**Deepavali**

Namasthe! My name is Sai Shishira. Welcome to Balavikas’s Deepavali Celebrations. Today, we will offer our prayers to Lakshmi by first chanting Sri Suktam followed by Sree Ashta Lakshmi Stotram then Lakshmi Ashtottara Satha Namavali concluding with Laxmi Aarti. Following this Lakshmi Puja, we will enjoy the pot-luck dinner. We will conclude the Deepavali celebrations with fireworks. Sai Sahasrai has the beaming for Sri Suktam. Sai Sahasra?



**Sri Suktam**

Sri Suktam is a beautiful Vedic hymn in honor of the Divine Mother Lakshmi. The essential message of the Sri Suktam is that Mother's true form is the beautiful, cosmic golden light of divine consciousness that shines in the hearts of all creatures. The Sri Suktam assumes specific significance because of Lakshmi’s presence on Lord Vishnu’s chest, at the Heart. Lakshmi is the embodiment of Love, from which devotion to God or Bhakti flows from. It is through Love/Bhakti or Lakshmi that the soul is able to reach God or Vishnu.

Sri Gurubyo Namaha || Harihi Om||

hiranya varnam harinim suvarna rajata srajam |

candram hiranmayim laksmim jatavedo ma avaha ||

tam ma avaha jatavedo laksmim anapagaminim |

yasyam hiranyam vindeyam gam asvam purusan aham ||

asvapurvam ratha madhyam hastinada-prabodhinim |

sriyam devim upahvaye srir ma devir jusatam ||

kam sosmitam hiranya prakaram ardram jvalantim trptam tarpayantim |

padme sthitam padmavarnam tam iho pahvaye sriyam ||

candram prabhasam yasasa jvalantim sriyam loke devajustam udaram |

tam padminimim saranam aham prapadye alaksmir me nasyatam tvam vrne ||

aditya varne tapaso dhijato vanaspatis tava vrkso tha bilvah |

tasya phalani tapasa nudantu maya ntarayas ca bahya alaksmih ||

upaitu mam deva sakhah kirtis ca manina saha |

pradur bhuto smi rastre smin kirtim rddhim dadatu me ||

ksut pipasa malam jyestham a laksmim nasayamy aham |

abutim asamrddhim ca sarvam nirnuda me grhat ||

gandhadvaram duradharsam nityapustam karisinim |

isvarigum sarva bhutanam tam iho pahvaye sriyam ||

manasah kamam akutim vacas satyam asimahi |

pasunam rupam annasya mayi sris srayatam yasah ||

kardamena praja bhuta mayi sambhava kardama |

sriyam vasaya me kule mataram padma malinim ||

apas srjantu snigdhani ciklita vasa me grhe |

nica devim mataram sriyam vasaye me kule ||

ardram yah karinim yastim suvarnam hemamalinim |

suryam hiranmayim laksmim jatavedo ma avaha ||

ardram puskarinim pustim pingalam padma malinim |

candram hiranmayim laksmim jatavedo ma avaha ||

tam ma avaha jatavedo lakshmim anapagaminim |

yasyam hiranyam prabutam gava dasyo svan vindeyam purushan aham ||

padma priye padmini padma haste padma laye padma dala yataksi |

visva priye visnu mano nukule tvat pada padmam mayi sannidhastva ||

Om mahadevyai ca vidmahe visnu patnyai ca dhimahi |

tan no laksmih pracodayat ||

Om Santih Santih Santih ||

[**Sree Ashta Lakshmi Stotram**](http://www.balavikas.org/songs/ashtalakshmistotram.mp3)

**Sai Shishira:** Next we will sing Sree Ashta Lakshmi Stotram. Vashnavi has the meaning for this stotram. Vaishnavi?

**Vashnavi:**

Ashta Lakshmi, are a group of eight Hindu goddesses, who preside over eight sources of wealth and thus represent the powers of Lakshmi. Thus, the ‘Ashta Lakshmi’ are considered secondary manifestations of the Goddess Lakshmi. “Wealth” does not mean just money, in the context of Ashta-Lakshmi it means prosperity, good health, knowledge, strength, progeny, and power, which of course we all need more than anything else in this world.

