



Austin Hindu Temple and Community Center
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Sri Nammalwar Jayanthi

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Nammalwar (Nammālwār)

Nammalwar was born in 43rd day of Kali of 3059 BC in Thirukurukur (modern day Alwarthirunagiri near Tirunelveli). When he was born, he responded to no external stimuli and his parents left him at the feet of the deity of Sri Adhinathar in Alwarthirunagari. The child then got up and climbed into a hole in a tamarind, sat in the lotus position, and began to meditate. It appears he was in this state for as long as sixteen years when a Tamil poet and scholar in named Madhurakavi Alvar. Nammalwar broke his lifelong silence and responded to Madhurakavi Alvar philosophical questions. Nammalwar s considered an incarnation of Vishvaksena. The Garuda Sevai utsavam in the month of Vaikasi witnesses nine Garudasevai, an event in which utsavars from nava tirupati are brought on Garuda vahana representing that lord himself gave darshan to Nammalwar in all the forms of Divyadesams and Nammalwar composed verses praising the perumal in each Divyadesam. Nammalwar is also known as Settagopudu (representation of Setta-Ari) given in vishnu temples that carries Vishnu padams.

Please bring some fruits, flowers and Prasadam for naivedyam

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