



New Vrindaban

Kartika – The Holiest Month

Kartika-masa, also known as Damodar-masa, in accordance with Vaishnava calendars, is describe in the scriptures as the best among months, for performing austerities for spiritual advancement. Lord Sri Krishna says, “Of all plants, the sacred Tulasi is most dear to Me, of all months, Kartika is most dear, of all places of pilgrimage, My beloved Dwarka is most dear, and of all days, Ekadasi is most dear. (Padma Purana, Uttara Khanda 112.3)

The following activities may be observed throughout the entire month of Kartika.

1. Japa - Chanting the Holy names of the Lord
2. Worship Lord Damodara by offering ghee lamp (diyas), flowers, incense and food etc. and sing the Damodarashatakam.
3. Practice Brahmacharya (celibacy)
4. Daily worship of Tulasi devi by offering lamp
5. Give charity
6. Perform austerities
7. Eat only Krishna prasadam

In the month of Kartika, one should worship Lord Damodara and recite the prayer known as Damodarashatakam, which has been spoken by the sage Satyavrata and which attracts Damodara. (Sri Hari Bhakti Vilasa 2.16.198)



Kartika Month October 18th -November 17th



- ☀ \$51 ~ Sponsor a lamp on Diwali day (in family name)
- ☀ \$31 ~ Kartika Deepa-Dana for a day
- ☀ \$351 ~ Kartika Deepa-Dana for entire Kartika month
- ☀ \$5001 ~ Sahasra Deepa-Alankar on Diwali day (lighting 1008 lamps/diyas)



- ☀ \$108 ~ Fire sacrifice on Govardhan puja day (in family name)



Virtues of Offering Deepa (Deepa-Dana)

Please hear the glories of offering a lamp/deepa during the month of Kartika, an offering that is very pleasing to Lord Krishna. O’ King of brahmanas, a person who offers a lamp in this way will not take birth again in this world. (Text 100, Kartika-mahatmya, Hari-Bhakti-Vilasa)

Even one who never performs religious rituals or even the worst sinner will surely be purified by this offering. O’ Narada in the three worlds there is no sin that can stand before this Kartika Deepa. Infact, by presenting this deepa before Lord Krishna, the eternal abode can be reached without obstruction. (Text 113, Kartika-mahatmya, Hari-Bhakti-Vilasa)



- ☀ \$551 ~ Firecrackers Diwali night

- ☀ \$1251 ~ Govardhan Parikrama with path tree planting (with a stone inscription)



- ☀ \$108 ~ Go-puja on Go-puja day (in family name)
- ☀ \$216 ~ Feed a cow for a month in the Holy Kartika Month (Oct. 18-Nov. 17)

All sponsors \$51 and above will receive Prasadam and a Surprise Gift. Hare Krishna!

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GOVARDHAN DIWALI FESTIVAL



November 2nd & November 9th, 2013

5:00 am Mangala Artika
7:30 am Deity Greeting/ Guru Puja
8:00 am Govardhan/ Diwali Lecture
9:00 am Breakfast Prasadam
10:00 am Govardhan Parikrama
12:30 pm Rajbhog Artika
1:00 pm Govardhan/ Diwali Lecture
2:00 Lunch Prasadam

4:30 pm Artika
5:00 pm Diwali Fire Sacrifice
5:30 Go Puja
6:00 pm Govardhan/ Diwali Storytelling
7:00 pm Gaura Artika
7:45 pm Fireworks
8:15 pm Dinner Prasadam

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