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TEMPLE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- The temple architectural plan has been shared with the structural engineer.
- Additional clarifications and drawing details are being discussed between the Stapathi and structural engineer.
- Construction of a fence around the entire temple site is being planned, and discussions with the mason are underway.
- A prototype of the temple website equipped with an online shopping cart is being designed.
- A pizza food drive for temple fundraising was organized in Chicago, and the event turned out to be a grand success.

Upcoming religious events:

Lalitha Sahasranamam parayanam at Anuradha Srinivasan's residence, Chicago, USA

Contact: asriniv65@gmail.com

Bala Sahasranamam parayanam on January 7th, at 3:00 PM at Bala's residence

Contact: myyasundar@gmail.com

Bala Sahasranamam parayanam on January 7th at 5:30 PM at Chakravarthy residence in Ohio, USA.

Contact: 95chikki@gmail.com

Abishekam will be performed for the Dolai Utsava moorthy on Tuesdays/Fridays. Devotees who are interested please contact Shashikala Venkatesh (9886895627).

Veda and Tamil online class will start soon. Please do contact us for registration and further information.

Much thanks to

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Wish list & Volunteer needs

If you would like to participate, contribute or require more details please contact us via email or web-site*

Contribution can be made in cash/cheque/DD/online transfer etc. For complete details do email us.

Naama Veetu Pillai.....

Mala was waiting for her bus that morning, there were so many thoughts running in her mind. She was praying that her day should go well. She had some girls in her class who were big bullies. She was very nervous of them inside, but never showed it outside. They troubled everyone in the class and never let anyone listen in the class. The teachers didn't pay much attention to their pranks which annoyed Mala and not once were they questioned because of which they became the thugs in class. There were three of them, notorious and arrogant. One was Helen, the ring leader, tall for the class, with large black eyes, and a round face with a large forehead. She would beat up anyone that she felt was meek and quiet. Next was Tejashree, a bulky girl wearing round spectacles right up to her nose. She was very fond of eating everyone's food. She would grab them and if they refused she would steal or throw their food into the dustbin. The mildest of the three was Angela who was very moody. Sometimes she joined the other two in their pranks or watched them do it. The threesome were a terror for the entire seventh graders! Mala was too scared of them and though they did very little to her she still despised them altogether.

Lost in her thoughts she didn't see Bala come. Bala smiled at her and said, "What happened, you are lost in your own thoughts." Mala shook her head and said, "Nothing." Bala said, "Oh come on! If you say nothing, then it means there is something. Tell me and let me see if I can solve your problem." Mala told her about school and how the girls bullied everyone. Bala laughed loudly. "Is that all? They are just enjoying at others expense. That is all. As long as you are scared, they will trouble you. If you fight back then they will run away. Or tell your teacher." "Oh, my teachers don't listen to what we say.", said Mala. "Ok. let me come to school with you" said Bala. "You!.... My school! Are you kidding? They will not let you in!" shrieked Mala. "Let me see about that." smiled Bala. Mala said, "Ok. come to my school, but on one condition." "What is it?" asked Bala. "You should not be seen by anyone." said Mala. "Oh, that is easy, and that is what I am doing now.", chipped in Bala. "What?" asked Mala. "Are you not seen by others every time you talk to me?" questioned Mala. "Ok. forget it." Bala said. Mala wouldn't let it go. "I have to know, please.....please." Bala turned Mala around and pushed her from behind towards the bus. "Go. I will come to school." "Promise....." asked Mala ...Bala smiled. Mala got into the bus and she saw Bhuvana and her sister Shanthi and she forgot all about Bala and started talking to them.

It was moral science class, Section A and B were mixed for this class and it was a big class with 40 students together. Mala sat quietly while the other girls were yelling from one end to the other. She had one friend from the other class and she looked around but she was no where to be seen. She looked

