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Vaikuntha Ekādashi – Uttara Dwara Darshanam and Geeta Jayanti Tuesday 18th December, 2018



In the above graphics - Lord Vishnu is in sleeping mode. Read below to know all about it and the significance of Vaikuntha Ekadashi and the legend

Program Details

- ❖ 04:30 AM - Thiruppāvai Seva Kālam
- ❖ 05:00 AM - Śri Venkateswara Sahasranāma Archana Puja
- ❖ 05:30 AM - **Vaikuntha Ekādashi Uttara Dwāra Darshanam**
- ❖ 11:30 AM - Archana and Ārati
- ❖ 07:00 PM - Śrimad-Bhagavathgeeta Pārāyanam
- ❖ 07:30 PM - Śri Hanumān Chālisa (weekly rituals)
- ❖ 08:00 PM - Archana, Ārati

Sponsorship Opportunity

- ❖ Archana (\$10.00)
 - ❖ Pushpa Mala Alankaram*
 - ❖ Annadānam (\$151.0 Food Sponsorship)
- Note: *Contact Office for sponsorship details*

All about Vaikuntha Ekādashi

(Sanskrit: वैकुण्ठ एकादशि; Telugu: వైకుంఠ ఏకాదశి; Kannada: ವೈಕುಂಠ ಏಕಾದಶಿ; Tamil: வைகுண்ட ஏகாదசி)

During the Krita Yuga, also termed the golden age, an asura called Muran harassed both Devas and Mortals. Unable to bear his tyranny, the Devas sought refuge in Lord Shiva. He directed them to approach Lord Vishnu. Lord Vishnu agreed to help the Devas and went out to battle with Muran.

During the long battle, which lasted one thousand celestial years, Lord Vishnu needed to rest for a while. He entered a beautiful cave called Himavati in Badarikashrama to sleep. Muran wanted to strike Lord Vishnu while he was sleeping. However, Shakti – Lord Vishnu's female energy - emerged out of his body and assumed the form of a beautiful damsel who fought Muran and vanquished him.

When Lord Vishnu awoke he was very pleased and named this maiden as Ekadashi and granted her a boon. The maiden said, "O Lord, if you are pleased with me and wish to give me a boon, and then give me the power to deliver people from the greatest sins if they fast on this day".

Lord Vishnu granted her the boon and declared that people worshipping her would reach Vaikuntha. Thus, it is said, was born the first Ekadashi, which is Dhanurmāsa Sukla Paksha Ekādashi.

Lord opened the gate of Vaikuntham on that day called Vaikunth Dwara (Uttara Dwara), to reach Vaikuntha as well. Temples all over India and abroad make a door entry kind of structure on this day for devotees to pass through that. Join us early in the morning with your family and friends to see Lord Vishnu's beautiful swaroopam through Uttara Dwaram (North Entrance) of Sri Vaikuntham. Ensure to pass through this entrance to obtain Ekādashi and Lord's blessings to reach Vaikuntha.

Geeta Jayanti

"Bhagavad Geeta" was revealed to Arjuna by Lord Krishna himself in the battlefield of Kurukshetra.

Geeta Jayanti is celebrated on Ekadashi, 11th day of the waxing moon of Margashirsha month in the Hindu calendar.

Join us during Geeta Pārāyanam @ 7:00PM to celebrate Geeta Jayanti.

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