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TEMPLE TIMING:

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

MORNINGS - 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

EVENINGS - 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

AND USA HOLIDAYS

ALL DAY (9:30 am – 9:00 pm)

- **Pujas on Weekdays are at 9:30am, 12:30pm & 7:00p**
- **Pujas on Weekends are at 10am, 12:00pm & 6:00pm**
- **Abhishekam for the Devi is at 10:00am on Saturdays**
- **Navavarana Pujas are performed every Poomima**



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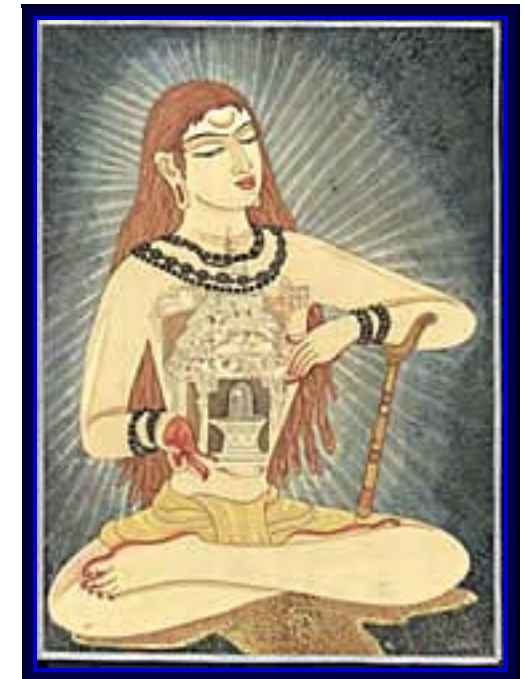
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CONSECRATION CEREMONIES AT THE SARASWATHI PEETAM

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Sri Chakra presents below a firsthand account of the consecration ceremony of the Sri Somaskanda Moorthy at the Saraswathi Peetam in Somerville, Massachusetts.

The consecration ceremonies were performed on November 23, 1990. It was the culmination and the climax of a forty five-day festival of devotion, highlighted by continuous *Japam* to the *Kalastas* by *Sri* Janakan Balasingham and *Sri* Haran Balasingham, the *Peetadhipathis* of this *Peetam* and elaborate *Athivasams* in which many people had participated.

The ceremonies began with *Mahaganapathi Pooja* and *Si Guru Pooja* in the presence of large number of

devotees from Boston, Rochester and Toronto. The final round of *Japam* with all the devotees linking hands to touch the *Kalastas* was done at the request of *Sri* Chaitanyananda Natha. At the sixteenth recitation of the *Mantra*, the coconut on the *Kalasa* of *Sri Devi* cracked with a pistol shot-like sound! Such was the power of the *Mantra*! Everyone present was able to hear the loud, sharp crack.

An *abhishekam* was performed, accompanied by the beautiful recitation by *Sri* Krishna Sastry and his son, *Sri* Ravi of *Sri Rudram*, *Namaham*, *Chamakam*, *Purushasooktam*, *Sri Sooktam*, *Durga Sooktam*, etc. All the devotees took part in the *abhishekam*.

At the end of the *abhishekam*, *Sri* Chaitanyananda Natha and *Sri* Sashteesananda Natha invoked the *Jeevakalas* in the *Moorthy* and opened their eyes. *Smt.* Vijayalakshmi and *Sri* Sasitharan, the *Peetadhipathis* of the

Kamakoti Peetam performed the *Jayadhi Homam*. The function continued with Bhajans for another hour and ended with *Mahaprasadam* at about 11 p.m.