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Welcome to the **THIRTY SEVENTH** issue of Adiyongal Thirumadal!

We are in the 6th month of our regular Skype chanting of **Swami Vedaantha Deskiar's** stothrams and prabandhams to mark swami's **750th thirunakshathra year**. If any devotee is interested to take part in it, please send us an email to **sydney.andal@gmail.com** and we will send you the skype invite.

On **1st July**, we will chant **Shristuthi, Bhoostuthi, Godhastuthi and Nyasa Dasakam** from **Desika Sthothraani** and **Prabhandha Saaram** from **Desika Prabandham**. Also, as Jul 28th and Aug 25th happens to be Saturdays, we can have the chanting in any of the devotee's house, if there are volunteers. We also plan to celebrate Swami Vedantha Desikar's 750th thirunakshatram on the **Sep 21st** with details to follow.

We are planning to invite **Sri Gopalavilli Dasar Swami** to Sydney from **Oct 26th to 28th**. Once the program is finalised, we will share the details.

Regular monthly chanting of Thiruvoimozhi to celebrate Nammalvar Thirunakshatram, Visakam is taking place at bhaagavatha's thirumaaligai. If any devotee is interested to host at their place, please contact us through the above email ID.

Our regular monthly Naamadwar chanting will be on 17th June and the chanting details will be shared soon.

Please send us your feedback or comments to **sydney.andal@gmail.com**

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14th – Thirukoshtiyur Nambi thirunakshathram

18th – Maaraneri Nambi thirunakshathram (Aani Ayilyam)

22nd Sri Sudarsana Jayanthi
24th – **Periazhwar**, Vadakku thiruveedhi Pillai and Vaadhi Kesari Azhagiya Manavaala Jeeyar Thirunakshathram (swathi)

26th _ Sriman Naathamunigal Thirunakshathram

28th – Sri Sailesa Dayaa pathram thaniyan day



Sriman Nathamunigal



Periazhvar

Answers to the quiz on the last page
1c, 2b, 3a, 4a, 5c, 6a, 7b, 8c

108 Divyadesam (Sri Parthasarathy Perumal Koil) - Sri Madhusudan Tatachar

This sthalam is situated in Chennai, Tamil Nadu and considered to be an important kshethram in Thondai Naadu Temples.

Deep in mythologies and eulogized by the Azhwars in their sacred hymns in Tamil glorified as Divya Prabandham the Parthasarathy temple at Tiruvallikkeni or Triplicane, as the Britishers called it, happens to be the oldest temple in the city. The existence of the Tiruvallikkeni village is seen in records dating back to the Pallava period and earlier. The village's name itself is derived from lily pond in front of the temple, where it is said that Goddess Vedavalli, consort of the Lord, was born in a Lily flower. The pond itself was amidst a Tulasi forest (dense with Basil trees).



The great seven Munis (Saptha Rishis) - Brighu, Atthiri, Mareechi, Markandeyar, Sumathi, Jaabali and Saptharomar performed tapas (thavam) here and as a result of this, the sthalam is called as "Brindaranyasthalam". This sthalam is also known as "Pancha Veerathalam".

Here:

- Lord Vishnu appeared here as "Sri Parthasarathy" for Thondaimaan.
- The Lord was installed by Vyasara and worshipped by Aathreyar.
- Thirumazhisai Alwar met first Three Alwars (Poigai, Pei and Bhutham) in this sthalam.

108 Divyadesham (Sri Parthasarathy Perumal Koil) – contd.

The Deities:



The Moolavar of this sthalam is Sri Venkata Krishnan. Along with Rukmani Piratiyar, he holds sword in one hand, Varadha Muthirai on the other hand and his brother Balaraman on his right, Sathaki on his left, son Prathyumnan, grand son Aniruthan are also found near the Moolavar. This is one of the sthalam where the Perumal shows his seva along with his three generations. He is found in standing (Nindra thirukkolam) position and facing his thirumugham towards East direction.

The Thayaar of this sthalam is Vedavalli Thayaar.

Sannadhis:

- Sri Ramar sannadhi.
- Aranga Nathan sannadhi.
- Sri Venkatakrisnan (moolavar sannadhi)
- Thayar Sannadhi.
- Sri Varadharajan sannadhi.
- Azhagiyasingar(Narasimhar) sannadhi
- Sri Andal sannadhi.

Mangalasanam:

1. Thirumangai Alwar - 10 Paasurams.
2. Paei Alwar - 1
3. Thirumazhisai Alwar – 1 - Total 12.

Swami Ramanujar, Sri Manavala Mamunigal has also done mangalasanam here.

