

*****Latest Temple News*****

Sri Rama-Navami Festival



Lord Ramacandra’s birthday was celebrated in grand fashion at the temple on Sunday April 13th. The large group of devotees in attendance were first treated to a wonderful reading of Lord Ramacandra’s activities from the Srimad-Bhāgavatam by Krsna -Balarama Swami. Our guest speaker, Pandit Sangeev Mishra from the Hanuman temple in Hempstead, then delighted the crowd with a lecture in Hindi about Lord Rāma and the meaning behind his name. This was followed by abhishek of Sri Sri Sita-Rama deities, wonderful kirtan, and a sumptuous prasadam feast. A great time was had by all. Thank you to all who attended and to all who helped make the event a great success. Jaya Sri Rama!

Garden Project Under Way



“...This flower, it is designed by God so nicely, it is colored so nicely. It has got its use. There is variety. Even there is greenness... There is so many things varieties. There is color display, sometimes a dark red, sometimes it is light red. So nicely created by Krsna...It is Krsna’s creation. Let me take it and offer it to Krsna. This is called bhakti. This is called Krsna consciousness...” Srita Prabhupada, Lecture, 681113LE.LA

As you may have noticed, the outside temple grounds are undergoing a few changes. Krsna -Balarama Swami has launched a gardening project which, when complete, will greatly enhance the visual surroundings of the temple. It will also provide a home-grown source for daily offerings of flowers and garlands to our deities. The project has started, but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done. Thank you to all who have helped so far. Maharaja has formed a committee to oversee everything, so please contact the temple if you are interested in helping in any way.

Friday Love Feast Program In The Works

Due to the success of the Gaura Purnima festival, the temple is considering adding an additional Sunday Love Feast program on Friday nights. In conjunction, the Sunday program would be moved to the early afternoon. Please give us your feedback on these two suggestions.



- Vaishnava Calendar:**
- Thursday May 1
Varunthini Ekadasi
 - Sunday May 11
Mother’s Day
 - Tuesday May 13
Srimati Sita Devi – Appearance
 - Thursday May 15
Mohini Ekadasi
 - Friday May 16
Srimati Rukmini Devi – Appearance
 - Sunday May 18
Lord Nrsimhadeva -- Appearance

Srila Prabhupada on Lord Nrsimhadeva (Compilation of Quotes)

“When Prahlada Maharaja was in the presence of his atheist father, the latter asked him (Prahlada Maharaja) where was his God? The child Prahlada replied that God resides everywhere. The father retorted if his God was within the pillar. The child replied yes. At once the atheist king broke into pieces the pillar in front of him and the Lord appeared as Nrsimha (half man and half lion) from within the pillar and thus killed the atheist king. This means that the Lord is within everything created by His different energies. And by His inconceivable power He can come out at any place in order to favor His sincere devotee. Lord Nrsimha appeared from within the pillar not by the order of atheist king but by the wish of the devotee Prahlada. An atheist cannot order the Lord to appear anywhere and everywhere but to show mercy to His devotee the Lord can appear anywhere and everywhere. The Bhagavad-gita confirms this statement that the Lord appears to vanquish the unbelievers and to protect the believers. To vanquish an unbeliever the Lord has sufficient energies and agents who can do the work but to favor the devotee is a pleasing task for him and therefore the Lord descends as incarnation, He does so to favor His devotees only and not for any other purposes.”

Back to Godhead Magazine, Volume 3, Part 24, August 5, 1960

“Krsna has got many, many incarnation. Rāma is also one of them. So when we speak of Krsna, it means including all the incarnation—Rāma, Nrsimha, Varāha—everything. Rāmādi... Therefore rāmādi, "taking Rāma as the original," mūrṭiṇu, "in such forms," *ramadi-murtisu kalaniyamena tisthan* [Bs. 5.39], "He is existing." Krsna is not alone. He is always existing with His different incarnations, Rāma, Nrsimha, Varāha, Matsya, Kūrma—so many. So either you worship

Krsna or Rāma, Nrsimha, Varāha, Matsya, Kūrma, anyone you can worship.”

Lecture, 751027BG.NAI

“Lord Nrsimha appeared as a half-man, half-lion incarnation of Krsna when Prahlada, a boy devotee of the Lord, was harassed by his demoniac father



Hiranyakasipu. Just as a lion is very ferocious to other animals but very kind and submissive to his cubs, so Lord Nrsimha appeared ferocious to Hiranyakasipu and very kind to His devotee Prahlada.”

Teachings of Lord Caitanya, TLC27-1975: Lord Caitanya and Rāmānanda Rāya

“...So in the previous verses all the incarnations of God, they have been given there—father's name, mother's name. Krsna avatāra also, His father's name, mother's name is there. But here Narasiāha, there is no name of the father and mother. This verse is peculiar that there is no names. Why? Be-

cause this Nrsimha incarnation came out of a column. Hiranyakasipu was so angry talking with his son. He saw that his son is very strongly Krsna conscious; he could not induce him to forget Krsna. So he was very angry. So he was ready to kill him with his sword. At that time Prahlada Maharaja, the little boy, five years old, he was just looking at the column in the hall. So his father marked it and immediately asked, "Do you think your God is there in the column?" He said, "Yes, my father." Immediately he broke the column, and Nrsimha came out.

Lecture, 720923SB.LA

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

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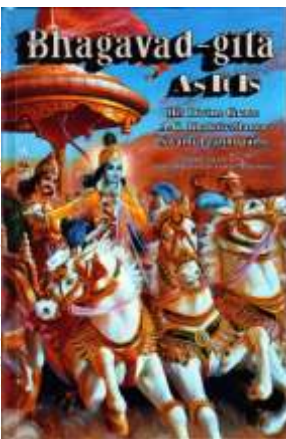
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- 1) To systematically propagate spiritual knowledge to society at large and to educate all people in the techniques of spiritual life in order to check the imbalance of values in life and to achieve real unity and peace in the world.
- 2) To propagate a consciousness of Krishna (God), as it is revealed in the great scriptures of India, Bhagavad-Gita and Srimad-Bhagavatam.
- 3) To bring the members of the Society together with each other and nearer to Krishna, the prime entity, thus developing the idea within the members, and humanity at large, that each soul is part and parcel of the quality of Godhead (Krishna).
- 4) To teach and encourage the sankirtana movement, congregational chanting of the holy name of God, as revealed in the teachings of Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.
- 5) To erect for the members and for society at large a holy place of transcendental pastimes dedicated to the personality of Krishna.
- 6) To bring the members closer together for the purpose of teaching a simpler, more natural way of life.
- 7) With a view towards achieving the aforementioned purposes, to publish and distribute periodicals, magazines, books and other writings



*****Prabhupada Books Available*****



The temple has a large selection of original books by His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. These books include the original 1972

edition of Bhagavad-Gita As It Is and the original 1970 edition of Krsna, The

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