

2013 MAHA SHIVARATHRI



Sunday, March 10th
8.00 pm – 12.00 Midnight
Clarion Inn
933 S Riverside Dr
Elmhurst
IL 60126



**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)

Program	08:00 PM – 08:30 PM Rudram 1 st Anuvaka & Shiva Stotrams 08:30 PM - 12:00 AM Devotional Singing and Arathi
Directions	From I-290 take Route 83 South to S Riverside Dr and go East on S Riverside Dr. Clarion Inn will be a 1/2 mile down on the left (east side)
For More Information	312-970-0857 or chicagometro@sathysaicenters.org