



Invoking the blessings of Lord Maha Ganapathi, Lord Dharma Sastha, Sri Maha Kali, Sri Maha Lakshmi, Sri Maha Saraswathi Sahita Chandika Parameshwari, RBS Religious Association (Regd.), Bangalore is organising the Annual Sasthapreethi Celebrations from 12th to 14th April 2012. On 12th and 13th it is proposed to conduct the unique and very auspicious **Nava Chandika Homam**. On the 14th, the **Sasthapreethi** will be performed with customary rituals.

Sri Nava Chandika Homam

Sri Chandika (Sri Durga) is a very fierce and powerful deity - She is the primordial energy that is responsible for the creation, sustenance and destruction of this universe. By performing the Nava Chandika Homam, one can become free of all evils and be blessed with lasting health, wealth and prosperity.

The worship of Goddess Chandika, also manifested as Sri Durga and Sri Shakthi, highlights the importance of feminine energy and this is reflected in many of its spiritual worships. The Goddess had attained various forms to kill the Asuras (Demons) who were torturing the humans and the Celestials (Devas). Devi Mahatmyam describes the importance of Chandika Devi Puranam in detail.

The devotees who, through true Bhakthi, invoke the power of the Goddess will be blessed to overcome life's problems. The knowledge of this basic truth has helped innumerable devotees to achieve their desires instantaneously. Goddess Durga, the chief deity of this Homa, will bless you, which will enable you to realise your true divine Self.

Devi Mahatmyam is the 'moola grantham' that is the basis for the Nava Chandika Homam and each homam will invoke a specific incarnation of Goddess Devi with reference to the respective chapters in the Devi Mahatmyam. Each of these invocations is believed to be powerful to bestow specific benefits on the devotees. A brief summary of the adhyayam, the incarnation and the benefit as described in the scriptures is listed below for the understanding of the devotees and sponsoring the homam accordingly.

- 1 **Maha Kali** to get rid of all *navagraha doshas* and for all-round protection.
- 2 **Maha Lakshmi** to get blessings for prosperity and wealth.
- 3 **Shankari** to get rid of family problems, *shathru badha* etc.
- 4 **Jaya Durga** to get peace & prosperity in family and business.
- 5 **Maha Saraswathi** to get blessings in education, career advancement etc.
- 6 **Padmavathi** for overcoming health problems.
- 7 **Raja Mathangi** for gaining *vaak siddhi*, memory power etc.
- 8 **Bhavani** to mitigate litigation and health related problems.
- 9 **Bhairavi** to get rid of all astrological malefic effects.
- 10 **Kameswari** to gain happiness in married life & progress in career and business.
- 11 **Bhuvaneshwari** for *sarva mangalam*.
- 12 **Vaishnavi** to beget progenies, to overcome *balarishtam* etc.
- 13 **Thripurasundari** invoking Goddess Chandika Parameshwari along with Sri Parameshwaran for *sarva loka kshemam*.