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# लारके शोड नदवडोएटर

Just as we need a doctor to cure us of our illness, a guru is necessary to know what the sastras prescribe and to teach us the particular course of action suited to our qualification.  
- Jagadguru Sri Chandrashekhara Bharati Mahaswamigal

March 7, 2015

*Sampūrṇa Gītā Pārāyaṇam*

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

March 14, 2015

*Hanumān Chālīsā*  
recitation

Every month, chanting of *Hanumān Chālīsā* is featured on the second Saturday at 3:30 p.m. Last month, *Hanumān Chālīsā* recitation (eleven times) occurred on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 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*  
(65<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Jagadguru  
Sri Sri Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamiji)  
March 28, 2015

The 65<sup>th</sup> Jayanti of Jagadguru Sri Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamiji was celebrated on March 28<sup>th</sup>, Saturday. To mark this special day, *āyusya 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 pūjā* was performed. The program concluded with *Veda pārāyaṇam*, *ashtāvadhana sevā*, *ārati*, *mantrapuṣpam* 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





All religious conflicts and quarrels arise because a devotee is unable to disassociate his conception of God from a particular name and form.

- Jagadguru Sri Chandrashekhara Bharati Mahaswamigal

# rāma nāma japa

In his *prārthanā ṣaṭpaḍī stotram*, Śrī Ādi Śaṅkarācārya uses the phrase, “Viṣṇo, tāraya saṁsārasāgarataḥ,” meaning, “O Lord Viṣṇu, kindly help me cross the ocean of saṁsāra.” Saṁsāra, 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 saṁsāra. Thus, Rāma nāma is a tārika mantra for a devotee.



## Śrī Rāma Navamī March 28, 2015

Śrī Rāmā is the seventh incarnation of Lord Viṣṇu’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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup> concluded on March 28<sup>th</sup> before the *Sitā Rāma Kalyāna mahotsavam*.



To that which is born, death is indeed certain; and to that which is dead, birth is certain. Therefore, knowing this, you ought not to grieve over (this) inevitable

- 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

- Akṣaya Truṭīya

April 22 2015

- Śaṅkara 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 *Gītā* 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<sup>nd</sup> chapter of the *Bhagavad Gītā*. Apart from the recitation competitions, *Gītā krīdā*, an exciting and fun-filled *Gītā* quiz competition for the entire family and the *Gītā* poster competition aimed at expanding awareness and encouraging participation of the entire family will be part of the *Gītā* Day celebrations. The verse for the *Gītā* talk event will be the 5<sup>th</sup> verse for the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Please visit the SVBF website for registration and other details.