



Gaura Purnima  
Tuesday March 10th - 6 pm  
Festivities Include -  
Guru Puja, Abhishek, Lecture, Gaura Aratik, Prasadam Feast

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**Vaishnava Calendar**

**Saturday March 7th** - Ekadasi

**Tuesday March 10th** - Gaura Purnima  
(Appearance Day of Lord Chaitanya)

**Sunday March 22nd** - Ekadasi

**Friday April 3rd** - Rama Navami  
(Appearance Day of Lord Ramachandra)

**Nine Processes Of Devotional Service**

1. hearing
2. chanting
3. remembering
4. worshipping
5. serving the lotus feet of the Lord
6. offering prayers
7. carrying out the orders of the Lord
8. making friends with Him
9. surrendering everything to Him

“One can engage in all nine devotional processes, or eight, or seven, or at least in one, and that will surely make one perfect.”

*Srila Prabhupada, Bg 11.55*

**Please Chant:**

***Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna,  
Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare,  
Hare Rama, Hare Rama,  
Rama Rama, Hare Hare...***

***and your life will be sublime!***

**Lord Nityananda Appearance**

On Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, the temple celebrated the appearance day of Lord Nityananda. The devotees in attendance took pleasure in the abhishek of our Nimai-Nitai deities. This was followed by a reading of select passages from the Sri Caitanya-Caritamrta. A wonderful kirtana and prasadam feast closed out the festivities. Thanks to all who attended and helped make the event a success.



**New Prasadam Sign-up Board**

Due to the success of our Sunday Feast Sponsorship Board, we now have another board where devotees can sign up to supply various prasadam dishes for the following week's Sunday Feast. Devotees can pledge to bring a sabji, sweet, dahl, or a chapatti dish to the temple which will then be offered to our deities, and distributed as part of the prasadam feast. Please visit the temple to sign up. Preparing and offering prasadam is a great way to practice

devotional service, so we encourage all devotees to

bring anything they can, even if it's not listed on the board.



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## Lord Chaitanya

*Gaura Purnima celebrates the appearance day of Lord Shri Krishna Chaitanya, the Golden Avatar of Krishna who descended to freely spread Krishna prema to all through the chanting of the holy names of God. The following are excerpts taken from the Sri Caitanya-Caritamṛta relating to the Lord's life and pastimes.*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto the full-moon evening in the month of Phālguna, an auspicious time full of auspicious symptoms, when Lord Shri Chaitanya Mahāprabhu advented Himself with the chanting of the holy name, Hare Krishna.

On the full-moon evening of the month of Phālguna when the Lord took birth, coincidentally there was also a lunar eclipse.

In jubilation everyone was chanting the holy name of the Lord—"Hari! Hari!"—and Lord Shri Chaitanya Mahāprabhu then appeared, after first causing the appearance of the holy name.

At His birth, in His childhood and in His early and later boyhood, as well as in His youth, Lord Chaitanya Mahāprabhu, under different pleas, induced people to chant the holy name of Hari [the Hare Krishna mahā-mantra].

In His childhood, when the Lord was crying He would stop immediately upon hearing the holy names Krishna and Hari.

All the friendly ladies who came to see the child would chant the holy names, "Hari, Hari!" as soon as the child would cry.

When all the ladies saw this fun, they enjoyed laughing and called the Lord "Gaurahari." From then on, Gaurahari became another of His names.

His childhood lasted until the date of hāte khadi, the beginning of His education, and His age from the end of His childhood until He married is called pauganda.

After His marriage His youth began, and in His youth He induced everyone to chant the Hare Krishna mahā-mantra anywhere and everywhere.

During His pauganda age He became a serious student and also taught disciples. In this way He used to explain the holy name of Krishna everywhere.

When teaching a course in grammar [vyākaraṇa] and explaining it with notes, Shri Chaitanya Mahāprabhu taught His disciples

about the glories of Lord Krishna. All explanations culminated in Krishna, and His disciples would understand them very easily. Thus His influence was wonderful.

When Lord Chaitanya Mahāprabhu was a student, He asked whomever He met to chant the Hare Krishna mahā-mantra. In this way He inundated the whole town of Navadvīpa with the chanting of Hare Krishna.

Just prior to His youthful life, He began the saikirtana movement. Day and night He used to dance in ecstasy with His devotees.

The sankirtana movement went on from one part of the town to another, as the Lord wandered everywhere performing kirtana. In this way He inundated the whole world by distributing love of Godhead.

Lord Chaitanya Mahāprabhu lived in the Navadvīpa area for twenty-four years, and He induced every person to chant the Hare Krishna mahā-mantra and thus merge in love of Krishna.

For His remaining twenty-four years, Shri Chaitanya Mahāprabhu, after accepting the renounced order of life, stayed at Jagannātha Puri with His devotees.

For six of these twenty-four years in Nilācala [Jagannātha Puri], He distributed love of Godhead by always chanting and dancing.

Beginning from Cape Comorin and extending through Bengal to Vrindāvana, during these six years He toured all of India, chanting, dancing and distributing love of Krishna.

The activities of Lord Chaitanya Mahāprabhu in His travels after He accepted sannyāsa are His principal pastimes. His activities during His remaining eighteen years are called the antya-līlā, or the final portion of His pastimes.

For six of the eighteen years He continuously stayed in Jagannātha Puri, He regu-



larly performed kirtana, inducing all the devotees to love Krishna simply by chanting and dancing.

For the remaining twelve years He stayed in Jagannātha Puri, He taught everyone how to taste the transcendental mellow ecstasy of love of Krishna by tasting it Himself.

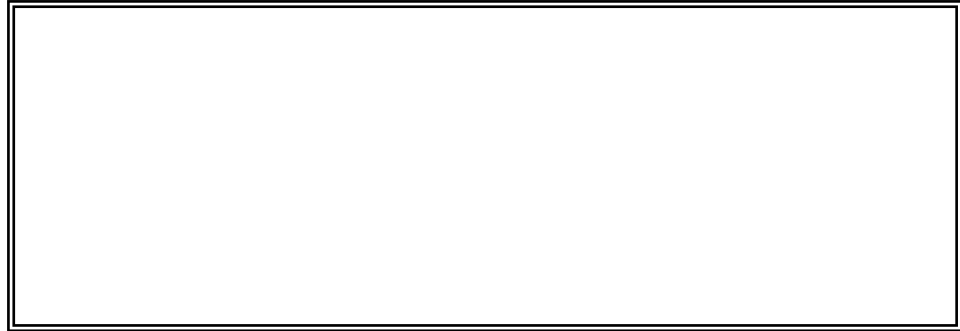
Day and night Lord Chaitanya Mahāprabhu felt separation from Krishna. Manifesting symptoms of this separation, He cried and talked very inconsistently, like a madman.

As Shrimati Rādhārāni talked inconsistently when She met Uddhava, so also Shri Chaitanya Mahāprabhu relished, both day and night, such ecstatic talk in the mood of Shrimati Rādhārāni.

The Lord used to read the books of Vidyāpati, Jayadeva and Candidāsa, relishing their songs with His confidential associates like Shri Rāmānanda Rāya and Svarupa Dāmodara Gosvāmi.

In separation from Krishna, Shri Chaitanya Mahāprabhu relished all these ecstatic activities, and thus He fulfilled His own desires.

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