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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATIONS

Shree Ramkibir Bhakta Samaj of Southern California cordially invites you to its annual general meeting and Janmashtami celebrations.

Date: Tuesday September 4, 2007

Place: Bhakta Cultural Center, 12311 Firestone Blvd. Norwalk, CA

Time: 4:30PM to 6:00PM - General Meeting,

6:00PM to 7:00PM- Dinner

7:00PM and Onwards— Bhajan & Janmashtami Celebrations

(Please bring Aarti and Prasad)

This event have been graciously sponsored by Mr. Bharatbhai Valjibhai Bhakta and Family and Co Sponsored by Mr. Harshadbhai Dahyabhai Patel and Sarojben Harshadbhai Patel (Bhakta) of Sylmar, CA and family.

General Meeting Agenda (વાર્ષિક સાધારણ સભાના કાર્યક્રમની રુપરેખા)

Welcome and opening prayer (સભાની શરુઆત અને પ્રાર્થના)

Approval of minutes of the last meeting (ગત વર્ષની સભાની નોંધ અને મંજુરી)

President's, Secretary's, Treasurer's And Sakhee Mandal Report (પ્રમુખશ્રી, મંત્રીશ્રી, ખજાનચી અને સખી મંડળનો અહેવાલ)

Election of New Trustees (નવા ટ્રસ્ટીઓની નિમણુક)

Open Forum (Q and A) and Vote of thanks. (ખુલ્લી સભા અને પ્રશ્નોત્તરી અને આભાર વિધિ)

વાર્ષિક સાધારણ સભા અને જન્માષ્ટમી

સૌને સપ્રેમ રામકબીર. શ્રી રામકબીર ભક્ત સમાજ ઓફ સધર્ન કેલીફોર્નિયાની વાર્ષિક સાધારણ સભા અને સાથે સાથે જન્માષ્ટમીના પર્વની ઉજવણી માટે હાર્દિક આમંત્રણ આપીએ છીએ. આપ જરુરથી આપણા ભક્ત કલ્ચરલ સેન્ટરે સમયસર પધારશો એવી વિનંતી છે.

તારીખ: મંગળવાર, સપ્ટેમ્બર, ૪, ૨૦૦૭,

વાર્ષિક સાધારણ સભાનો સમય: સાંજે ૪:૩૦ વાગ્યાથી ૬:૦૦ વાગ્યા દરમ્યાન.

ભોજન: સાંજે ૬:૦૦ થી ૭:૦૦ દરમ્યાન.

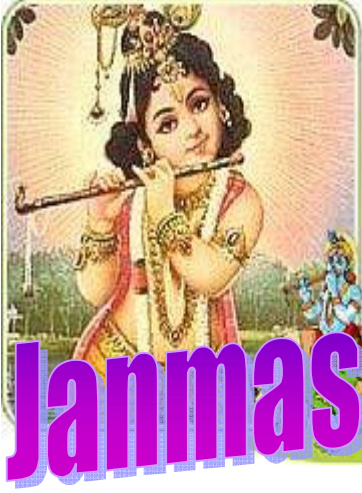
ભજન: ૭:૦૦ થી મોડી રાત સુધી ભજન-આરતી (સૌને આરતી-પ્રસાદ લાવવા વિનંતી) આ વાર્ષિક ધાર્મિક પ્રસંગનું આયોજન શ્રી ભરતભાઈ વાલજીભાઈ ભક્ત તથા અ.સૌ. મણીબેન (કબીરગામ) તથા હર્ષથી શ્રી હર્ષદભાઈ ડાહ્યાભાઈ પટેલ અને અ.સૌ. સરોજબેન (વાંકાનેર) તથા પરિવારના સંયુક્ત સૌજન્ય અને સહકારથી શક્ય બનેલ છે.



