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BALALAYA PRATISHTAPANA MAHOTSAVAM

[PALASTHAPANAM / CONSECRATION CEREMONY]

of

Sri Subramanya Swami (Kartikeya), Sri Valli & Sri Devyani

Friday-Saturday, May 1-2, 1998

at the Hindu Temple

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PROGRAM

Friday, May 1, 1998, 6.00- 9.00 PM

Acharya- Rithvik Varunam: Warm welcome to all the participants, and the presentaion of deeksha vastrams (garments rendered yellow with turmeric) to the priests.

Swasthi vachanam & Punyahavachanam: Vedic Mantras to usher safety, sanctity and auspiciousness to the celebration.

Mahasankalpam: Pledge to fulfill the religious injunctions for the installation of Deities.

Raksha Bhandhanam (Kankana Dhaaranam): The priests will tie a cotton thread soaked in Turmeric and Kunkum to their wrist as well as to those of all participants. It is a barrier against any incident that may defile a participant from participation.

Ankurarpanam: The soil is seeded with grains and watered. The vigor with which the seedlings grow in the days to follow is supposed to be indicative of the future prosperity of the Temple.

Chhaya Adivasam: Mirror image of the Deities to be installed are symbolically immersed in water, flower, grains etc.

Kalasharadhanam: Deities are invoked in the kalashas and Puja performed to Kalashas.

Ganapathi Homam: Vedic Hawan is performed to appease Ganesha, the leader of all the Ganas and the remover of obstacles.

Navagraha Homam: Vedic Hawan is performed to please the Nava Grahas (Surya, Chandra, Angaraka, Budha, Brihaspathi, Shukra, Shani, Rahu, and Ketu)

Nethra Unmilanam, Kanya and Darpana Darshanam: This is the rite of "opening of the eyes". The eyes of the Murthis are symbolically "opened" using a gold or silver stick. During this ritual, Kanyas (pre-teen girls) are made to stand in front of the Deities, so that the very first sight the Deities will behold are the kanyas. Followed by this a mirror is held in front of the Deities.

Naivediyam, Aarathi.

Saturday, May 2, 1998, 8.00 AM - 1: 00 PM

Punyahavachanam: Vedic Mantras to usher sanctity and auspiciousness to the celebration.

Paarayanam: Studying Holy Scriptures. **Shayyadhivasam:** The Idols are laid to rest on bed.

Thorana-Dwaja Aaradhanam: Puja to the gateways of the Yagashala.

Mahakumbha Aradhanam: Puja is done to all the Deities invoked in the Kumbhas.

Agni pratishthapanam: Establishing Agni (Fire) in the Homa Kundam.

Pradhana Homam: Homa is performed in which Ahuthis are given to the various Deities. **Prayaschitta Homam:** Homa to compensate for any inadequacies in the ceremonies. **Poornam-huthi:** Final offerings by the entire congregation to Homa Kundam.

Kumbhabhishekam: The sanctified water from the Kumbhas are used for bathing the Murthis.

Prana Pratisthai: Imbibing Life to Deities with specified Bheejakshara Mantrams (performed behind the curtain).

Panchamrita Thirumanjanam: Bathing with milk, sugar, ghee, honey and yogurt.

Alankaram: Decorating the Deities. **Mantrapushpam:** Garland of Manthras. **Archana:** Offering flowers accompanied with chanting of divine names.

Mahanaivediyam: Offering prepared food and fruits to the Deities. **Mahamaugalarathi:** Special Aarathi to Deities.

Theertha-Prasada Viniyogam: Holy water and Prasadam to devotees. **Acharya - Rithvik Puja:** Priests and other participants are honored for their services.

Aasheervadhnam: Blessings and conclusion. **Prasad/Lunch**

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