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Sri Sri Krsna Janma Tithi Vidhih

On the day before Janmastami (ie the saptami) one should build the snana vedi (altar on which the deity will be bathed) in the courtyard, to the accompaniment of devotional songs and instrumental music.

One should then have some holes dug at the four corners of the mandapa area and place in the holes banana trunks. The area should be surrounded seven times with red string and covered with a newly painted canopy.

In the four directions one should then plant poles with flags on them and place there all sorts of auspicious items, such as durba, kusa, lamps, nima fruit, mustard seeds and a svastika (made of raw rice mixed with kumkum). Over the doors strings of leaves should be hung.

(According to Hayasirsa Pancaratra the flags in the eight directions should be colored as follows:

east:red
south east:fiery
south:black
south west:white
west:yellow
north west:coppery red
north:white
north east:multicolored

In the early morning of the astami, groups of devotees, to the accompaniment of singing, dancing and instrumental music, should complete the decoration of the vedi with lamps, auspicious pots etc.

One should perform all the purvanga karmas such as suchi, nyasa, etc for the purification of the body, mind, place and materials.

(see puja manual)

Having completed the construction and decoration of the mandapa (pavilion) and the vedi (altar), and having purified the place according to the rules of puja, one should then bring

the Lord onto the vedi while waving camaras and sheltering him with an umbrella.

Svasti Vacana (Invocation of Auspiciousness):

One should recite:

punantu ma devajanah punantu manasa diyah
punantu visva bhutani jatavedah punihi mam

One brahmana should say:

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asya karmana punyahan bhavanto bruvantu

Three (or the rest) brahmanas should throw rice from their right hands saying:

om punyahan om punyahan om punyahan

udgateva sakune sama gayasi

brahma putra iva savanesu samsasi

vrseva vaji sisu matir apitya

sarvato nah sakune bhadrama vada

visvato nah sakune punyama vada

A brahmana should say:

asya karmana svasti bhavanto bruvantu ayusmate svasti

Three (or the rest) brahmanas should throw rice from their right hands saying:

om svasti om svasti om svasti

svasti na indro vrddha sravah

svasti nah pusa visva vedah

svasti nah tarksyo aristanemih

svasti no brhaspatir dadhatu

A brahmana should say:

asya karmano rddhim bhavanto bruvantu

Three (or the rest) brahmanas should throw rice from their right hands saying:

om rdhyatam om rdhyatam om rdhyatam

rdhyama stomam sanuyama vaja
ma no mantra sarathehopa yatan
yaso na pakkam madhu gosvanta
ra bhutamso asvinoh kamam aprah

Dig Bandhana (Binding the Directions):

One should then perform dig bandhana, or protecting oneself in all ten directions by throwing white mustard seeds in the directions starting from the east, going clockwise, while saying:

(east) pracyai dise svaha
(southeast) arvacyai dise svaha
(south) daksinayai dise svaha
(southwest) arvacyai dise svaha
(west) praticyai dise svaha
(northwest) arvacyai dise svaha
(north) udicyai dise svaha
(northeast) arvacyai dise svaha
(upwards) urdhvayai dise svaha
(downwards) arvacyai dise svaha
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disah pradisa adiso vidisa uddiso digbhyah svaha
apasarpantu te bhuta ye bhuta bhuvi samsthitah
ye bhuta vighnakartaras te nasyantu sivajnaya

Ghata Sthapana (Establishing the pot):

One should then perform ghat stapana, establishing the pot beside the central vedi.

Touching the earth one should say:

bhur asi bhmir asy aditir asi
visvadhaya visvasya bhuvanasya dhatri
prthivim yaccha prthivim drmha prthivim ma himsih

Touching rice paddy one should say:

dhanyam asi dhinuhi devan
pranaya tvodanaya tva vyanaya tva
dirghamanu prasitim ayuse dham
devo vah savita hiranyapanih
pratigrbhnatv acchidrena panina
caksuse tva mahinam payo'si

Placing the pot on the rice paddy one should say:

ajighra kalasam mahya tva visantv indavah
punarurja nivartasva sa nah sahasram dhuksvorudhara
payasvati punarmavi satadrayih

