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EVENINGS - 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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- **Pujas on Weekdays are at 9:30am, 12:30pm & 7:00p**
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PRANA SHAKTHI MURTHY

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The Murthy, of Sri Rajarajeswari to be installed at the peetam in 1989. It has been sculpted in Madrass, India by Sri Murugabhusanam. It is 12" tall and has been sculpted according to the Kaulachara tradition of Saktam.

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An interview with
CHAITANYANADA (AIYA)

SRI CHAKRA SPOKE TO CHAITANYANDA (AIYA) ABOUT THE ROCHESTER PEETAM AND THE OTHER RELATED PEETAMS

SRI CHAKRA: CAN YOU GIVE US A BRIEF BACKGROUND OF THE RAJARAJESWARI PEETMA HERE AT ROCHESTER?

AIYA: THE PEETAM AT 33, PARK CIRCLE ACTUALLY HAD IT'S ORIGIN AT 871, RIDGE RD AND WAS LATER ON AT 254, CEDAR WOOD TERRACE. THE PRESENT LOCATION IS AN AUSPICIOUS ONE. FOR ONE THING, IT IS RIGHT ON THE BANK OF A RIVER. ALSO, THIS VERY AREA HAD BEEN INHABITED BY IROQUOIS INDIANS, WHO WERE AREN'T WORSHIPPERS OF NATURE, FOR WELL OVER 2500 YEARS. IN FACT, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE PEETAM STANDS EXACTLY AT THE LOCATION WHERE A FEMALE SPIRITUAL LEADER WAS INTERRED ABOUT 700 YEARS AGO.

S.C: CAN YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THIS PEETAM AND THE PEETAM AT DEVIPURAM?

AIYA: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DEVIPURAM PEETAM AND THIS ONE CAN BEST BE DESCRIBED AS THAT BETWEEN A MOTHER AND HER CHILD.

S.C: WHAT ARE THE RELATED ACTIVITIES GOING ON AT OTHER LOCATIONS?

AIYA: THERE IS A KAMAKSHI PEETAM AT 38SEWALL ST. IN BOSTON, AT THE RESIDENCE OF SRI SASITHARAN AND SMT. VIJAYALAKSHMI SASITHARN. THE PEETAM HAS A BALA TRIPURASUNDARI MURTHY (WHICH WAS EARLIER ON AT ROCHESTER). REGULAR SAHASRANAMA PARAYANA AND FRIDAY PUJA (WITH MAHAPRASADAM) ARE CONDUCTED THERE.

THERE ARE TWO OTHER PEETAMS IN BOSTON - ONE AT THE RESIDENCE OF SRI SRITHARAN AND SMT. MEENAKSHI SRITHARAN AND THE OTHER ONE AT THE RESIDENCE OF SRI JANAHARAN AND SRI HARAN BALASINGAM.

THERE ARE ALSO REGULAR PUJA AT THE RESIDENCES OF SMT. SUDHA THILLAIAMPALAM AND SMT. BHAVANI MANIKKASINGHAM.

AT TORONTO, CANADA, THERE IS A RAJARAJESWARI PEETAM AT THE RESIDENCE OF SRI SUNDARAMOHAN.

IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK, THERE ARE PEETAMS AT THE RESIDENCES OF SRI BHIM BUKU AND SRI SRINIVASN.

“GOD CAN BE SEEN IN ANY FORM”

THE SEER OF KANCHI

IDOLATRY HAS A GREAT SIGNIFICANCE IN HINDUISM. SINCE THE BELIEF IS FIRM THAT GOD RESIDES WITHIN IMAGES, WORSHIPPING THEM FETCHES PEACE. THE MIND IS PURIFIED AND THISM AKES A PERSON RESPECT SCRIPTURAL INJUNCTIONS AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIVES PRESCRIBED. THE METHOD OF OBEISANCE AS CONTAINED IN TEXTS SHOULD BE FOLLOWED. THE TRADITION OF IDOL WORSHIP HAS BEEN EXPLAINED MY SAINTS. AD SANKARA HAS ADORD GOD THROUGH HYMNS EXTENDING FORM VINAYAKA TO ANJANEYA. IF THESE ARE TAUGHT TO CHILDREN, THEY WILL BE MORALLY STRONGER. TEMPLES SHOULD SERVE AS THE REPOSITORIES OF SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE AND YOUNGSTERS MADE TO MEMORIZE THESE HYMNS.

SRI JEYENDRA SARASWATHI, KANCHI SANKARACHARYA IN A DISCOURSE AT THE RATHNAGIRISWARAR TEMPLE, BESANTNAGAR, EXPLAINED HOW THE VEDAS MADE ON RESALIZE THE GLORY OF GOD, ONE'S PARENTS, THE ACHARYA AND THE HONORED GUEST. ADI SANKARA HAD EXPLAINED HOW GOD COULD BE ENVISIONED IN ANY FORM A DEVOTEE LIKED. IN EACH ONE OF THESE VARIATIONS, GOD LIVES AND HIS DOCTRINE OF UNITY IN DIVERSITY HAS FOUND AN APPEAL AMONG DEVOTEES.

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