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T. Srinivasavaradachariar,  
SRI NAMMALWAR SANNADHI  
Archakaparicharaka Autheenaparamparai  
Mirasdar and Theerthakar,  
Sri Devarajaswami Devasthanam.

52 North Mada Street,  
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Srimate Ramanujayanamah.

The festival of Saint Satakopa.

We are believers in the existence of a Supreme Almighty Being, who is the ground and soul of the entire Universe, and of whom we are but meek servants bound to do His bidding in every possible way. The direct experience of saints, all the world over, bear unquestionable testimony to the existence of such a Being. But for the spontaneous and authentic out-bursts of the saints, which unshakably pin us to our faith, the world would be steeped in darkness and sin.

In the ~~gix~~ galaxy of the world's greatest saints the position which saint Satakopa, popularly known as Nammazhwar, wields is unique. His experience of God includes every aspect of truth. His belief in God is so strong and wide as to conserve even disbelief with a ring of unstinted faith he says that even those athiests who propagate against God are but His supporters in a different strain and fit into the scheme of divine fulfillment. In fact God was everything for Saint Satakopa and anything which was not God was nothing. In one of his songs he bursts forth that God is not only his bread but also his butter!

Even though Saint Satakopa has sung of every aspect of God the chief target of his utterances would be the Archa, or the form in which God willingly makes Himself present in temples in loving response to the devotional cravings of His devotees in whatever form they wish answering to whatever name they give! According to the ancient teachers and the best interpreters of Saint Satakopa's songs the first canto of his far famed Thiruvoimozhi is addressed to Lord Varadaraja of

Kanchee. Therefore it is but fitting that the festival of the saint's birth-aniversary is celebrated in this temple in a proper manner. This year this festival commences on 1-6-57 and the Sathumorai is on 10-6-57. It is earnestly requested that all devotees of the Lord and our pet Saint do extend their munificence with a liberal heart and help to celebrate the festival in a manner befitting His greatness and receive their blessings by being personally present on the occasion.

Contributions may kindly be sent to the undersigned.

J. Srinivasan adan

27/5  
 Archaka Paraharaka Andeenaparamparai  
 Mirasdar and Theerthakar in Sri Varadaraja  
 swami Temple, Kancheepuram.

Revered Sir

The authorities of the main temple have reduced their contribution for this festival by 50 per cent and the local response is very poor this year. In the circumstances I would recommend that you may be kind enough to extend the same liberality as you did last year by undertaking the celebration of one day's festival which comes to Rs. thirty only.

yours in service

W. Jeyappan Sar

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