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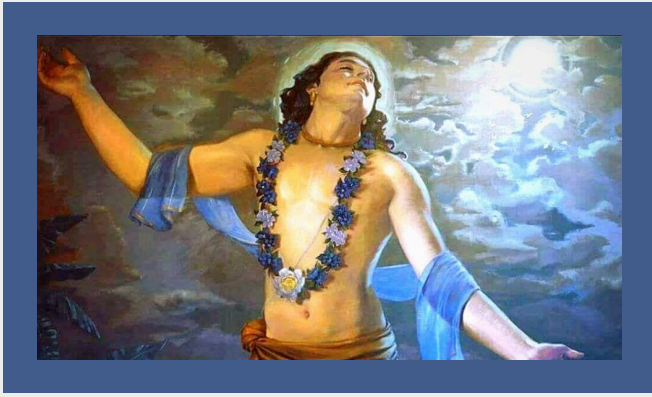
AN OFFERING TO SRI NITYANANADA PRABHU

Written By: Anangamayi Chitra Devi Dasi

Oh Lord Nitai,
The deliverer of Jagai and Madhai,
From your lips, the holy names
always flow,
Never is there a moment, where you
are not dancing to and fro.

You steal the hearts of one and all,
Those who don't accept you will
surely meet their downfall.

Oh Lord of mercy,
Although I am unworthy,
Please show the world your grace,
By delivering my heart from its
darkened place.



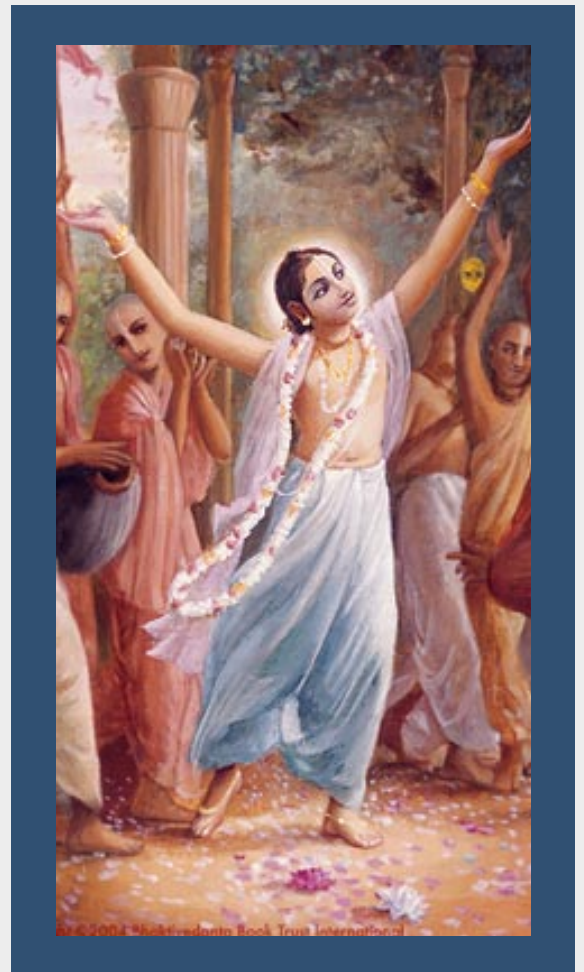
NITYANANDA RAYA THE LORD OF MERCY

Written By: Venitha Shri

Hare Krishna to everyone! When you think of February, what comes to mind? Valentine's day? President's day? If you ask me, I would say Nityananda Trayodashi. On this day, we celebrate the appearance of the merciful Lord Nityananda Prabhu, whose eyes are as wide and as long as the eyes of a deer. Nityanada Prabhu was born in Ekachakra, West Bengal.

Many vaishnavas have praised Nityananda Prabhu in their books, poems, and bhajans. I am especially referring to a bhajan named Nityanandastakam. This song illustrates the concept of unconditional love.

Nityananda Prabhu had a deep affection for Lord Krishna. The author of this divine piece by a great saint by the name of Vrndavana Dasa Thakura. Vrndavana Dasa Thakura writes in this bhajan praising Sri Nityanada Prabhu.



He writes, “Whose eyes are always rolling due to His absorption in Krsna-prema, whose lotus hand holds a glowing staff, and who, by the performance of nama-sankirtana, pierces the influence of Kali-yuga.”

This line emphasizes how devoted Nityananda prabhu was to Krishna.

