

Vishnu Sahasranama Chanting During Purushothama Masam (Adhika Masam) <u>6/17/2015 thru 7/16/2015</u>

Adhika masam or Adhik Masa is an additional month that appears in the Hindu Lunar calendar. A year with an Adhika masam will mean that it has 13 months instead of the usual 12 months. Any Solar calendar has 365 days. However, a Lunar calendar will have 354 days. This difference in the days, over years, make up for the additional month upon which there will be a sync between the two calendars. Generally, an adhika masa comes every few years (32 months, 16 days and 8 ghadis to be precise). A ghadi is 24 minutes.

Adhika Maasa is the most sacred month dedicated to *Lord Vishnu* who is the Maasa Niyaamaka (Governing Lord) of Adhika maasam in the name Purushottama. That's why Adhika Maasam is also referred as Purushottama Maasa.

Sri Lakshmi Temple celebrates this unique month with the chanting of Vishnu Sahasranama at 6 PM everday during this period.

6:00 PM Vishnu Sahasra Namam Chanting Followed by Sweet Prasadam Distribution

Details about Adhika Masam were taken from:

1. <u>http://www.astrologyforu.com/others/adhika-masam.htm#sthash.IsKnj52L.dpuf</u>

2. http://bhargavasarma.blogspot.com/2010/04/significance-of-adhika-masam.html