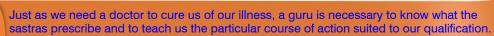
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- Jagadguru Sri Chandrashekhara Bharati Mahaswamigal

March 7, 2015

Sampūrņa Gītā Pārāyaṇam

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

March 14, 2015

Hanumān Chālisā recitation

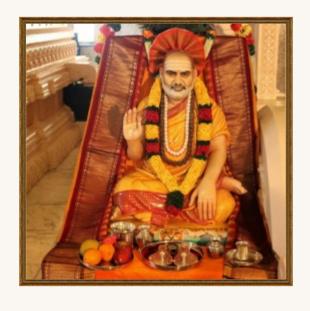
Every month, chanting of *Hanumān Chālisā* is featured on the second Saturday at 3:30 p.m. Last month, *Hanumān Chālisā* recitation (eleven times) occurred on March 14th, 2015. All devotees are encouraged to join us in this monthly chanting.

Ugādi (Manmatha Nāma Samvatsara) March 20, 2015

Ugādi was celebrated on March 20 2015. This day marks the start of *Manmatha nāma samvatsara*.

Vardhanti (65th Birthday of Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamiji) March 28, 2015

The 65th Jayanti of Jagadguru Sri Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamiji was celebrated on March 28th, Saturday. To mark this special day, āyuşya homam, mrutyuñjaya homam, virajā homam and āvahanti homam were performed. After a ceremonial procession with Jagadguru's portrait being feted by recitation from the Vedās and Upaniṣads, Pāduka was performed. pūjā program concluded with Veda pārāvanam, ashtāvadhana sevā, ārati, mantrapuspam and prasādam.



Our nation and its culture have a hoary past and we should all be proud of it. Mere aping of the West is not beneficial for us. For example, care of aged parents is something that has come down to us traditionally and we must never neglect this duty by imbibing concepts of some free societies, wherein concern for one's own parents is at low ebb.

- Jagadguru Sri Abhinava Vidyatirtha Mahaswamigal

Vardhanti Photos













- Jagadguru Sri Chandrashekhara Bharati Mahaswamigal

rāma nāma japa

In his prārthanā satpadī stotram, Śrī Ādi Śańkarācārya uses the phrase, "Vișņo, tāraya samsārasāgaratah," meaning, "O Lord Visnu, kindly help me cross the ocean of samsāra." Samsāra, the life of becoming is compared to sāgara, the ocean. Repetition of the Lord's name, nāma japa, with devotion helps one to cross this ocean of samsāra. Thus, Rāma nāma is a tāraka mantra for a devotee.



Śrī Rāma Navamī March 28, 2015

Śrī Rāmā is the seventh incarnation of Lord Viṣnu's daśāvatārās. He represents the ideals of being both a son and a king. As a son, he was absolutely devoted to his parents. He symbolized adherence to one's father's words as the ultimate truth, never to be transgressed; even in the face of great hardship to oneself. As a king, he represented his citizens with utmost honor, sincerity and trust. The word Rāmarājyā has come to symbolize perfection!

On March 28th, Śrī Rāma Navamī was celebrated in the temple. Sitā Rāma Kalyāna mahotsavā started at 4 p.m and concluded with ārati and prāsādam. Sundara kānda pārāyanam that started on March 20th concluded on March 28th before the Sitā Rāma Kalyāna mahotsavam.



- Bhagavan Sri Krishna

April 2015

Calendar of Events

April 03 2015

• Panguni Uttaram

April 14 2015

- Chittirai māsam begins
- Manmatha Nāma Samvatsaram
- Viśu Punya Kālam
- Tamil New Year's day

April 21 2015

• Akşaya Trutīya

April 22 2015

Śañkara Jayanti

Saint Thyagaraja Day Announcement

Date: April 25 2015

Time: 11 am

- *Pañcaratna kritis* by teachers and students from the tri-state area.
- Thematic group rendition of Thyagaraja *kritis* by teachers and students will be featured
- Vocal concert by Sri. O.S.Thyagarajan in concert with Sri.Mysore Srikanth (violin) and Sri.Akshay (mridangam)

SVBF *Gītā* Day Announcement

The annual $G\bar{\imath}t\bar{a}$ day will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2015. Competitions will be held on June 13, 2015 and June 20, 2015. This year, the recitation competition will be on the 2^{nd} chapter of the *Bhagavad G\bar{\imath}t\bar{a}*. Apart from the recitation competitions, $G\bar{\imath}t\bar{a}$ $kr\bar{\imath}d\bar{a}$, an exciting and fun-filled $G\bar{\imath}t\bar{a}$ quiz competition for the entire family and the $G\bar{\imath}t\bar{a}$ poster competition aimed at expanding awareness and encouraging participation of the entire family will be part of the $G\bar{\imath}t\bar{a}$ Day celebrations. The verse for the $G\bar{\imath}t\bar{a}$ talk event will be the 5^{th} verse for the 15^{th} chapter.

Please visit the SVBF website for registration and other details.