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September News

September welcomes the month of Bhadra, and the first day of Bhadra, September 7, is the Sanyasa acceptance day of Srila Prabhupada. This auspicious month is famous for giving liberation to anyone who gifts a Srimalad Bhagavatam set on either of the two Purnimas (full moon days) to anyone.



**Srila Bhaktivinoda
Thakur**

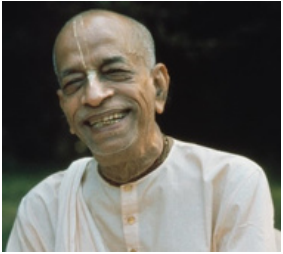
We celebrate the appearance of one of our premier Acaryas, Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur, on September 5, at noon, with Mangalacharan prayers, offering of various preparations, Aarti, Puspamjali and kirtans and bhajans composed by this great Acarya.



Vamana Dvadashi

The demon king Bali conquered the universe, prompting Vishnu to incarnate as a dwarf Brahmin. Vamana appeared at Bali's sacrifice and asked for as much land as he could cover in three steps. Bali, bound by his word despite his guru's warnings, agreed. Vamana then grew to cosmic size, covering the earth and heavens in his first two steps. For the third step, Vamana placed his foot on Bali's head, banishing him to the hellish planets and restoring Lord Indra's heavenly abode and powers.

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Srila Prabhupada Sanyasa September 7, 2025

It was the beginning of 1977. Prabhupada was in Bombay temple. He was very sick. He had stopped all food intake – he was taking 1/4 a cup of orange juice per day. His body had only bones left – there was no flesh. And yet, he was insisting that he wanted to go to London. The doctors had given up all responsibility. But as always, he was adamant.

At this time, one Pancaratrika Pandit from Bangalore named Sampat Kumar Bhattacharya came to know about Srila Prabhupada's situation. So, he took a flight from Bangalore to Bombay – which in those days was a huge thing for a Brahmin priest – and met Prabhupada, and asked for a private meeting. Generally, nobody was allowed a private meeting, but when he said that he specially came by flight from Bangalore to meet Srila Prabhupada, he was allowed a private meeting.

So, everybody was asked to go out, and they talked. The conversation was like this:

Sampat Kumar: 'Swamiji, I am feeling very pained that you are suffering like this.'

Srila Prabhupada: (laying down, in broken words): The whole world is meant for suffering. Dukhalayam asavatam.'

Sampat Kumar: 'But still Swamiji, there are so many people depending on you. So when you suffer, they suffer.'

Srila Prabhupada: 'What can I do?'

Bhattacharya: 'Swamiji, I want to tell you something. In Vrindavan temple, they are having your deity on the altar. And all kinds of people are coming and praying to it, and offering flowers to it, and you are still living.'

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Srila Prabhupada Sanyasa

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According to Pancaratra, when the Acarya is living, if he puts his deity on the altar, then all the sufferings people are having come to his body through the deity. So you please tell your disciples to worship your deity only after you leave your body.' He was speaking as if he was giving some information to Prabhupada, which Prabhupada did not know.

Srila Prabhupada: 'I know. I came here to take their suffering.' Bhattacharya was shocked. He was not giving any new information. This was well known to Prabhupada; and he was determined to suffer for others.

Srila Prabhupada: 'Do you have anything else to say?'

Bhattacharya: 'Swamiji, if that is your wish, what can I say? I am only a priest.'

Srila Prabhupada: 'Even when I leave, I will keep continuing taking their suffering, and make them free so they can keep chanting Hare Krishna.' So, for 10,000 years, Prabhupada's deity is going to be sitting in temples around the world, and taking all our sufferings, and making us free so we can chant Hare Krishna.

He is not fiberglass; he is really there, accepting our prayers, obeisances, and suffering. Let us hope this little anecdote reminds us of this, and never let doubt creep into our minds.

Hare Krishna

Srila Prabhupada is the founder Acarya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. He accepted Sanyasa so he could bring the message of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu all over the world.

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**"The question is not how much of our money we should give to God,
but how much of God's money we should keep for ourselves."**

Your tithing dollars help maintain your temple and pay regular monthly expenses:

electric

gas

water

bhoga expenses

flowers

Miscellaneous maintenance

**When you come to the temple any day of any week and see the beautiful darshan,
the adorning flowers, breakfast, lunch, and feast prasad,
understand that this is possible because of our regular monthly tithing donors.**

**It is your privilege and responsibility to support Krishna's temple. Become a tither today.
Choose an amount you feel comfortable giving each month.**

Message us today with your committment.

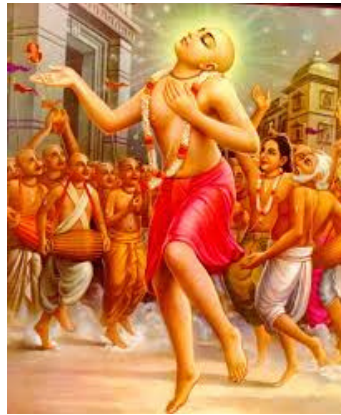


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Monthly Sankirtana



Our monthly sankirtana this month is on September 20th at 5:30pm.

This is our 4 hour uninterrupted Kirtan for the pleasure of our dieties and Srila Prabhupada. Everyone is invited to come and chant, dance and enjoy delicious dinner prasadam.

GBC Adapts Kirtan Standards

Please read the complete guidelines carefully. Pay special attention to the highlighted sections, as they are important for the Lakshmi Narasimha temple kirtans.

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ISKCON 7 Purposes

ISKCON was established by our Founder Acarya HDG Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada on July 13, 1996.

