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Newsletter

Cherished Memories - Every Word Of His Is Truth!

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Ms. Nirmala Giri recounts one of her most recent experiences with Sri Sri Swamiji —

Guruji asked me, "Should you not do your duty as a mother?"

I said, "Yes, Guruji, I should but"

Guruji who was sitting on the Mantap at the Ashram ready to do puja to Sri Premika Varadan-Madhuri Sakhi asked, "But what?"

I said, "I do not have a passport!" [I thought I had a point there and the matter would be dropped there!]

Guruji retorted, "That is not a big deal! Go right now to Bhagyanathan. He will guide you."

My daughter who lives in the United States was in the family way. As I had never had any intention of leaving the Indian soil at any point of time I had never applied for a passport. But Guruji who takes care of the needs of not just His devotees but also of their families is always strict that we do not fail in our duties. It is another of the Guru's doing that I got my passport quickly.

It was sometime in late September, when, on learning that I had got the passport Guruji said to me, "Right. Get the tickets!" I was taken aback. I told Him, "Guruji! This is only the passport. I am yet to get my visa. And, it takes six months to get the visa interview date.

I have got my passport only today. Even this morning when we checked out on the visa date we find the first available date is in the last week of March. Nisha is expected to deliver her baby early February. If at all I make it, it will be after a month and half late."

G simply said, "You are going to the U.S. and for six months."

In spite of long years of being with the Guru one fails to comprehend or appreciate His ways. I thought, 'this acquiring passport is sheer waste of money. Guruji, for some reason is adamant in sending me away. He does not understand what I say. He is not ready to listen to me.'

I wanted to do what He wished but at the same time the mind like an obstinate teenager wanted to do what it wanted.

Two days after getting the passport my sister called up from Bangalore to say, "Check the newspaper. I hear that the U.S. Commissioner at Delhi has announced early and more openings for the visa interview." And on checking we find that beginning October there were umpteen number of visa interview dates available! We could choose the date!

My husband looked at me with surprise writ large on his face. "How did this happen?"

I simply said, "Hmm! That is the way Guruji works! He has decided to pack me off to the U.S!" And, here I am in the United States taking care of the baby girl who took birth in a Texas hospital amidst the chanting of the Mahamantra

"Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare!
Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare!"

It needs no mention that when the Guru says 'six months' it will be 'six months' for, in spite of all my effort I could not get the return ticket a day early!

Fond Memories Of Bliss – Part 2

This series chronicles interesting experiences recounted by the devotees of HH Maharanyam Sri Sri Muralidhara Swamiji. These articles are from the series, "Fond memories of Bliss" that is published namadwaar.org

In the fertile Tanjore belt in Tamil Nadu, there is a town with historic significance called Gangaikonda Cholapuram. Once this was the glorious capital of the Chola kingdom. This town is sanctified and beautified by an ancient Shiva temple. The Shiva Lingam here is one of the rarest and one of the biggest, in terms of size. Another unique feature of this Lingam is the "Anna abhishekam" (Abhishekam with rice) that is performed by devotees on the Full moon day in the Tamil month of Aippasi. It is a grand and unique celebration.

On one of Sri Swamiji's visits to Kumbakonam several years ago, I had the good fortune of spending time in His divine company. One day, Sri Swamiji had a sudden 'divine call' to go to Gangai Kondacholapuram Shiva temple and off we were in no time. It appeared to me that Sri

Sri Swamiji was very intense all through the onward journey and as we entered the temple the intensity seemed to be maximal.

To a casual onlooker, it would appear that Sri Swamiji was in a restless state. To my utter amazement, Sri Swamiji did the most unusual act. He ran quickly towards a big pillar in the mandapam (hall) and clasped it tightly with both arms. He was standing there holding on to the pillar for a while. At that time, His face wore the most unique expression. His entire body was radiant and quivering.

This lasted for a while and then Sri Swamiji slowly walked down to a secluded corner and sat with His eyes closed in deep meditative state. He was perfectly still in that meditative posture for what seemed like ages to me and finally He opened His eyes. We had darshan of the Lord and the Divine Mother.

I could hardly control myself as we began our return trip. I asked Sri Swamiji, “ Swamiji! If I may ask you, will you kindly spell out what you were going through inside the temple? Why did you suddenly hold on to the pillar? Were you feeling giddy? I was very worried!”