**1.Aadi Lakshmi (Forever)**
Sumanasa vanditha, sundari, madhavi, chandra-sahodari,hemamaye;
Munigana manditha, mokshapradayini manjula bhashini, vedanuthe
Pankajavasini, Devasupoojita sadguna varshini, shantiyute,
Jaya, Jaya,hey madhusudhana kamini Aadi lakshmi Sada palayamam.

**2.Dhanya Lakshmi. (Vegetation)**
Aikali kalmasha nasini, kamini vaidhika Rupini, Vedamaye,
ksheera Samudbhava mangala Rupini mantra nivasini, mantra nuthe,
Mangaladayini,Ambujavasini, Devaganashritha Padayuthe,
Jaya,Jaya,hey Madhusudhana kamini dhanya lakshmi Sada palayamam.

**3.Dhairya Lakshmi**
Jayavara varshini,Vaishnavi Bhargavi mantra swarupini,mantramaye,
Suraganapujitha,Sheegra phala prada gyanavikasini,shastranuthe.
Bhava Bhaya harini,Papavimochani Sadhujanashritha Padayuthe,
Jaya,Jaya,Hey Madhusudana Kamini Dhairya Lakshmi, Sada palayamam.

**4. Gaja Lakshmi.(Destroyer of Evil)**
Jaya,Jaya, Durgathi nashini,kamini sarva phala prada,shastramaye,
Radha gaja thuraga padadi samavrutha Parijana manditha Lokanuthe,
Hari Hara Brahma supujitha sevita tapanivarini,Padayuthe,
Jaya, Jaya, hey madhusudana kamini Gaja Lakshmi Rupena palayamam.

**5.Santana Lakshmi. (Offspring)**
ai, khaga vahini,mohini, chakrini, Raga vivardhini, gyanamaye,
Gunagana varidhi,Lokahithaishini Swara Saptha Bhooshitha Gana nuthe,
Sakala Surasura deva muneeshwara manava vanditha Padayuthe,
Jaya, Jaya hey madhusudana kamini santhana Lakshmi Sada Palayamam.

**6.Vijaya Lakshmi. (Victory)**
Jaya, kamalasini, Sadgathi dayini gyana vikasini, ganamaye,
Anudina,marchitha kumkuma dhusara bhushitha vasitha , vadyanuthe.
Kanakadharastuthi vaibhava vanditha Shankara desika manyapade ,
Jaya, Jaya hey madhusudana kamini Vijaya Lakshmi Sada Palayamam.

**7.Vidya Lakshmi. (Education)**
Pranatha Sureshwari, Bharathi, Bhargavi shokavinashini, Rathnamaye,
Manimaya bhushitha karna vibhushana shantisamavrutha hasyamukhe,
Navanidhi, dayini,kalimala harini Kamitha phalaprada, hasthayuthe,
Jaya, Jaya, hey madhusudana kamini Vidya Lakshmi Sada Palayamam.

**8.Dhana Lakshmi (Wealth)**
Dhimi,dhimi Dindhimi, dindhimi dindhimi, Dundhubhinada supurnamaye,
Ghuma,ghuma ghunguma, ghunguma, ghunguma shanka ninada suvadyanuthe,
Veda, puranethi hasa supujitha, vaidika marga pradarshayuthe,
Jaya, Jaya, hey madhusudana kamini Dhana Lakshmi Rupena Palayamam.

**Shubham**.

**Sai Shishira:** Next Srinivasan uncle will lead the **Lakshmi Ashtottara Satha Namavali.**

**Lakshmi Ashtottara Satha Namavali**

108 names of Sri Mahalakshmi (Sri Mahalakshmi Ashtothram)

(While chanting, please add "Om" at the beginning and "Namaha:" at the end of each name.)

