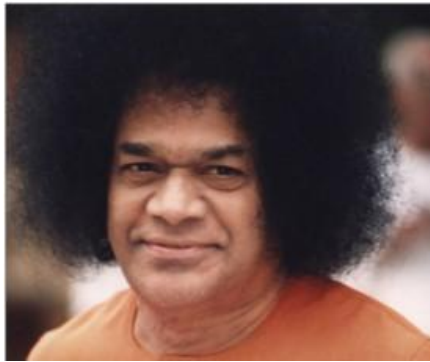


## 2011 Sri Rama Navami Devotional Program

**Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**5.30 pm - 7.30 pm**

**811, St Stephens Green**  
**Oak Brook, IL 60523**



**Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**610 S Ridgeland Av,**  
**Oak Park, IL 60304**

<b>Saturday Program</b>	5.30 pm - 7.30 pm. Bhajans and Guest Speaker Program. Light Dinner follows the Program.
<b>Sunday Program</b>	10:30 am - 1.00 pm. Extended Bhajans and Guest Speaker Program.
<b>For More Information</b>	708-642-1400 / 732-322-7802 / 312-298-9731 / 847-452-2505

### Sri Rama Navami

*“It is not enough to merely celebrate the Rama Navami as the birthday of Sri Rama. You should understand the purpose of His birth and practise the ideals He demonstrated. Rama Kalyana does not mean the marriage of Rama and Sita at the physical level. Rama Kalyana is Atma Kalyana; it signifies the merging of Atma (individual soul) with Paramatma (universal soul). This is not the story of an individual. Rama symbolises the cosmic and universal spirit.”*

*- Rama Navami Discourse by Baba - 04/18/2005*

### Sri Rama - The Ideal

*“Rama is the supreme exemplar of how people should conduct themselves in the world, how a country should be governed, how the integrity and morality of human beings should be protected. High-minded actions, ideal qualities and sacred thoughts are basic foundations of character. Rama is the very embodiment of these three attributes. This means that every human being should cultivate sacred thoughts, right actions and good qualities. Rama demonstrated by his words, thoughts and actions how such a life can be lived. It is essential for everyone to follow the example set by Rama and cultivate his many noble qualities and do righteous actions. People should entertain sacred thoughts”.*

*- Rama Navami Discourse by Baba - 04/9/1995*

### Guest Speaker – Raj K Patel

*Raj K Patel, the grandson of Dr. C.G. Patel, entered the Sri Sathya Sai Primary school in 1983 in his fifth grade. In 1994, Raj graduated from the Brindavan campus with Bachelor of Commerce degree. After graduating from the MBA program in Prashanti Nilayam in 1996, he returned to Los Angeles, California, where he is currently the Director of Finance for a Fortune 100 company.*

*His grandfather, Dr. C. G. Patel experienced the good fortune to arrange the visit of Swami (Sri Sathya Sai Baba) to East Africa in June 1968. This blissful trip occurred several years before he was born. But he had always heard of the various places that Swami visited during the stay, and even had the blessings to hear Swami recount the visit in detail during small group settings. Raj is an avid Photographer and had the opportunity over the years to capture moments with Swami.*