



A Cordial Invitation to Attend

THE 8TH ANNUAL SHRI RUDRABHISHEKAM AND CHANDI HOMA



Saturday, August 7, 2010

10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 8, 2010

9:00 a.m.— 12:30 p.m.

at

The Sambodh Aranya

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A Message from SWAMI BODHANANDA SARAWSATI

LORD SHIVA and His consort Devi are the patron deities of Sambodh Aranya and Sambodh Center for Human Excellence. The union of **Shiva** (Consciousness) and **Shakti** (Energy) gives birth to and sustains this universe of beings and events.



Since the Vedic times it has been a practice to perform rituals to propitiate Shiva and Shakti for world peace, prosperity, and spiritual well-being. When human efforts are found wanting, divine intervention is sought. By propitiating these deities we, in turn, balance our wishes and drives with cosmic energies and are nourished and protected. Rituals work to bring inner peace and bliss along with outer prosperity and harmony.

Hindus developed many forms of rituals to propitiate different deities, the most important being **Ganesha**, **Lakshmi**, **Shiva**, **Surya** and **Vishnu**. The **Santana-gopala** and **Sudarshana** homas address Lord Vishnu, the former for obtaining children and the latter for overcoming enemies. The **Ganesha homa** removes hurdles in our pursuits and **Lakshmi homa** confers wealth and success in our endeavors. The **Navagraha homa** protects one from evil eyes (jealousy) and malevolent planets (forces outside our control). The **Gayatri homa** is for development of intellect and for the cultivation of positive values in children.

The main rituals are the **Rudrabhishekam** and **Chandi Homa**. Various substances are offered to Lord Shiva, to cool his spiritual tejas, persuading Him to open His third eye of wisdom and bless His devotees. For the ardent Shiva devotee this ritual is a most auspicious event. Ultimately, the grace we seek from Shiva-Shakti is liberation from worldly desires and sorrow. The **Chandi Homa** invokes the energizing power of Shiva. Chandi guarantees all prosperity and material well-being and graces the seeker with smooth spiritual progress. **Together, these two most celebrated Vedic rituals not only purify the participants but bestow upon the devotee all success, health, happiness, and, ultimately, final release from worldly thralldom.**

“My blessings and love to all”

Swami Bodhananda



PROGRAM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2010

TEA / SNACKS 9:00 A.M.

PUJAS 10:00 A.M.

- ♦ Sankalpa, Ganapati Puja
- ♦ Punyaha Vachana - Purification Rituals
- ♦ Ritwik Varana - Appointment of Priests
- ♦ Procession and Installation - Pillars & Flags

HOMAS 11:00 A.M.

1. Agnisthapana
2. Mahaganapati Homa
3. Navagraha Homa

PRASADAM / LUNCH 12:30 P.M.

HOMAS 2:00 – 5:00 P.M. (performed separately)

- 2:00:** Mahalakshmi Homa **2:30:** Sudarshana Homa
2:45: Santana Gopal Homa **3:00:** Gayatri Homa
3:30: Closing Rituals & Arati

BREAK / SNACKS 5:00 P.M.

CULTURAL PROGRAM 5:30 – 6:30 P.M.

- ♦ Veena Recital by Smt. Usha Aswath and Sri Kiran Vangipuram, Mrundangam
- ♦ Vocal Performance by Bommanan Aswath
- ♦ Shiva Purana, by Cybelle Shattuck
- ♦ Group chanting of Om Namah Shivaya

DINNER 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2010

PUJAS 9:00 A.M. Sankalpa and Ganapati Puja

BREAK / SNACKS 9:45 A.M.

**MAHARUDRABHISHEKAM 10:15 A.M.
and ANULINGAM**

CHANDI HOMA 11:15 A.M. with **LALITA SAHASRANAMA ARCHANA** (1008 Names of the Goddess Lalita)

CONCLUDING RITUALS 12:00 NOON

- ♦ Rituals & Arati
- ♦ Swamiji's Blessings
- ♦ Acharya & Ritwik Dakshina Dana
- ♦ Agni and Devata Visarjana

PRASADAM / LUNCH 12:30 P.M.

 **PUJAS/HOMAS**
SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

10:00 am Sankalpa, Ganapati Puja

**10:15 am Punya Vachana –
Purification Rituals**

**10:30 am Ritwik Varna –
Appointment of Priests**

**10:45 am Procession & Installation of
Pillars & Flags**

11:00 am Agnisthapna

**11:30 pm Mahaganapati Homa
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For removing obstacles in one's path during any under-taking, whether material or spiritual gain.

**12:00 Noon Navagraha Homa
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For enhancing the desired positive influences of planets like Jupiter and the star Sun, and mitigating the undesirable effects of planets like Shani, Mangala, Rahu and Ketu.

**2:00 pm Mahalakshmi Puja & Homa
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For those desirous of increasing their material wealth and success in business.

 **PUJAS/HOMAS**
SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

**2:30 pm Sudarshana Homa
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Performed to publish any task successfully, for prosperity, removal of negative energies and for healing of body and mind.

**2:45 pm Santana Gopal Homa
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Santana Gopal mantra and homa is a prayer to Lord Krishna for having virtuous children.

**3:00 pm Gayatri Homa for Students
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Performed to gain emotional maturity and development of intellect, memory power, concentration and analytical thinking, mental stability, and spiritual upliftment. Especially beneficial for students of all ages.

**Sunday,
August 8th
11:15 am Chandi Homa & Lalita
Sahasranama
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The purpose of Chandi homa is to remove any obstacles or blocks in growth for an individual or a group and to remove suffering caused by hostile elements, removal of evil planetary influences, for health, wealth and prosperity.

PUJAS/HOMAS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 8
SANKALPA & GANAPATI PUJA
10:00 A.M.



SAMBODH ARANYA SHIVA

SHRI RUDRABHISHEKAM
HOMA
10:15 A.M.

The **Shiva and Shakti** rituals together bestow the abundant blessings of our Universal parents, spiritual devotion and final liberation. They wash away all sins and afflictions; bring peace, prosperity and happiness along with family togetherness. **\$1001 Sponsorship**

ANULINGAM
11:00 A.M.

We install the small 'thumb-sized' *lingas* on the '*Sarvatobhadra Mandala*,' a mystic diagram representing the universe. This homa invites conditions that free the devotee from danger, both from within and without, allowing one's actions to flourish and bear fruit (auspiciousness). **\$101 Sponsorship**

CHANDI HOMA & LALITA
SAHASRANAM ARCHANA
11:15 A.M.

Homa and Chanting 1008 Names of Goddess Lalita. **\$1001 Sponsorship**