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Priest's Corner

Vagartha viva samprakthow vagartha prathipattaye!
Jagatah pitharow Vande Parvati parameswarow!!

Which means..

Just Like, We cannot separate the word from the sound and its meaning,
Same way we cannot separate Parvati and parameswara.
We bow to them as they are the parents of the whole universe.

I would like to explain about Karthika maasam at this time.

The whole year is divided in to two parts.

First 6 months is Uttarayanam and other 6 months is Dakshinayanam

More festivals come in Dakshina aayanam for example....

Chaturmasya starting, Guru purnima, Sravana maasam, Ganesh Chaturthi,
Navaratri, Diwali, Karthika maasam, Skanda shasti. Danuemaasam etc..

This month of November is called Karthika maasam, one of the important months in Dakshinayanam.
Because of cold weather our mind and heart will not be in our control during this season.

According to our Vedas..

"" Chandra maa manasoo jaathah""

It means Chandra {the moon} can control our mind. In Karthika maasam, if we pray to lord shiva on Mondays, we can get anugraha(blessings) of moon. our mind will be under our control and it leads to the good thoughts in our life.

The Karthika maasam starts day after Diwali, Which is a new year in some parts of India. According to our traditions, some of the important days to remember in karthika masam are as follows.

1. Bhagini hasta bhojanam.
2. Nagula chaviti (we pray to Subramanya swamy)
3. Uttana ekadashi (Chaturmasya ends. Chaturmasya started in ashada ekadashi)
4. Kshirabdi dwadashi (Tulasi maata & Damodara prayer)
5. Karthika pournami (krittika deepotsavam)

we should to light diyas every day at our home and mainly on pournami we should light diyas at our home and or at the temple. In our tradition we light the diyas with 365 wicks, one wick for each day of the year. The Diya produces heat, so that many insects can survive. Hence lighting the Deepam is very important in this karthika maasam.

6. Maasa shivaratri.

Based on our Hindu calendar, every month's Krishna paksha chaturdashi is called maasa shivaratri.
In this karthika masam we prayed to Parvati Parameswara to shower their blessing upon us.

****Sarve janaah sukhinoo bhavanthu****

Priest Saimanoj Machavolu. STHS

KAARTEEKA MAASAM
NA KAARTEEKA NAMO MAASAHA
NA DEVAM KESAVAATPARAM
NACHA VEDAM SAASTRAM
NA TEERTHAM GANGAAYAASTHAMAM
It is from SKAANDAPURANAM.

There is no month equal to Kaarteeka Maasam, no God equal to Vishnu and Siva, no SAASTRAM equal to VEDAS,
no river equal to GANGA

Friends we want to resume sharing information about Festivals as they come by every month. We are in Kaarteeka Maasam. This month is very special because this month is very important for Siva, Vishnu, Lakshmi, and Yama. Second day of Kaarteekam, "Kaarteeka Suddha VIDIYA" is celebrated as "Bhaginee Hasta Bhojanam". That day sisters cook food and feed their brothers. Story is that YAMA and his sister YAMUNA are SURYA'S children. Being very busy, Yama didn't see Yamuna for a long time. Once he went to her and she fed him and being very pleased, he told she can ask for anything, Devatas don't need anything personal, so she asked for welfare of and no "Akaala Maranam", untimely deaths. He granted that on first Vidiya day whomever eats from sister's hand will not have untimely death. Chaviti, first 4th day of the month is for Naageswara/Naaga Devata. That day in many parts of India devotees celebrate as a festival, wearing new clothes and create lively atmosphere and go to nearest snake pit and offer Milk and Fruits with belief that Nagendra will take them. Whether or not Snake consumes them, it's the belief that matters.

First EKAADASI is very Auspicious because Lord Vishnu wakes up from YOGANIDRA, he goes into YOGANIDRA in AASHADHA SUDDHA EKAADASI. Praying Vishnu on Dasami, Ekaadasi gives lot of Punyam. Day after that is KSHEERABDI DWAADASI, on that day place DIYAAS and AMLA as Daana, offerings at TULASI

KAARTEEKA POURNAMI is very Auspicious. Pray at Tulasi by lightning DIYAAS, and whole house is decorated with Diyaas. On last day of Kaarteeka Maasam women leave Diyaas in water for Blessings from Lakshmi.

On every Monday Lord Siva is worshipped with MAHANYASA SAHITA RUDRAABHISHEKAM. During this whole month some people observe fasting during daytime and eat only at night.

DANAAS given during this month are Deepa Daanam, Amal Daanam, GODAANAM.