Pouring water into the pot one should say:

varunasyottanbhanam asi
varunasya skambhasarjani stho
varunasya rta sadany asi
varunasya rta sadanam asi
varunasya rta sadanam asida

One should place five leaves on the pot saying:

asvathe vo nisadanam parne vo vasatih krta
gobhaja it kilasatha yat sanavatha purusam

One should place a coconut or banana on top saying:

yah phalinir ya aphala apuspa yas ca puspinih
brhaspatiprasutas ta no muncantv amhasah

One should place flowers on the pot saying:

sris ca te laksmis ca patnyavahoratre
parsve naksatrani rupam asvinau vyattam
isnann isanamum ma isana sarvalokam ma isana

One should worship Ganesa in the pot saying:

gananam tva ganapati'gum havamahe
priyanam tva priyapati'gum havamaheÔ
p-p-p-
nidhinam tva nidhipati'gum havamahe vaso mama
ahamajani garbhadhama tvam ajasi garbhadham

Sankalpa (Ceremonial Vow):

One should then perform sankalpa:

om visnu
om tat sad
asya bhadre masi
krsne pakse
astamyam tithau
acyuta gotrah

..... dasa (name of person)sri krsna priti kamah
sri krsnasya janma mahotsave
mahapuja purvaka mahabhisekam aham karisyeh

One should pray:

avatara sahasrani karosi madhusudana
na te sankyavataranam kascij janati vai bhuvih

deva brahmadayo vapi svarupam na vidus tava
atas tvam pujayisyami matur utsanga samsthitam

vanchitam kuru devesa duskrtam caiva nasaya
kurusva me dayam deva samsararti bhayapaha

Upacara Dana (offering the articles of puja):

One should offer each article saying the appropriate mantras:

Asana (seat):

purusam evedam sarvam yad bhutam yac ca bhavyam
utamrtat vaseysano tad annenatirohati

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

idam asanam + mula mantra

Svagatam (welcome):

One should welcome the Lord:

tasya te paramesana svagatam svagatam bhavet
krtartho'nugrhito'smi sakalam jivitum tu me
yad agato'si devesa cidananda mayavyaya

svagatam su svagatam sri krsna + mula mantra

Padyam (footwash):

One should offer water mixed with millet, durba, and
visnukranta herb.

etavan asya mahima ato jayams ca purusahÔ
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pado'sya visva bhutani tripadasyamrtam divi
om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye

govindaya namo namah

etat padyam + mula mantra

Arghyam (offering of auspicious articles):

One should offer water mixed with sesame, mustard seeds, flowers, sandalwood paste, barley and kusa tips over the Lords head, (or hands) saying:

tripad urddhva udait purusah pado'syeha bhavat punah
tato visvan vyakramata sasananasane abhi

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

idam arghyam + mula mantra

Acamaniyam (mouthwash):

One should offer water, with nutmeg, cloves and kakkola to the Lord's mouth, (three times) saying:

tato virad ajayata virajo adhi purusa
sa jato atyaricyata pascad bhumim atho purah

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

idam punar acamaniyam + mula mantra

Madhuparka (edible offering):

One should offer ghee, yoghurt and honey in proportions of 1:3:1 for the Lord to eat, saying:

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

esa madhuparka + mula mantra

Punar Acamaniyam (mouthwash):

One should offer acamana again to Lord's mouth, saying:

tato virad ajayata virajo adhi purusa
sa jato atyaricyata pascad bhumim atho purah

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

idam punar acamaniyam + mula mantra

One should make a stiff dough from flour, sugar and water and
fashion into receptacles for holding wicks and ghee (pista
dipa).Ô

p-p-p-

One should wave the lamps before the Lord saying:

om hiranya garbhah samvartatagre
bhutasya jatah patir eka asit
sa dadhara prthivim dyam utemam
kasmī devaya havisa vidhema

ya atmad abalada yasa mrtyuh
upkasate prasisam yasya devah
yasya chayamrtam yasya mrtyuh
kasmai devaya havisa vidhema

ya pranito nimisato mahitvai
kaidraja jagato babhuva
ya ise asya dvipada catuspadah
kasmai devaya havisa vidhema]

yasyema himavanto mahitva
yasya samudra rsaya sanahuh
yasyemah pradiso yasya bahu
kasmai devaya havisa vidhema

