

SRI SATHYA SAI CENTRAL COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA
National Spiritual Wing

Bhagawan's Mahasamadhi Day (Sri Sathya Sai Aradhana Mahotsavam)

1. Name of religious event / Observance / Celebration:

Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's Mahasamadhi Anniversary or Aradhana Mahotsavam

Aradhana – worship or prayer

Mahotsavam – Maha means great/grand. Utsavam means festival/ celebration
(a great/grand festival/celebration)

2. Picture:

2.1 Picture or symbol pertaining to the particular observance/celebration



2.2 The date/period of the religious event

24 April

3. About the festival:

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4. Suggested programme or method of observing the event:

Guide for South Africa at centre level on the 24th April:

PROGRAMME	TIME
VEDA RECITATION	5 – 20 min
TALK/S: on the life and teachings of Bhagawan	20 min
CULTURAL PROGRAMME: <i>Bal Vikas SSE children / youth depicting the life & teachings</i>	10 – 20 min
DVD: short quality video emphasizing His life and miracles <i>(serves as an inspiration to devotees)</i>	5 – 10 min
TAPOVANAM: read a page or 2 <i>(sections Glorifying the Lord)</i>	5 min
BHAJAN	30 – 45 min
MANGALA AARATHI	5 min

1. **EXHIBITION:** *display of His teachings and His Work at your centres before and during the programme (as visitors and devotees arrive early, DVDs played on large screens on His Works could be played);*
2. **REGIONAL:** *Programmes can also be held at Regional level on convenient days;*
3. **UNITY OF FAITHS:** *Centres/Regions could also hold a unity of faiths programmes (including an exhibition of Bhagawan's teachings and His Work)*
4. **SATHYA SAI WEEK:** *as a precursor and build up to Mahasamadhi Day, we could observe the week from 17th Apr to 23 Apr as Sathya Sai Week. The 7 days can be used for:*
 - ✚ **Intensify** our personal sadhana;
 - ✚ Render daily **bhajans** as a centre;
 - ✚ **SPECIAL SEVA:** *including Narayan Seva, medical and eye camps, Grama Seva, Living of the Land, Energy Reduction, Tree Planting, Institution visits, Skills training, Sai Schools, etc., around 21st & 22nd April 2012 could be done;*
 - ✚ **Guest speakers** on unity of faiths and human values
 - ✚ Reading/Listening to audio from: **Tapovanam & His-story**

SRI SATHYA SAI ARADHANA MAHOTSAVAM

Programme for 23rd-25th April 2012 in Prasanthi Nilayam (India)

<http://www.theprasanthireporter.org/2012/03/sri-sathya-sai-aradhana-mahotsavam/>

Monday, 23rd April

- 08:00 a.m. Veda Recitation
09:00 a.m. Colloquium on “Experiencing the Divine – From the Form to the Formless”
Lighting the Lamp
Welcome
09:05 a.m. Introduction of the Theme and Address by Dr. Samuel Sandweiss
09:30 a.m. Address by Swami Shuddhananda of the Yogoda Society
10:00 a.m. Bhajan
10:30 a.m. Mangala Arati
05:00 p.m. Address by Sri Jayaraman of the Ramanashram
05:30 p.m. Cultural Programme
06:15 p.m. Bhajan
06:45 p.m. Mangala Arati

Tuesday, 24th April

- 08:00 a.m. Veda Recitation
08:20 a.m. “GURU VANDANAM” by University students
08:50 a.m. Address by Trustee
09:00 a.m. Release of Book on Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba
09:05 a.m. Introductory remarks by the author Padmashri Dr. G. Venkataraman
09:10 a.m. Address by H.E. the Governor, Sri E.S.L. Narasimhan
Bhajan
Mangala Arati
05:00 p.m. Cultural Programme
06:30 p.m. Bhajan
06:45 p.m. Mangala Arati

Wednesday, 25th April

- 08:00 a.m. Veda Recitation
09:00 a.m. Bhajan
09:30 a.m. Mangala Arati
05:00 p.m. Veda Recitation
05:20 p.m. Talk by the University Student
05:40 p.m. Address by Prof. G. Venkataraman
06:00 p.m. Cultural Programme
06:45 p.m. Bhajan
07:00 p.m. Mangala Arati

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5. Verbal dedication / prayer / chant / other:

Aum

Name and audible form of God

Saayeeshvaraya Vidhmahe

We know this Sai as supreme divinity incarnate

Sathya-Dhevaaya Dheemahi

We meditate on this God of Truth

Thannah-Sarvah Prachodayaath

May this Almighty All-in-all Personality lead us on the path of total liberation

6. Any personal offering / sacrifice / practice

✚ *Intensify individual Sadhana (Omkaar, Suprabhatam, Veda Chanting, Meditation, Seva, Silence, Fasting, Keeping the company of Godly thoughts, Namasmarana)*

7. Other material for preparation / discussion:

Any other recommended material that could be used for additional information / preparation, such as VCDs, DVDS, books, charts, etc.

8. Bibliography / Reference Section for all references used

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9. Divine Discourses / Special Message: