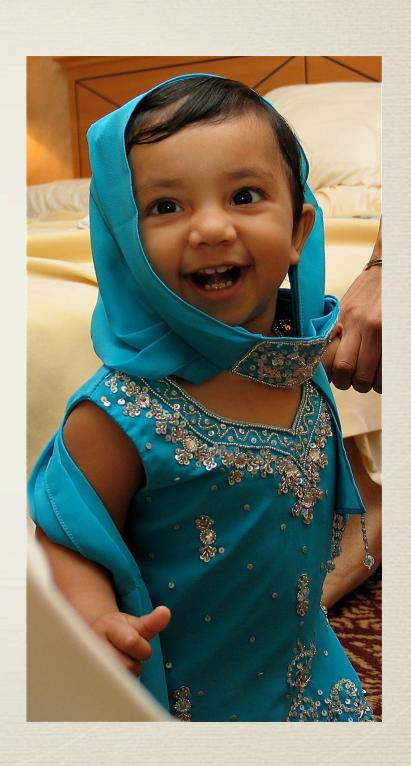


BENUNTHI CELEBRATES GURPURAB 2010

#### Benunthi is a Sikh

- \* The Sikhs celebrate Gurpurabs all year
- \* Sikhs have a special calendar (Nanaksakhi)
- \* That calendar reminds us when the 10 ten teachers (Gurus) were born and other special times of their lives



## All Gurpurabs

April	Birthday	Guru Tegh Bahadur
	Birthday	Guru Arjan
May	Birthday	Guru Angad
	Birthday	Guru Amar Das
May/June	Martyrdom	Guru Arjan
June	Birthday	Guru Hargobind
July	Birthday	Guru Har Krishan
November	Birthday	Guru Nanak
November/ December	Martyrdom	Guru Tegh Bahadur
December/ January	Birthday/ Martyrdom	Guru Gobind Singh/Sons'