yena dyaur ugra prithivi ca driha
yena svah stabhitamyena nakah
yo antarikse rajaso vimanah
kasmai devaya havisa vidhema

yam krandasi avasa tastabhane
abhyaiksetam manasa rejamane
yatra dhi sura uditō vibhati
kasmai devaya havisa vidhema

apo ha tad brhatir visvamayan
garbham dadhana janayantir agnim
tato devanam samavartata surekah
kasmai devaya havisa vidhema

yascid apo mahina paryapasyad
daksom dadhana janayanti yajnam
yo devevadhi deva eka asit

kasmai devaya havisa vidhema

ma no himsij janita ya prthivya
yo va divam satyadharmajajana
yas capas candra brhatir jajana
kasmai devaya havisa vidhema

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

esa dipah + mula mantra

One should rub sesame powder on the Lord's body saying:

murdhanam divo aratim prthivya
vaisvanaramrta ajatam agnim
kavim samrajam atithim jananam
asanna patra janayanta devah
om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapatayeÔ

p-p-p-
govindaya namo namah

idam tila udvartanam + mula mantra

Snana (bath):

One should bathe the Lord in water mixed with sesame seed
paste, saying:

tilo'si soma devatyo
gosavo eva nirmitah
prayatnam adbhih prktah sudhaya
pustva pitrn lokan prnahi nah svaha

One should change the Lord's cloth and bathe him again in pure
water, saying:

varunasyottanbhanam asi
varunasya skambhasarjani stho
varunasya rta sadany asi
varunasya rta sadanam asi
varunasya rta sadanam asida

tat tva yami brahmana vandamanas
tada saste yajamano havirbhih
ahedamano varuneh bodhyu
rusamsa ma na ayuh pra moshih

varunah pravita bhuvan
mitro visvabhir utibhih
karatam nah suradhasah

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

idam snaniyam + mula mantra

Panca Gavya Snana:

Cow urine:

Om bhur bhuvah svah
tat savitur varenyam
bhargo devasya dhimahi
dhiyo yo nah pracodayat

Cow dung:

gandha dvaram duradharsam nitya pustam karisinim
isvarim sarva bhutanam tvam ihopa hvaye sriyam

Milk:

apyayasva sametu te visvatah soma vrsnyam
bhava vajasya samgathe

Yoghurt: dadhi kravno akarizam jisnor asvasya
varjinahÔ

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surabhi no mukha karat pranayu'gum si tarisat

Ghee:

tejo'si sukram asi amrta asi dhamanam asi
priyam devanam anadhrstam deva yajanam asi

Kusa water:

devasya tva savituh prasave
'svino bahubhyam psrno hastabhyam
sarasvatyai vaco yantur yantirye dadhami
brhaspates tva samrajenabhisinmi
anaye justam grhnam
agni somabyam justam grhnam

Pancamrta Snana:

Milk:

payah prthivyam paya osadisu
payo divy antarikse payo dhah
payasvatih pradisah santu mahyam

Yoghurt:

dadhi kravno akraisam jisnor asvasya vajinah
surabhi no mukha karat pra na ayumsi tarisat

Ghee:

ghrtam ghrtapavanah pibata
vasam vasapavanah pibata
antariksasya havir asi svaha

disah pradisa adiso vidisa uddhiso digbhyah svaha

Honey:

madhu vata rtayate madhu ksaranti sindhavah
madhvir nah santvosadhih
madhu naktam utosaso mahdumat parthivam rajah
madhu dyaur astu nah pita
madhuman no vanaspati madhuma stu suryah
madhvir gavo bhavantu nah

Sugar:

apam rasam udvaya samsurye santam samahitam
apam rasasya yo rasa tam vo grhnamy uttamam
upayama grhito' sindraya tva justam
grhnamy esa te yonir indraya tva justatamam

Usnodaka Snana (warm water bath):

One should bathe the Lord in warm water, saying:
sapta te agne samidhah sapta jihvah sapta rsayah
sapta dhama priyaniÔ

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sapta hotrah saptadha tva yajanti sapta yonir
aprnasva grtena svaha

Sarvausadhi Snana (herbal bath):

