

# 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Śrī Śrī Kīśora Kīśorī

International Society for Krishna Consciousness  
Founder Acarya: A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

**ISKCON Chicago Invites**  
**The pioneers of the Chicago Yatra**  
**25+ Prabhupada disciples share the richness of the history of**  
**Sri Sri Kisor-Kisori and Their devotees**



In the Spring of 1970, Bhagavan das, the TP of Detroit temple, asked me to drive three Deities (small Jagannath, Baladev and Subadra) and three

devotees (Rudra das, Radhika dd and Iccamati dd) to Chicago and help to open a temple on North Halsted St.

My service, once there, was to restore the interior of the storefront building and to build an altar and Vyasasana.

- Jagat Purusha das

Bhagavan das sent my wife Hladini dd and I to Chicago to help open the first temple there on Halstead and Fullerton streets.....Hladini also cooked everything on this fireplace, having no money for gas for the stove or for our gas heater.

- Mahananda das

We learned from the lawyers that this included the airport and all other properties owned by the city .... we began book distribution there and sent the legal documents to all the US temples, letting them know that this ruling also applied to their city and their airport! Soon we were the leading temple in book distribution and Srila Prabhupada encouraged competition so I sent a challenging letter to all the US and Canada temples....

- Sri Govinda das

I returned to Evanston on June 17th 1973 a couple of hours before Kishore Kishori were installed. I was invited to come to the installation. That was the day I officially joined ISKCON.

- Urmila dasi

Sadbhuja dd and Pundarik (I think that is his name) were the best at dressing them. We couldn't wait for the curtains to open in the morning whenever one of them dress the deities. They had this transcendental competition between them. Plus, all those flowers flown in from Hawaii mixed with the roses we would "borrow" from that prize rose garden in Evanston.... wow! I can still smell the altar now!

- Siki Mahiti das

Eventually I got sent to Chicago Yatra and was part of the O'Hare Krishna team. The association I had at that time has held me strong even till today.

- Karana Karana dasi

I did not know that you could join until the Radha Damodar traveling sankirtan party visited there in 1974. They preached to me for 4 hours that I had to simply join right then and there.

- Govinda dutta das

From 1977 Janmastami in Chicago: I cooked 36 hours straight for this and we had 1000 people show up without much advertising.

- Gopati das





## Schedule of Events

### Thursday, June 15, 2023

4:30 AM	Maṅgala-ārati by HG Govinda dutta das
5:15 - 7:00 AM	Japa
7:00 AM	Guru-pūjā by HG Sunil Madhava das
7:15 AM	Śṛṅgāra-ārati
7:30 - 8:45 AM	Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam class by HG Urmila dasi
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Breakfast
10:00 -10.30 AM	The beginning days of Chicago yatra on Halsted - by HG Mahananda das
10.45 - 1.00 PM	Pastimes of Śrīla Prabhupāda in Chicago Group discussion facilitated by HG Govinda Dutta das
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 - 4:00 PM	Rest
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Kīrtan by HG Gaura das
5.00 - 6.00 PM	Kīrtan by HG Atmarama das
6:30 - 7:15 PM	Dinner
7:15 - 8:00 PM	Kīrtan and Group discussion facilitated by HG Madhava das
6.30 - 9.30 PM	<i>Appreciation Dinner on Third Floor for supporters and friends of ISKCON Chicago (by invitation only)</i>

### Friday, June 16, 2023

4:30 AM	Maṅgala-ārati by HG Mitrasena das
5:15 - 7:00 AM	Japa
7:00 AM	Guru-pūjā by HG Shankar Pandit das
7:15 AM	Śṛṅgāra-ārati
7:30 - 8:45 AM	Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam class by HG Kalki das
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Breakfast
10:00 -1:00 PM	Pastimes of book distribution at O'Hare Krishna airport Group discussion facilitated by HG Urmila dasi and HG Trana Karta das
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 - 4:00 PM	Rest
5.00 - 5.45 PM	Travel to downtown
6.00 - 7.30 PM	Harinam at the Magnificent Mile

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7:30 - 8:00 PM Travel to temple

## Saturday, June 17, 2023

4:30 AM Maṅgala-ārati by HG Naikatma das  
 5:15 - 7:00 AM Japa  
 7:00 AM Guru-pūjā by HG Siki Mahiti das  
 7:15 AM Śṛṅgāra-ārati  
 7:30 - 8:45 AM Essence of Deity Worship by HH Romapada Swami  
 9:00 - 10:00 AM Breakfast  
 10:00 -11.30 PM The journey of Lord Jagannatha to Chicago by HG Jagat Purusha das  
 11.30 - 1.00 PM Disappearance day of Bhaktivinoda Thakura - Pushpanjali/aarati  
 1:00 - 2:00 PM Lunch  
 2:00 - 4:00 PM Rest  
 4:00 - 6:00 PM Kīrtan by HG Madhava das  
 6.00 - 6.15 PM Gaura aarati  
 6.15 - 6.30 PM Festival keynote: The beginning of Chicago Yatra by HG Jagat Purusha das  
 6:30 - 7:45 PM The Journey of Sri Sri Kisora Kisori from Jaipur to Chicago by HG Malati devi dasi  
 7:45 - 8:00 PM Puṣpa abhiṣekam  
 8:00 - 8:45 PM Dinner

## Sunday, June 18, 2023

4:30 AM Maṅgala-ārati by HG Trana Karta das  
 5:15 - 7:00 AM Japa  
 7:00 AM Guru-pūjā by HG Gaura das  
 7:15 AM Śṛṅgāra-ārati  
 7:30 - 8:45 AM Carrying the legacy forward by HG Anuttama das  
 9:00 - 10:00 AM Breakfast  
 10:00 -11.30 AM Pastimes of Srila Prabhupada in Chicago -group discussion facilitated by HG Urmila dasi  
 11.45 - 1.00 PM Carrying the legacy forward by HG Urmila dasi  
 1:00 - 2:00 PM Lunch  
 2:00 - 4:00 PM Rest

4:00 - 5:00 PM Kīrtan by HG Mitrasena das  
5:00 - 5:30 PM Gaura-ārati by HG Govinda dutta das  
5:30 - 6:30 PM Sunday Feast keynote by HH Candramauli Swami  
6.30 - 6.45 PM Bhajan by children guided by HG Radhakund dasi  
6:45- 7:15 PM Dinner  
7.00 - 8:00 PM Kīrtan - by HG Madhava das

**Zoom link to connect online:**

For devotees who are unable to attend in person:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83018982061?pwd=UkRQY1FYZGttQ2FHU2tNSi9DU0w3QT09>

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