



# WEST MICHIGAN HINDU TEMPLE

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celebrates

## SRI RAM NAVAMI

on March 24th, 27th & 28th, 2010

Come and join us in the festivities.

### Sri Ram Navami

Ramanavami celebrates the birth of Sri Rama or Ramachandra. On the ninth day of the first fortnight of Chaitra the birth of Rama is commemorated. The story of Sri Rama was first written by Vaalmeeiki in about the 4th century B.C. This epic is known as the Ramayana.

### Significance of Sri Ram Navami And Sri Seetha Ram Kalyanam

Lord Sri Rama was a great king of Ikshvaku dynasty one of the ten incarnations of Lord Vishnu born only to uproot demonic qualities and to uplift righteousness. He was an embodiment of moral excellence and perfection. The day of His birth is termed 'Sri Ramanavami' which is celebrated all over India with devotion and remembrance. It falls on the ninth day in the month of Chaitra, hence the word Navami. The nine day festival celebrations usually culminate with Seetharama Kalyanam — the celebration of the marriage of Sri Ram and Sri Seetha Devi. It is considered auspicious to undertake a fast on the day in the name of Rama. The more devout fast for nine days, from Ugadi to Sri Ramanavami. The objective of the fast is not to ask for special favors of the deity but to seek perfection as a human being. Devotees perform elaborate pujas and chant the name of Rama. Temples of Rama have special services and bhajan sessions throughout the day. One significant and popular element of the celebration is the Ramayana parayana, a discourse on the Ramayana, by the devotees. It usually lasts nine days and ends on Ramanavami.



Sree Rama Navami is also considered as Shirdi Sai Baba's Birthday. We have some special events in significance of that.

The Event is coordinated by Alka Bhargava (616-954-2447), Manibhai Patel (616-365-2149) and Vamsidhar Ravi (616-365-9871) and if you have questions or would like to participate in any of these events please contact one of them.

### PROGRAM DETAILS:

#### **March 24th (Wed) - Sri Ram Navami & Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Birthday:**

##### **Morning:**

- 11.00 AM Sri Ram Parivar & Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Utsav Moorti Abhishekam
- 11.30 AM Sri Ram Parivar Puja & Archana
- 11.45 AM Veda Aarati
- 12.00 Noon Madhyana Aarati for Sri Sai Baba

##### **Evening:**

- 6.30 PM Sri Sita Rama Kalyana Utsavam
- 7.45 PM Palki Seva for Lord Rama and Sri Sai Baba
- 8.00 PM Archana & Aarati for Sri Rama
- 8.30 PM Maha Prasad (Devotees can volunteer to bring Prasadam)

#### **March 27th (Saturday):**

- 11.00 AM Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Abhishekam  
Sri Swami Narayan Birthday Celebration
- 3.00 PM Bhajans & Kirtan
- 5.00 PM Sri Swami Narayan Abhishek for Utsav Moorti
- 5.30 PM Aarti
- 6.00 PM Maha Prasad & Dinner
- 7.30-9.30 PM Ras Garbha & Dandia

#### **March 28th (Sunday):**

- 10.30 AM Sri Sai Baba Abhishekam
- 11.30 AM Ram Navami special Bhajans and Kirtans by  
Ajay Bhargav & Surendra Sharma group from Lansing
- 12.45 PM Puja & Aarati for Ram Parivar
- 1.00 PM Maha Prasad and Lunch Sponsored by Suresh &  
Alka Bhargava family