PROGRAM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

TEA & SNACKS - 8:00 a.m.

PUJAS 8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

1. Preliminaries, Sankalpa, Ganapati Puja
2. Procession and Installation of Pillars & Flags
3. Punyaha Vachana - Purification Rituals

SPECIAL ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENT- 9:30am

4. **NANDI STHAPANA**
5. **Pitru Tarpanam**
6. **Nandi Shraddha**

HOMAS - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

1. Agnisthapana 2. Mahaganapati Homa
3. Dhanvantari Homa 4. Mahasudarshana Homa

PRASADAM - LUNCH 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

HOMAS - 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

1. Hanuman Homa
2. Mahalakshmi Homa
3. Parvati Kalyan Mantra Homa
4. Closing Rituals and Aarati

BREAK & SNACKS 5:00 p.m.

CULTURAL PROGRAM 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Spiritual Discourse: Swami Bodhananda Saraswati

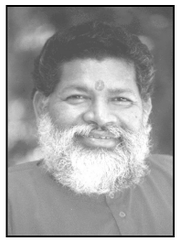
DINNER 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

PUJAS AND HOMAS 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Preliminaries, Sankalpa, Ganapati Puja

9:45 a.m.	Break/Snacks
10:15 a.m.	Navagraha Homa
10:30 a.m.	Chandi Homa , followed by the Laghu Chandi
11:15 a.m.	Maha Rudrabhishekam, followed by the Anu Lingam
12:30 p.m.	Closing Rituals and Aarati
	Swami-ji's Blessings
	Announcements
	Saraswati Puja, Brahman Puja
	Dakshina Danam, Sarva Devata Visarjan
1:00 p.m.	PRASADAM (Lunch)



Swami Bodhananda Saraswati
Spiritual Director and Founder,
The Sambodh Society, Inc. and,
Founder, **Bodhananda Vedic Institute**



Sambodh Center for Human Excellence

Under the inspired leadership of Swami Bodhananda, Sambodh Society and SCHE aspire to nurture a community of spiritual seekers who 1) work selflessly for the spiritual uplift of humanity; 2) learn from the best of both Eastern and Western traditions; and, 3) are steeped in Vedanta, a vision which sees the world as one family and that all paths lead to the same Truth.

The Sambodh Society, Inc. seeks your generous support and enthusiastic involvement - physically, materially and spiritually – for maximum success of this spiritual endeavor begun by Swami-ji. Along with your participation in Sambodh activities and the annual *yajna* venerating *Sambodh Aranya Shiva*, we request your help in passing along the news of Sambodh to your friends and acquaintances. We would also appreciate your help in finding new venues for Swami-ji's programs. With your prayers and participation, along with your good will and support, the Sambodh mission will flourish to benefit humanity.

SWAMI-JI'S MESSAGE

Lord Shiva and Devi, Shiva's consort, are the patron deities of Sambodh Aranya and the Sambodh Center for Human Excellence. The union of **Shiva (Consciousness)** and **Shakti (Energy)** gives birth to and sustains this universe of beings and events. Shiva without Shakti has no drive, and Shakti without Shiva has no direction. Together Shiva and Shakti superintend the world's affairs. To quote Kalidasa, the poet, "*Jagada Pitarau Vande Parvati Parameshvarau*" - "We salute our cosmic parents, Parameshvara and Parvati."

Since Vedic times it has been a practice to perform rituals to propitiate Shiva and Shakti for world peace, prosperity, and spiritual well-being. When human efforts are found wanting, divine intervention is sought. By propitiating these deities we, in turn, balance our wishes and drives with cosmic energies and are nourished and protected. This is the whole rationale of a sacrifice. Thus, rituals work both spiritually and materially, bringing inner peace and bliss along with outer prosperity and harmony. Those who believe in a higher power controlling human destiny accept the Vedic injunctions to perform rituals for satisfying human needs and fulfilling human destiny.

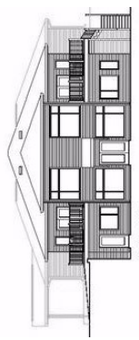
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A Cordial Invitation to Attend the

13TH ANNUAL SHRI MAHA RUDRABHISHEKAM

AND

CHANDI HOMA

Saturday, August 8, 2015
8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 9, 2015
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Venue

The Sambodh Aranya

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SATURDAY, AUG 8
PRELIMINARIES
8:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Preliminaries, Sankalpa, Ganapati Puja, and Pillars & Flags Installation.

