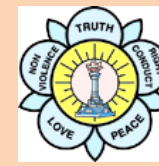




Sathya Sai Baba Centers of Chicago Land Guru Poornima Celebrations-2011



**Saturday, July 16th
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Holiday Inn Express
1550 E Dundee Rd.,
Palatine, IL 60074**



**Manasa Bhajare Guru Charanam
Dustara Bhava Sagara Taranam**

“What is it that you are supposed to know on this day of Guru Poornima? You must understand that God is in you, with you, around you, above you, below you. In fact, you are God. Recognize this truth in the first instance. Do not entertain excessive desires and become beggars. Do your duty sincerely. That is the true Sadhana. When you are in office, do office work only; do not think of your family matters. Likewise, when you are at home, take care of the needs of your wife and children. Do not make your home an office. But today because of too much work in office, people take office-papers to their homes to complete their work. They are thus facing difficulties because they mix up their office work, household work, business and spiritual matters.

Right from this day, try to reduce your attachment to the world to the extent possible. Be happy and make others happy. Do not hurt anybody. Consider difficulties as passing clouds. You have developed family relationships and there are bound to be some worries. But do not be perturbed by them. When you look at the vast sky, you find many clouds. Likewise, in the sky of your heart there are clouds of attachment. They just come and go. Do not worry about them. What is the shape of worry? It is a mentally created fear. It is the result of your imagination. Every man is bound to encounter difficulties and losses. We should face them with courage.

From this day of Guru Poornima, make your hearts sacred. Just as you wave away the mosquitoes that bite you, brush aside any difficulties that assail you. Do not be depressed by sorrow nor be elated by happiness. Develop equanimity and strive to attain Divinity.” – **Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba**

Guest Speaker: Sunil Kasturi

"Sunil Kasturi has lived in the Midwest (Iowa City) and in the Northwest (Portland and Seattle) for the last 15 years. His journey with Swami started nearly 22 years ago when he lived in Chennai, India. He has been active in various center and regional leadership roles in the Northwest. He has also been active in the young adult group in the region. Sunil has conducted unison singing workshops in local retreats and stresses the power of uniting our voices in singing His praise. He has also worked with SSE children in various roles, most recently as a director of a play that had children participating from all 10 regions of the United States. Sunil hopes to share Swami's grace and sweet message of Love through words and music during his presentation."

Program Details:

**10:00 AM – 11:15 AM Guru Stotrams & Devotional Singing
11:15 AM – 12:30 PM Guest Speaker Session
12:30 PM – Concluding Prayers**

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