The above is brief information, interested people may talk to our Respected Priests.

By,
Dr. Mahesh Maruvada

The ten incarnations of Vishnu are the Dashavataras

As per the Hindu Scriptures this has happened nine times to protect the world and will happen the tenth time in this Yuga in the form of Kalki

These 10 incarnations are:

1. **Matsya** Avatar

Incarnation as a fish and saved earthy existence from a torrential flood.

2. **Kurma** Avatar

Incarnation as a turtle at the time of Samudra Manthan, the churning of the ocean for the elixir of life.

3. **Varah** Avatar

Incarnation as a half boar and half man. He killed a demon Hiranyaksha who had taken the earth at the bottom of a cosmic sea.

Vishnu restored the earth in its place.

4. **Narsimha** Avatar

Incarnation as a half man and half lion to kill demon king Hiranyakashyapu who would not allow the worship Vishnu by force or by killing.

5. **Vaman** Avatar

Incarnation as a dwarf and took the kingdom from demon Bali and pushed him into Paataal (underworld).

6. **Parshuram** Avatar

Incarnation who turned into a warrior after the murder of his parents by Kshatriyas. He got a miraculous ax From Lord Shiva to kill Kshatriyas who were oppressing the poor.

7. **Ram** Avatar

Incarnation where the prince of Ayodhya who later became a king. Killed demon king Ravana who abducted his wife Sita and freed many human beings captured by Ravana.

8. **Krishna** Avatar

Incarnation who guided Pandavas to kill the evil Duryodhana and his forces.

9. **Buddha** Avatar

Vishnu's incarnation who spread the message of peace through Buddhism.

Kalki Avatar Vishnu's incarnation who is yet to come.

Most Hindus know the above Avatars of Vishnu as learned through stories from elders or reading various scriptures. To some it reveals the ultimate power of god who come to our rescue when the balance of good and evil tips more and more towards evil.

To some it reveals the very evolution of humankind itself from animals to highest evolved and intelligent human beings.

By,

Mrs.Bakti Sooda



Dear Devotees,

Diwali celebration is just over with the usual pomp and fireworks. Over 500 devotees attended the festival at the temple. Some of the pictures are displayed in the newsletter. Our priests Sri Srinvasachyarulu Anikepallia and Sri Saimanoj Machavolu beautifully performed the Lakshmi Pooja just as they performed all the other poojas throughout the year. I thank them heartily on behalf of all the devotees.

This Diwali time, one of the important issue mentioned was the repair of the temple roof. Our Temple is a place where we come to pray, seek blessings to rejoice in our good times and divine deliverance in bad times. We definitely should not have a leaking roof everytime it rains. We have submitted our claim to the insurance company and hoping for the best results. Our Temple needs your financial support to ensure the roof repair is performed expeditiously. Please donate generously to the roof repair account!

Also,do not hesitate to use the temple to celebrate your children's birthdays, anniversaries, naming ceremonies etc in lieu of small donations. On these occasions our priests will perform poojas and bless the celebrating devotee.

On a different note, I want to thank you all for putting your trust in me in performing my duties as a president for 2 years and as a treasurer for 4 years. Our new treasurer is Mrs Bhakti Sooda. Please continue to extend your trust and support to her. I am honored to continue to be the trustee.

**Have a blessed holiday season ,
Vandana Kamat
Trustee**

Diwali Celebrations







Editor's Corner



Dear members of the community,

It has been few months since we had any communication through our newsletter .

Festivities for the year have begun with Janmashtami and are ongoing in a big scale .

Happy Diwali ,and very happy upcoming holiday season .

Few updates since the last newsletter .

Dr Vijay Bendingvale has done an awesome job last few years leading the team of trustees. Thank you for your contributions and leadership.

I join the other members of the team welcoming Dr.Vishnu Reddy ,who has graciously agreed to take the lead role for the coming years .

The members of board have created an advisory board from the community and their names are:

Mrs.Sulakshana Modak (Chair person)

Guru Patel (Secretary)

Avantika Bhakta (President Mahila Mandal)

Rajan Ahuja

Mahaveer Bhagat

Raju Bhagat

Prasanth Chotu

Kalyani Chekuri

Shalini Narang

Narayana Reddy

Vijayan Rama Swamy

Thank you all for agreeing and being part of the sounding board to the board of trustees.

Mrs Bhakti Sooda , Drs Vijay Bendingvale ,Vishnu Reddy will periodically meet with the advisory board and update the board of trustees.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Lalitha M Janaki,MD FACR

