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Pullagi Seva

Pulangi Seva at Balaji Temple

By Sunrendra Prakash:

On 26th May, Balaji Temple celebrated Pulangi Seva - the decoration of the deity with flowers. The celebration started with the devotees chanting Subrabatham, Mangalashasanam, and Prapatti, followed by the Abishekam for Lord Balaji by Head Priest Narayana Swami.

During the dressing of the Murtis, devotees chanted all the sooktams and Vishnu Sahasranama several times. When the curtain opened, the devotees were treated with a feast for their eyes with the sight of Sri Balaji and Sri Devi covered in flowers and decorated in garlands from crown to feet.

This was followed by the chanting of the four Vedas by Narayana Swami. Manoj Kumar chanted Ganta sala and Mohinder Sethi sang the Ramayan Chupayi. Bhajans were sung by Archana and Vasuki accompanied by Bhagyarati Bindu on keyboard and Vishal Sangal on dolak.

The Pulangi Seva was sponsored by Chandrashekkar and Meenakshi and family. Fresh laddoos were made at the temple premises by devotees and offered as Naivedyam to God.

A large number of devotees attended and were treated with Theertams and Mahaprasad.

After the Pooja, Head Priest Narayana Swami spoke about the Sarvajit Adika Jesta masa, which comes once in three years. Poojas and vratams done during this month are very auspicious and please Lord Vishnu. It is also called Purushotama masa.

Balaji Temple has acquired a new land at 5004 North First Street in San Jose, north of Highway 237, formerly known as Alviso. Balaji Temple is holding a grand fundraiser, Bhakti Kala Sajar, on June 16, 2007. All are invited to attend. For further information please contact 408-203-1036 or visit www.balajitemple.net.