



Jayaguru

Nilachala Saraswata Sangha, Puri

America Saraswata Sangha

913rd Sangha Puja Session Report

Date - 06-02-2024 (Sunday)

Time - 7:15 AM to 8:45 AM EDT (First session), 9:45 AM to 11:55 AM EDT (Second Session)

Palia - Sharthak, Lipsita Maa, Sibani D. Maa

Attendance of Maa and Bhai: The attendance sheet is available on AMSAS website.

The adhibaasa puja was held on Saturday, 1st June 2024 from 6.30 to 9 pm EDT.

First session (7:15 AM to 8:45 AM)

The first session of the puja started at 7.15AM EDT with Prateeksha songs sung by Bani Maa and Arpita Maa. Aarati was performed by Gyan Bhai, followed by Bandae GurucharaNa and Stotra Bandanaa by Smia Ray maa. This was followed by recitation of Sloka (verse) 85 by Sangita Maa followed by reading of Parichaya Patra, Sameelani & Bhakta Niwas Nirmana Prarthana as led by Brajendra Bhai. Then Lipsita Maa read Bandanaa, Praarthanaa and Praarthanakaarinka Prati from Sangha Sebaka 5th year, Part 1. From the sangha Sebaka book, we read that *“The strongest tool we can use to purify our minds is by rectifying our own mistakes and always looking at the good deeds of others. If we really have to correct someone’s mistakes the best method is to discuss that personally with the individual taking a supportive and sympathetic stand and without bad-mouthing about them in front of others.”*

Then Lipsita Maa invited Sri Sri Thakura for offering of the Baalya Bhoga. She also then invited Shri Shri Thakura and all Bhakta Bhai, Maa, and YAs for the Second Puja session to start at 9.45AM EDT. The Aasana was closed with Jayaguru Naama Kirtana and PraNaama. Baalya Bhoga was offered to Shri Shri Thakura followed by Prasad Sebana by all.

Second Session (9:45 AM to 11:55 AM)

The Second Session of the Puja started at 9.45AM EDT with Aabaahanaa songs sung by Amrita Maa, and Udita Maa respectively. This was followed by PraNaama Gaana and opening of the curtain. Then Sukanya Maa sang the bandana (*'kotipunaya bale aaji paichhi gosaain'*) followed by reading of Parichaya Patra by Kalpana Maa. This was followed by Biswapati pranama song led by Sibani M. maa. Then Ipseeta Maa read Nigama Upadesha book ((Page - 271 Sadhana for formation of Self). Thereafter, Sonia Maa read the minutes of last puja session and Vedamati Maa read from the book Pancha Sanyaasinee Shishyaa (Page 179-183). Then Anjali Maa sang a praarthana song (*'parana bandhuua hoi'*).

Following that, Pallavi Maa read a portion from Samsara Pathe Part 1 (Chapter 40 The ultimate aim of householders (worshipping the Bramhan)). Then Brajendra Bhai led the discussion during the Q&A session.

The YA session started with Sreeja Maa singing a Praarthanaa song. Swati Maa then led discussion for rest of the YA session.

Thereafter, Sharthak, Lipsita Maa, Sibani D. Maa respectively did Bhaaba Binimaya followed by invitation to Shri Shri Thakura for Madhyaana Bhoga. Sibani D. Maa then invited Shri Shri Thakura and all Bhakta Bhai, Maa, and YAs for the Evening Puja session. Then Shilpi, Prabhakar Bhai, Mahesh Bhai invited Shri Shri Thakura Maharaj and all Bhai, Maa, and YAs to the next Sangha Puja to be held on 06-09-2024.

Then Lipsita Maa begged forgiveness from Shri Shri Thakura and all Bhai, Maa, and Young Aspirants on behalf of all the palia and Sebaka bhaktas for the mistakes and errors committed, deliberately or unintentionally for their Puja Paali and seba.

The session was concluded with Bidaaya Praarthana led by Rashmi C. Maa and then Aasana was closed with Jayaguru Naama Kirtana & PraaNama. Biswajit Bhai took attendance of all Bhais and Maas. Madhyaana Bhoga was offered to Sri Sri Thakura followed by Prasad Sebana by all.

Sri Sri Thakuracharanaashritaa,

Sharthak, Lipsita Maa, Sibani D. Maa