February 2025

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Feb 4th - Advaita Acharya's Appearance Day

Feb 8th - Bhaimi Ekadasi

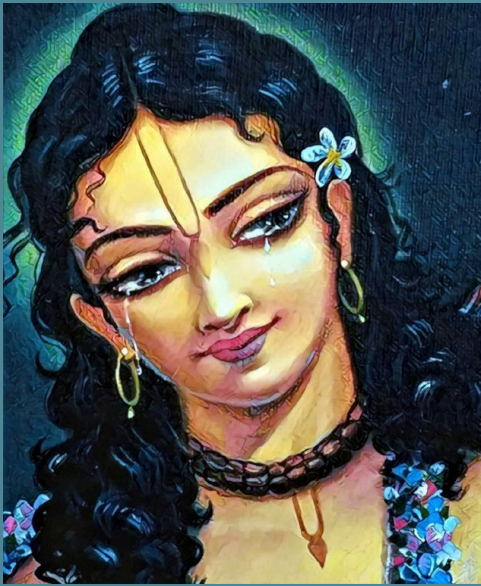
Feb 9th - Varaha Dvadasi

Feb 10th - Nityananda Trayodasi

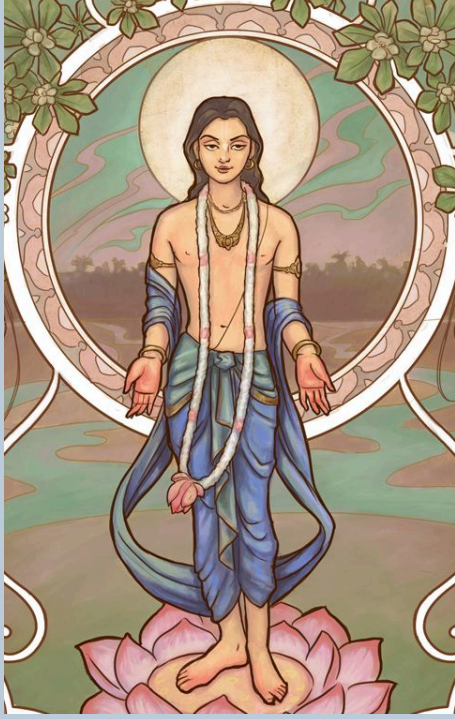
Appearance of Sri Nityananda Prabhu
(Fast till noon)

Feb 23rd - Vijaya Ekadasi

Feb 26th - Siva Ratri



Additionally, Vrndavana Dasa Thakura describes Nityananda to be “the reservoir of rasa, the bhakti-rasa,” which means this exceptionally composed Nityanandastakam is a rich source of devotional love cherished by all devotees.



**nityānanda-prasāde
se nindā yāya kṣaya
nityānanda-prasāde
se viṣṇu-bhakti haya**

**By the mercy of
Nityānanda, one's
offenses are destroyed,
and by the mercy of
Nityānanda, one attains
devotional service to the
Supreme Lord.**

Last but not least, ISKCON temples around the world celebrate this festival, including ISKCON Detroit. On Sunday, February 9th, 2025, the festival was held at ISKCON Detroit. Thank you all for making the celebration so enjoyable.

ISKCON DETROIT SUNDAY SCHOOL INITIATIVES:

Written By: Venitha Shri



There are many initiatives being taken in order to nurture the kids, here at ISKCON Detroit! Below are a list of programs taking place through ISKCON Devasadhan Mandir:

- Daily meditation for youth (chanting call): In this activity, kids do one round of Japa Meditation along with reading one verse of Bhagavad Gita.

- Sunday School: ISKCON Devasadhan offers a weekly, free engagement where kids can come and learn slokas, get exposed to a variety of creative activities related to Krishna Consciousness
- Summer Camp: A week worth of fun to keep them engaged in the summer.

If you are interested in learning more, or want to enroll your kid(s) in these activities, please contact Nitya Kishori Mathaji (248-318-1502)

Other opportunities include:

Summer Harinaam - June 15th

Summer Camp - June 23rd - 27th

Summer field trip - August 2nd



DEVOTEE
SPOTLIGHT: SRI
NANANDANANADAN
PRABHU

Written By: Harini Shrii

His Grace Sri Nandanandana Prabhu is a sincere devotee of Sri Sri Radha Kunjabihari as he is devoted in serving Them and his spiritual master, Bhaktivedanata Swami Srila Prabhupada, with so much love and is continuously engaged in serving as the chairman at ISKCON Devasadhan Mandir.

