**SWAMIJI’S 104TH JAYANTHI GURU PURNIMA PUJA**

Vyasa Guru Purnima is the celebration for the Guru spirit as it is the birth celebrations of the great sage Veda Vyasa who codified the Vedas, the Mahabharata and the Puranas. It is also the birth celebrations for our Guru, Pujya Swamiji, Gitananda Giri Guru Maharaj. Sri Kambaliswaamy Madam reverberated with the extraordinary vibrations of South Indian Classical Music and Bhajans on 14th July 2011 marking the 104th Jayanti Guru Purnima Puja celebrating the birth of our Guru, Dr Swami Gitananda Giri Guru Maharaj. The celebrations that began from 5pm with elaborate Pujas performed at the Samadhis of both Srila Sri Kambaliswaamy and Swami Gitananda Giri created a sacred atmosphere of divinity that pervaded the atmosphere. The entire Kambaliswaamy Madam was lit up with 1008 oil lamps placed everywhere by the loving students of the Parampara and their parents.
Carnatic vocal music selections were presented by the young and talented students of Yoganjali Natyalayam under the guidance of Nada Yoga Shironmani Smt Jyothirmayi, (Head, Music Department at Yognat) who sang an excellent Bhava filled Viruttam on Swamiji authored by her husband Dr PSS Shastry. Accompaniment was given by Nada Yoga Shironmani Kalaimamani Thiru SV Jagadeesan and Thirumudi Thiru S Arun.

Dr Ananda presented a few of his own compositions on the occasion and then addressed the gathering on the role of the Guru and Pujya Swamiji’s influence on the world of Yoga. Dr Ananda also gave an insight into the wonderful Karma Yoga Seva of Ammaji over the past 40 years in Pondicherry and evoked the Divine blessings for her sustained recuperation and health. “Ammaji is a modern Siddha and this is an opportunity for us to realise her greatness” said he while dedicating a song on motherhood to her.

It has been dry and hot for many weeks but as the evening was in progress a light drizzle came down from the heavens blessings all those who had assembled for the Guru Purnima Puja. May we always be worthy of the blessings of our great Gurus who continue to inspire and bless us on the path of Yoga.

JAYA GURU SWAMI GITANANDA GIRI GURU MAHARAJ KI JAY!!