



Jayaguru
Nilachala Saraswata Sangha, Puri
America Saraswata Sangha

861st Sangha Puja Session Report

Date & Time: Apr 30th, 2023 7:15 AM - 11:55 AM ET **Palia:** Suhani, Biswajit Ray Bhai and Prabhakar Bhai

Adhibaasa Puja (April 29th, 2023, 6:30 PM to 9:15 PM ET):

North Carolina Puja was held in lieu of Adhibaasa puja from 6:30 PM through 9:15 PM. At the end of the session, Shree Shree Thakura, Bhais, Maas and Young Aspirants were invited to attend the sangha puja scheduled for 7:30 AM ET next morning. After the session, *Bhoga* was offered to Shree Shree Thakura. Bhais, Maas and Young Aspirants were served with *Prasada*.

First Session (April 30th, 2023, 7:15 AM to 8:45 AM ET):

The morning session of the puja started at 7:15 AM ET with the singing of *Pratiksha* songs, '*Kaahaara Aadara SaraagaboLaa Daaka Subhilara*' by Smita Bai Maa followed by '*Aasichhanti Aama PraaNara Thakura KaruNaa Baarida Haahi He*' by Gyan Bhai. During that time, all the devotees joined the puja either at Nigama Smruti Mandira or via tele-conference. Sanujit Bhai offered mangala aarati to Shree Shree Thakura followed by bandana and stotra bandana led by Brundaban Bhai. Braja Bhai led the reading of *Parichaya Patra* followed by prayers for *Sammalini*. Sanujit Bhai read Sangha Sebaka 49th Year Part one (*Bandana, Prarthana* and *Prarthanakarinka Prati*). In this topic, we learnt that serving Shree Shree Thakura is above all kinds of desireless actions. It is quick to achieve transcendental knowledge when you are successful in satisfying Gurudev with your actions. After the reading of Sangha Sebaka, Thakura Prasad Bhai read verse 29 from Shree Shree Guru Gita. Then, Prabhakar Bhai invited Shree Shree Thakura, Bhais, Maas and Young Aspirants to attend the second session of the sangha puja that was scheduled to start at 9:45 AM ET. The first session concluded with *Jayaguru Mahanaama*. After the session, *Balya Bhoga* was offered to Shree Shree Thakura. Bhais, Maas and Young Aspirants were served with *Prasada*.

Second Session (April 30th, 2023, 9:30 AM to 11:55 AM ET):

The second session of the puja started at 9:30 AM with the singing of *Aabahana* songs, '*Tuma Bagichaare Ghaasaphula Mun Hoi*' by Pooja Maa followed by '*Basa Hruda Singhaasane Debataa More*' by Amrita Maa. This was followed by *Pranaama Gaana* and opening of the curtain at *NaaTa Mandira*. Debashis Bhai sang *Bandana 'Bande NikhiLa Maanasa Taba Sarasa Pada Sundara'*. Rashmi Panda Maa read the topic, '*Open Fight*' pages 208 and 209 from *Sadguru Swami Nigamananda Upadeshmrita*. In this topic Shree Shree Thakura emphasized

that action is the way to the purification of mind. Concentrate more on Karma. And everything depends on *bhava*. Biswaranjan Bhai read the minutes of our last sangha puja. Rabi Prarida Bhai from NSS led reading of various scriptures and the discussion on Thakura's teachings. He emphasized on the various means of *chittashuddhi*. One serving others with the feeling of seeing God would establish oneself as God, whereas serving others as simple beings would only help you become another being. Then, Nihar Bhai sang prarthanaa song '*JaNankara Phula Bagichaare Aame Naanaa Jaati Ranga Beranga Phula*'. Rabi Prarida Bhai continued and answered some of the questions asked by some of the members. The Young Aspirant session was started with the *Prarthana Sangeeta* '*Paramaanandanku Paaibu Jebere PraaNara Duara Khili*' sung by Saraswat. Bijoy Bhai led the YA session with gathering the attendance of the YAs. Bijoy Bhai elaborated on our dependence on Thakura and His teachings. Then Suhani, Prabhakar Bhai and Biswajit Ray Bhai did their *Bhaba Binimaya Seba*, followed by invitations for *Madhyaahna Bhoga* and Evening Puja. Ansh and Chinmayee Maa invited Shree Shree Thakura, all bhai, maa and YAs to the next Sangha Puja scheduled for May 7th, 2023 on behalf of all *palias*, Ansh, Lipsita Maa and Chinmayee Maa. After that, Biswajit Ray Bhai prayed for forgiveness from Thakura, all Bhais, Maas and Young Aspirants for any irregularity in seba. The session concluded with Bidaya Prarthana sung by Uditaa Maa. The curtain was closed at *Naata Mandira* with Jayaguru *Naama Kirtana* and *PraNaam*. Biswajit Bhai took the attendance of all Bhais and Maas present for the Puja. *Madhyaahna Bhoga* was offered to Shree Shree Thakura followed by *Prasada Sebana* by the devotees.

Attendees: Attendance sheet is available in the member section of AMSAS web site, jayaguru.org at http://www.jayaguru.net/members/member_references

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