One should bathe the Lord in water with mura, mamsi, vaca,

kustham, saila, tumeric, daru haridra, sati, campaka and musta, saying:

ya osadhih purva jata devbhyas triyugam pura
manainu babhrunam aham satam dhamani sapta ca

Mahausadhi Snana (second herbal bath):

One should bathe the Lord in water mixed with sahadevi, vaca, vyaghri, bala, atibala, akhapuspa, simhi and suryavarta, saying:

ya osadhi somarajni vahvih sata vicaksanah
ta mahyam asinnasane'cchidrah sarma yachata

Mangala Snana (auspicious bath):

One should bathe the Lord in water mixed with auspicious elements.

sumangalir iyam vadhur imam sameta pasyata
saubhagyam asyai dattvaya'thas tam vi paretana

Bija-astaka Snana (eight-seed bath):

One should bathe the Lord in water mixed with eight seeds, barley, wheat, wild rice, sesame, millet, rice paddy, panic seed, and rice which grows in sixty days, saying:

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Gandhodaka Snana (scented bath water):

One should bathe the Lord in water mixed with scents such as musk and aguru, over which has been chanted the savitri gayatri.

Gandha (sandalwood):

One should smear the Lord's body with sandalwood pulp, saying:

drupadad iva mumucanah svinnah santomalad iva
putam pavirenavajyam apah suddhantu mainasah

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

esa gandhah + mula mantra

Candanodaka Snana (Sandalwood water):

One should bathe the Lord in water mixed with sandalwood
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paste, saying:

samudram gaccha svaha antariksa gaccha svaha
devam savitaram gaccha svaha mitra varunau gaccha svaha
ahoratre gaccha svaha chandamsi gaccha svaha
deva savitaram gaccha svaha yajnam gaccha svaha
somam gaccha svaha divyam nabho gaccha svaha
agnim vaisvanaram gaccha svaha
mano me hardi yaccha divam te dhumo gacchatu
svar jyotih prthivim bhasmanaprna svaha

Sahasra Dhara Snana (shower):

One should bathe the Lord with pure water showered from the
sahasra dhara (pot with holes in the bottom), saying:

tam savitur varenyaysacitram
aham vrne sumatim visvajanyam
yamasya kanvo aduhat prapinam
sahasradharam payasa mahim gam

One should bathe the Lord with maha osadhi from the sahasra
dhara, saying:

ya osadhih purva jata devabhyas triyuga pura
manai mu babhrunam aham satam dahmani sapta ca

One should bathe the Lord with gandhah water from the sahasra
dhara, saying:

gandhah dvaram duradharsam nityapustam karisinam
isvarim sarva bhutanam tvam ihopa hvaye sriyam

One should bath the Lord with astaka bija water from the
sahasra dhara, saying:

a brahman brahmano brahmavarcasi
jayatama rastre rajanyah sura
isvyo'tivyadhi mahratho jayatam
dogdhri dhenur bodhanadvanasuh
saptih purandhir yosa jisnu rathesthah
sabheyoyuvasya yajamansya viro jayatam
nikame nikame nah parjanya varsatu

phalavatyo na osadhyah pacyantam
yogaksemo nah kalpatam

One should bathe the Lord in water mixed with flowers from the sahasra dhara, saying:

osadhdaya prati grbhnita puspavaith supippalah
ayam vo garbha rtviyah pratnam sadhastham asadat

One should bath the Lord in fruit water from the sahasra dhara, saying the same mantra as for the flower flower:

osadhdaya prati grbhnita puspavaith supippalah
ayam vo garbha rtviyah pratnam sadhastham asadat

One should bathe the Lord in jewel water from the sahasra
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dhara, saying:

asuh sisano vrsabho na bhimo
ghanaghanah ksobhanas carsaninam
sankrandano'nimisa ekavirah
satam sena ajayat sakam indrah

Kalasa Snana (Waterpot bath):

One should bathe the Lord in water from eight kalasas. One kalasa should hold approximately twelve kilograms (liters) of water. The kalasas should be unbroken with rounded bottoms and graceful neck. One should bathe the Lord with the water, saying:

etonv indram stavama suddham suddhena amna
suddhadair uktair vavrddhamsam sudha asirvan mamattu
indrah suddha na a gahi suddhah suddhabhir utibhih
suddho rayim ni dharaya sudho mamaddhi somyah
indrah suddho hi no rayim suddho ratnani dasuse
suddho vrtrani jighnase suddho vajam sisasas

