

Activities in Seattle Dec 2014- May 2015

**Sri Lakshmi Hayagriva Worship Services in Seattle. (November 2014 - July 2015)**

In 2014, after the conclusion of the Annual Dolai Sancharam, Sri Lakshmi hayagriva and Parivaram stayed back in the US. They were hosted by Sri Swaroop Sridhar whose home functioned as the *de facto* Place of Worship for the Deities for about 5 months. Swaroop assisted by qualified bhagavatas performed all the worship services during this period. These included daily and monthly mandatory worship services as well as the optional special functions such as homams and Tirumanjanam/Dolai functions at devotee homes in the Seattle area.

**Daily and Monthly Stipulated Worship services**

The daily worship services and the monthly Tirumanjanms are required rituals under the Parakala Matham tradition. These were attended by about 5-6 people on week days and 25 -30 people during weekends and holidays. For selected photos of the Tirumanjanam functions, click on "[Tirumanjanam Photos](#)". The functions listed in Item # 3 above are optional in nature and are performed as per the request of the disciples and devotees. These functions are also celebrated along traditional lines following the protocol set forth by the Matham. These are elaborated below:

**Hayagreeva Homams**

Two homams were performed, one on 11/8/2014, soon after arrival of PerumAL in Seattle and the other on 7/26/2015, just before departure of PerumAL on the Dolai 2015 Tour.

**Tirumanjanam/Dolai Functions at Devotee Houses**

There were six functions as follows:

Month	Hosting Devotee
November 2014	Srinivas Khedam and Padmaja
January 1, 2015	Subha and Sridhar
March 2015	Bhargavi and Srinivas Chetlur
June 2015	Shobhana and Venkat
July 2015	Bhairavi and Vijay Raghavan

**Other Special Functions**

There were a total of 13 special functions celebrated during this period. Many of these are major functions and some lasted several days. The functions were generally participated by a large number of people especially when they were held on week end and holidays. The details of these functions are given below in the Table below. To view photos/announcements click on the name of the function in the second column.

Date	Name of the Function	Description
11/25/2014-12/4/2014	KaliyanUtsavam	Kaliyan Uthsavam – All Kaliyan’s Prabandhams chanted for 10 days. SATtrumurai with TiruppAnAzhvar Tirunakshatram on 12/5/2014
12/5/2014	Tirukarthikai	Special festival in the month of KArtikai.
12/16/2014 -1/13/2015	MArgazhi Utsavam	30-day long function, with special worship services daily in the morning; attended by 4-5 people.
12/21/2014 -1/11/2015	Adhyayanotsavam (See also Announcement)	Recital of all the 4000 paasurams in Tamil of Naalaayira divya Prabandham over a period of 21 days; started 10 days before VaikunTha Ekadashi; was attended by at least 10 to 15 people every day and nearly 30 people on weekends. Special occasion was "NammAzhvAr mokSham", on 1/10/2015 attended by more than 25 people. Last day, complete Iyarpa was chanted which was a full day event. More than 30 people attended.
12/31/2015	VaikunTha Ekadashi	Special function very early in the morning. Attended by over 20 people
1/10/2015	NammAzhvArMokSham	The High-point during the Adhyayanotsavam celebration. More than 25 people attended the function.
1/22/2015	MangaLAshAsanam by Sri Ramanuja of Srimad Andavan Ashramamam. <b>Special Function</b>	Sri Lakshmi Hayagriva visited Sri Ramanuja of Srimad Andavan Ashramam, currently visiting Seattle. PerumAL received the SATtrumurai together.

4/14/2015 – 4/23/2015	RamanujaUtsavam	Ten-day Celebration of the 998 <sup>th</sup> birth day of Srimad Ramanuja. TiruvAzhmozhi along with Paaduka Sahasram and Deshika Prabandham was chanted for 10 days and SAttrumurai was performed on Tirunakshatram day along with the recital of YathirAja Saptati and Ramanuja NoottrandAdi. About 10 people attended the tirunakshatram day utsavam since it was on a weekday.
4/18/2015	AchAryaTirunakshatram	The birth day of the current Parakala Jeer, HH Srimad Abhinava Vageesha Brahma Tantra Swatantra MahA Deshikan fell on this day during the observance of the ten-day celebrations of Ramanuja utsavam. The Tirunakshatram was celebrated with great devotion by the over twenty five disciples and devotees that had assembled.
5/21/2015 – 5/31/2015	NammazhvArUtsavam	Ten-day celebration of Sri NammAzhvAr's birthday. TiruvAzhmozhi along with Paaduka Sahasram, Deshika Prabandham was chanted for 10 days and SAttrumurai was performed on the final Tirunakshatram day. Tiruviruttam, TiruvAshiriyam, Periya TiruvandAdi, and the last Pattu of TiruvAzhmozhi, followed by PrabandhasAram, PiLLaiyandAdi were recited. 15 people attended the goShThi on Tirunakshatram day. A much smaller group of 3 to 4 people attended the daily functions.
6/27/2015	PeriyAzhvAr & NAthamuni tirunakshatram	The birth day of these two Tamil AzhvAr- AchAryas was celebrated concurrently on this day. PeriyAzhvAr Tirumozhi, the Tamil work of Sri PeriyAzhvAr was recited
7/14/2015	PAduka Sahasram recital	Recital of the 1008 shlokas of PAduka Sahasram, <i>themagnum opus</i> work of Swamy Deshikan, in a full-day function. Over 30 devotees were present.
7/25/2015	Recital of Deshika Prabandham	A 6-hour long recital session in conjunction with Dolai utsavam at the home of Vaidehi & Raja. The full set of Deshika Prabandham and selected Sanskrit Deshika stotrams were recited. About 30 devotees participated in the function and recital.