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Azvar Acharya Thirunakshatra Mahotsavam Celebration Report

(Muthal Azvars, Svami Pillailokacharya and Svami ManavalaMamunikal) Thula Sarvadhari (1, 2 Nov- 2008)



Held at **Sri Venkatesvara Lotus Temple**

12501 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA, 22030. Phone: 703-815-4850 The month of Aippasi boasts many holy events like Deepavali and the Avatars of many Azhwars and Acharyas whose contributions are the concrete foundations for Sri Vaishnavism. It is a privilege to celebrate their birth and contributions. At Sri Venkatesvara Lotus Temple in Virginia bagavatas celebrated the Thirunakshatrams of *Sri Pogai Azhwar, Sri Bhuthath Azhwar* and *Sri Pey Azhwar*, the first three of ten Azhwars and *Svami Pillai Loka:charyar*, *Svami Manava:la Ma:munikal* on November 1st and 2nd, 2008.

November 1, 2008 Saturday

Evening Utsavam:

The evening started with sahasra nama parayanam. Then Sannidhi Archaka Sri Seetharamachar svami chanted mantra pushpam, archana to perumal and ubaya nachimars followed. The evening gosti started with the chanting of Thiruppallandu, kanninun chiruthambu and Kovil thiruvaimozhi. The gosti chanted till Malai Nanni thiruvaimozhi and it was held for sattrumurai. The rest of two 10s(soozh visumbu and muniye) were left for the next day. It ended with a grand sattrumurai with **Arulappadu to Swami Pillailokacharyar**, naal pattu(7 paasurams from upadesa ratnamalai on the greatness of Srivachana bhooshanam a Magnum opus by sri Pillailokacharyar), theertha viniyogam and sri sadagopam was offered to all the assembled devotees. Sambavani to svami pillailokacharyar was done. The gathering of devotees was filling up the hall for the next event which was the discourse by sri U.Ve. Velukkudi Krishnan svami.



Sri U.Ve. Velukkudi Krishnan svami was received at Sri T.Balaji Svamins house, and after that svami was chauffeured to the temple. Svami was welcomed by the temple committee, Sri Ravi Aharam, Smt Vasanti Aharam, temple Archaka Sri Seetharamacharyulu and many devotees at the temple entrance, by offering poorna kumbam. Then Sri Krishnan Svami was taken to the balalayam where perumal currently resides and was offered sri sadakopam maryathai and then svami proceeded to dias to give discourse.



He started with the importance of sri Venkatesvara worship in kaliyuga. he explained why sri Malayappa svami grants what we ask for (so that the next time we reach him we refine a bit more thus eventually we ask him the kainkaryam at his feet). He then started

with the current utsavam and explained the importance of guruparampara. He explained from upadesa ratnamala the importance of srivachana bhooshanam and svami Pillailokacharya. He explained how svami pillailokacharya got his name(from his fathers acharya svami Nampillai) why he gave ashtadasarahasayam(to protect pramanam) how to lead life as srivaishnava (srivachana bhushana saram:: acharya abhimanam and guruparampara dyanam). It was sevikku iniya senchol. The gathered devotees were enthralled. This will continue the next day as well.

After the upanyasam((lecture) devot	ees partook p	orasadam of	ffered to p	perumal.
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