

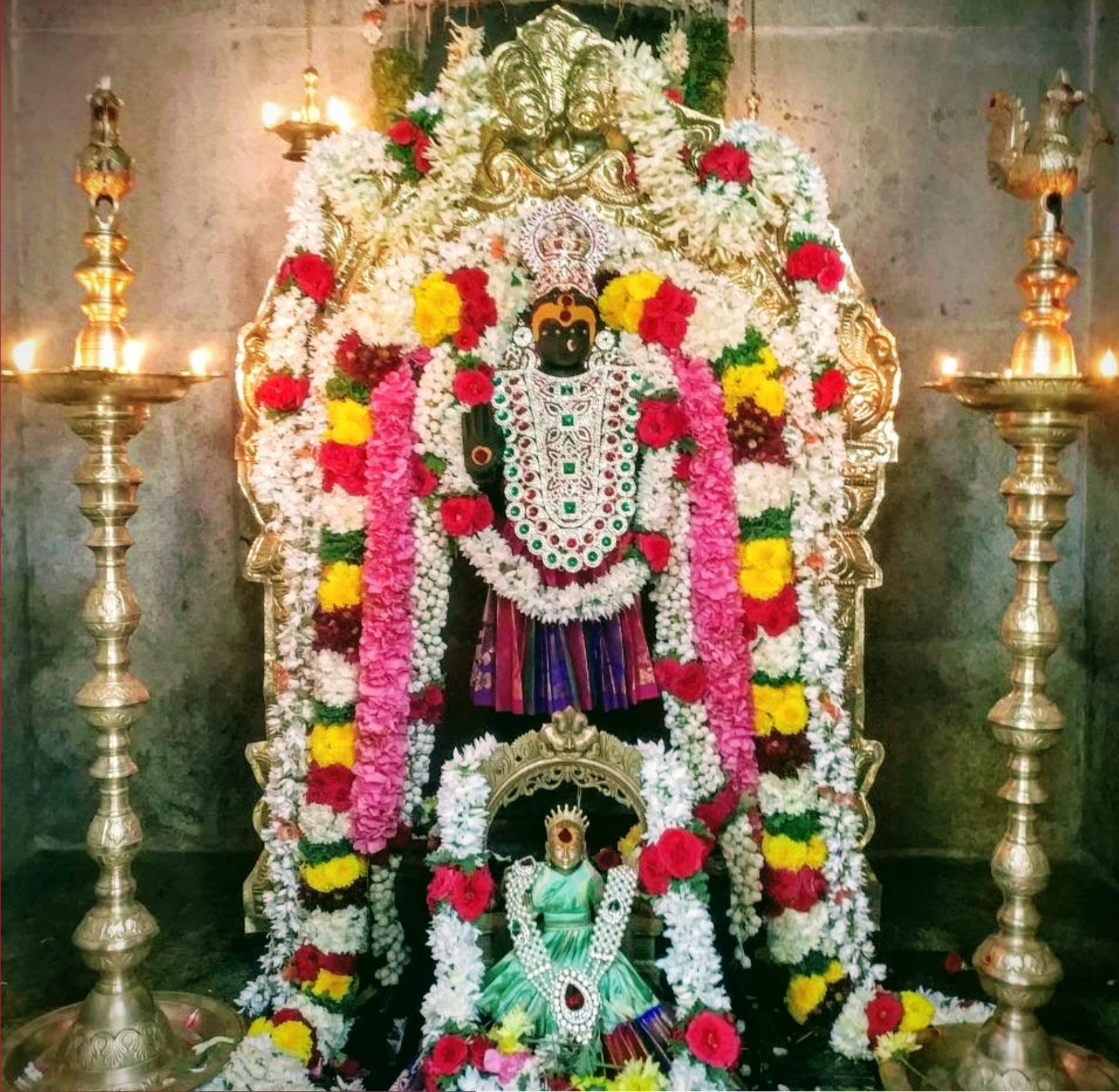
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From The Editor's Desk

Dear Members,

The first anniversary of Malur Sri Balambika temple was celebrated with pomp and splendor on the 29th and 30th of March. In this newsletter, we have tried to showcase this grand occasion with a detailed description of the events that unfolded on these two days, accentuated with a colorful array of photos.