He has been selected as one of the awardees for the 2025 Padma Shri award, a prestigious prize presented by India's president for remarkable services in various fields such as literature and education.

One of his greatest contributions towards sharing the knowledge of Krishna Consciousness is through his books. he is the author of more than 50 books that encourage Krishna consciousness throughout the world.

H.G. Sri Nandanandana prabhu says, “I have been working at trying to please Srila Prabhupada by working to spread Krishna Consciousness and the glory of Indian and Vedic culture for over four decades.”

“I feel that it is a reflection on Srila Prabhupada and the work he has done since, without him, I would not be where I am today. And the effect he has had on India is still growing tremendously. So, I’m very grateful to him and to all who have helped me along the way. It is all Krishna’s mercy; you just have to show him that you are sincere and serious, and He will reciprocate.”



VAISHANAVI'S RETREAT:

Written By: Her Grace Krsangi Rasa Mataji

On the weekend of February 1st 2025, there was the biggest women’s retreat we have had yet at Devasadan Mandir. With over 65 Vaishnavi women attending from across Detroit and the suburbs, even Windsor and Toronto, and enjoying the association and contributions of other devotee women, inspiring presentations, delicious prasada cooked by the Prabhujis, and memorable interactions. It was our great fortune to also have three wonderful disciples of Srila Prabhupada with us.



Mother Sarvasakthimata spoke about the history of Devasadan Mandir and the installation of the deities, Sri Sri Radha Kunjabihari. Mother Chintamani spoke about the pastimes of her deities, Jagannath, Baladev and Subhadra. We also had various games that focused on getting to know each other, with an ingredients list/recipe treasure hunt, then a session on powerful women from the scriptures, we also had an interesting bag painting project, a health panel with doctors from different fields, and a general Krishna conscious panel where senior devotees answered many questions.

This retreat showed a lot of care and love for each other and as a result we grew closer. Everyone valued this association and we all wanted more of this. To the left is a photo from the retreat.

ISKCON DETROIT HOSTS 7TH ANNUAL BHAGAVAD-GITA SLOKA RECITATION COMPETITION

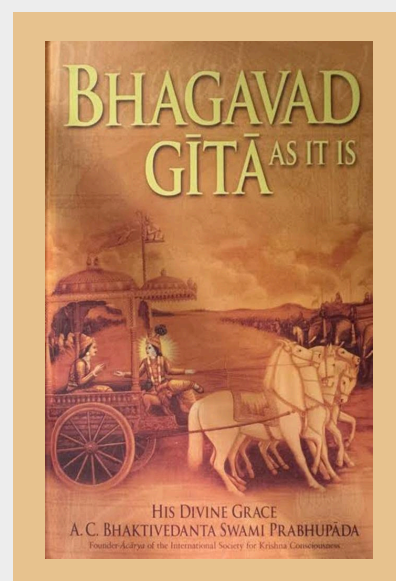
Written by Anangamayi Chitra Devi Dasi

This year's Bhagavad Gita Sloka Recitation Competition was held at ISKCON Detroit - The Devasadana Mandir on January 19th.



Through this program, children between the ages of 4 and 18 have the opportunity to memorize verses from the Bhagavad Gita and gain an understanding of its philosophy. Each age group was assigned a different number of verses from the 17th chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. It is particularly significant that the 17th chapter of the Bhagavad Gita describes the types of faith and the effects the three modes of material nature can have on a living being. The temple hall was packed with visitors on the day of the competition. A total of fifty kids participated in the competition. Teams consisted of groups of five, three, or a single participant.

A certificate was given to each participant, while special prizes were given to the winners. Upon asking participants about the competition, they stated that despite being nervous at first, they found it to be a very enjoyable experience. They expressed a desire to participate next year as well. Parents also appreciated the event because it provided their children with an opportunity to learn and internalize verses from the Gita. If you are interested in participating in the next competition, please be sure to follow us at ISKCON Detroit.





YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES:

Written By: Anangamayi Chitra Devi Dasi

Calling out to all the youth, this April, from the third to the sixth The Sanga Initiative (TSI) is hosting a youth retreat for youth aged 14 to 28. It takes place at ISKCON Naperville. This is a great chance for youth to go and meet others, and to represent ISKCON Detroit.



Thank you!

Thank you for reading the Krsna Kidz Chronicles: Issue 1. We seek everyone's blessings so we may be able to continue this effort on a bimonthly basis.



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