



PROGRAM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

TEA & SNACKS - 8:00 a.m.

PUJAS 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

1. Preliminaries, Sankalpa, Ganapati Puja
2. Punyaha Vachana - Purification Rituals
3. Procession and Installation of Pillars & Flags

HOMAS 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

1. Agnisthapana
2. Mahaganapati Homa
3. Mahalakshmi Homa
4. Hanuman Homa

PRASADAM - LUNCH 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

HOMAS - 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

1. Ritwik Varanam
2. Sudarshana Homa
3. Dhanvantari Homa
4. Parvati Kalyan Mantra Homa
5. Navagraha Homa
6. Closing Rituals and Arati

BREAK & SNACKS 5:00 p.m.

CULTURAL PROGRAM 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Children's Program: Columbus Children Group

Vocal Performance: Shrimati Usha Aswath, Sambodh Shiva Kirtis (Her own compositions for this occasion)

Veena Recital: Shrimati Usha Aswath

Vocal Performance: Nirmala Kumar

Spiritual Discourse: Swami Bodhananda Saraswati

DINNER 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

PUJAS AND HOMAS 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Preliminaries, Sankalpa, Ganapati Puja

9:45 a.m. Break/Snacks

10:15 a.m. Laghu Chandi

10:30 a.m. Chandi Homa

11:00 a.m. Anu Lingam

11:15 a.m. Maha Rudrabhishekam

12:30 P.M. Closing Rituals and Arati

Swamiji's Blessings

Announcements

Saraswati Puja, Brahman Puja,

Dakshina Danam, Sarva Devata Visarjan

1:00 p.m. PRASADAM (Lunch)



Swami Bodhananda Saraswati
Spiritual Director and Founder
The Sambodh Society, Inc.



Sambodh Center for Human Excellence

In the quiet woodlands of Kalamazoo, MI, Sambodh Center for Human Excellence (SCHE) is quietly emerging as a major facility in the United States for the teaching of Vedanta, Meditation, Ayurveda and Yoga fostered by the Dharmic vision: the unity of all, and the unity of all spiritual paths. SCHE serves as the headquarters of The Sambodh Society, Inc. and is maintained by devotees, donors and friends.

Under the inspired leadership of Swami Bodhananda, Sambodh Society and SCHE aspire to nurture a community of spiritual seekers who 1) work selflessly for the spiritual uplift of humanity; 2) learn from the best of both Eastern and Western traditions; and, 3) are steeped in Vedanta, a vision which sees the world as one family and that all paths lead to the same Truth.

Spreading the message of Vedanta and universal wisdom, Swami Bodhananda makes annual visits to devotees in Michigan's major cities and numerous other U.S. locations, including: New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Connecticut, San Antonio, Chicago, Atlanta, San Francisco, Dallas, Los Angeles, Houston, Seattle and Jamaica.

The Sambodh Society, Inc. seeks your generous support and enthusiastic involvement - physically, materially and spiritually - for maximum success of this spiritual endeavor begun by Swamiji. Along with your participation in Sambodh activities and the annual *yadnya* venerating *Sambodh Aranya Shiva*, we request your help in passing along the news of Sambodh to your friends and acquaintances. Help us to arrange new venues for Swamiji's programs. With your prayers, participation, good will and support, the Sambodh mission will flourish to benefit humanity.



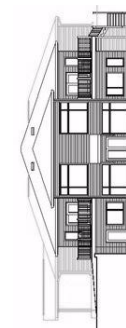
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A Cordial Invitation to attend the
**10TH ANNUAL
SHRI MAHA
RUDRABHISHEKAM**
AND
CHANDI HOMA

Saturday, August 4, 2012
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Cultural Program
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 5, 2012
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Venue

The Sambodh Aranya
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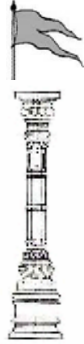
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SAT, AUG 4
PRELIMINARIES
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Preliminaries, Sankalpa, and
Ganapati Pooja
Punya Vachana:
Purification Rituals



**Pillars and Flags
Installation**

Sponsorship \$101 each
Installing sixteen pillars and flags around the yadnyashala with the invocation of a Dikpala, protector deity for that direction. Performed to protect the sacred grounds and the devotees from any dangers around them for trouble-free performance of the rituals and to protect their homes.