S.No.Name Meaning

01 Prakruti Nature

02 Vikruti Multi Faced Nature

03 Vidya Wisdom

04 Sarvabhootahitaprada One Who Grants Universal Pleasures

05 Shraddha One Who Is Worshipped

06 Vibhuti Goddess Of Wealth

07 Surabhi The Celestial Goddess

08 Paramatmika The Omnipresent Goddess

09 Vachi One Who Has Nectar Like Speech

10 Padmalaya One Who Resides On The Lotus

11 Padma Lotus

12 Shuchi Goddess Of Purity

13 Swaha Auspicious

14 Swadha One Who Dispels Inauspiciousness

15 Sudha Goddess Of Nectar

16 Dhanya Personification Of Gratitude

17 Hiranmayi One Who Has Golden Appearance

18 Lakshmi Goddess Of Wealth And Prosperity

19 Nityapushta One Who Gains Strenght Day After Day

20 Vibha One Who Is Radiant Faced

21 Aditi One Who Has Radiance Like The Sun

22 Deetya One Who Answers Prayers

23 Deepta Flame Like

24 Vasudha Goddess Of Earth

25 Vasudharini Protector Of Earth

26 Kamala Lotus

27 Kantha Consort Of Lord Vishnu

28 Kamakshi Attractive Eyed Goddess

29 Kamalasambhava One Who Emerges From The Lotus

30 Anugrahaprada One Who Grants Good Wishes

31 Buddhi Goddess Of Wisdom

32 Anagha Sinless Or Pure Goddess

33 Harivallabhi Consort Of Lord Vishnu

34 Ashoka One Who Dispels Sorrows

35 Amrutha Goddess Of Nectar

36 Deepa Radiant Faced

37 Lokashokavinashini One Who Removes Worldly Troubles

38 Dharmanilaya One Who Establishes Eternal Law

39 Karuna Compassionate Goddess

40 Lokamatri Universal Mother

41 Padmapriya Lover Of Lotus

42 Padmahasta One Who Has Lotus Like Hands

43 Padmakshya One Who Has Lotus Like Eyes

44 Padmasundari Beautiful Like The Lotus

45 Padmodbhava One Who Emerges From The Lotus

46 Padmamukhi Lotus Faced Goddess

47 Padmanabhapriya Beloved Of Padmanabha - Lord Vishnu

48 Ramaa Pleaser Of Lord Vishnu

49 Padmamaladhara One Who Wears The Lotus Garland

50 Devi Goddess

51 Padmini Like The Lotus

52 Padmagandhini One Who Has Fragnance Like The Lotus

53 Punyagandha The Divine Perfumed Goddess

54 Suprasanna Compassionate Goddess

55 Prasadabhimukhi One Who Grants Boons And Wishes

56 Prabha Goddess With The Radiance Like The Sun

57 Chandravadana Moon Faced Goddess

58 Chanda Calm Like The Moon

59 Chandrasahodari Sister Of The Moon

60 Chaturbhuja Four Armed Goddess

61 Chandrarupa Beautiful Like The Moon

62 Indira Radiant Like The Sun

63 Indusheetala Pure Like The Moon

64 Ahladajanani Who Bestows Happiness

65 Pushti Goddess Of Health

66 Shiva Auspicious Goddess

67 Shivakari Embodiment Of Auspiciousness

68 Satya Truth

69 Vimala Pure

70 Vishwajanani Universal Mother

71 Pushti Possessor Of Wealth

72 Daridriyanashini Remover Of Poverty

73 Preeta Pushkarini Goddess Who Has Pleasing Eyes

74 Shanta Peaceful Goddess

75 Shuklamalambara One Who Wears White Clothing

76 Bhaskari Dazzling Like The Sun

77 Bilvanilaya One Who Lives Under The Bilva Tree

78 Vararoha Goddess Who Bestows Wishes And Boons

79 Yashaswini Goddess Of Fame And Fortune

80 Vasundhara Daughter Of Mother Earth

81 Udaranga One Who Has A Beautiful Body

82 Harini One Who Is Deer Like

83 Hemamalini One Who Possesses Golden Garlands

84 Dhanadhanyaki One Who Bestows Wealth

85 Siddhi Protector

86 Straina Soumya Showering Goodness On Women

87 Shubhaprada One Who Grants Auspicious Things