One should bathe the Lord in sixteen kalasas of tirtha water mixed with tulasi and sandalwood paste, saying the purusa sukta:

Purusa Suktam:

om sahasra sirsa purusah sahasraksah sahasrapat
sa bhumim visvato vrtva' atyatisthad dasangulam

om purusa evedam sarvam yad bhutam yac ca bhavyam
utamrtatvasyesano yad annenatirohati

om etavan asya mahima ato jyayams ca purusah
pado'sya visva bhutani tripad asyamrtam divi

om tripad urdhva udait purusah pado'syeha'bhavat punah
tato visvan vyakramat sasananasane abhi

om tasmad virad ajayata virajo adhipurusah
sa jato atyaricyata pascad bhumim atho purah

om yat purusena havisa deva yajnam atanvata
vasanto asyacid alyam grisma idhmah sarad dhavah

om saptasyasan paridhayah trih sapta samidhah krtah
deva yad yajnam tanvanah abadhnan purusam pasum

om tam yajnam barhisi prauksan purusam jatam agratah
tena deva ayajanta sadhya rsayas ca ye

om tasmad yajnat sarva hutah sambhrtam prsad alyam
pasums tams cakre vayavyan aranyan gramyas ca ye

om tasmad yajnat sarva huta rcah samani jajnire
chandamsi jajnire tasmad yajus tasmad ajayata
p-p-p-

om tasmad asva ayajanta ye ke cobhayadatah
gavo ha jajnire tasmad tasmaj jata aja vayah

om yat purusam vyadadhuh katidha vyakalpayam
mukham kim asya kau bahu ka uru padav ucyete

om brahmo'sya mukham asit bahu rajanyah krtah
uru tad asya yad vaisyah padbhyam sudro ajayata

om candrama manaso jatas caksoh suryo ajayata
mukhad indras cagnis ca pranad vayur ajayata

om nabhya asid antariksam sirsno dyauh samavartata
padbhyam bhumir disah srotrat atha lokam akalpayan

vedaham etam purusam mahantam
aditya varnam tamasas tu pare
sarvani rupani vicitya dhirah
namani krtvabhivadan yad aste

dhata purastad yam udajahara

sakrah pravidvan pradisas catasrah
tam evam vidvan amrta iha bhavati
nanyah pantha ayanaya vidyate

om yajenena yajnam ayajanta devas tani dharmani prathamany
asan
te ha nakam mahimanah sacante yatra purve sadhyah santi devah

Vastram (cloth):

One should wipe the Lord and dry him and change his cloth. One
should offer a pleasing dress to the Lord saying:

abhi vastra suvasananyarsa
'bhih dhenuh sudughah puyamanah
abhi candra bhartave no hiranya
'bhiyasvan rathino deva soma

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

idam vastram + mula mantra

Yajnopavita (sacred thread):

One should offer a sacred thread to the Lord saying:

yajnopavitam paramam pavitram
prajapater yat sahajam purastat
ayusyam agryam pratimunca subhram
yajnopavitam balam astu tejah

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

idam yajnopavitam + mula mantra

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Nirmancana (aratrika):

One should wave the herbs sahadeva, sadabhadra, suryavarta and
kusa tips in circles before the Lord, saying:

kandat kandat prarohanti purusah parusas pari
eva no durve pratenu sahasrena satena ca

One should offer sirisa and tumeric in the same way with the
same mantra.

Drsti Uttarana (deliverance from evil glances):

One should wave nima fruits, white and black mustard seeds and salt in front of the Lord to drive away inauspicious entities.

Matsya Mocana:

One should throw a silver fish into a pot of water.

Padyam (footwash):

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

etat padyam + mula mantra

Acamaniyam (mouthwash):

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

idam acamaniyam + mula mantra

Kalasa Drsti (viewing an auspicious pot):

One should present a pot filled with water and topped with leaves and a coconut to the Lord and place it before him along with a variety of fruits.

