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There is absolutely no need to find fault with the scriptures or to seek to alter them. It is the disobedience of the scriptures that has brought all this evil and misery. Restore them to their rightful throne of authority and all will be well.

- Jagadguru Sri Chandrashekhara Bharati Mahaswamigal

February 7, 2015

Sampūrṇa Gītā Pārāyaṇam

The monthly chanting of the entire Śrimad Bhagavadgītā is scheduled on the first Saturday of every month. In February, this recitation took place on February 7th, 2015. All devotees are welcome to attend, and actively participate in this special event.

February 14, 2015

Hanumān Chālisā
recitation

Every month, chanting of *Hanumān Chālisā* is featured on the second Saturday at 3:30p.m. Last month, *Hanumān Chālisā* recitation (eleven times) occurred on February 14th, 2015. All devotees are encouraged to join us in

Mahā Śivarātri February 17, 2015

Mahā Śivarātri was celebrated in a grand manner in the temple from the evening of February 17th through the dawn of February 18th. The *Prathama kāla pūjā* started with the chanting of *mahanyāsam*, followed by chanting of the sacred hymn *Śrī Rudram* 11 times (*ekadaśa rudra pārāyaṇam*). While the hymn was chanted, *abhiśekam* was performed to Lord *Chandramoulīśvara* using milk and curd from our very own *Gośālā* on the premises, plus, coconut water, etc. This was followed by a grand *kalaśābhiśekam*, when the sacred waters from 108 kalasas was used to perform the *abhishekam*. The first *kāla pūjā* ended with *Śivā bhajans*, *archanā* and *ārti*.

In the second *kāla pūjā*, the *Sāma Veda Rudram* was chanted in addition to the *Śrī Rudram/Chamakam* chanting. Simultaneously, Lord *Chandramoulīśvara abhiśekam* was performed by the priests. This *pūjā* concluded with performance of *archanā* using *bilva* leaves that was followed by *ārti*. In the third *kāla pūjā*, *Rudra Triśati archanā* was performed after the *abhiśekam* along with *Śrī Rudram/Chamakam* chanting. In the fourth *kāla pūjā*, *abhiśekam* was done to the sonorous chanting of *Śrī Rudram/Chamakam*. During the *usha kāla pūjā* (the early morning *pūjā*), obeisance was offered to *Devi* by chanting of *Lalita Sahasranama*. The Mahā Śivarātri program concluded with *Śrī Nandikeswara/Chandikeswara pūjās*.

An object continues to be dear as long as one derives pleasure from it and it is detested for the duration that it causes pain. The same object cannot be always liked or disliked. Sometimes, that which is not dear may become dear. Moreover, that which was loveable can turn unpleasant. The Atma, towards which affection never wanes, is always the most beloved. - Jagadguru Sri Adi Shankara Bhagavatpada-

VIBHUTI (BHASMA)

Vibhuti (bhasma) is very closely associated with Lord *Śivā*. The significance of "*Vibhuti*" (*bhasma*) is explained in *Jābāla upaniṣad*, which is one among the 108 *upaniṣads*. Mahā Śivarātri day is an auspicious day to make fresh "*Vibhuti*" from dried cow dung.

This should be prepared from *Agni* (fire) generated by performing "*Virāja Homam*" (particular mantras in *Taittirīya Upaniṣad*)

Mahā Śivarātri



abhiṣeka kalaśās containing sanctified water



Instead of using the tongue for speaking futile issues, use it to chant the names of God. God shall then guide you along the right and beneficial path.

- Jagadguru Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamigal

Mahā Śivarātri

March 2015

Calendar of Events

March 14 2015

- Karadayar Nombu

March 17 2015

- Jayanti of Jagadguru Sri Sacchidananda Shivabhinava Nrisimha Bharati Mahaswamigal

March 20 2015

- Ugadi
- Manmatha Nama Samvatsaram
- Telugu, Kannada, Konkani, Marathi and Kashmiri New Year's day

March 25 2015

- 65th Vardhanti of Jagadguru Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamiji

March 28 2015

- Śrī Rāma Navami



Lord Chandramoulīśvara adorned after *abhišekam*