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Balaji Temple celebrates Pandu Ranga festival and acquires new Life Size Vighraha Murthys

Balaji Temple in Sunnyvale celebrated Second Annual Panduranga Homa on Wednesday August 8 2007. The Homam (Havan) was performed in the evening by chanting manthras by Chief Priest Narayana Swamiji and all the devotees participated by chanting Vishnu Sahasranaama and Lakshmi Ashtotharanama . Lord Pandu Ranga and Rukmini. are manifestations of Lord Vishnu and Lakshmi and they have their hands by their hips always ready to go to work which is granting all the wishes of the devotees instantaneously. All the devotees enjoyed melodious Bhajans on Pandu Ranga, which were lead by Vijaya Lakshmi and Narayana Swamiji. This was followed by Aarti and Maha Prasad.

This was also a very auspicious day for Balaji Temple. In a bigger way on this day Balaji Temple acquired Life Size Vighraha Murthys of Lord Ganesha, Hanuman and Shiva Lingam and Navagrahas. which arrived that morning from Karkala, Karnataka, India.

All these murthys were carved by the same shilpi who also carved the murthys of Lord Vishnu and Maha Lakshmi which are in the Balaji Temple for the past 3 years. It is a well known fact that the Murthy of Lord Vishnu is just like the one in Tirupathi India, and all the devotees who visit the Balaji Temple feel they had a Darshan of Lord Venkateshwara of Tirupathi right here in Sunnyvale California.

The Life Size Vighraha Murthy of Lord Ganesha was sponsored by Girish and Vibha Gaitonde and Viswas and Arti family. Lord Hanuman was sponsored



by ThyagaMohan and Padma Gottipati and family. Shiva Lingam by Maruthi Shanbag and devotees and all the Navagrahas were sponsored by Indu and Raman Khanna and devotees of the Balaji Temple.

Balaji Temple is a Haven to all devotees who come here to have Darshan and some peace and quite time in the presence of God. Head Priest Narayana Swamiji performs regular pujas in simple and organized manner and enjoy them. Balaji Temple is packed on full moon day monthly for the famous Sathya Narayana Puja by Narayana Swamiji.

Lord Venkateshwara Abhishekham is also monthly on Saturdays Regular activities include

- Saturdays 8 AM, Venkateshwara Suprabhata Seva and Vishnu Sahasranama stotram parayana.

- Mondays 7 PM. Shiva Rudra Abhishekham and Bhajans
- Tuesdays 7PM. Hanuman Chalisa and Devi Bhajans
- Wednesdays 7PM. Meditation
- Thursdays 7PM. Sri Sai Bhajans
- Fridays 6:30 PM. Meru Abhishekha and Laltha Sahasranaam Stotram and Mahalakshmi Puja and Devi Bhajans.
- Daily Aarti 8:30 AM, 12:30 PM and 8:30 PM.
- Balaji Temple is open 7 days a week 8AM to 9 PM. at 678 Cypress Avenue Sunnyvale Ca 94085

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