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

idam mangala kalasam + mula mantra

Netronmilanam (opening the eyes):

One should then bless the Lord's eyes by touching them with a golden wand, saying:

tac caksur devahitam purastac chukram ucarat
pasyema saradah satam jivema saradah satam
srnuyama saradah satam prabravama saradah satam
adinah syama sarah satam bhuyas ca saradah satat

Anjana (ointment):

One should apply collyrium to the Lord's eyes, saying:

anjate vyanjate samanjateÔ

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kratum rihanti madhunabhyanjate
sindhora ucchvase patayantam uksanam
hiranya pavah pasum asu grbhate

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

idam anjanam + mula mantra

Tilaka:

One should apply rocana (yellow pigment made with cow urine)
tilaka to the Lord's forehead saying:

yunjanti bradhnam arusam carantam apri tasthusah
rocante rocana divi

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

esa tilakah + mula mantra

One's mother or sister should then touch one hundred and eight
blades of durba grass and puffs of raw cotton to the Lord's
head.

Homa (fire sacrifice):

On one's birthday one should perform six acts using sesame.
Thus on the Lord's appearance day his body is rubbed with
sesame, he is bathed in sesame water, and later he will be
offered sesame foods. One should also give gifts of sesame,
sow sesame seeds and perform homa with sesame, using the deity
mula mantra.

Puspa, Mala (flowers and garlands):

One should give the Lord flowers and garlands.

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

etani puspani + mula mantra

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

idam malyam + mula mantra

Pratisarah (wrist band):

One should bind the right wrist of the Lord with yellow thread saying:

dirghaytvaya balaya varcase suprajastvaya,
casas atho jiva saradah satam

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye^Ô
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govindaya namo namah
esa pratisarah + mula mantra

Darpana (mirror):

One should offer a mirror to the Lord and let him look at his reflection.

pratipad asi pratipade tvanupady asi anupade tva
sampad asi sampade tva tejo'si tejase tva

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

esa darpanah + mula mantra

Ghrta Darsana:

One should show the auspicious element ghee to the Lord, saying:

ghrtavati bhuvananam abhi sriyor
vi prthivi madhu dughe supesasa
dyava prthivi varunasya dharmana
viskabhite ajare bhure retasa

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

idam ghrtam + mula mantra

Camara (Whisk):

One should wave the camara over the Lord saying:

vato va mano va gandharvah sapta vimsatih

te agre'svam ayunjams te asmin javam adadhuh

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

esa camara seva + mula mantra

Bhusana (ornaments):

One should decorate the Lord with ornaments saying:

hiranya purah sa hiranya samdr
apam napat sedu hiranya varnah
hiranyayat pari yoner nisadya
hiranyada dadaty annam asmai

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

etany abharanani + mula mantra

Godana: Ô

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On the occasion of a birthday a cow may be given to a
brahmana.

Vandapanam:

On an auspicious day one should worship auspicious items. One
should bring forth the following items and say the appropriate
mantra.

earth:

bhur asi
bhumirasy
aditir asi
visvadhaya visvasya bhuvanasya dhatri
prthivim yaccha
prthivim drmha
prthivim ma himsih

gandha:

tvam gandhara akhanams
indras tvam brhaspatih
tvam osadhe samo raja
vidvan yaksmadam ucyata

stone:

pra parvatasya vrsabhasya prstha
navas caranti svasi ca iyanah
ta ava vrtrannadharag udakta
ahir budhnyam anu riyamanah
visnor vikramanam asi
visnor vikrantam asi
visnoh krantam asi

rice paddy:

dhanyam asi dhinuhi devan
pranaya tvodanaya tva vyanaya tva
dirgham anu prasitim ayuse dham
devo vah savita hiranyapanih
pratigrbhnatv acchidrena panina
caksuse tva mahinam payo'si

durba grass:

kandat kandat prarohanti
purusah parusaspari
eva no durve pratana
sahasrena satena ca

flowers:

om sris ca te laksmis ca patnyav
aho ratre parsve naksatrani rupam asvinau
vyattam
isnannisanamum ma isana Ô
p-p-p-
sarvalokam ma isana fruit:

yah phalini ya aphala
apuspa yasca puspinih
brhaspati prasutas
ta no muncantv amhasah

yoghurt:

