



Greater Baltimore Temple

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You are invited to celebrate

Shri Datta Jayanti

Saturday, December 22nd, 2018

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm



Sri Dattatreya is considered to be an incarnation of the Divine Trinity *Brahma*, *Visbnu* and *Shiva*, and depicted with three heads. The word *Datta* means "Given". Datta is called so because the divine trinity has "given" themselves in the form of a son to the sage couple *Atri* and *Anasuya*. He is the son of *Atri*, hence the name "*Atreya*."

He is always shown to be surrounded by four dogs and a cow. The four dogs represent the four Vedas: *Rigveda*, *Yajurveda*, *Atharvaveda*, and *Samaveda*. Dattatreya is supposed to have taken 16 avatars. The first avatar is *Shripad Shri Vallabh* and the second is *Narasimba Saraswati*. The *Shirdi Sai Baba* (*Shirdi, Maharashtra*) is also considered to be a Dattatreya's avatar. Dattatreya tradition is mainly followed in *Maharashtra*, *Gujarat*, *Karnataka* and *Andhra Pradesh*.

One of his Maha Mala Mantras is:

Kashaya vastram kara danda dharinam

Kamandalam padma karna shankham

Chakram gadha booshita bhushanadhyam Sripada rajam sharanam prapadye

Wearing orange garment and holding a holy stick, a kettle of water, a lotus, a conch, in his hands a discus, a mace as adornments/ornaments, I surrender to Sri Dattatreya.

Program:

Bhajans

Lord Dattatreya Story

Celebrate Lord Dattatreya's birth

Sponsorship:

Archana-\$15, Datta Jayanti-\$31, Donation-\$51

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