



TORONTO HARE KRISHNA NEWS

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RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR

Fun, exciting, and spiritually enlivening!

On December 31st, ISKCON Toronto devotees crowded TTC cars and made their way to City Hall's annual New Years Eve firework celebration, all the while chanting and dancing jubilantly. Hours passed and our devotee drummers kept an attractive and upbeat rhythm,

which invited both devotees and spectators to sing and dance ecstatically in the streets of downtown Toronto. Newcomers joined us as we returned to the temple at 2:30 am, continued *kirtan*, took *prasadam* and shared the evening's experiences.

If you were unable to make it this time, we invite you in advance to the best 2010 New Years Eve party in North America!

GAURA-SHAKTI, A KIRTAN BAND

A new outreach initiative for the yoga community of Toronto

To help introduce the power of *kirtan* to Toronto's yoga scene, the new group "Gaura-Shakti" will begin performing devotional chants and sacred mantras in the form of *kirtan* yoga with a blend of modern and

classical instruments. The goal is to arrange performances within the yoga community at various studios in the GTA as a means to introduce and further cultivate spiritualists' love for *kirtan*. The group's official debut will be for Sri Sri Radha Ksira-Chora Gopinatha, Srila Prabhupada and the assembled devotees at the Sunday Feast on January 25th.

A MAGIC FORMULA

"Books are the basis, Purity is the Force, Preaching is the Essence, and Utility is the Principle"

Even in below zero temperatures, dedicated temple devotees and active congregational members are committed to following Srila Prabhupada's instruction to distribute Krishna Conscious literature. Book distribution scores in Toronto are beginning to sky rocket once again.

Though not always easy, these

devotees individually approach people on the streets downtown at places like Dundas Square, enter apartment complexes and knock door to door, or attractively arrange book tables at outreach events. In the process, they are not only selling books, but distributing Krishna's mercy. Book distribution and *sankirtana* is how our senior devotees funded the purchasing of our temples! Keep it up dear devotees!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 1st - Sri Advaita Acarya Appearance (fast until noon)

Feb 5th - *Ekadasi* (break fast next day between 7:28 am and 10:50 am)

Feb 7th - Sri Nityananda Prabhu Appearance (fast until noon)

Feb 13th - Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura Appearance (fast until noon)

Feb 20th – 22nd - Indradymna Swami is in Toronto

Feb 20th - *Ekadasi* (break fast next day between 7:07 am and 10:43 am)

DAILY SERVICES

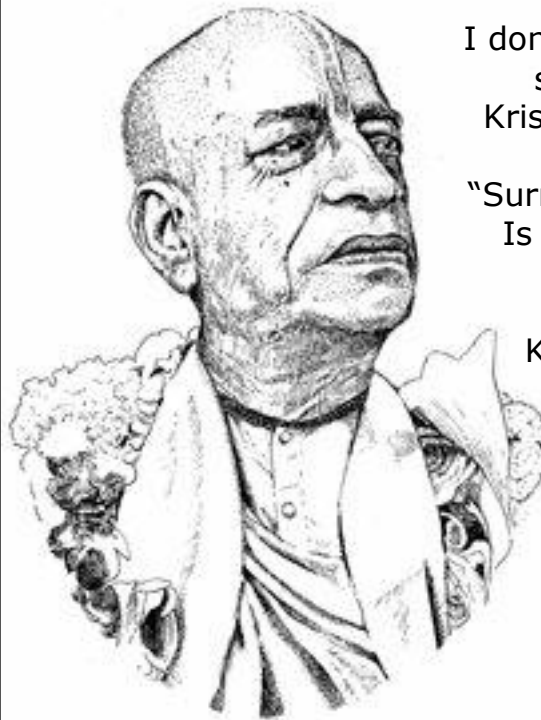
Mangala Arati	4:30 am
Shringar Arati	7:00 am
Rajbhoga Arati	12:00 noon
Dhoop Arati	4:00 pm
Sunder Arati	6:00 pm
Shayan Arati	8:00 pm

For spiritual ceremonies to celebrate or commemorate any special family occasion (i.e. birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, etc.), please feel free to contact the Hare Krishna Temple at (416) 922-5415 for use of the facilities. Full catering for each event is also available.

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OCTOBER 2008 INCOME STATEMENT

Income	
Donation	50,876.10
Earned revenues	4,632.18
Special events	1,005.00
Total Income	56,513.28
Expenses	
Total Insurance	1,140.56
Cost of Purchase	7,924.60
TEMPLE MAINTENANCE	36,345.14
DEVOTEE MAINTENANCE	6,423.34
UTILITIES	5,025.54
AUTO EXPENSES	1,595.22
FINANCIAL EXPENSES	485.30
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	141.73
Travel expenses	2,199.90
Conference, convention, meeting	1,435.86
Total Expenses	66,518.19
Net Ordinary Income	(10,004.91)
Total Other Income	453.00
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A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

I don't say, "Follow me." I say, "Follow Krishna." Krishna says, "Surrender unto Me." I say, "Surrender unto Krishna." Is there any difference? My position is simply repeating because Krishna says, "Anyone who preaches this confidential subject matter, he is dear to Me."

Allahabad,
January 18, 1971

For a fully detailed statement, please see the message board outside the temple room.

GLOSSARY

Bhoga

Food that has not yet been offered to God (Krishna)

Ekadasi

A bimonthly occasion where strict fasting is observed: abstinence from all grains, beans, cereals and certain vegetables and spices

Kirtan

Devotional music, often accompanied by dancing

Prasadam

Food that has been offered to God (Krishna); mercy

Sankirtana

Congregation chanting; spreading the names of Krishna

In 1974, A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami, shocked and saddened upon seeing a group of village children in Mayapur (near Kolkatta) fighting with street dogs over scraps of food, told his disciples: "No one within ten miles of a temple should go hungry . . . I want you to immediately begin serving food."

The youth of ISKCON Toronto, the Hare Krishna Temple, aim to continue this duty of Vedic hospitality with a monthly Food for Life program starting in 2009. These events will occur on the last Sunday of every month and all volunteers and *bhoga*/monetary sponsorships are welcome.

If you would like to participate (every last Sunday of each month), please contact aastha.lal@gmail.com

The Ratha Yatra committee has now resumed its weekly meetings to plan the 37th annual Ratha Yatra taking place this July. The committee meets Sunday afternoons, prior to the Sunday Feast. If you are interested in joining the committee or helping in any way, please contact Festival Chairperson Keshav Sharma at ks@look.ca

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