

Srī Lakshmī Nrusimha Karāvalambha Stōtram.

In our web site, there is a section called "Stōtrās". In this category, we have only two Stōtrās. Both are the compositions of āchārya Srī Ādhi Sankarabhagavatpāḍar. One is Srī Ranganāthāshtakam and the other one is Srī Lakshmī Nrusimha Karāvalambham. The verses in these "Stōtrās" are beautiful and inspiring. Āchārya Sankara was a great Advaitic philosopher. These devotional verses by such a great ஞானி, only prove that true enlightenment will end in devotional love of the Divine.

Adiyén recorded both of these Stōtrās in music so that they could be easily memorized and recited regularly. They were in fact recorded prior to most of the recordings of the pāsūrams of the Āzhwārs. For many years now, adiyén is joined in singing Srī Ranganāthāshtakam by many devotees who regularly attend the Thirumanjanam and ārādhana of Srī Vénkatéshwara on Saturday mornings at the Richmondhill Hindu Temple, in Toronto. We also sing Srī Lakshmi Nrusimha Karāvalambham on special occasions at the temple. However, I enjoy singing the same quite often.

Recently I was fortunate enough to come across a nice translation of the verses of Srī Lakshmī Nrusimha Karāvalambham into Tamil. They were being kindly forwarded to me by Sri Jagdishan, one of my close friends and former colleague during my college days in Loyola College in Chennai. Through his help, I was able to correspond with the author of these translations, Smt. Nirmala Subramanian. She has been kind enough to provide a thoughtful and nice easy flowing translation of these beautiful verses in Tamil and has allowed us to share the same through this web site. I wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to her for providing the same and sharing the same with all of us through this web site.

This is the Tamil month of Ādi. Last week we celebrated Thiruvādi Pūram, the Thirunakshatram of Srī Āndāḷ. It is a befitting occasion to recall the special avathāram of Sri Nrusimha Bhagavān through the words of the pūrvāchāryās.

Sri Védānta Désika refers to Srī Nrusimha avathāram of Srīman Nārāyana in his Dasāvathāra Stōtram (verse 12), as an "unexpected avathāram " ("यद्दृच्छाहरे")

The pāsurams of the Āzhwārs' are also replete with many references to this special avathāram. We will refer to a few here.

Srī Poikai āzhwār in his Mudhal Thiruvandhādhi (verse 51) extols the Lord Srī Nrusimha. He says "எளிதில் இரண்டடியும் காண்பதற்கு ----- அரியாய் இருந்தான் திருநாமம் எண்".

Srī Bhūdat āzhwār in Irandām Thiruvandhādhi (verse 84) declares Srī Nrusimha is the nectar of this universe.

"வரம் கருதித் தன்னை வணங்காத வன்மை
உரம் கருதி மூர்க்கத்தவனை ----- நரம் கலந்த
சிங்கமாய் கீண்ட திருவன் அடியிணையே
அங்கண்மா ஞாலத் தமுது "

The word "திருவன்" reminds us of the Nāma "நாரஸிம்ஹ வபு: ஸ்ரீமாந்"
(Nārasimhavapuh Srīmān) from Sri Vishnu SahasraNāmam.

Srī Pei Āzhwār in Mūndrām Thiruvandhādhi (verse 95), instructs his mind to hail with bowed head the divine feet of Lord Srī Lakshmī Nrusimha.

"புகுந்திலங்கு மந்திப் பொழுதத்து அரியா
இகழ்ந்த இரணியன தாகம் – சுகிர்த்தெங்கும்
சிந்தப் பிளந்த திருமால் திருவடியே
வந்தித்தென் னெஞ்சமே வாழ்த்து "

Srī Thirumazhisai Pirān in Nānmukan Thiruvandhādhi (verse 22) refers to Srī Nrusimha as the beautiful Lord and as the ancient cause.

"அழகியான் தானே அரியருவன் தானே
பழகியான் தானே பணிமின் – குழவியாய்த்
தானேமூலகுக்கும் தன்மைக்கும் தன்மையனே
மீனாய் உயிரளிக்கும் வித்து "

"பழகியான் தானே பணிமின்" – āchārya in the vyākhyānam says "ஆபத்ஸக²ன்
ஆனவனே அழகியான்"

Sri Nammāzhwār in his Thiruvāimozhi (2-8-9) extols the unlimited and unimaginable glories of Srī Nrusimha, whom he refers to "என் சிங்கபிரான்".

"எங்குமுள்ள கண்ணன் என்ற மகனைக் காய்த்து
இங்கில்லையால் என்ற இரணியன் தூண் புடைப்ப
அங்கப்பொழுதே அவன் வியத் தோன்றிய – என்
சிங்கபிரான் பெருமை ஆராயும் சீர்மைத்தே?"

May the grace of the āzhwārs, the āchāryās and Srī LakshmiNrsusimha be always with all
of us.

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