and to always face any obstacles in my path with confidence and determination.

## President's Message

Happy Birthday to All!!!

"My birthday is the date when divinity blossoms in your heart".

Bhagawan Sathya Sai Baba

**With Love, Man is God!**

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.

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

The 93rd birthday celebrations for our Divine Lord have begun! The SSE children are working hard on the play "SAI TRINITY" which they will be offering on Sunday November 25, 2018. We request that all members, including the parents, volunteers for their support.

Birthday celebrations is on Friday, November 23, 2018 from 6:00am to 9:00am in the morning and in the evening between 6:00pm to 9:00pm at our Center. Flyer with more details will be distributed during center bhajans.

What will we give Swami for his 93<sup>th</sup> 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.

[November 10th & 11th, 2018 is the Global Akhanda Bhajan. We will be celebrating Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at our Center. We welcome all to join us and sing for world peace. November 19th Monday Lady's day celebration by Lady's wing. More information will be given at center bhajans.](#)

# Sai Trinity

(Continued from page 1) Baba was an incredible individual who touched the hearts of many and led multiple organizations to do seva for the community to help spread the word of love and unity. He is well known for the promises he fulfilled on behalf of his mother to construct a university's and schools for those who needed education but did not have the means to, hospitals for the unfortunate and a clean water supply for his, and surrounding villages. These projects have inspired others to continue his work and further expand, upon helping communities in other less fortunate places to ensure people are living well and healthy.

The final avatar is known as Prema Sai Baba, and not much is known about him/her whereabouts but the next incarnate will be the final spiritual form of the divine. Speculations have risen on where Prema Sai Baba will be born, but as of now, a new perspective of understanding and spreading the message of God will be passed down to further generations.

## Bhajan

### Bhajan

Easwamma Priya Nandana  
Sai Jaya Jaga Vandana  
Ratnakara Kula Bhushana  
Rajeeva Nayana Narayana  
Narayana Sai Narayana(2)  
Narayana Hari Narayana  
Narayana Sathya Narayana

### Meaning

The darling Son of mother Easwamma,  
Lord Sai, the victorious Lord whom the  
universe worships! The jewel of the  
Ratnakara Dynasty, O the lotus-eyed Lord  
Narayana! O Lord Sathya Sai Narayana!



## Game

B A T Y O S C S A I L A H V O  
A H W F I K Z I N E W M N Z T  
F W A Y H T A S G P B E N Y R  
W N L G P U T T A P A R T H I  
M P P T A R K U O O B P S V N  
L W F C Q W A S U L S H I U I  
J R U Q Z F A T Z U I T O K T  
I W E T B O X N A R K T Z O Y  
D R U I L L Y T D V O V N Z K  
G Y Y A D M E I Y R A Y P L B  
P T A K J C J P I R I W L B H  
T K K V Q W Z H X B P F B F S  
K K U J O P L V E A Q A N O J  
K E O W H F H F D N F I E K Y  
C F I E A B D W P P E Z Q P G

AVATAR  
BHAGAWAN  
PREMA  
PUTTAPARTHI  
SATHYA  
SHIRDI  
TRINITY