towards her left. Nancy was sitting next to her. She was a very quiet girl. She smiled at Mala and Mala smiled back. She looked towards her right and to her surprise Bala was there! Mala jumped. "What are you doing here?" she asked quietly between her teeth. "I told you I will come," said Bala. "But everyone will see you." said Mala. "No. They will not. For them I am Bachseera." said Bala. She looked at Nancy and said, "Hi!", and Nancy said, "Hi Bacs, long time no see!" "Oh that? I was very busy.", replied Bala and winked at Mala. Bala had that mischievous look that Mala had never seen. Mala held her hand in her hands and lay on the table. Her head bent she whispered, "Bala go away, I am sorry I called you. Don't embarrass me please." Bala ignored Mala. She raised her head and looked around. "What are you looking for?" whispered Mala. Bala whispered "I am looking for those bullies. Where are they?" saying which she tapped the girls in front of her. "Oh here they are!" The trio turned around and looked at Bala. Helen sneered at Bala, "What Bacs, you look very happy today, so my job starts with you today." "Oh! Is it? Let us see how you are going to make my life miserable today. By the way, before you make mine miserable, say your prayers!" laughed Bala. Mala hushed Bala because Mrs. Gomez, her moral science teacher walked in.

She wished everyone and asked them to take out their moral science book and she came around to see if everyone had theirs. Bala didn't have her book and before Mala could pass on her book Mrs. Gomez was next to her and asked Bala for her book. Bala replied, "Helen has mine." Mrs. Gomez took the book from Helen and checked the name on the cover. It had "Bachseera" written on it. Mrs. Gomez asked Helen, "What is this? Where is your book?" She said, "Miss, this is my book.", and showed her the name. But alas! to her own disappointment, it was Bacs's book. Mrs. Gomez asked her to go out of the class. The whole class stared at her and that was too much to take for Helen. While she was going out, she said to Bacs, "I will see you during the lunch break." Bala whispered, "Why wait, shall I come now?" Mala tugged Bala's dress and told her to remain quiet. Bala turned around and smiled. The class began and Mala looked at the teacher, scared that she will be noticed. After a few minutes she murmured something to Bala and there was no answer. Mala turned to see what happened and lo! Bala was gone! Mala became restless, and turned towards the door to see and Mrs. Gomez caught her eye and looked in her direction. Since she saw nothing, she continued with her lesson. But Mala knew something was wrong. By now Mrs. Gomez stopped her teaching and asked them to answer the questions in the book. Mala got up and slowly went to her and said she wanted to go to the toilet. Mrs. Gomez looked at her suspiciously, but nodded.

Mala walked slowly towards the door expecting Helen to be there, but Helen was gone! Mala ran down the corridor and down the stairs and into the field. Bala had pinned Helen on to the tamarind tree and Helen was all blank! Mala asked Bala, "What did you do to her? Leave her." Bala released Helen and said, "You better behave yourself from now on or I will be back." Helen still looked blank. Bala went close to her, tapped her shoulders and Helen came to her senses. Looking perplexed, she opened her mouth to say something. Bala went close to her and looked her in the eyes and said, "Don't you dare trouble anyone any more. I cannot tolerate you behaving like that. I know you are trying to be mischievous, but there is always a thin line between being mischievous and being a bully. If I ever see you bullying anyone anytime I will come and show you how it is to be bullied. Am I making myself clear?" snarled Bala. Helen was shocked that someone can talk to her like that. She saw the fire in Bala's eyes and she knew she meant every word of it. Helen nodded quietly and turned away from them and slowly walked away. Mala turned to Bala and said, "You could be in trouble for that." Bala replied, "Oh. Don't worry. Nobody will find out and from now neither she nor her friends will ever trouble you or anybody in the class. Go to class, I will see you in the evening." and turning, Bala walked away.....

Natpoo Valarum.....

Bala speaks.....

"The universe is the expression of law. All actions have causes, and man's soul or character is the sum total of his words, thoughts and actions. This is otherwise called Karma, meaning action-reaction, governs all existence, and man is the creator of his circumstances, and his reaction to them, his future condition and his final destiny. By right thought and action he can gradually purify himself and move closer to ME, and so by self-realization attain in time liberation from rebirth. The process covers great periods of time, involving life after life on earth, but ultimately every form of life will reach ME"

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Ganeshan

Shruthi.M

Selvi

Chandrashekar

Jayanthi.R

Siva

VijayaLakshmi

Rajalakshmi Rajratnam

Subramanium

Swaminathan

Ravi

Jaya Subbarathnam

Ganesh Sharma

Nalini Kalyan Ayyer

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Balambika Divya Sangam wishes everyone

A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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Dolai Utsavam Celebrations



