



S.K.S. SWAMINARAYAN TEMPLE (LONDON) – BAL YUVAK MANDAL

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Mandir's Murtis (Gents' Section)

CENTRE SINHASAN:

Ghanshyam Maharaj

SIDE SINHASAN:

Surya Narayan Dev:

- As per modern science, earth rotates and revolves round a stationary sun.
- As per scriptures, the Sun god rides non-stop on horses to illuminate all parts of the stationary universe.
- There are many Sun gods, one per universe.
- Sun provides light and heat. Swaminarayan Bhagwan has cool light emanating from Himself much greater than billions of suns combined.

Radha Krishna Dev and Harikrishna Maharaj (Bhuj):

- Radhaji is the most prominent devotee of Krishna
- She symbolises love for the Lord.
- Married to Krishna? Yes and No
- Deities installed by Acharya Maharajshree Vasudev Prasadji Maharaj and Mahant Swami Aksharjivan Dasji
- Date installed: VS 1967 Chaitra Vad 7

SIDE WALL:

Prasadi no Takto:

- Sanctified items (Prasadi ni Vastu) used by Swaminarayan Bhagwan
- Touching these brings us feel closer to Maharaj, as Prasad means:
 - Pra - Prabhu nu
 - Sa - Sakshaat
 - D - Darshan
- Other examples of Prasadi ni Vastu seen in Mandirs are:
 - Mala, utensils, garments, bed, blankets, prasadi ni sheela (stone), trees, rivers and lakes, etc
 - Visit the Swaminarayan Museum project when complete for more prasadi items

MAIN SINHASAN:

Right Hand Takta - Upper:

Nar Narayan Dev

- Sons of Dharma and Murti, brothers of Hari and Krishna
- Decided to be Vairagis and do austerity in Badrikashram for the benefit of satsangis
- Considered as kings of Bharatkhand
- Installed by Swaminarayan Bhagwan Himself in Ahmedabad temple [Falgun sud 3, VS 1878 (24 February 1822 AD)], and Bhuj temple [Vaishakh sud 5, VS 1879 (Friday, 15 May 1823 AD)]
- This murti (and all other murtis) are portraits of the deity in Ahmedabad : Z style G, P, S, C
- Nar is always on the left of Narayan



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Uddhavji

- Always remains at the side of Bhagwan to carry out His commands
- Same one who served Krishna Bhagwan
- Later became Ramanand Swami

Narad Muni

- Bhagwan's official messenger in all His avtaars.

Surya Dev & Chandra Dev

- Had asked Bhagwan to allow them His darshan at all times
- Are a witness to the austerity done by Nar & Narayan in Badrikashram

Right Hand Takta – Lower:

Ramanand Swami & Nilkanth Varni in Piplana

- Nilkanth Varni receiving teachings from Ramanand Swami after being initiated.

Central Takta:

Swaminarayan Bhagwan

- The supreme Lord Himself.
- Do dhyaan of this murti and His attire and pose.
 - Ways of naming to a Murti of Bhagwan
 - Standing – Ghanshyam Maharaj
 - Seated cross legged with frontal view – Sahajanand Swami
 - Seated with side view – Swaminarayan Bhagwan

Harikrishna Maharaj

- The unique form of Bhagwan found in all mandirs, regardless of other murtis installed
- Found in personal poojas of some Mahant Swamis or other great saints
- All saints must carry Harikrishna Maharaj along in their travels (mobile form of Bhagwan)
- Must do all poojas of Harikrishna Maharaj, e.g: waking Him up, bathing Him, feeding Him, making Him go to sleep, etc.

Left Hand Takta – Top:

Radha Krishna Dev & Harikrishna Maharaj

- As explained earlier

Left Hand Takta - Bottom:

Dharmadev, Bhaktimata & Ghanshyam Maharaj

- Portrait showing Ghanshyam Maharaj with His parents after learning to walk.
- Dharmadev – Born in Ittar in VS 1796, Kartik Sud 11 Sunday
 - Named as Hari Prasad Pande.
 - Father was Dev Sharma
 - Mother was Bhagyavati Sharma
- Bhaktimata – Born in Chhappaiya in VS 1798, Kartik Sud 15. Departed in VS 1848
 - Named as Premvati.
 - Father was Krishna Sharma



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- Mother was Bhavani Sharma

SIDE WALL:

Sadguru Shri Vallabh Dasji Swami

- Born in Rampur Vekra in VS 1942 (1885 AD) and was named as Naran
- Father's name: Devrajbhai Mother's name: Purbai
- Was initiated on VS 1963 Vaisakh Sud 11 (1906 AD) by Acharya Purshottam Prasadji Maharaj as requested by Aksharjivan Dasji Swami
- Was disciple of Sadguru Swami Mahapurush Dasji
- Became Mahant of Bhuj mandir in VS 1991 (1934 AD) for 20 years.
- Very enthusiastic about following Dharma, Bhakti, Gnan and Vairagya and preached this to many.
- Very powerful and close to Bhagwan:
 - Made rain on his way to Tera village at the request of an old village woman
 - Maharaj used to appear and give him divya darshan and mental when he was ill
- Went to Akshardham in Posh sud 9, VS 2010 (1953 AD) after handing over Mahantship to Swami Dharmajivan Dasji