Sri Swamiji replied smilingly ‘ As I entered the temple I suddenly started feeling that I was becoming lighter and that I would fly away. Slowly the intensity of the feeling increased and at one point I was so sure that I would fly away that I became afraid. I rushed to the pillar and grasped it tightly with all my energy. Only after it subsided, I let go!’. That was how Sri Swamiji described his most unique experience.

To this day, while talking about that temple, Sri Swamiji would jokingly remark, ‘ You know ! I never go to that temple because I am afraid that I might fly away!’

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Thirumoghur

As we continue to explore Sri Swamiji’s compositions on various deities and kshetras, let us travel to Thirumoghur.

This divyadesam is in Madurai District, about 8 kms from Madurai in the madurai Meloor route. The presiding deity is Sri Kaalamega Perumal found in Nindra Thirukolam facing east. The Thayar is Moghur Valli or Mohana Valli. She has a separate sannidhi in the temple. One of the specialities of this temple is that, sudharsana Alwar is found with 16 hands with 16 different weapons. He is in “Prathaaleeha” position, which means a person running to help the bhaktas. Nammazhwar has song 11 Pasurams and Thirumangaiazhwar has sang 1 Pasuram in this temple.

ராகம் : ஆனந்தபைரவி தாளம்: ஆதி
பல்லவி

பாக்யம் உள்ளோரே வாருங்கள்

பரந்தாமன் புகழ்பாட // ப //

அனுபல்லவி

ஸக்யமுடன் நாம் அனைவரும் கூடி

ஹரி கீர்த்தனத்தில் ஐக்யம் ஆக // ப //

சரணம்

1. அன்னை மீரா சென்ற வழி இதுவே
அருமை குருவும் செப்பு மொழி இதுவே
தருணம் இதை நீர் நழுவவிடாதீர்
ஹரியின் மடியில் அமர்ந்திடலாமே // ப //

2. ஹரி கீர்த்தனத்திற்கு நிகரில்லை காண்
பரிஸ்ரமம் இல்லை அவனை பாட
வேதத்தின் ஸாரம் ஹரியின் நாமம்
ஏதும் ஐயம் இல்லை இதுவே திண்ணம் // ப //

3. ஓரணியில் நாம் அனைவரும் கூடி
தரணி தன்னில் அவன் புகழ்பாட
காளமேகமும் கேட்டு மகிழ
முரளிதரணும் பணிந்து நிற்க // ப //

English Transliteration

Raga: Anandabhairavi Tala: Adi

Pallavi:

bhAgyam uLLOrE vArungaL

parandAman pukazhpADa || bhA ||

Anupallavi:

sakyamuDan nAm anaivarum kUDi

hari kIrtthanatthil aikyam Aga || bhA ||

Charanam:

01. annai mlrA senDra vazhi iduvE

arumai guruvum seppu mozhi iduvE

tharuNam idai nlr nazhuva viDADlr

hariyin maDiyil amarndiDalAmE || bhA ||

02. hari klrthhanatthiRku nigarillaikAN
parishramam illai avanaip pADa
vEdatthin sAram hariyin nAmam
Edum aiyam illai iduvE thiNNam || bhA ||

03. OraNiyil nAm anaivarum kUDi
dharaNi thannil avan pugazhpADa
kALamEgamum kETTU magizha
muraLIdharanum paNindu niRka || bhA ||

Toronto Monthly Sathsang Report for Dec 2020

With the Blessings of our beloved Guruji and Sri Madhuri Sakhi Sametha Premika Varadha Takurji, GODToronto Sathsang families continued to have weekly E-sathsangs in Nov 2020. We also had the following special e-sathsangs.

Nov 01 - 7 - 12 hours Akhanda Nama

Nov 08 - 14 - Sampoorna Madhurageetha saptaham to celebrate Guruji Jayanthi

Nov 25 - on the occasion of Karthika Ekadasi, we had 12 hours of Akanda Nama from 5:30 am to 5:30 pm followed by 3 hours of madhurageetham on Vitalan.

Upcoming Events

Dec 19 - Dec 25 - Sampoorna Bala Bhagavatha Saptaha utsav by little Gopis and Gopas of North America

Dec 16 - Jan 14 - Daily satsang : 5am to 7 am - Akanda Nama

7:00 to 7: 30 am - Thiruppavai Recital

7:30 m to 12 noon - Akanda Nama

3:00 pm to 5 pm - Kids Nama

Dec 25 - Jan 01: Year end Radha Kalyana Utsav (ashtapathi , madhurageetham, Dasama Skanda Parayanam)