

# 2011 MAHA SHIVARATHRI



Wednesday March 2nd  
7.30 pm – 10.30 pm  
Ramada Inn  
780 North Av  
Glendale Heights  
IL 60139



**Sathya Sai Baba Center Of Chicago Metro Cordially Invites You  
To Participate In This Year's Maha Shivarathri Celebrations**

*Shivarathri is a very auspicious day for all. It is the fourteenth day of the lunar fortnight, when the moon is waning and the sun is in the sign of Aquarius. However, the festival is related to the moon rather than the sun. Unlike other nights, this particular night is the night of consecration, of dedication, of illumination. The mind is intimately associated with the moon. Chandra, the deity of the moon, is the presiding deity of the mind. He loses one sixteenth of his brilliance every day after the full moon day and continues waning until, on this night, he is left with just one sixteenth of his power. The waned moon may be taken to stand for the mind with all its wild fancies and waywardness reduced after it has been conquered by spiritual discipline. On this night, there is just a minute part more to be conquered, and that can be done by keeping vigil and dwelling on the glory of God. The vigil that is prescribed is symbolic of the eternal vigil one has to observe, while the rite of fasting is symbolic of divesting the senses of the pleasures for which they crave.*

**-- Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba (March 7, 1978 – Maha Shivarathri Day)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>07:30 PM – 08:00 PM</b> Rudram 1 <sup>st</sup> Anuvaka & Shiva Stotrams <b>08:00 PM - 10:30 PM</b> Devotional Singing and Arathi
<b>Directions</b>	From I-355 take the North Avenue (Route 64) exit, and go <b>West</b> onto North Avenue. Ramada Inn will be a 1/2 mile down on the right (north side)
<b>For More Information</b>	<b>708-642-1400 or 847-924-6971 or 732-322-7802 or 847-863-5299</b>