

SHAKTHI SANGAMAM

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108 Shakthi Peet Temple, Mangalapuri, Kannanthangal

What do we understand by the word Swami? - Blessed by Shri Maha Periyavaa

The meaning of the word 'Swam' is belonging or an asset, therefore, in Tamil the word Swami means the owner. The question is Owner of which asset? Answer: The entire universe (prapanjam) containing living and non-living things belongs to Him. Swami is the only owner of the asset who can administer His property. And hence, we have to realise that He should only guide us. This realisation is the target surrender.

Sharadha Navaratri at 108 Shakthi Peet temple - Shri Guruji

Lokanaayaki Mangalapuri Shri Shri Shri Swarna Kamakshi gives incalculable boons and eradicates the obstacles faced by the devotees. How are we devotees going to reciprocate this generosity of the Divine Mother?

One path available to Bhaktas like us is to facilitate celebration of Navarathri as prescribed by our ancestors. This year too, the temple has plans to celebrate Sharadha Navarathri from 17th to 26th October (up to Vijayadashami day) commencing from Gho Pooja, yagnas, abhishekas, different Alankarams special poojas to Ambal in the mornings and Radhotsavam (Chariot procession) in the evenings on all these days. Devotees are requested to participate in the proceedings to obtain the blessings of the Ambal.

Shakthi Peet 20: Bhavani Devi Shakthi Devi: Sthaneswar

The 20th Shakthi Peet Temple as cited by Bhagavan Shri Veda Vyasa is the current Kurukshetra city. This ancient temple must have been perished due to natural calamities and is not available today.

At our Mangalapuri Temple, the deity of this Devi is carved out based on Shilpa Sastra. The Divine mother is in the sitting posture like Raja Rajeshwari- with one leg folded and the other leg down.

She is seen with four hands. She uses the upper hands to hold a Shakthi weapon and thunder weapon. With the two lower hands she is seen holding a Sceptre and Abhaya posture. She protects the righteous and punishes the evildoers.

Shri Guruji's Amrutha Vani: How to surrender oneself to Ambal:

Ambal is the Mother of every one of us in the world (Lokha Matha). Chanting her Stothram with devotion, doing humanitarian services liked by the Mother and dedicating it to her with a request to accept our dedication is the prerequisite for surrender.

What are the indicators to realise that one has achieved the Kataksha of the Divine Mother? The person who achieved that status inherits qualities such as love, adjustability, magnanimity, and compassion, naturally as possessed by Ambal herself. Then the thought process of him or her conforms to that of Ambal's typically.

Known Saint – Sri Baskararaayyar.

During his pilgrimage errands he visited numerous places in India. He arranged for renovation of many dilapidated temples. During the last few years of his eventful life, he came to down south and settled in a village near Thiruvidaimarudur under Chola dynasty. This Sheethra later came to be known as Baskararaya Kshethram. Baskararaayyar used to take classes outside his house, in the evening to his students. During that time, a sanyasi with a stick (dhandam) used to walk through the streets of that village to go to Shiva Temple. Except Baskararaayyar others in the village used to prostrate this Sanyasi. One day, Baskararaayyar met this Dhanda Sanyasi face to face at the temple. The Sanyasi angrily demanded the reason as to why Baskararaayyar being a grihastha, (while he was a Sanyasi) did not prostrate him every day. (To be continued)