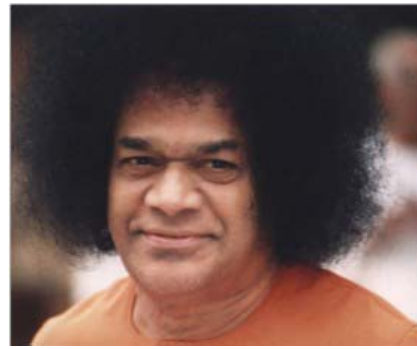


# MAHA SHIVARATHRI DEVOTIONAL PROGRAM

**Monday**  
**February 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**7.30 PM - 9:30 PM**



**Ramada Inn**  
**(Peacock West Hall)**  
 780 North Avenue  
 North Ave & I-355  
 Glendale Heights, IL 60139

**The Sathya Sai Baba Center of Chicago Metro cordially invites you to participate in 2009 Maha Shivarathri Devotional Program**

<b>Location &amp; Directions</b>	<p><b>Ramada Inn (Peacock West Hall) , 780 North Avenue (North Ave &amp; I-355) Glendale Heights, IL 60139</b>                  Please use the Banquet Hall Entrance for Parking and proceeds towards Peacock west hall.</p> <p><b><u>From EAST (Downtown Chicago)</u></b>                  Head West on Congress Parkway, this will turn into I-290 West. Proceed on I-290 West to I-355 South. Take the North Avenue (Route 64) exit, and turn right (West) onto North Avenue. The hotel will be a 1/2 mile down on the right (north side).</p> <p><b><u>From Naperville/Aurora</u></b>                  Take I-88 East to I-355 North. Take the North Avenue (Route 64) exit, and turn left (West) onto North Avenue. The hotel will be a 1/2 mile down on the right (north side).</p> <p><b><u>From Northwest / North Suburbs / Oakbrook</u></b>                  Take I-290 West and proceed to I-355 South. Take the North Avenue (Route 64) exit, and turn right (West) onto North Avenue. The hotel will be a 1/2 mile down on the right (north side).</p>
<b>Devotional Program</b>	<p><b>7.30 PM – 9.30 PM. Program includes Vedam, Shiva Stotrams and Devotional Singing (Bhajans). Coffee / Tea will be available during the program time.</b></p>
<b>For More Information</b>	<p><b>Phone: 847-863-5299 / 847-722-5477 / 847-537-7574 / 847-924-6971 / 312-391-0890</b></p>

*“The nights you experience on other days are ordinary nights. They are nights of darkness. But Shivarathri is an auspicious night. How is it auspicious? There are sixteen aspects for the mind. The moon is the presiding deity of the mind. Of the sixteen aspects of the moon, today, fifteen are absent. The remaining one aspect can be merged in the Divine by diverting the mind towards God. If you sing his Glory throughout the night wholeheartedly, even the remaining one aspect can also be merged with the Divine. On this day it is possible to get full control over the mind by contemplating on God. Hence it is considered as an auspicious day” – Baba 03/04/2000*

“When you live in harmony with your fellow human beings, you will derive happiness. Then you will enjoy the unity between human beings. The real devotee is one who has realized such unity. Unity leads to purity, which in turn leads to Divinity. One who has not experienced such unity, purity, and Divinity confines himself to body attachment and will be trapped in the birth-death cycle.” - **Baba**