88 Nrupaveshvagathananda One Who Lives In Palaces

89 Varalakshmi Granter Of Prosperity

90 Vasuprada Bestower Of Wealth

91 Shubha Auspicious Goddess

92 Hiranyapraka Admist Gold

93 Samudratanaya Daughter Of The Ocean

94 Jaya Goddess Of Victory

95 Mangala Most Auspicious

96 Devi Diety Or Goddess

97 Vishnuvakshah One Who Resides In Lord Vishnu's Chest

98 Vishnupatni Consort Of Lord Vishnu

99 Prasannakshi Lively Eyed

100 Narayana Samashrita One Who Seeks Refuge In Lord Narayana

101 Daridriya Dhwamsini One Who Eliminates Poverty

102 Devlakshmi Goddess

103 Sarvapadravanivarini One Who Dispels Unhappiness

104 Navadurga All Nine Forms Of Durga

105 Mahakali A Form Of Goddess Kali

106 Brahma-Vishnu-Shivatmika Goddess In The Form Of Brahma Vishnu Shiva

107 Trikalagyanasampanna One Is Aware Of Past, Present And Future

108 Bhuvaneshwaryai Supreme Goddess Or Diet

**Sai Shishira:** Samhita has the significance of Deepavali. Samhita?

**Sai Shishira:** We will conclude with Laxmi aarathi. Anvi has the significance of why we do aarathi. Anvi?

Anvi:

Mangala aarathi is one the sixteen steps of a puja. Aarti is often performed by lighting camphor. Camphor when lit burns out completely without leaving a trace of it. Camphor represents ego. When lit by the fire of knowledge, our ego should burn completely just like camphor. Just like camphor emits a pleasant smell while it sacrifices itself, we should sacrifice ourselves to serve society, in the process spread the perfume of love and happiness to all.

**OM JAI LAXMI MATA AARTI**

Om Jai Laxmi Mata, Maiya Jai Laxmi Mata
Tumko Nis Din Sevat, Maiya Ji ko Nis Din Sevat,
Hari Vishnu Data
Om Jai Laxmi Mata

Om Jai Laxmi Mata, Maiya Jai Laxmi Mata
Tumko Nis Din Sevat, Maiya Ji ko Nis Din Sevat,
Hari Vishnu Data

Om Jai Laxmi Mata
Uma Rama Brahmaani, Tum Hi Jag Mata
Maiya Tum Hi Jag Mata
Surya Chanramaa Dhyaavat, Surya Chanramaa Dhyaavat
Naarad Rishi Gaata

Om Jai Laxmi Mata
Durga Roop Niranjani, Sukh Sampati Dataa
Maiya Sukh Sampati Dataa
Jo Koi Tumko Dhyaavat, Jo Koi Tumko Dhyaavat
Ridhi Sidhi Dhan Paataa

Om Jai Laxmi Mata
Tum Paataal Nivashini, Tum Hi Shubh Dataa
Maiya Tum Hi Shubh Dataa
Karam Prabhav Prakashini, Karam Prabhav Prakashini
Bhav Nidhi Ke Trataa

Om Jai Laxmi Mata
Jis Ghar Tum Rehti Tanh, Sab Sad Guna Aataa
Maiya Sab Sad Guna Aataa
Sab Sambhav Ho Jata, Sab Sambhav Ho Jata
Man Nahi Ghabrata

Om Jai Laxmi Mata
Tum Bin Yagg Na Hota
Vastra Naa Ho Paata, Maiya Vastra Naa Ho Paata
Khan Paan Kaa Vaibhav , Khan Paan Kaa Vaibhav
Sab Tum Se Aata

Om Jai Laxmi Mata
Shubh Gun Mandir Sundar, Kshirodadhi Jataa,
Maiya Kshirodadhi Jataa
Ratna Charurdash Tumbin, Ratna Charurdash Tumbin
Koi Nahin Pataa
Om Jai Laxmi Mata
Maha Laksmi Ji Ki Arti, Jo Koi Nar Gata
Maiya Jo Koi Nar Gata
Ur Anand Samataa, Ur Anand Samataa
Paap Utar Jata
Om Jai Laxmi Mata
Om Jai Laxmi Mata, Maiya Jai Laxmi Mata,
Tumko Nishdin Sevat, Maiya Ji Ko Nishdin Sevat
Har Vishnu Vidhata
Om Jai Laxmi Mata

Om Jai Laxmi Mata, Maiya Jai Laxmi Mata,
Tumko Nishdin Sevat, Maiya Ji Ko Nishdin Sevat
Har Vishnu Vidhata
Om Jai Laxmi Mata

**Kubera Mantra**

Om Yakshyaya Kuberaya Vaishravanaaya Dhanadhanyadi Padayeh

Dhana-Dhanya Samreeddhing Me Dehi Dapaya Swaha

Meaning: Kubera, the lord of yakshas, bless us with wealth and prosperity