dadhikravno akarizam
jisnor asvasya vajinah
subabhi no mukha karat
pra na ayumsi tarisat

ghee:

ghrtavati bhuvananam
abhisriyor vi prthvim
madhudughe supesasa
dyava prthivi varunasya
dharmana viskabhite
ajare bhuri retasa

svastikam:

svasti na indro vrddha sravah
svasti nah pusa visvavedah
svasti nas tarksyo aristanemih
svasti no brhaspatir dadhatu

sindhur (vermilion):

sindhor iva pradhvane sughanaso
vatapramiyah patayanti yahvah
ghrtasya dhara aruso na vaji
kastha bhindann urmibhih pinvamanah

conch:

agnir rsih pavamanah
pancajanya purohitah
tamimahe mahagayam

kajjala (collyrium):

samidho anjan krdaram matinam
ghrtam agne madhumat pinvamanah
vaji vahanvajanam jatavedo
devanam vaksi priyama sadhastham

rocana:

yunjanti bradhnam arusam
carantam pari tasthusah
rocante rocana divi

gold:Ô

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hiranyarupah sa hiranyasamdr̥g
apam napat sedu hiranyavarnah
hiranyayat pari yoner nisadya

hiranyada dadaty annam asmai

silver:

rupena vo rupam abhyagam
tutho vo visvaveda vibhajatu
rtasya patha preta candra
daksina visvah pasya
vyantariksam yatasva sadasyaih

copper:

asau yas tamro aruna
uta babhruh sumangalah
ye cainam rudra abhito diksu
sritah sahasraso'vaisam heda imahe

white mustard seed:

raksohanam balagahanam vaisnavim idam
aham tam balagam utkirami
yam me nistyo yam amatyo nicakhanedam
aham tam balagam utkirami
yam me savandhur yam asavandhur nicakhanedam
aham tam balagam utkirami
yam me sajato yam asajato
nicakhanotkrtyam kirami

mirror:

pratipad asi pratipade
tvanupadasy anupade tva
sampadasi sampade tva
tejo'si tejase tva

lamp:

sriye jatah sriya a niriya
sriyam vayo jaritrbho dadhatu
sriyam vasana amrta tvam ayan
bhavantu satya samitha mitadrau

One should then place all the items on a beautiful plate, and holding the plate with one's two hands offer it three times in aratrika fashion to the Lord, saying:

svasti na indro vrddha sravah
svasti nah pusa visvavedah

svasti nas tarksyo aristanemih
svasti no brhaspatir dadhatu

and:

mahi gandhah sila dhanyam durba puspam phalam dadhi
grtam svastika sinduram sankha kajjala rocanah
siddhannam kanacanam raupyam tamram siddhartha darpanauÔ
p-p-p-
dipah prasasta patram ca vandaniyah subhe dine

Samskaras:

The samskaras ending with upanayanam (giving the sacred thread
may then be performed for the Lord. The performers of the
rites should be worshipped by giving cloth, garlands etc.

Dhupa (incense):

One should offer incense to the Lord, saying:

dhurasi dhrva dhurvantam
dhruva tam yo'sman dhurati
tam dhurva ya vayam dhurvamah
devanam asi vahnitamam sasnitamam
papritamam justatamam devahutamam

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

esa dhupah + mula mantra

Dipa (lamps):

One should offer lamps saying:

agnir jyotir jyotir agnih svaha
suryo jyotir jyotir suryah svaha
agnir varco jyotir varcah svaha
suryo varco jyotir varcah svaha
jyotir surya suryo jyotih svaha

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

esa dipah + mula mantra

Naivadyam (food):

One should then offer nice foodstuffs, such as sesame laddus, popped rice, rice boiled in milk and sugar, various beverages, four types of rice with various times representing the six tastes. When offering according to the standard method one may say the mantra:

om visvesvaraya visva sambhavaya visva pataye
govindaya namo namah

idam naivedya + mula mantra

Acamaniyam (mouthwash):

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah
idam acamaniyam + mula mantra

Tambulam:Ô

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One should offer betel and spices, saying:

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

idam tambulam + mula mantra

Nirajana (aratrika):

