



**Sri rukmani samEtha vEnkatakrishna prabbrahmanE namaha
Srimathe rAmAnujAya namaha
Sri vara vara munayE namaha**

**virperu vizhavum kanjanum mallum vEzhanum pAghanum vEzha
setravan thannai purameri seitha sivanuru tuyar kalai thevaih
patralar vEEzha kOI kaIyil kondu pArthan than thEr mun nindrAnai
sittravai paniyAl mudi thurandhAnai thiruvallikEni kandEnE.**

Periya thirumozhi

Thiruvallikeni is one among the 108 divya desams sung by the alwars (divya sooris). It is located in the heart of Chennai, the capital of Tamil nadu, India. In this temple lord Sri Krishna gives darshan as Partha-sarathi (chariot driver of arjuna, one of the pancha pandavas). There are few more sannadhis in this temple with the deities giving divine darshan in various "Archa" incarnations of lord Sriman Narayana.

Out of the 12 alwars, three of them namely Peyalwar, Thirumazhisai alwar and Thirumangai alwar have done mangalasanams for the various perumals in this temple.

Being in the heart of Chennai, It would be strange to hear when somebody says that this place Thiruvallikeni was once known for it's dense groves. Strange, but it is true that this place looked picturesque with groves of trees centuries ago, a fact which has it's source in the song sung by Thirumangai Aazhwar about this place.

Since this Sthala was surrounded with Tulsi trees, it was also called Brindharanyam in Puranas. (Brindham = Thulasi, Aaranyam = Forest). As it was a place where the ponds (keni) were found filled with lilies, it was called Thiruvallikeni.

The temple has grand brahmotsavams for Sri Parthasarathy swami during the tamil month of chittirai (april-may) and Sri Azhagiyasingar during the tamil month of aani (june-july). There are also grand utsavams for Sri Ramanuja (april-may) and Sri Manavalamamunigal (oct-nov) besides utsavams for Chakravarthi



thirumagan, Mannathan, Gajendra varadan, Vedavalli thayar, soodhikoduththa nachiyar along with other alwars and acharyas.

According to the Puranas, acceding to a request by a King called Sumathi, Lord Venkatesa appeared in Thiruvallikeni because of which this place came to be known as the second Tirupati and the moolavar is called Venkata Krishnan.



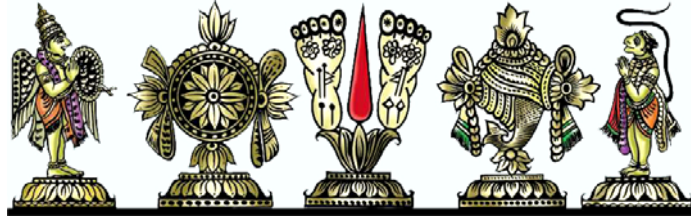
Parthasarathy Perumal gives darshan here as a charioteer of Arjuna which reminds one of his major role in Kurukshetra war in Mahabharatha. When he played the role of Arjuna's charioteer, he saved him from the onslaught of arrows



from Bheeshma's Bow by taking them on his face. Even today Utsava Murthy Parthasarathy Perumal's face could be seen with the scars of the arrows.



Parthasarathi emperuman with scars on his face



Thirumanjana vedigai kainkaryam

Emperumans in thiruvallikeni undergoes thirumanjanam (divine bath) during pancha parva days, Brahmotsavams, Alwar and Acharyas Thirunakshatra sAthumarais, ThiruvAdipooram, Panguni Uthiram, Vaikunda Ekadasi et al.



Parthasarathi emperuman undergoing thirumanjanam



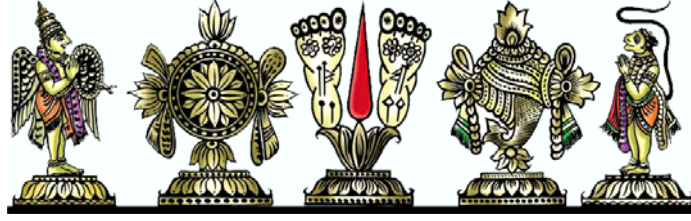
It is known to all that the Punniyakoti Vimanam to Sri Parthasarathy Swamy temple with Gold Plate was carried out in the month of January 2006 by the Sri Thennacharya Srivaishnava Sripathamthangigal Kaingarya Sabha, an organization which is very much attached to the day-to-day functions such as tirunakshatram, varusha Utsavams and other important functions in the temple.

Likewise, it has been planned to dedicate Gold Thirumanjana Vedhigai with Pathira Vedigai (Gold Abhisheka Bench with stool) to Lord Parthasarathy Swamy Temple to perform thirumanajanam on the above mentioned days. The above said Vedhigai will be in use for more than 40 to 50 days in a year.

Further, this has been planned to make it in wood and cover it by copper plate and gold plating on the copper. The Project period is hardly 60 days. This has to be handed over to temple authorities for use on Vaikunda Ekadasi day (on 30.12.2006) to utilise this Thirumanjana Vedhigai for Thirumanjanam.



THIRUMANJANA
VEDIGAI USED FOR BOTH
BRAHMOTSAVAM DAYS,
ALWAR AND ACHARYAL
SATHUMARAI,
THIRUVADIPURAM,
PANGUNI UTHIRAM AND
VAIKUNDA EKADASI



ROUGH ESTIMATE FOR THE ABOVE IS AS FOLLOWS

1. Wood and wood work with Labour - Rs. 50,000/-
2. Copper and copper work with Labour
(70 Kgs of Copper) 18 gauge thickness - Rs.1,75,000/-
3. Gold and Gold Work with Labour
(2 Kgs of 24 ct Gold) - Rs.18,50,000/-
4. Silver and Silver work with Labour
(8 Kg of Silver) - Rs. 1,80,000/-

The said work is entrusted to Shri. K. Balamurugan Sthapathi, of Aarthi Silpa Kalaikoodam, Cuddalore who had done Punniyakoti Vimanam.

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