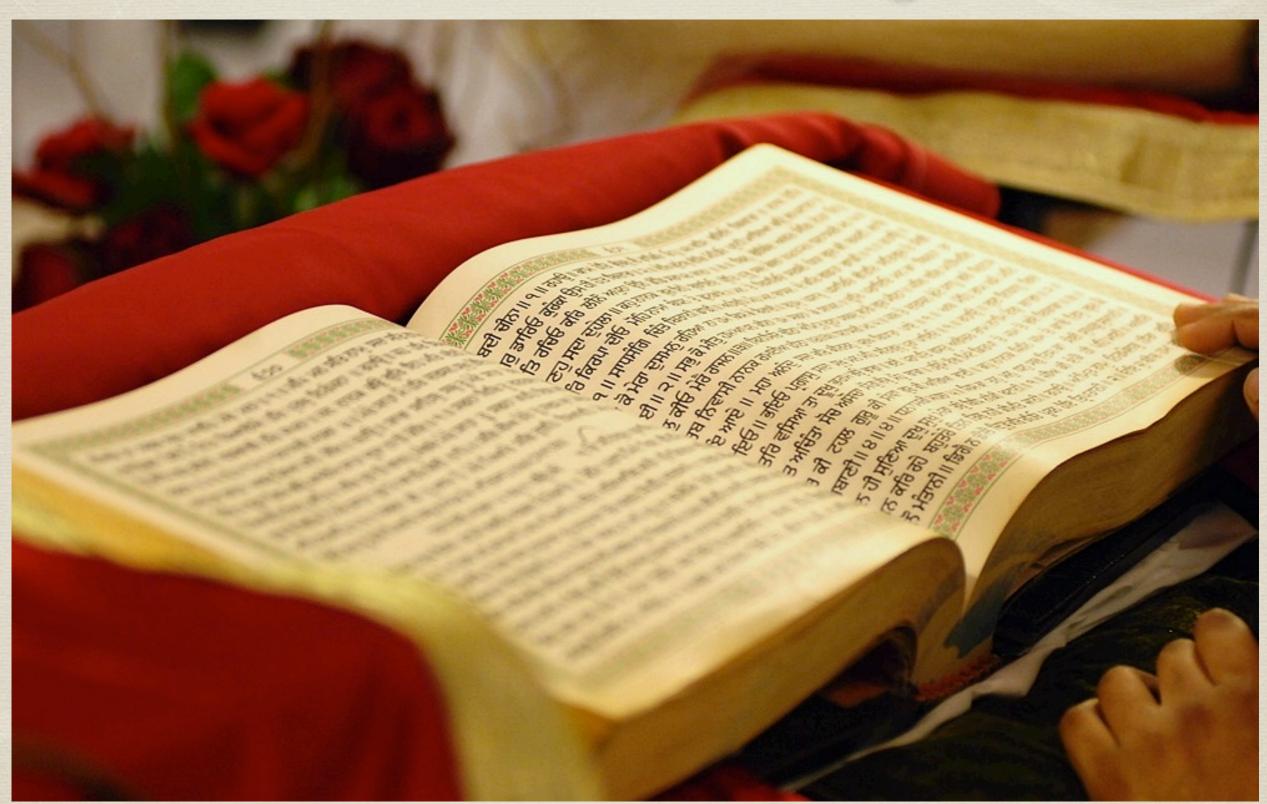
Benunthi's Family

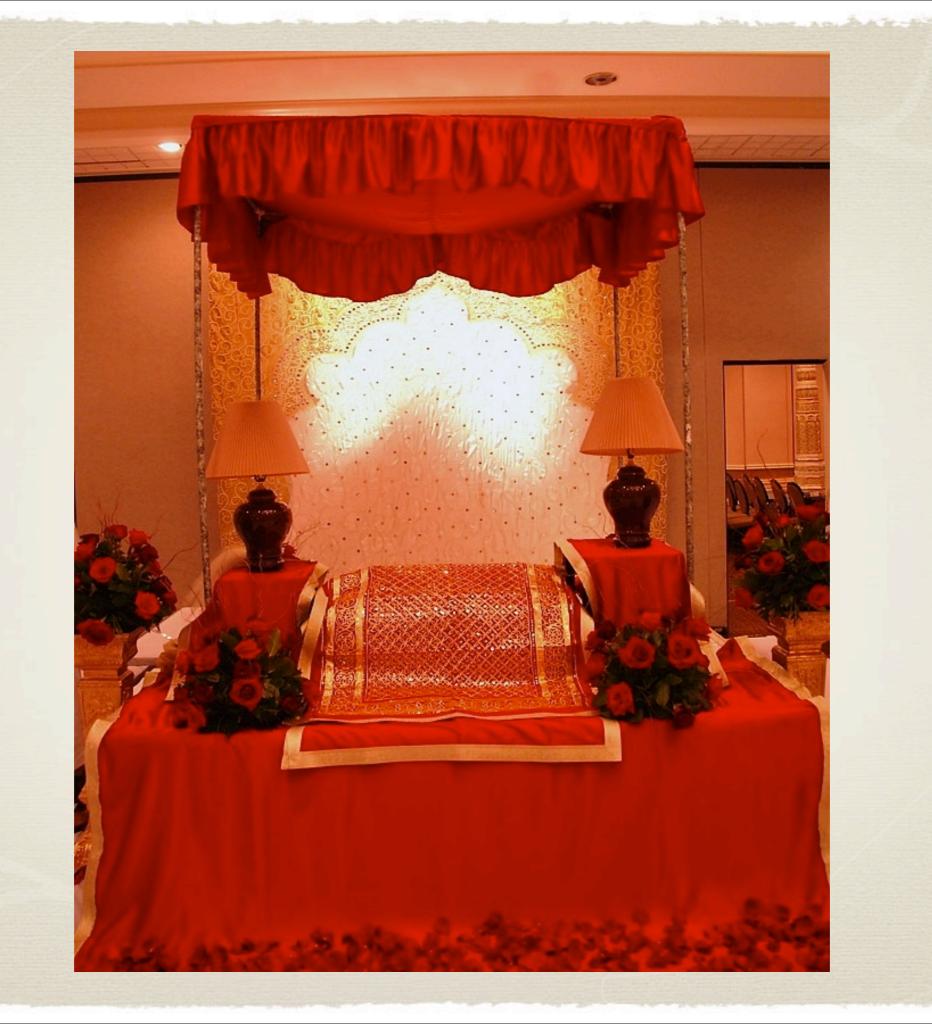
## What Sikhs Do on Gurpurabs



- \* We do special things to celebrate their lives
- \* We read the holy book The Guru Granth Sahib Ji
- \* Play instruments and sing Shabad Kirtan (Hymns from Guru Granth Sahib Ji)
- \* We go to Gurdwara (Sikh Church)
- \* Make Parashaad
- \* Prepare Langar (Community Food) for everyone

## Guru Granth Sahib Ji







Shabad Kirtan



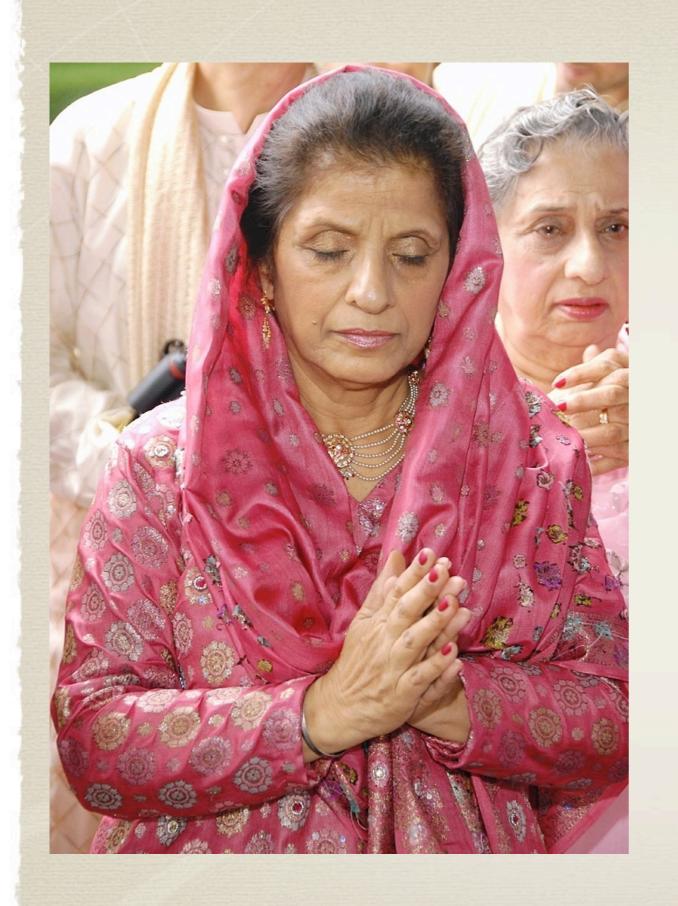
## Pray Together as a Family





Gurdwara





#### Recite Ardaas

A prayer said at every Sikh service (at home or in the Gurdwara) that remembers all 10 Gurus and how they are forever embodied in the Guru Granth Sahib Ji

#### Make Karah Parshaad







Prepare Langar

## What Sikhs Do on Gurpurabs

- \* Have Street Parades
- \* Continue to do Sewa (Community Service)
- \* Some organize poetic readings, plays, engage in intellectual seminars and folk music.
- \* Some Sikh make gifts for or give gifts to others.

## We Come Together as a Community



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## More Information

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