Janmashtami Celebration



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Janmashtami



The Story of Lord Krishna's Birth: The birth of Krishna is in itself a transcendental phenomenon that generates awe among the Hindus and overwhelms one and all with its supra mundane happenings. Mother Earth, unable to bear the burden of sins committed by evil kings and rulers, appealed to Brahma, the Creator for help. Brahma prayed to the Supreme Lord Vishnu, who assured him that he would soon be born on earth to annihilate tyrannical forces. One such evil force was Kamsa, the ruler of Mathura (in northern India) and his people were utterly terrified of him. On the day Kamsa's sister Devaki was married off to Vasudeva, an *akashvani* or voice from the sky was heard prophesying that Devaki's 8th son would be the destroyer of Kamsa. The frightened Kamsa immediately unsheathed his sword to kill his sister but Vasudeva intervened and implored Kamsa to spare his bride, and promised to hand over every new born child to him. Kamsa relented but imprisoned both Devaki and her husband Vasudeva.

When Devaki gave birth to her first child, Kamsa came to the prison cell and slaughtered the newborn. In this way, he killed the first six sons of Devaki. Even before her 8th child was born, Devaki and Vasudeva started lamenting its fate and theirs. Then suddenly Lord Vishnu appeared before them and said he himself was coming to rescue them and the people of Mathura. He asked Vasudeva to carry him to the house of his friend, the cowherd chief Nanda in Gokula right after his birth, where Nanda's wife Yashoda had given birth to a daughter. He was to exchange his boy and bring Yashoda's baby daughter back to the prison. Vishnu assured them that "nothing shall bar your path". At midnight on *ashtami*, the divine baby was born in Kamsa's prison. Remembering the divine instructions, Vasudeva clasped the child to his bosom and started for Gokula, but found that his legs were in chains. He jerked his legs and was unfettered! The massive iron-barred doors unlocked and opened up. While crossing river Yamuna, Vasudeva held his baby high over his head. The rain fell in torrents and the river was in spate. But the water made way for Vasudeva and miraculously a five-mouthed snake followed him from behind and provided shelter over the baby. When Vasudeva reached Gokula, he found the door of Nanda's house open. He exchanged the babies and hurried back to the prison of Kamsa with the baby girl. Early in the morning, all the people at Gokula rejoiced the birth of Nanda's beautiful male child. Vasudeva came back to Mathura and as he entered, the doors of the prison closed themselves. When Kamsa came to know about the birth, he rushed inside the prison and tried to kill the baby. But this time it skipped from his hand and reaching the sky. She was transformed into the goddess Yogamaya, who told Kamsa: "O foolish! What will you get by killing me? Your nemesis is already born somewhere else." In his youth Krishna killed Kamsa along with all his cruel associates, liberated his parents from prison, and reinstated Ugrasen as the King of Mathura.

Our Next event:

August 18, 2007 Ladies Event

Nori Nam will be celebrated

Whittier Narrows Park

(60 freeway and Rosemead blvd, Pico Rivera)

Section D7 between the hours of

11:00AM till 6:00PM

Second Event:

August 30, 2007 Ladies Bhajans 7:00 p.m.

નોરી નેમની ઉજવણીનું આયોજન ઓગષ્ટ ૧૮, ૨૦૦૭ ના સવારે ૧૧:૦૦ થી સાંજે ૬:૦૦ સુધી ક્વિટિઅર નેરોઝ પાર્કમા આયોજીત છે.

ઓગષ્ટ ૩૦, ૨૦૦૭ નાં સાંજે ૭:૦૦ વાગ્યે મહિલાના ભજનો.

Please remember that our membership year runs from Janmashtami to Janmashtami.

The treasurer will be ready to receive your membership dues for the coming year after the conclusion of the general meeting.

આપ સૌને ફરીથી જણાવવાનું કે આપણું કારોબારી અને સભ્ય ફી વર્ષ જન્માષ્ટમીથી શરુ થતુ હોય છે અને જન્માષ્ટમીએ અંત આવતો હોય છે. નવા વર્ષની ફી આપ સૌ જન્માષ્ટમીના જ દિવસે આપણો તેવી આગ્રહ (મરી વિનંતી છે. વાર્ષિક સાધારણ સભા બાદ આપણા ખજાનચી આપશ્રીની સભ્ય ફી એકત્ર કરવા ઉપસ્થિત હશે. ફરીથી જણાવવાનું કે સૌ આરતી-પ્રસાદ (ઈચ્છાનુસાર) લાવવા વિનંતી.