



New Year Pujas



At

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Sunday, January 1st, 2012

- 9:00 AM Lakshmi Narayana Abhishekam
10:30 AM Srinivasa Kalyanam
4:00 PM Durga Abhishekam
5:00 PM Satyanarayana Puja & Katha (Samuhika)
7:00 PM Sarva Devata Aarti followed by Prasadam.

Once upon a time the rishi Bhrigu went to Vikuntha, the abode of Sriman Narayana. Lord Vishnu was reposing at that time with Mahalakshmi and was not quick enough to greet the rishi. Bhrigu became so angry at this perceived slight done to him that he kicked the Lord on his chest, the abode of Lakshmi. She was stunned and was very angry that her husband should be humiliated thus. But the Lord got up and started massaging Bhrigu's foot saying that he was sorry that his Kaustubha diamond on his chest must have hurt his foot. Lakshmi was very furious. She said to the Lord: "How come you never think of my feelings? You may not care for being kicked but he kicked the place where I reside and thus it is an insult to me. You, instead of punishing him, are massaging his foot. You have no respect for me or my feelings." Thus saying she left Vikuntha and came to Earth to perform tapas. Lord Vishnu could not bear the separation of His consort Lakshmi. So He too came down to Earth where he started doing penance. He did it for such a long time that an anthill grew on Him. During this time a cow belonging to the Chola king Thondaman started feeding the Lord by emptying her udders over the anthill. The king found about it and became furious and told the cowherd to drive the useless cow away. The cowherd threw an axe toward the cow but the Lord intervened and took the blow himself. Blood came out of his head and as a result the cowherd died. The king came to know this and asked the Lord for forgiveness. The Lord said that in the next birth the king would be born as Akasha Raja and he would have a daughter whom he will marry. The king's sin will be nullified by giving away his daughter to him. Afterwards, he was being taken care by a lady named Vakula Devi who was none other than Mother Yashoda. In her previous birth, Mother Yashoda wanted to see Lord Krishna's marriage to Rukmini but could not attend the wedding. So Krishna promised to fulfill her wish in Kali Yuga as Lord Venkateshwara and Mother Yashoda was born as Vakula Devi to take care of Venkateshwara.

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