



DASSERA (Vijayadashmi) (Part of Navaratri Mahotsav)



At

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On

Thursday, October 9th, 2008

- 5:00 PM- 7 PM Vahana puja
6:00 PM Vidya Arambh puja (Auspicious starting new studies)
7:00 PM Sarva Devata Aarti
7:30 PM Ravan Dahan

Suggested donation for Vahana Puja- \$21

Dassera is also known as Vijayadashmi ('Vijay' meaning 'victory' and 'Dashmi meaning 'tenth day) as it is believed that it was on this day that Lord Rama killed the demon-king, Ravana and won over Lanka, his kingdom. In other words, it signifies the triumph of good over evil. The legendary triumph is reenacted to the day. Huge effigies of Ravana is placed in vast open grounds. Fireworks and crackers are placed inside that and actor dressed as Rama, his wife Sita and brother Lakshmana enact the final moments of the battle. The character playing Rama then shoots an arrow with a flaming tip at the effigies from a safe distance and the crowd bursts up in cheer as the crackers catch fire.

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