Sadguru Aksharjivan Dasji Swami

- Born in Rampur in VS 1908 (1851 AD) and was named as Shamji
- Father's name: Meghijibhai Mother's name: Amarbai
- Was initiated on VS 1924 by Acharya Keshav Prasadji Maharaj
- Was disciple of Sadguru Swami Achyutt Dasji
- Became 3rd Das-pankti Mahant of Bhuj mandir (after Anand Dasji and Achyutt Dasji Swami).
- Was very strict about observance of 5 Vartmans of grahasthas and 5 Vartmans of saints, hence wrote the Ekadashi No Patra
- Very powerful and close to Bhagwan:
 - Saved a village resident from Yamdoots by whipping two and tying two to a tree.
- Went to Akshardham in Falgun sud 9 after handing over Mahantship to Swami Krishnacharan Dasji

Sadguru Dharmajivan Dasji Swami

- Born in Baladia in Jeth Sud 15, VS 1960 (1903 AD) and was named as Lalji
- Father's name: Jadvabhai Mother's name: Jivibai
- Passed GCSE and went to work in Nairobi as a bookkeeper
- Came back to India and was initiated on VS 1981 Maha Sud 5 (Vasant Panchmi) (1924 AD) by Acharya Vasudev Prasadji Maharaj at the request of Swami Mahapurushdasji
- Was disciple of Sadguru Swami Bhaktipriya Dasji
- Became Mahant of Bhuj mandir in VS 2010 (1953 AD)
- Was very keen for saints to study scriptures and established a Sanskrit school for saints and the Swaminarayan Boarding School for boys.
- He blessed many satsangis to travel and seek employment or establish companies in East Africa and England
- Inspired building of temples in all foreign regions (including Harrow)



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- Went to Akshardham in VS 2033 (1976 AD) Maha Sud 5 (Vasant Panchmi) after handing over Mahantship to Swami Hariswarup Dasji

Charnarvind

- Another Prasadi ni Vastu having actual lotus footprints of Maharaj

SIDE SECTION:

Hanumanji

- Born in the Treta Yug (Third Age)
- Mother's name: Anjana (actually an apsara called Punjikasthala, cursed in heaven and sent to earth to be born as a vanar - monkey)
- Father's name: Pavan (wind god)
- But is regarded as not having taken birth, as he avails himself in the service of all the Avtaars.
- Gained most respect in the service of Lord Ram
- Mentioned by Maharaj in Vachnamrut as the best example of a Pati-vrata Bhakta
- Is a celibate and does not touch women. Women should not bow to Hanuman with their hands folded.
- Is found in all mandirs in Hinduism
- Hanuman Chalisa is sung worldwide in his praise
- Maharaj has advised us to recite Hanuman Stotra for protection in times of adversity

Shani Graha (Panoti)

- Demon Brahmin causing ills to the society with his mystical powers.
- Society prayed to Hanumanji
- Escaped the wrath of Hanumanji by transforming himself into a woman thinking Hanumanji would not touch "her".
- Hanumanji recognised him and held him by his hair, and stepped on him and has not let him go ever since.

FIRE EXIT:

Nilkanth Varni

- Give examples of Nilkanth Varni's parchas

FIRE EXIT:

Swaminarayan Bhagwan

Manki Ghodi

- One type of mare (other mares Maharaj had called Kesar, Beri, Bodali, Fulmad, Tajan, Tikhi & Vangani)
- Called Manki because of its colour – brown – same as that of a manek (brown ruby stone)
- Given as a gift by Dada Khachar to Maharaj
- Was most loyal to Maharaj and His 1st choice
- Has even travelled faster than Garudji when Maharaj was returning from Vadtal to Gadhpur
- Was used to estimate the amount of land to be required for construction of Ahmedabad Temple.



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Bhaguji

- Was a kshatriya by caste and had given up all his villages to be in the service of Maharaj.
- Was always by Maharaj's side.

SWAMIS PORTRAITS:

Gopalanand Swami
Muktanand Swami
Nityanand Swami
Brahmanand Swami
Nishkulanand Swami
Premanand Swami

ACHARYA MAHARAJ SHREE:



Acharya Shree Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj

Place of Birth : Chhapaiya
Date of Birth: 25/05/1809
Acharya From: 10/11/1826
Acharya Number: 1



Acharya Shree Keshavprasadji Maharaj

Place of Birth : Ahmedabad
Date of Birth: 16/04/1835
Acharya From: 18/02/1868
Acharya Number: 2



Acharya Shree Purshottamprasadji Maharaj

Date of Birth: 07/02/1870
Acharya From: 09/04/1890
Acharya Number: 3



Acharya Shree Vasudevprasadji Maharaj

Date of Birth: 17/07/1899
Acharya From: 25/11/1901
Acharya Number: 4



Acharya Shree Devendraprasadji Maharaj

Date of Birth: 05/10/1922
Acharya From: 30/11/1937
Acharya Number: 5



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Acharya Shree Tejendraprasadji Maharaj

Date of Birth: 11/04/1944
Acharya From: 13/10/1969
Acharya Number: 6



Acharya Shree Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj

Acharya From: 15/10/2004
Acharya Number: 7

Lalji Maharaj (Vrajendra Prasadji Maharaj)