

Welcome to the monthly newsletter of Amma's Madison WI Satsang

Dedicated to Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi,
also called "Ammachi", "Amma", "Holy Mother" and
"Amma".

Her mission in life is to awaken the Infinite Divine Power
within everyone

and lead humanity along the right path of selfless
service and love for others.

Outgrowing the Ego

The difficulty is not expressing love
but letting go, *outgrowing* the ego.

Love is human nature;
it is already present within us.

But we are held back
by our individual boundaries.

We have to outgrow our individuality
in order to become universal.

Ego stands in the way of love.

When it is removed, we can flow like a river.

-Amma-

Satsang Location Changes in June and July

Regular satsang meetings in June and July
will be held at alternate locations

since our regular satsang hosts will be away from home.

**Satsang on Sunday, June 19 will be at the home of Ela
and Bob Waterman**

**Satsang on Sunday, July 17 will be at the home of
Anisha and Dhar Akula**

****Please make note of these changes.**

**Address and directions will be included in upcoming
newsletters.****

Installation of Brahmasthanam Temple in Kannur

(7 May '11)

5 May, Kannur Brahmasthana Pratishta,
Bharata Yatra 2011

There was an air of expectancy in the air as Amma was to consecrate the temple. The pujas had already started a few days prior to Amma's arrival. On the 4th bimba shudhi and vaastu shuddhi was completed.

The morning of 5th Amma appeared in a yellow shawl, with a lotus mala and hair tied up. Amma's eyes wore an other worldly expression as if She were gazing into things unknown and unseen by us. Amma ascended to the scaffold on top of the temple and meditated there for some time. As she opened her eyes and looked into

the skies and all around her, it was as if she were invoking all of nature's blessings. The pratishtha is a lesson in humility for us – Amma, the master, seeks the blessings of nature and of all the devotees before doing these ceremonies.

The sun was burning down as Amma did the Kalasha Pratishtha – the Pancha vadyam players reached a crescendo – fireworks resounded in the air, there was a continuous chant of Aum Shiva Shaktyaikya Roopinyai Namah mantra. Devotees overflowing the ashram premises stand in neighbouring properties to catch a glimpse of Amma as she placed each copper kalasha one on top of the other; she filled the kalashas with paddy. An eagle, said to be an auspicious sign, soared overhead, circling above the temple. After the pratishtha Amma did abhisheka, then after garlanding the kalashas Amma prostrated to the Kalashas after arati.



Amma entered the temple. The idol was carried in by brahmacharis. Amma sat on the side of the Shakti Peetham, facing East. Amma placed fully bloomed lotus flowers on the four corners of the peetham and then embraced the peetham infusing it with shakti. The doors were closed and the idol was installed after Amma infused it with her energy.

Amma said that her sankalpa in the pratishtha was world peace.

When the doors opened again at 12.38pm the expectant devotees craned forward, chanting mantras, seeking the first darshan of the Murthi. Some local devotees and ashramites carried pots with consecrated water to the temple. Amma did abhisheka to the newly installed idol with this sanctified water.

Amma went to each of the doors – bowing down to the devotees seeking their goodwill and then offered flowers to the vighraha. Four of the Swamis did arati simultaneously to the four deities. It was not only within the temple that Amma had installed God – a new faith and devotion seemed to have sprung up in the hearts of the devotees, as both Indians and Westerners jostled and reached out to get just one petal used by Amma for the puja or even a drop of the tirtham from the abhishekha.



In the satsang Amma said that the temple is like a mirror – it is meant for us to see ourselves so that we can cleanse ourselves of the dirt on us. Amma says that the suffering we undergo is a result of our past actions. To rectify the situation we need to do good karmas. Pujas conducted in

brahmasthanam temples help alleviate the negative effects of our karmas. So people are encouraged to do pujas for themselves. The four facets of the single idol – Shiva, Devi, Ganapati and Rahu/Kartikeya, members of one family, also shows unity in diversity – all names and forms representing but different aspects of the one reality. The temple also embodies the concept of the world or universal family – which is represented by the Shiva Kutumba.

This is the 21st Brahmasthanam consecrated by Amma. It will definitely serve as a beacon light of faith and hope to all who come here.

–Sakshi

Upcoming Local Amma Events

*(All events are at Madhu and Sajan's home unless otherwise specified.
Directions are at the end of this calendar.)*

May, 15, 1 pm (Sunday) - Chanting of Lalitha Sahasranama (1000 Names of the Goddess). You are welcome to join this practice whether or not you stay for the meeting that follows. You are also welcome to attend even if you are not familiar with the practice. It provides a wonderful atmosphere in which to meditate. We have a few spare chanting books in various languages (English, Telugu, Tamil, Hindi and Kannada) if you want to join.

"This worship will bring prosperity to the home and peace to the world. It will be an atonement for sins committed. One will gain strength, longevity and good health. Every nerve in our body will be vitalized by the Thousand Names of Sri Lalitha. The atmosphere will be purified. Mother is making a resolve that the effects of undesirable planetary conjunctions, evil forces and other negative energies will be counteracted by this worship." —Amma

May 15, 2 pm (Sunday) - Monthly satsang meeting. Includes Amma's teachings, Amma's bhajans (devotional songs), arati (waving light before Amma's picture) and a vegetarian potluck. First timers are welcome to come and enjoy the meal without feeling obligated to bring anything.

May 16, 6 pm (Monday) - Meal Seva at Grace Church. **Donations collected at satsang meeting on Sunday, May 15.**

Custom note: Our more traditional Hindu members prefer the offerings to be egg free.

For events in Milwaukee, contact AmmaMilwaukee@gmail.com
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Directions to Madhu and Sajan's home
2 Willowbrook Ct. (608 848-5033)
Verona Road to Hwy PD (McKee Road)
Right onto Hwy PD
Left at first light onto Nesbitt Road
Continue straight through the 4-way stop at Maple Grove Road , onto Cross Country
Road
First right — a very short block — onto Ambleside
Corner of Willowbrook Court

Please park on Ambleside or in our hosts' driveway,
so as to avoid over-parking the Willowbrook cul de sac.

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