

October

DEAR FRIENDS,

Gurudev Nityananda's sublime visit to Walden continues in October with a continuous flow of holiday celebrations. First is Navaratra, or Nine Nights of the Devi, dedicated to the Divine Feminine in all Her forms—perfect timing for this season of harvest and bounty. Next we remember the grace bestowed by Baba Muktananda by celebrating his Mahasamadhi day, the day he left his physical body. Finally, we have the celebration of the Goddess of Wealth, Shri Lakshmi, during the extensive festival of Deepawali, the Celebration of Lights. We invite you to come and spend time this month at Shanti Mandir and be with Gurudev before he departs for Argentina.

SUBJECT OF THE YEAR

ASṬĀVAKRA GĪTĀ

(AVAILABLE IN THE SM GIFT SHOP)

SHARAD NAVARATRA: NINE NIGHTS OF THE GODDESS

Soothing and nurturing worship of Divine Shakti
Saturday, October 1 – Tuesday, October 11. More details coming soon.

Saturday, October 1

9:00am Installation of the Devi (Goddess)
6:00pm Evening Pooja

Sunday, October 2 – Saturday, October 8

Daily Morning (9:00am) and Evening Poojas (6:00pm)

Sunday, October 9

ASHTAMI (8TH DAY)
9:00am Havan (Fire ceremony)

Monday, October 10

NAVAMI (9TH DAY)
9:00am Havan (Fire ceremony)

Tuesday, October 11

DASHHARA (10TH DAY)
9:00am Maha Pooja and Visarjan

BABA'S 34TH MAHASAMADHI CELEBRATION

MEDITATION INTENSIVE WITH GURUDEV

Saturday, October 15 (Full Moon)

TOPIC: LIBERATION
9:00am – 4:00pm
A day of immersion in meditative practices with Gurudev.
Donation: \$125 (includes lunch)
Pre-registration recommended
7:30pm Video

Sunday, October 16

SATSANG
9:00am Shree Guru Gita • 10:00am – 12:00 noon Satsang

FLUTE CONCERT

Saturday, October 22

Flute Concert by world-renowned Pt. Rakesh Chaurasia
7:00 – 9:00pm
Accompanied on tabla by Pt. Aditya Kalyanpur
Free admission

Sunday, October 23

SATSANG
9:00am Shree Guru Gita • 10:00am – 12:00 noon Satsang
Gurudev will not be present for this Satsang at the ashram.

COMMUNITY SATSANG

Sunday, October 23

4:00 – 6:00pm
Residence of Patni-Trivedi Family
12403 Carrington Hill Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878



DEEPAWALI CELEBRATION: FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Thursday, October 27

DHAN TRAYODASHI
Pooja of the Treasurer of the Gods. Pooja at sunset.

Friday, October 28

24-HOUR CHANT
4:00pm Om Namah Shivaya (begins, continues for 24 hours)

Saturday, October 29

DEEPAWALI: FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
Maha Lakshmi Pooja at sunset

Sunday, October 30

SATSANG
9:00am Shree Guru Gita • 10:00am – 12:00 noon Satsang

Monday, October 31

ANNAKOOT (MOUNTAIN OF FOOD)
Pooja 10:00am – 12:00 noon

Please note that Anant Lavarji Shastri will be in residence at Shanti Mandir, Walden, from October 1 to 31, 2016. He will be performing individual poojas upon request during this time, except for days when ceremonies are already taking place at Shanti Mandir.

Every Sunday, Guru Gita, 9:00–10:00am;
Satsang (kirtan, meditation, and discourse), **10:00am until noon.**
A vegetarian meal follows and everyone is welcome to participate.
Hatha Yoga Classes **Every Monday, 7:30–8:30pm and every Thursday, 6:30–8:00pm**



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10:00AM – 6:00PM

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