Pushkarani:

The Main pushkarani of this sthalam is Kairavini Saras. Some other theerthams like Agni theertham, Soma theertham, Meena theertham, Indra theertham, Vishnu theertham are also found in this sthalam. Due to lots of alli (lily) flowers in the pond, this Kshetram is so-called as "Alli keni".

Vimanam:

The Vimaanam is said to be found of Five Nillays with Seven Kalasams on it. The Five Nillays are:

- Ananda
- Pranava
- Pushpaka
- Sesa and
- Thaivagai vimanam

Acknowledgment: divyadesam.com

Varththai 55

55. ஒரு கையும் விட்டேனோ த்ரௌபதியைப் போலே

55. iru kaiyum vittEnO dhraupadhiyaip pOIE



Courtesy: Pinterest

Due to their jealousy of the Pandavas, Duryodhana and the Kauravas, under the advice of their uncle Sakuni, invited them to a game of dice. In that game, they defeated the Pandavas through the unfair means of Sakuni and took over their kingdom, all their wealth and even themselves. Finally, they made Yudhishtira pledge Draupadi in the game and won her as well. Wishing to insult them, they made Dushcasana drag her to the court even though she had her periods and needed privacy. This ended in the decision to attempt to disrobe her in public, which Dushcasana began to carry out.

When she cried out for help, no one in the sabha, including Bheeshma, Drona and even the Pandavas, came to her aid. At that time, she remembered the sage Vasishtha's words that Narayana is the sole refuge and surrendered to Him with both hands raised over her head:

**Shanka chakra gadApANe dvArakanilayAchyuta!
govinda! puNDarIkAksha! rakshamAm sharaNagatam**

Realizing that she can neither depend on her own self nor on others for her protection, she made complete surrender to the Lord. It is next to impossible for a woman to give up her natural sense of modesty and let go of her dress in a public place. Such was her faith in Krishna. At that time, Sri Krishna was in Dvaraka. And from there itself, He made her saree grow, thereby tiring Dushcasana and make him give up.

Thirukkolur Ammal is asking "Did I show complete faith in the Lord, like Draupadi (who lifted both hands and took refuge in Him) did I?"

Varththai 56

56. இங்கு பால் பொங்கும் என்றேனோ வடுகநம்பியைப் போலே

56. ingu pAl pongum enREnO vaduganambiyaip pOIE



Courtesy : ponnadi.blogspot.com

Vaduga Nambi (Andra Purna) was one of the close disciples of Swami Ramanuja. His faith in his acharya was unshakeable and superceded even bhagavad bhakti. This is known as Madhurakavi nishtai (also known as Charamopaya nishtai) - the acharya bhakti shown by madhurakavi Azhvar toward Nammazhvar. It is said that he would call Mudhaliyandan and Kooraththazhvan as "iru karaiyar" (2 shores)- meaning that they believe in both their acharya and the Lord. His take was that one should place their faith completely in one's acharya alone (as both the means and the end) and no one else.

One evening at Srirangam when Ramanauja was giving a discourse, Nambi was engaged in preparing milk for Ramanuja, Namperumal's vedhi procession was occuring. As Namperumal came outside Ramanuja's mutt, everyone including Ramanuja went out to have His darshan. Ramanuja was outside and noticing Vaduga Nambi's absence called him to come outside. Vaduga Nambi refused saying that if he stepped out, then the milk he was preparing for Ramanuja would overheat, overflow and lose its flavor. Such was his acharya bhakti.

Thirukkolur Ammal is asking "Did I show the kind of acharya bhakti that Vaduga Nambi did?"

Junior Madal - Quiz on Nammazhwar

- 1) Birth place of Nammazhwar?
 - A. Madhurantakam
 - B. Poondhamalli
 - C. Thirukurugoor
- 2) Which of the following is not a name of Nammazhwar?
 - A. Satagopan
 - B. Mahapoornar
 - C. Maaran
- 3) Nammazhwar's disciple was:
 - A. Madhurakavi Azhwar
 - B. Kanikannan
 - C. Thirumangai Azhwar
- 4) Nammazhwar was an incarnation of:
 - A. Senai Mudaliyar
 - B. Chakkarathaazhwar
 - C. Lord Brahma
- 5) Under which tree did Nammazhwar meditate?
 - A. Banyan tree
 - B. Peepal tree
 - c. Tamarind tree
- 6) Birth star of Nammazhwar
 - A. Visakam
 - B. Rohini
 - C. Pushya
- 7) Nammazhwar's works are Thiruviruttam, Thiruvaasiriyam, Peria Thiruvandhaadhi and
 - A. Mummani Kovai
 - B. Thiruvaimozhi
 - C. Naachiyar thirumozhi
- 8) The river that flows through Thirukurugoor is:
 - A. Vaigai
 - B. Kaveri
 - C. Taamira Barani