The festivities began on the 29th of March, with the temple prakaram flooded with serial lights and tastefully decorated with flowers. The interior of the temple was also adorned with an exquisite arrangement of flowers.

The event started with Muthal kaala poojai. Natarajan gurukkal and Rajendran gurukkal conducted the proceedings in a very organised manner. The nadaswaram group of Sri Dakshinamurthy and team played excellently. Vilakku poojai started soon after, with almost 20 participants. At the end of the Vilakku poojai, the focus turned to the mahamandapam, where Smt. Vanishree Sunil rendered Carnatic vocal songs as an offering. She was accompanied on the violin by Smt Hrishitha Bhat, on the ganjira by Master Karthik, and on the mridangam by Master Amogha.

The maha mangalarati was performed while everyone watched with rapt attention. Things came to a close with the distribution of prasadam, which comprised of sakkarai pongal and sundal.

Early on 30th morning, everyone gathered at the Subramanya Swamy temple. Paal kodams were covered with yellow cloth and flowers. After a few bhajans and songs, the procession started at about 8:30 am, led by

vadhyam. The procession continued till our Sri Balambika temple, ensuring minimal disturbance to the traffic along the way.

At the temple, the devotees were welcomed with the washing of their feet, and led around the prakaram to the ardhmantapam, where the milk in the paal kodam was collected. The devotees were then given panakam. The pooja commenced with sankalpam, kaala poojai and Balatripurasundari homam. Therein, abhishekam with the collected milk was performed. The alankaram was exceptionally beautiful and the deity was a delight to behold. After mahamangalarati, sumptuous prasadam consisting of sakkarai pongal, puliyogarai, dhadhyonnam, sundal, venpongal and panchamrutham was distributed.

The event came to a grand finale with the trustees and executive committee members accepting prasadam and offering sambhavanai to the priests and nadaswaram troupe.

It was heartening to note that just after the close of the event, we were blessed with heavy rains and hail stones that lasted for about an hour.

Balambika Divya Sangam would like to thank all the sponsors and members who helped make this event a memorable one. We would also like to wish our Tamil and Malayalam readers a very Happy New Year. We hope you enjoy perusing through our assortment of pictures as much as we have enjoyed compiling it for you.

Sarvejana Sukhino Bhavantu.

PHOTO ESSAY: MONTH OF MARCH

TEMPLE FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



Raja Bala (Moolavar) & Kutti Bala (Utsava Murthy) alankaram on the day of 1st Kala pooja.



Gurukkal offering kar-pooram arati to Rudhra Veerabhadra Swamy



Kalasabhishekam for Vinayaka



Devotees decorating the temple with kolam for the big event

PHOTO ESSAY: MONTH OF MARCH



Malur Sri Raja Balambika Temple decorated with lights for anniversary celebrations



Shivacharyar Gurukkal performing pooja for Vilakku pooja on 1st kaala pooja



Devotees from Malur taking part in vilakku pooja



Devotees offered their prayers to Lord Ganesha after vilakku pooja

PHOTO ESSAY: MONTH OF MARCH



Bhajans at Sri Subramanya temple, just before the paal kodam procession



Enthralled devotees coming in a pradakshanam around the temple carrying Paal kodam for Abhishekam with musicians performing before them



Shivacharyar Gurukkal performing Bala Tripura Sundari Homam offers palagaram to Ambal.



PHOTO ESSAY: MONTH OF MARCH



Bala Tripura Sundari Kalasa pradakshana around the temple before Kalasabhishekam and Gurukkal offering karpورا arati to devotees



Gurukkal tying garland for Raja Bala after Chandan Abhishekam

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Temple decorations for the anniversary celebrations



Raja Bala alangaram with prabhavali and Kutti Bala alangaram for the grand finale

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