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LalitambikaNavaratri and Devi Kalyanotsavam

March 2018, Devipuram

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Sloka from the LalithaStava Raja, 8th Chapter of the Sri Lalitopakhyana

The Divine Goddess has been described in Her myriad forms in many sacred and holy Puranas - Devi Bhagavatam, BrahmandaPurana, Tripura Rahasya and Durga Saptashati.

*Victory to the beloved
of Siva, Victory to
Mother Lalitha,
Victory to the Goddess
of Victory
Who leads to excess of
victory in wars*

*Salutations to Her who
is the cause of
fulfilment of those
born and that of
women
And to the Divine One*

The Brahmanda Purana which is written as the dialogue between Hayagriva and AgastyaMuni, contains the Lalitopakhyana (Story of Lalita). The centre-piece of the Lalitapakhyana is the Sri Lalita Sahasranama Stotram. Hayagriva initiated Agastya into this most revered Stotram (1000 names of the Divine Mother),this most sacred hymn that contains the essence of this whole cosmos!

ChaitraPadyami to Navami is to be celebrated as LalitambikaNavaratri, and Devi Kalyanam performed on Chaitra Pournami!

The LalithaSahasranama says that one can worship Goddess Lalita only if She wishes us to do so. And we all have come to Her, through the infinite grace of our Guru, Sri AmritanandaNathaSaraswati.

As the disciples of our Loving Guru Sri Amritananda who took us all into Her Divine Embrace and initiated us into the most secret teachings with abundant love, what higher fortune can we have than to adore Her during this Navaratri?

The Celebrations

The LalitambikaNavaratri will be conducted at Devipuram from March 18th to 25th (Padyami to Navami)- 8 days. The focus of the worship being Sri LalitaMaha Tripura Sundari, we will commence each day with the most sacred Sri Navavarana Puja at both Sri Kamakhya Guru Peetham as well as Sri Sahasrakshi Devi (Sri YantraMahaMeru). Each day a different AshtottaraShataNamavali will be recited for Her.

SamuhikaKshirabhishekam and Kumkumarchana is being organized for the devotees who may propitiate the Goddess (UtsavaMurthi) with milk to the powerful chants of the LalitaSahasranamam,Trishati and the AshtottaraShataNamavali.

The Lalitha Homa will be performed daily with Her Panchadashi mantra, the Anga, Upanga and Pratyanga devata mantras and the Ashottara

ShataNamavali of that day. Devotees are invited to participate in this and offer the sacred oblations.

Panchadashi Mantra Japa will be offered in conjunction with the japa of the Anga, Upanga and Pratyanga devata mantras.

Each day, ***Lalita Sahasra Namavali Parayana and Archana*** will be performed so as to complete **Lakshaarchana** during this Navaratri. This will be done using different 9 different dravyams viz..Kumkuma, turmeric, Flowers, Sandalwood powder, Vibhooti, Honey, Sandalwood oil, Panchagavyam and Rosewater. All these dravyams (each with a special attribute) will be placed near the Sri Yantram during the Lakshaarchana and thus blessed these dravyams will then distributed as Prasadam to all devotees.

Sandhya Harati will be offered to Devi every evening wherein devotees are encouraged to come and offer their songs, dance or any art form to Her as Seva.

In keeping with our tradition of worshipping women as Devi, we will be performing **Kalavahana on all days at the KamakhyaPeetham**. In addition, we are blessed to revere the Divine Mother as Bala, Kumari, Suvasini and Dampati (couples) on different days.

On Dasami ie 26th March, we will perform the Archana with **SarvapurtikariStavam- Trishati** in praise of Goddess LalitaMaha Tripura Sundari, in gratitude and reverence.

On Chaturdashi ie 30th March, Damanotsava will be performed- a sacred ritual for all Sadhakas.

On ChaitraPournami, 31st March after the ritual PournamiAbhishekam , we joyously adorn the Divine couple Kameswari and Kameswara with vastram and alankaram with jewels and flowers. A festive occasion indeed when they are taken around the temple in procession in the Pallaki.

We are so blessed indeed to be performing The Devi Kalyanam – the Divine Union of Kameswari and Kameswara!

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All are welcome to Devipuram during this auspicious time to deepen your Sadhana!

Receive the Divine Grace of our **Pujya Guru Sri Annapunamba Sahita Amritananda Saraswati** and

the Abundant Spiritual Compassion of **Devi Kamakhya and Sri Sri Sri Sahasrakshi Raja Rajeswari Devi.**

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