The 7 purposes clearly lay down the foundation on which ISKCON was built and continues to thrive. These seven purposes are:

- 1. To systematically propagate spiritual knowledge to society at large and to educate all people in the techniques of spiritual life in order to check the imbalance of values in life and to achieve real unity and peace in the world.**
- 2. To propagate a consciousness of Krishna (God), as it is revealed in the great scriptures of India, Bhagavad-gita, and Srimad-Bhagavatam.**
- 3. To bring the members of the Society together with each other and nearer to Krishna, the prime entity, thus developing the idea within the members, and humanity at large, that each soul is part and parcel of the quality of Godhead (Krishna).**
- 4. To teach and encourage the sankirtana movement, congregational chanting of the holy name of God, as revealed in the teachings of Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.**
- 5. To erect for the members and for society at large a holy place of transcendental pastimes dedicated to the personality of Krishna.**
- 6. To bring the members closer together for the purpose of teaching a simpler, more natural way of life.**
- 7. With a view towards achieving the aforementioned purposes, to publish and distribute periodicals, magazines, books and other writings.**

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Neighbor Care

Checking on your neighbor's well-being (ISKCON Alachua August newsletter)

A neighbor wellness check is performed when you are concerned about a neighbor's safety or health, perhaps if they are older, sick, or haven't been seen recently. This is a compassionate act aimed at ensuring your neighbor is safe and receiving the care they need.

Steps to Take:

A. Initial Contact (The Gentle Approach)

Knock and Announce: Start by knocking on their door during a reasonable hour. If there is no answer, try knocking louder or ringing the doorbell. Identify yourself clearly.

Contact Known Relatives or Friends: If you are aware of their family or close friends, reach out to them to see if they have heard from the neighbor recently.

Inquire with Other Neighbors: Ask nearby neighbors if they have seen the individual or have any relevant information.

B. Escalation (When There is Immediate Concern)

If you have a strong reason to believe the neighbor is in danger, such as hearing sounds of distress, smelling unusual odors, or noticing an accumulation of mail or newspapers, you should escalate the situation.

1. Call Emergency Services (911) and request a wellness check.

Provide them with as much detail as possible, including:

The neighbor's name and address.

The last time you saw or spoke to them.

The reasons for your concern (e.g., unusual behavior, specific sounds, failure to answer the door).

Any known medical conditions or vulnerabilities.

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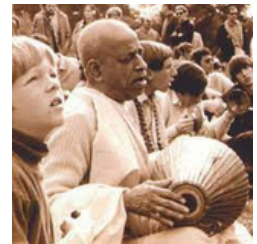
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Service opens the doors to the spiritual world

At Lakshmi Narasimha temple, service is the root of all activities. From welcoming new guests, helping them with understanding ISKCON and its 7 purposes, guiding them around Srila Prabhupada and the dieties, circumambulating and honoring prasadam, this service is most pleasing to Srila Prabhupada and Krishna



Experience the benefits of Volunteering



1. Strengthen Our Community: Your participation can help meet critical community needs and ensure essential services are carried out.
2. Foster connection and belonging: Volunteering helps reduce feelings of loneliness and social isolation, which are linked to 29% increased risk of premature death.
3. Improve Mental Health: Engaging in volunteer activities has been identified as an effective way to alleviate anxiety and depression, providing a sense of purpose and connection.
4. Foster Social Connection: Volunteering brings people together, creating meaningful connections that build trust within the community and foster empathy and trust.

Every act of kindness counts. Pledge to volunteer!
An hour, a day, or more...your contribution matters.

Connect with us at our Website, Facebook, Whatsapp or email

Class Schedule & Vaishnava Calendar Month of August, 2025

SUNDAY LOVE FEAST 11:45am

September 7, HG Balabhadra Bhattacharya, ACBSP

September 14, HG Shyam Behari Dasa, RNS

September 21, HG Sakhi Gaurangi Devi Dasi, RNS

September 28, HG Subalsakha Das, GNG

FESTIVALS

Thursday September 4, 7pm Shri Vamana Dvadashi kirtans

Fri September 5, Noon Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur appearance

Sun September 7 12:30pm, Srila Prabhupada Sanyasa at
Sunday Love feast

by HG Balabhadra Bhattacharya, ACBSP

Sat September 13, 6pm Srila Prabhupada Smaranam

Sat September 20, 5:30pm, Four hour Kirtana and prasadam

Ekadasi Calendar:

September 3, Parshva Ekadasi

Fasting begins 07:13 Parana 07:14 to 11:29 the next day

September 17, Indira Ekadasi

Fasting begins at 07:22 Parana 07:23 to 11:29 the next day

Harinama Every Friday

A decades-old tradition



Join us Fridays from 11:00 AM–1:00 PM at Georgia State University
and Moe's on Peachtree Street, across from Woodruff park

Join our What's App Chat Group for Temple Updates

Dear Alpharetta / Johns Creek / Suwanee/Cumming/North Atlanta residents, please join our ISKCON North Atlanta Temple WhatsApp broadcast list so we can communicate with you in a timely manner, messaging you with important temple announcements and last-minute event updates.



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His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

Chant...

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare

Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

... and be happy

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Navigating COVID and Flu Season: Temple Guidelines for a Safe and Spiritual Community

Covid and flus are making their way through our community. If you test positive for Covid, here are the CDC guidelines we follow at the temple, for when and how long to isolate.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html>

If you are coughing or feverish you should stay home and rest anyway. If you need Prasad let the temple know and we will arrange something for you. If you are symptomatic but going out please wear a mask, especially in crowded areas like temple kirtans during festivals. Everything is live-streamed at our temple, including the kirtans. Take care, of yourself and your friends and loved ones.



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