
Sarva Dharma Service Center Inc.

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Newsletter

Pranams at the lotus feet of our beloved Bhagawan, Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

June 2004

SDSC Building Progress

Electrical, Mechanical, Structural and Architectural plans are almost complete, meeting the earlier set June 15, 2004 deadline. This also includes Plumbing.

It is decided that in addition to previously planned well water, an application for city water supply, to be used for sprinklers in the building is being filed.

Trip to Parthi:

Thirty members of SDSC are traveling together to reach Parthi on July 27 and be there until August 7. Members are planning to do some service while there. All are requested to pray for the success of their trip and guidance from Svaami for Sarva Dharma Service Center.

Service opportunities

The following service opportunities are available in Howell Township:

1. Canned goods for food pantry
2. Health awareness lectures for senior citizens – Flu shots & joint replacements
3. Baby Wellness programs
4. Physician speakers for items 2 and 3 above
5. Presentation at schools: Members working in academia or pharmaceutical institutions can make



In harmony, the first rule you must follow is the control of the tongue. Do not give immediate expression to all your thoughts; select, ponder and then speak out. Speak softly, sweetly and without malice in your heart; speak as if you are addressing the Sai who resides in everyone.

...Baba

presentations at area schools to help students.

For more information and participation, please contact P.Swaminathan at saismaran@hotmail.com

CC meeting and Bimonthly bhajan

Damayanthi & Vijay Tirmal will host the meeting and Bhajan at their home on June 20, 2004. The meeting will start at 2 PM, bhajan at 4.30 PM followed by prasadam.

Contact Details:

13 Summerfield Drive,
Princeton, NJ 08540.

Ph: (732) 422-6592
email: vtirmal@yahoo.com

Directions:

From Edison Area:

Take Rt. 1 South and take an

exit for New Road and turn right.

Drive about 2 miles. 1st Traffic Light is Rt. 27. Go straight past this light. New Road Becomes Bunker Hill Road. Within 500 feet of passing that light, take 1st left on to Summerfield Drive. 7th house on the left side (last corner house, Light Grey) is #13.

From NJ Turnpike:

Take exit #9 (for New Brunswick). After toll, take Rt. 18 North to Rt. 1 South. Drive about 7 to 8 miles and take exit for New Road and turn right.

Follow the direction from Edison Area.

From South Jersey and Philadelphia:

Take I 295 N or I 95 South. Take exit 67 for Rt. 1 North towards New Brunswick. Drive about 10 to 12 miles and take an exit for New Road and make a JUG-HANDLE left turn.

Follow the direction from NJ Turnpike.

From 206 South:

Take exit for Country Road 518 East (Georgetown Franklin Tpk). Drive 4 to 5 miles, this will meet Route 27. At this light make left turn onto 27 South. Within a mile, second light make left to Bunker Hill road. First left within 1000 feet is Summerfield Drive. Last house at left is #13.

RENUNCIATION OF RAMAKRISHNA

Gadadhar, who later on became the great Ramakrishna Paramahansa, was a dull student in his school days. But he was good in remembering bhajans, kirtans and padas.

In his childhood he had promised Dhani, the wife of a blacksmith who had helped to bring him out into the world, that he would make her his alms giving 'mother'. At the age of nine when Gadadhar was invested with the sacred thread, he insisted that because it was the custom that only brahmin women should act as "mother" by giving the first alms to the brahmin boy. But Gadai insisted that it will have to be done because he had given his word to Dhani. It would be an act of untruthfulness if he did not keep it. Everyone had to agree and how happy poor Dhani felt!

After the ceremony Gadadhar became eligible to worship Raghuvira and Sitala. He loved this task and many times he was so immersed in thoughts of the Lord that he lost the awareness of the outside world. He could see God within his heart.

Ramakrishna's life is a "story of religion in practice", he was a living embodiment of Godliness and Divinity. He worshipped God as Muslim Fakir, a Christian Priest, as Rama Bhakta Hanuman; he lived on top of trees and ate

fruits. As Radha he dressed in women's clothes and lost himself in his Puran and Bhagvat Gita. He knew and believed in each religion because he had experienced each religion in this true form. From his experience he came to the conclusion that:

"No religion is less than the other. Their aim is the same. That is why it is not necessary to change your religion".

Sathya Sai Baba also says the same thing. He says, "I have not come to establish any new religion or change anyone's religion. I have come to make a Hindu a better Hindu, a Christian a better Christian and a Muslim a better Muslim".

Ramakrishna has renounced wealth completely. He would not touch money. Someone wanted to test Paramahansa and planted a two-anna coin under mattress. That night Ramakrishna could not sleep. He felt agitated and his mind became restless. He was sure it had to do with money. He got up and turned over his mattress and found the two-anna coin!

Renouncement can't be sustained if the renouncement lacks depth.

By B Shyamala Rao

SERVICE SCHEDULE AND DIRECTIONS

Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen:

18, Neilson St, New Brunswick, NJ 08901;

Ph: 732-545-9002 (Third Saturday of every month)

Schedule: June 19 and July 17, 2004

Time: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Directions to Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen, From Route 18 North (Exit 9 NJ Tpk.),

1. Pass Route 1 and go for about 1 mile, passing a traffic light
2. Make jug-handle left on Commercial Ave.
3. Make right at the next light onto George St.
4. Make next right onto Carman St.
5. Go to the end of the street and at the stop sign make a right onto Neilson Street.
6. The Kitchen is on the right at 18 Neilson St.

Sacred Heart Church in Trenton, Jointly with Sri Sathya

Sai Baba Center of East Brunswick:

343, South Broad St, Trenton, NJ 08650

(Second Sunday of each month)

Schedule: June 13 and July 11, 2004

Time: 11:00 am - 2:30 pm

Directions From Route 1 South or North:

1. From Rt 1 take the exit for Market Street.
2. At T-junction turn left into South Stockton St.
3. Make a right on to Market Street.
4. Go about three blocks on Market until it intersects South Broad. (Sun Bank on right hand corner and Luther Arms apartment complex on the opposite left hand corner)
5. Turn left onto South Broad. Just beyond apartments on the right you will see a church. There is a drive just before the first building (a convent).
6. Turn right into driveway & go down the slope to the Parking lot.
7. The Hall, known as Toomey Hall is under the church and the entrance is from either parking lot.

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LOVE ALL, SERVE ALL

JAI SAI RAM

HELP EVER, HURT NEVER

Be part of the 'Expansion' of Swami's mission on earth. Please feel free to communicate on all issues related to Sarva Dharma Service Center, by any of the means convenient to you.