

HER DEEDS MADE AMMA IMMORTAL

Sri. Vellappally Nateshan, Secretary, Sri Narayana Dharma Paripalana Yogam speaking at Amma's birthday celebrations.

“Amma is a *chiranjivi* [one who lives on earth forever]. Amma's deeds themselves have made Amma immortal. Amma will be here until the end of the world as a *chiranjivi*.

“Each of Amma's actions come from love alone. Through that, she is doing many good deeds. Look around you! The world has assembled under one roof—people of all languages, casts and religions. The meaning in this is that Amma is the Mother of the World.

“How many *dharmas* and *karmas* Amma is performing! No other ashram is able to do this. It should be the role model for other ashrams, and they should develop the inner vision.

“Those who are suffering, those who are sorrowful... Amma is going there and meeting them and giving them small lamps of love. Amma is giving them hope. She is extending her hand to orphans, pulling them up. Amma possesses such a great mind! The Mother of the World. My words may not be doing Amma justice.

“I am not saying this to glorify. I, as the secretary of the SNDP, am saying that only Mata Amritanandamayi Math is successfully implementing a combination of spiritual and worldly dharmas, as Gurudevan stressed. In saying this, I am not exaggerating.

“Amma has come down to the level of the people, understood them, their thoughts and feelings, and has been traveling the entire world for them. I also have been traveling a lot. Wherever I go, I meet Amma's devotees. In the houses I visit, I see Amma's photos. There are devotees who love Amma all around the world. Amma has given love and that love is being returned. Furthermore, Amma is giving that love back in thousand folds to the people in the form of houses, pensions and financial support.”

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*Even if you forget to eat,
don't forget to think of God. – Amma*

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WELCOME to M.A. Center, a spiritual home for devotees throughout the Bay Area. Let us know if you have any questions, and feel free to join us for any of our programs!

THIS EVENING'S PROGRAM SCHEDULE

5:00 pm – Chanting the 1,000 Names of the Divine Mother
6:00 pm – 108 Names of Mata Amritanandamayi & Meditation
6:30 pm – Spiritual talk
7:30 pm – Bhajans (devotional singing)
8:45 pm – Arati & Closing Prayers
9:00 pm – Dinner

The bookstore and library will be open after this evening's program, and join us for a delicious vegetarian dinner on the balcony. We also have a bake sale on the balcony after Satsang, with the proceeds going to building homes for the poor.

UPCOMING M.A CENTER SCHEDULE

In addition our Saturday evening programs, the following special events will be held at the M.A. Center. All events are held in Amrita Hall unless otherwise noted.

Friday, October 12 – Saturday, October 20 Navaratri Celebration, nightly pujas, 7:30 pm (except Saturdays at 6:00 pm); location change: all pujas will be held in Amrita Hall.

Saturday – Sunday, October 13-14 Integrated Amrita Meditation Technique® course will be taught. Online registration available now at www.amma.org, in the "Meditation classes" section. Tel: 510.537.9417/Email: iam@ammachi.org.

Saturday, October 13 Newcomers Tea & Tour; 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

Sunday, October 21 Vijayadasami Puja; 9:00 am.

Saturday, October 27 Amma's Birthstar Puja; 6:00 pm.

ONGOING M.A. CENTER PROGRAMS

Regular Evening Programs Evening bhajans are held each weekday evening at 8:00 pm in the Main House Puja Room.

Saturday Morning IAM Practice from 9 – 10 am in the Main House Puja Room. IAM practitioners, start Saturday seva with IAM group guided practice. Get questions answered. Renew and deepen your practice.

Saturday Seva (selfless service) We do a variety of service projects during the day, including sorting medical supplies, working on the facilities, gardening, chopping vegetables, etc. We begin at 9 am; lunch is provided for everyone involved at 1 pm; then we continue until 5 pm. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for any or all of the day.

Hatha Yoga classes are held Saturdays, 4:30 – 5:45 pm, in the Main House Puja Room.

Amrita Bala Kendra Program This program for children ages 4 –12 is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. For additional information and to register, please contact Sudhir Aggarwal at aggarwal3@gmail.com or at 818-262-3895.

Prayer List At the end of each Saturday evening program, we read a "prayer list." If you would like to add someone to the list, please send their name to prayers@amma.org.

Sundays through November 4 Learn Classical Indian Odissi Dancing; 11 am – 12 noon. Ages 6 & up; \$20 per session. An ancient form of sacred dance, Odissi was originally developed in the Jagannath temple in Orissa, East India, as a form of worship and offering. Handed down from Gurus to disciple for thousands of years, Odissi style centers on spirituality and devotion. Taught by Keshini Samerawishreme, student of guru Jyoti Rout.

Pre-Tour Seva (selfless service)

With Amma's November arrival at the M.A. Center fast approaching, our official "Pre-Tour Seva" days begin next Saturday. There are many activities – truly something for everyone, including:

- Gardening
- Finishing sorting medical supplies to ship to the AIMS Hospital in India
- Working in the bookstore
- Cleaning up the grounds, mowing, "weed-whacking"
- Preparing all the buildings and tents.

Everyone is welcome each Saturday!

We are also beginning to recruit for the November tour itself. If you would like to be on "staff" and help with parking at the M.A. Center, please speak to Atmaram after this evening's program or email him at: atmaram108@yahoo.com.

Tuesday, October 16 The MA Center is part of Interfaith-San Ramon Valley, (I-SRV) as a way to participate in activities and discussions which will foster a deeper understanding of, and communication between, different faith communities in our local area.

One area of focus for the group is to address homeless issues in the Tri-Valley region. Surprisingly, there are upwards of 7000 people who are homeless in Contra Costa County alone. Many are families with children.

On Tuesday, October 16th is an all-day event called Project Homeless Connect. 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Willow Pass Center, 2748 East Olivera Road, in Concord.

Our help is needed for this one day, one-stop shop to offer a variety of services to people experiencing homelessness by connecting them with benefits, medical care, counseling, social services, shelter and other services. Volunteers will help in the following ways: Help people complete applications, greet and route people, provide translation, serve food, or provide services.

To volunteer, contact 925 313-6124. Be sure to let them know that you found out through the MA Center, part of the San Ramon Valley Interfaith group.

Perhaps devotees can carpool and plan to spend all or part of the day serving in this meaningful way. If you are able to help, please network together and participate with other faith communities in our area in helping those who are down and out during these times.

Please see a flyer about the day's event at this url:

http://www.cchealth.org/services/homeless/pdf/homeless_connect2_2007.pdf