



# TORONTO HARE KRISHNA NEWS

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## INDRADYUMNA SWAMI VISITS TORONTO!

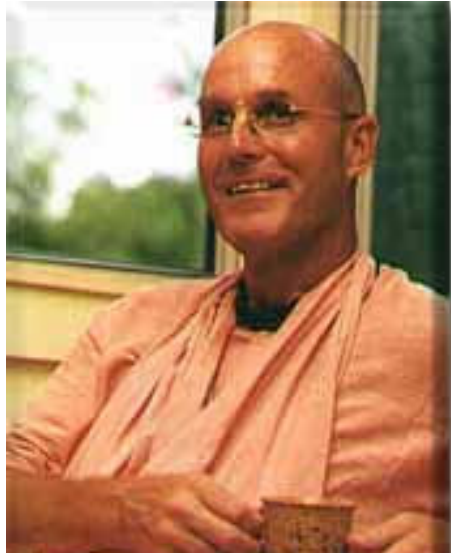
Like a spiritual tornado, Indradyumna Swami and Sri Prahlad das flew into Toronto and brought amazing *kirtan*, electric discourses and an atmosphere of jubilation!

It all began on Friday, February 20th, when Maharaj and Sri Prahlad das arrived at the temple where devotees greeted them with *kirtan* and garlands.

The next day, in the afternoon, about 40 youth of ISKCON Toronto met with both Indradyumna Swami and Bhaktimarga Swami. It was a very personal class that was given and the focus was placed on the importance of chanting and doing daily mantra meditation.

As the evening approached, the temple room was full and Maharaj led an absolutely incredible *kirtan* for over an hour that had everyone dancing. As everyone collectively caught their breath after dancing like crazy, Maharaj showed one of his DVD presentations about the annual Woodstock festival in Poland!

Sunday evening marked celebrations at ISKCON Toronto for *Siva-Ratri* and there was a certain noticeable buzz in the air. Maharaj led the 6:00pm *arati* as the temple room filled to capacity and he continued with the leading of *Nrsimha-Pranama* (prayers to Lord Nrsimhadeva). Setting the tone for the evening, devotees were then welcomed to ISKCON Toronto's *Siva-Ratri* celebrations and Maharaj settled in to give what ended up being an enthralling talk! Speaking about the glories of Lord Siva, Maharaj had the assembled devotees hanging off his every word! This was followed by a small *arati* which was performed to a deity of Lord Siva.



A large group of Tamil devotees from our Toronto Hare Krishna community had sponsored the *Siva-Ratri* celebrations in memory of loved ones who were suffering in Sri Lanka due to the recent violence. On that note, as a special way to help pray for peace, Bhaktimarga Swami then led everyone in a collective mantra meditation session which led into the 8:00pm *arati*. The tone was both meditative and reflective as the meditation for peace filled the temple.

It was then Sri Prahlad das' turn to wield some magic on the evening! Sri Prahlad das led an unforgettable *kirtan* that had the whole temple room jumping! The *kirtan* continued well into the night as devotees got a chance to personally meet Indradyumna Swami.

It was a sad farewell on Monday morning as both Maharaj and Sri Prahlad das left for New York and New Jersey. But devotees across the city certainly had blissful memories of the *kirtan*, *prasadam*, and talks dancing in their minds as they got back to their normal routines!

We all eagerly await Indradyumna Swami's next visit to Toronto!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 3

Rama Navami

(Celebration at temple today and on Sunday April 5)

### April 5

Ekadasi

(Break fast next day between 6:50 AM and 11:10 AM)

### April 20

Ekadasi

(Break fast next day between 9:32 AM and 10:59 AM)

### May 4

Ekadasi

(Break fast next day between 6:04 AM and 10:51 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.

## DECEMBER 2008 INCOME STATEMENT

<b>Income</b>	\$
Donation	66,083.37
Earned revenues	11,141.94
Special events	3,255.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>80,480.31</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Total Insurance	1,140.47
Cost of Purchase	284.91
Temple Maintenance	32,358.45
Devotee Maintenance	4,203.96
Utilities	6,806.40
Auto Expenses	926.99
Financial Expenses	912.47
Administrative Expenses	705.54
Travel Expenses	4,497.96
Contract Labour	459.00
Other Expenses	2681.55
Festival & Special Projects	6,646.40
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>61,624.10</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>18,856.21</b>
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>66.02</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>18,922.23</b>

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

## GLOSSARY

### Arati

Offerings presented to the deities meant to welcome Them.

### Ekadasi

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

### Kirtan

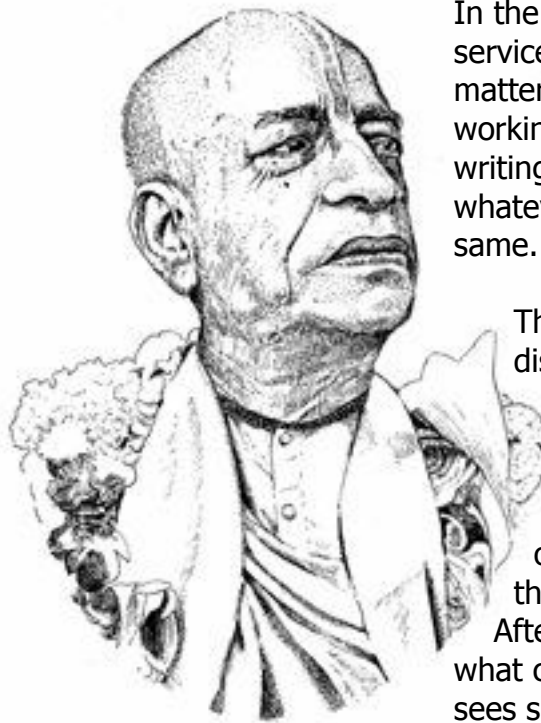
Devotional music often accompanied by dancing.

### Prasadam

Food that has first been offered to Krishna before eating.

### Siva-Ratri

The appearance day of Lord Siva



In the transcendental loving service of the Lord, it doesn't matter whether we are working, cooking, painting, writing, chanting, or whatever; they are all the same.

There are no such distinctions of higher and lower on the transcendental platform. The important thing is that we are engaging our time and energy in the service of the Lord. After all, we are so tiny, what can we do? Krishna sees simply that this time is being spent in His service.

*Introducing an exciting new program...*

## "THOSE WERE THE DAYS, MY FRIENDS!"

*A special message from Bhaktimarga Swami...*

Join us each week, Thursdays at 7:30 AM in the temple room, as the pioneering disciples of Srila Prabhupada speak about the early days of ISKCON (The International Society for Krishna Consciousness).

Those simple days of great daring and happiness, as described thus far by Baladeva Dasa, Lila Katha Dasi, and Ksircora Dasi, were alive with adventure from Beverly Street to Gerrard Street temples, from lollipop fundraising to establishing today's Avenue Road temple.

We look forward to hearing further realizations about our founder, Srila Prabhupada, as well as tales of

Letter to Karunamayī  
February 25, 1968

challenge, courage and hardship, fun and determination.

Upcoming speakers include Hara Kumar Das, Ugresh Das, Subuddhi Dasi and Krsna Das Kaviraj.

All are welcome!

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