

Glory of the Deities of this Temple

Bhagawan Adi Shankaracharya established the cults of Siva, Vishnu, Ambika, Surya, Ganapati and Subrahmanya. In our Vinayaka Mandir worship of all these deities are going on for the benefit of devotees.

Swarna Jayanti (Golden Jubilee), Mahotsava is falling in this year, Kumbhabhisheka is being performed this year. Every twelve years, Kumbhabhisheka has to be done. Performance of Kumbhabhisheka removes all evils, faults, and defects and increases the power of the deities, in the temple.

Lord Kalpaka Vinayaka with his consorts Siddhi and Buddhi is the main deity. There is mention of his wedding in Sivapurana, Ganesha Purana, Mudgalapurana etc. In Sivapurana, in

Rudrasamhita, Adhyaya 20 his wedding is described thus :-

विश्वरूप प्रजेशस्य दिव्यरूपे सुते उभे

सिद्धि बुद्धि रिति ख्याते शुभे सर्वांगशोमने ।।

ताभ्यां चैव गणेशस्य गिरिजा शंकरः प्रभुः ।

महोत्सवं विवाहं च कारयामासतुर्मुदा ।।

...द्वयोः पत्न्योश्च द्वौ दिव्यौ तस्य पुत्रौ बभूवतुः ।

सिद्धेः क्षेमं तथा बुद्धेर्लाभं सर्वं सुखप्रदम् ।।

Prajapati had two daughters Siddhi and Buddhi whom Mahaganapati married and got two sons.

(Sivapurana Adhyaya-20) kshema and labha Further elaboration can be seen in Ganesa purana and Mudgalapurana.

He is Agrapoojya ie, god to be worshipped in the beginning of every act. Details can be seen in the above said puranas. Even in Rigveda, in the mantra,

अनुषुसीद्गणपते गणेषु त्वामाहुर्विप्रतमं कवीनाम् ।

नऋते त्वत्क्रियते किञ्चनारे महार्मकं मघवन् पत्रिमर्च ।। (Rig. Veda. 10.112.9)

"Without you, nothing is done, no act can be done near or afar." (R.V.10.112.9)

He is well known in the Vedas as Brahmnaspati. In his praise we have Brahmanaspatisoktha in the Vedas. Any one who worships Brahmanaspati prospers. (See Taithiriya Samhita 2.3)

He gets food prizes, wealth along with his men, Clan, family and sons, whoever worships Brahmanaspati, the father of Gods alternatively with oblations. {T. S. 2.3}

It is said during the time of conquering Tripura, Asura even Lord siva worshipped him with Ganapati Sahasranama. It occurs in Padmapurana and Ganeshapurana and the celebrated sakta Acharya Bhaskararaya has written a commentary on this. It is very sacred and powerful.

This lord is full of mercy towards his devotees. He always protects his devotees. He is immensely pleased even with the offering of durva grass. And in Ganeshatharva Seersha, we read. "Whoever worships or sacrifices with durva grass, becomes equal to Kubera." As is well known chaturthi is his favourite Tithi.

Another important deity of this temple is Lord Omkareshwara. In yajurveda, we read "Namastaraya" to the one of the form of Omkara. Tara means Om. He protects the three worlds with Lord Mahavishnu. This is told in Siva Mahimnastotra- "Hariste Sahasram Kamala balimadaya..." (Verse no. 19)

Long ago, Lord Vishnu started worshipping Siva with one thousand lotus flowers In order to examine him, Siva hid one flower. As a substitute, Vishnu offered his own eye at his feet. Pleased with his devotion, Siva offered him Sudarshana chakra, with which Vishnu is protecting the three worlds.

This story occurs in Sivapurana, Skanda and Siva rahasyam. etc. In Sivapurana, it is said Lord Siva gave Sudarshana Chakra with the lustre of ten thousand Suns to Mahavishnu.

(Each of these puranas contain one lakh of verses and very extensive)

Even in Sivashtothara, there occurs the name "Vishnu Vallabha". And Bhaskararaya explains the meaning thus-O Siva ! You gave Sudarsana from the line on your foot and even one half of your body to Lord Mahavishnu, dear to you. And therefore you came to be known as "Vishnu Vallabha". (dear to Vishnu)

In Sivapurana, various Avataras of Siva are described (e.g.)

1. Sadyojata etc, 2. Bhava, Sarva etc. (8 murtis)
3. Ardhanarisvara, 4. Nandisvara 5. Virabhadra 6. Sarabha 7. Mahakala 8. Kapalini
9. Dattatreya 10. Hanuman 11. Kirata etc etc.

It is to be noted that Hanuman is also declared to be an incarnation of Siva in Sivapurana (See Satarudra Samhita, 20th Adhyaya)

शम्भुर्जज्ञे कपितनुर् महाबल पराक्रमः

स्थापयामास भूलोके राम भक्तिं कपीश्वरः ।

Sambhu was born as Hanuman in the form of a monkey with great strength and valour. He established devotion to Rama in this world. [Sivapurana, Satarudra Samhita Adhyaya 20.]

Bhaskararaya was a great Sakta. Acharya. He was a Jagadguru. He travelled from place to place conducting sacrifices and charities. He built at least three siva temples one at Kasi, another in Karnataka and the third at Bhaskararayapura in Tanjore district. He was full of devotion for Siva. He commented on Siva shtothara & composed many siva sthothras also. There he says-Siva is to be worshipped because of his great qualities, infiniteness, generosity, truthfulness, removal of death, extreme happiness even at a small service, Removal of miseries fear, and advice. The witnesses are Vishnu, upamanyu, Brahma, Markandeya, Kubera, Devas, Daksha and Sri Rama.

He showed his infinite nature to Vishnu who could not fathom his beginning. As for generosity, he gave milk ocean itself to Upamanyu who only wanted a small amount of milk. He cannot tolerate falsehood. He cut off the head of Brahma which told a lie that it has seen the top of Siva. He totally freed Markandeya from death. He protected the devas from the deadly poison of Kalakuta. When Daksha showed disrespect, he created terror for him. He gave his (advice) upadesha Sivagita to Srirama. He is the greatest among gods. Here the witnesses are the Vedas. The great sixty three Nayanar saints, Sri Sankaracharya, Sri Kanthacharya, Appayya Dixita, Haradatta, Nilakantha Dixita, the kashmir Saiva Acharyas etc. to mention a few, all proclaim. His greatness.

Navagrahas:

Navagraha Worship is very essential for the removal of miseries and difficulties indicated in the natal chart. Even Yajnavalkya, the great philosopher sage has described their worship in his Smriti.

श्रीकामः शान्तिकामो वा ग्रन्हयज्ञं | समाचरेत् ||त्स्मात्पुज्यतमा ग्रहाः ||

One desirous of wealth and peace should worship Navagrahas, Grahas are the foremost to be worshipped,

[Section 12. Grahas'anth Prakaranam. Yajnavalkya Smriti]

In this way, worship of the dieties in this temple is helpful for attaining all desired results. May Lord Kalpaka Vinayaka, Omkaras, Lord Anjaneya and navagrahas shower their blessings on us.

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