On a plate made of gold, silver or bell metal one should draw an eight petalled lotus using kumkum powder. One should make pista dipas (from barley and wheat flour mixed with sugar and milk), fill them with ghee and place wicks in them. One should be placed in the center of the lotus and one in each of the petals. After lighting the wicks one should chant the deity mula mantra over the flames and offer the plate to the Lord nine times, saying:

dyauh santir antariksam santih
prthivi santir apah santir
osadhayah santih vanaspataya santih
visve devah santir brahma santih
sarvam santih santir eva santih
sa ma santir edhi

om yajnesvaraya yajnaya sambhavaya yajnapataye
govindaya namo namah

esa dipah + mula mantra

Abhisincana:

One may then sprinkle the Lord with auspicious items such as durba grass, saying:

samudra jyesthah salilasya madhyat
punana yanty anivisamanah
indro ya vajri vrsabho rarada
ta apo devir iha mam avantu
ya apo divya uta va sravanti
khanitrima uta vayah svayamjah
samudrарtha yah sucayah pavakas
ta apo devir iha mam avantu
yasam raja varuno yati madhye
satyanrte avapasyanjananam
mahduscutah sucayo yah pavakas
ta apo devir iha mam avantu
yasu raja varuno yaso somo
visve deva yas urjam madanti
vaisvanaro yasv agnih pravistas
ta apo devir iha mam avantu

Asirvada (blessings):

The brahmanas should give blessings saying:

addhindra prasthitema havimsi
cano dadhisva pacatota somam
prayasvantah prati haryam asi tvaÔ

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satyah santu yajamanasya kamah

or

tam arvantam na sanasim arusam na divah sisum
marmrjyante dive dive
bodhadyanma haribhyam kumarah sahadevyah
accha na huta udaram
uta tya yajata hari kumarat sahadevyat
prayata sadya a dade
esa vam devav asvina kumarah sahadevyah
dirghayur astu somakah
tam yuvam devav asvina kumaram sahadevyam
dirghayusam krnotana

Stuti (verses of praise):

One should then recite verses of praise of Govinda from the

vedas or puranas.

Vrata:

During the daylight hours of the astami one should observe the vow of fasting in the association of devotees, and staying awake at night, at midnight one should perform the abhiseka according the vidhi just described, accompanied by joyful singing and dancing. The next day one should celebrate the Lord's appearance with great festivity and respect mahaprasadam with the vaisnavas.

One who performs worship of th Lord on Janmastami day according to the method stated above, and with the mood of service of the inhabitants of Vraja, will certainly gain the affection of Krsna. Having gained that affection he will be blessed with deep love of Krsna (prema) and will directly serve the Lord in Vrndavana eternally.

NOTES:

The ingredients of padyam may be identified as follows:

syamaka: millet, *Panicum frumentaceum*
visnukranta: butterfly pea, *Clitoria ternatea*
durva: dub grass, *saccharum cylindricum*

The ingredients of sarvaushadhi may be identified as follows:

mamsi: spieknarad, *nardostachys jatamamsi*
vaca: sweet flag roots, *Acorus colamus*
kustgyha: kuth (Hindi), *saussurea auriculata*
saileyam: dill, *Anethum graveolens*
sati: ginger, *Curcuma zedoaria*
musta: nut grass, *Cyperus Rotrundas*
campaka: fruit of the plantain tree rajani dvaya: tumeric, *curcuma longa* and a relative, *curcuma aromatica*

Mahausadhi:

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sahadevi: *Echites Frutescus*

simhi: *Solanam melongena*

sankhapuspi: dankuni (Bengali), *Canscora decussata*

vayghri: *solanam Jacquini*

bala: *Sidonia Cordifolia*

atibala: *Sidonia rhombifolia*

suryavarta: *Polanisia icosandra*

vaca: *Acorus colamus*

Sarvamangala:

padmaka: wood from *Cerasus puddum*

jati: chameli, jasmin grandflora

kunda: *Jasmin multiflora*

kusa grass

durba: *Saccharum cylindricum*

rocna: a yellow pigment made from the bile of the cow

Nirmancana:

sahadeva (bala): *Sida cordifolia*

sadabhadra: gamari (Bengali), *Gmelina arborea*

suryavarta: *Polanisia icosandra*

sirisa: *Acacia sirissa*

rajani: tumeric, *Curcuma longa*