PUJAS AND HOMAS
10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.



Mahaganapati Homa
Sponsorship: \$251

For removing obstacles in one's path during any undertaking, whether material or spiritual gain.



Mahalakshmi Homa
Sponsorship: \$501

Mahalakshmi Homa is performed to receive the blessings of Goddess Lakshmi, who is Goddess of wealth, to achieve prosperity in this material world.



Hanuman Homa
Sponsorship: \$501

Hanuman Homa is done for protection from enemies, misfortunes, evil eye and other malevolent forces. The chanting bestows on the devotee qualities like intelligence, strength, character, courage, fearlessness, youthful health, alertness and communication skills.

SAT, AUG 4
PUJAS AND HOMAS
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.



Ritwik Varanam

Ceremonial Offering of
Clothes to the Priests



Sudarshana Homa
Sponsorship: \$501

Sudarshana Chakra is the weapon of Lord Vishnu which the Lord uses to protect His devotees. Sudarshana Homa is performed to receive this protection and overcoming enemies.



Dhanvantari Homa
Sponsorship: \$251

Dhanvantari is the physician of Gods. Dhanvantari Homa is performed to rid oneself of all physical afflictions and to attain good health.



**Parvati Kalyan
Mantra Homa**
Sponsorship: \$501

Parvati, the consort of Lord Shiva, was single-mindedly devoted to Shiva. For obtaining a husband (or a wife) of one's desire.



Navagraha Homa
Sponsorship: \$251

For enhancing the desired positive influences of planets like Jupiter and the Sun, and mitigating the undesirable effects of planets like Shani, Mangala, Rahu and Ketu.

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SWAMI BODHANANDA'S MESSAGE

LORD SHIVA and His consort Devi are the patron deities of Sambodh Aranya and the Sambodh Center for Human Excellence. The union of **Shiva (Consciousness)** and **Shakti (Energy)** gives birth to and sustains this universe of beings and events. Shiva without Shakti has no drive, and Shakti without Shiva has no direction. Together Shiva and Shakti superintend the world's affairs. To quote Kalidasa, the poet, "*Jagada Pitarau Vande Parvati Paramesvarau*" - "We salute the cosmic parents, Paramesvara and Parvati."

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. This is the whole rationale of a sacrifice. Thus, rituals work both spiritually and materially, bringing inner peace and bliss along with outer prosperity and harmony. Those who believe in a higher power controlling human destiny accept the Vedic injunctions to perform rituals for satisfying human needs and fulfilling human destiny.

HINDUS DEVELOPED many forms of rituals over a period of time to propitiate different deities, the most important being **Ganesha, Lakshmi, Shiva, Surya, Vishnu** and **Hanuman**. The **Ganesha Homa** removes hurdles in our pursuits, and the **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 **Sudarshana** and **Dhanvantari Homas** are addressed to Lord Vishnu, the former for overcoming enemies and the latter for good health. The **Parvati Kalyan Homa** is performed for obtaining a husband or a wife of one's desire.

THE RUDRABHISHEKAM AND CHANDI HOMA are the main events of our **August 4-5, 2012** program. Various substances valuable to human sustenance 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, when we realize the purpose of our existence, the grace we seek from Shiva-Shakti is liberation from worldly desires and sorrow.

THE CHANDI HOMA invokes the energizing power of Shiva. Chandī 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.**

New This Year

There will opportunities to have your photographs taken during the Rudrabhishekam and with Swamiji this year. Depending upon the size and finish of the photographs, the cost will be between \$25 and \$75. A substantial portion of this income will be used for mortgage reduction. Please check details and sign up at the registration desk upon arrival.

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PUJAS AND HOMAS
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Preliminaries, Sankalpa,
and Ganapati Puja

Laghu Chandi Homa
10:15 a.m. Sponsorship: \$101

Chandi Homa
with Shodashakshari Mantra
10:30 a.m. Sponsorship: \$1001

Anu Lingam
11:00 a.m. Sponsorship: \$101

**SHRI MAHA
RUDRABHISHEKAM**
11:15 a.m. Sponsorship: \$1001



These two Rituals are performed for the purpose of bestowing the abundant blessings of Shiva and Shakti, our Universal parents, spiritual devotion and final liberation. The Abhishekam washes away all sins and afflictions; brings peace, prosperity and happiness along with family togetherness.