SPECIAL EVENT: Nandi Sthapana, Punya Vachana, and Nandi Shraddha



Pitru Tarpanam
Sponsorship: $251 per person

Paying respect to living parents and making offerings to the departed ones (like propitiating Devas and chanting Vedic mantras) are part of our religious duties, without which we will not find peace or prosperity here or hereafter.

PUJAS AND HOMAS
11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.



Mahaganapati Homa
Sponsorship: $251

For removing obstacles in one's path during any undertaking, whether for a material or a spiritual gain.



Dhanvantari Homa
Sponsorship: $251

Dhanvantari is the physician of Gods. Dhanvantari Homa is performed to rid oneself of all physical afflictions and to attain good health.



Sudarshana Homa
Sponsorship: $501

Sudarshana Chakra is the weapon of Lord Vishnu which the Lord uses to protect His devotees. Sudarshana Homa is performed to receive this protection and overcoming enemies.

SATURDAY, AUG 8
PUJAS AND HOMAS
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.



Hanuman Homa
Sponsorship: $501

Hanuman Homa is done for protection from enemies, misfortunes, evil eye and other malevolent forces. The chanting bestows on the devotee qualities like intelligence, strength, character, courage, fearlessness, youthful health, alertness and communication skills.



Mahalakshmi Homa
Sponsorship: $501

Mahalakshmi Homa is performed to receive the blessings of Goddess Lakshmi, the Goddess of wealth, to achieve prosperity in this material world.



Parvati Kalyan Mantra Homa
Sponsorship: $501

Parvati, the consort of Lord Shiva, was single-mindedly devoted to Shiva. This Homa is for those who wish to obtain the husband, or a wife, of one's desire.

Homa
Sunday 10:15 a.m.



Navagraha Homa
Sponsorship: $251

For enhancing the desired positive influences of planets like Jupiter and the Sun, and mitigating the undesirable effects of planets like Shani, Mangala, Rahu and Ketu.

SUNDAY, AUG 9
PUJAS AND HOMAS
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Preliminaries, Sankalpa, and Ganapati Puja

Navagraha Homa - 10:15 a.m.
Sponsorship: $251

Chandi Homa - 10:30 a.m.
with Lalita Sahasranama
Sponsorship: $1001
followed by the Laghu Chandi
Sponsorship: $101

SHRI MAHA RUDRABHISHEKAM
Sponsorship: $1001 - 11:15 a.m.
followed by the Anu Lingam
Sponsorship: $101



"The Rudrabhishekam and the Chandi Homa are performed for the purpose of gaining the abundant blessings of our Universal Parents, Shiva and Shakti, for spiritual progress, and final liberation. The Abhishekam washes away all sins and afflictions; brings peace, prosperity and happiness along with family togetherness." *Swami Bodhananda*



The Significance of Parvati Kalyan Mantra and Homa
Sponsorship: $501

Goddess Parvati, daughter of Himavan and Maneka, performed severe austerities on the bank of Manasarovar, to obtain Lord Shiva as her husband. Pleased with her devotion and sacrifice, Mahadeva accepted Parvati as His consort. Devotees who chant the Parvati Kalyan mantra and participate in the kalyan mahotsava puja can, without undergoing any such penance, receive the blessings of Shiva and Parvati for the benefit of attaining suitable spouses and for the boon of a long happy married life. *Swami Bodhananda*

SPECIAL EVENT
NANDI STHAPANA
Saturday, August 8th
Sponsorship: $301
9:30 -- 10:30 a.m.



Nandi is Lord Shiva's vehicle, the foremost devotee and unfailing attendant. No one can reach Shiva except through the grace of Nandikesha. The beautiful and powerful Nandi that keeps eternal vigil at the feet of Lord Shiva will be installed at Sambodh -aranya in front of the Shiva Shrine. Please participate in this once-in-a-life-time event for devotees of Lord Shiva.

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Saturday, August 8th Rituals

- ☐ 1. Nandi Sthapana: $301
- ☐ 2. Pitru Tarpanam (per person): $251
- ☐ 3. Mahaganapati Homa: $251
- ☐ 4. Dhanvantari Homa: $251
- ☐ 5. Sudarshana Homa: $501
- ☐ 6. Hanuman Homa: $501
- ☐ 7. Mahalakshmi Homa: $501
- ☐ 8. Parvati Kalyan Mantra Homa: $501

Sunday, August 9th Rituals

- ☐ 9. Navagraha Homa $251
- ☐ **10.** Chandi Homa: $1001
- ☐ **11.** Laghu Chandi: $101
- ☐ 12. Maha Rudrabhishekam: $1001
- ☐ 13. Anulingam: $101

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