

# "Devotional Bhajans and group singing in Telugu language"

(Compositions of Bhakta Ramadas: 1620-1688)



At

**Bharatiya Temple**  
**(In the Temple Hall)**  
**1612 County Line Road**  
**Montgomeryville, PA 18936**  
On  
**Saturday, 24 Jun 2006**

## Program:

**5:00 PM**

**Bhajans**

**6:00PM**

**Archana, Aarti to Sri Rama and Mahaprasadam**

**7:00 PM**

**Sarva Devata Aarti**

**Saint : Badrachalam Ramadas or Bhakta Ramadas. 1620-1688.**

Kancherla Gopanna, popularly known as Bhadradri Ramadasu, was a 17th century devotee of Sri Rama. He lived near Bhadrachalam, Andhra Pradesh and is renowned for constructing a much-famed and holy temple of Rama at Bhadrachalam. His devotional lyrics to Rama are famous in Andhra Pradesh as Ramadaasu Keertanalu. The saint is revered for his dedication to Bhakti, devotional lyrics and practically making the temple famous! The story goes that he was released from jail by Sri Rama and Lakshmana themselves who appeared in person to Tanishah, the muslim ruler giving gold coins that are still preserved in the temple. The ruler also left grants for future worship in the temple. Sri Ramadas assumed a Sakha Bhava for his worship and his compositions are in three distinct styles. Before jail during confinement and after release. Ramadas composed nearly 130 songs that are full of devotion (bhakti) and love for god. In fact, the tradition of bhajan singing or group singing started with Ramadas. The songs are in simple Telugu and contain deep philosophical thought.

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