

# Sathya Sai Baba Center of Anderson, SC, USA



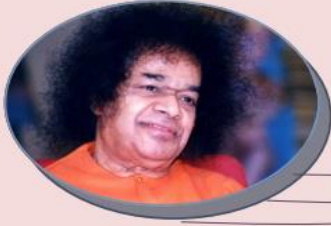
Loving Sairam! Please join us for the Mini Retreat -2016  
Date: August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Time: 09.00 AM To 6.00 PM  
Venue: Howard Johnson Anderson Clemson Area,  
3430 Clemson Blvd, Anderson, SC 29621



Loving Sairams! With Swami's grace and blessings, the Sathya Sai Baba Center of Anderson takes great pleasure in inviting you all to a mini-retreat on the theme: Divine Grace

Three of Swami's long-standing devotees will be visiting us to energize us through their personal experiences and their associations with our beloved Bhagawan.

## Guest Speakers



### Suchismita Mahanty

Suchismita is one of many fortunate souls who are pulled and called by Bhagawan. She is born in a spiritual and musical family in West Bengal. Her parents served God their entire life. She took dikhsa at the tender age of 10. From childhood she showed the sign of love for God. Swami planned her journey starting with the training of Hindustani classical vocal and Tagore's music for more than two decades. Tagore's literature, poems and music teaches oneness of God and being. This planted the seed for spirituality at the young age. Along with masters in music, Swami made her complete masters in English. Her first music program was at age 7 in All India Radio and since then she has climbed to the peak of musical genre. She is highly appreciated by renowned musicians and claimed top position in B.Music at Visvabharati (Tagore's University) in singing. Her singing style enriches the audience with peace and divinity.

She was introduced to Swami's physical proximity after her marriage, with her in-laws who were in Swami's fold since 1970's. She was pulled to Swami's love like a magnet as the golden door opened.

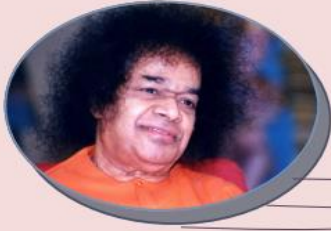
From 2007 Swami held her hand and accelerated her in spiritual Sadhana, by teaching her the path of meditation. With her strong faith and love for Bhagawan, He took her in the ride deep into the ocean of love and self-realization. There are many incidents and prompts with which Bhagawan has been confirming regularly, Him being the charioteer to help her in the bondage with Him.

With His grace it has been a divine journey with Sai in constant inner contemplation. He then started giving her discourses, the supreme knowledge of self, poems, bhajans and the tunes. Lately the divine is constantly merging the existence in the silence of self.

Bhagwan is playing the divine notes by using her as an instrument in His mission. He has been orchestrating various concerts and talks to share the nectar of music, divine experience and knowledge.

He orchestrated two books, 'Thou art sweetness personified' and 'nectar of Love' offered at His lotus feet on His 90th birthday on 2015 from Prasanthi Nilayam to share the divine knowledge showered by Him. It was an overwhelming blissful sojourn to experience His love in every step. This soul is fortunate to get drenched in His love. Offers humble gratitude at the divine lotus feet for showering such copious amount of loving grace.





## Sib Sankar Mahanty

Sib Sankar is raised with Swami's teaching and guidance from childhood. He studied SSE, served as a SSE guru, was an active Sevadal while in India. After their move to US in 1999, His family is actively involved with Swami's mission. He served Loudoun Sai center as president. His profession extends from the field of IT to the sacred drums, tabla. His journey of music and tabla started in early childhood. Along with academic studies, he learned tabla seriously. He participated and performed in many classical and semi-classical festivals, concerts with numerous international artists in India and US. He is instrumental in the music chapter in Washinton DC region, contributed in compositions, recordings, plays and teaching.



## Dr. Ramgopal Satyanarayana

Dr. Ramgopal Satyanarayana Konanur, is currently an Associate Professor and the Director of the Department of Urology, Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, FL. In 1996, he served as the Acting Chair of the Department of Urology, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal, India. At that time, he was summoned to select and train candidates in the Department of Urology at the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Science (SSSIHMS), Puttaparthi, which consequently brought him and his family into Swami's fold. His wife Sudha is a music and yoga teacher, and they are blessed with a daughter Madhuri (physician) and son Sharan (engineer). They were the first in his family to learn about Swami's mission and teachings. From 1997-1999 he served as the Vice-chairman of the Muscat Sai Center, and during this period, he and his family experienced innumerable leelas of Swami. In 2000 he and his family moved to the US, and their residence functioned as the Sri Sathya Sai Center of Maine. Two and half years later, they returned to Puttaparthi, and he started serving at SSSIHMS as the Head of the urology department. However, Swami had other plans for him and his family. In 2005, they returned back to the US, and they have been active members at the Sai Centers in Miami and Fort Lauderdale.

## Program details

### Session 1:

09:00 - 09:30 Breakfast

09:30 - 09:50 3 Oms, 3 Gayathri and Bhajans

09:50 - 09:55 Welcome address by the President

09:55 - 10:00 MC - Housekeeping + Introduction of speakers

10:00 - 11:15 Ms. Suchismita Mahanty - personal experiences

11:15 - 12:30 Ms. Suchismita and Mr. Sib Sankar Mahanty – combined presentation

12:30 - 01:30 Lunch

### Session 2:

01:30 - 01:45 Bhajans

01:45 - 03:15 Dr. Ramgopal Satyanarayana Konanur – Personal experiences

03:15 - 03:45 YA program

03:45 - 04:15 Snacks/Tea break

### Session 3:

04:15 - 05:30 Cultural Program

05:30 - 05:45 Bhajans

05:45 - 06:00 Vote of thanks, Arati and Vibhuti

06:00 - 07:00 Dinner Prasadam

**Registration:** To attend this mini-retreat, Divine Grace, kindly go through the following link and register:

<http://goo.gl/forms/uSXdl5EmD6wUpcZB3>

There is NO registration fee, all are welcome to attend and join us for the mini-retreat.

Hoping to see you all on August 20<sup>th</sup> at our mini retreat – “Divine Grace”. If you have any further questions or need any assistance for accommodation and overnight stay etc., please write to us at, [saicenteranderson@gmail.com](mailto:saicenteranderson@gmail.com)

- Jai Sai Ram -