

All Glory to Śrī Śrī Guru-Gaurāṅga

## Śrī Guru-Praśastiḥ In Glorification of Śrī Gurudev

by Om Viṣṇupād Śrī Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda  
Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj

śrī gauramaṇḍala-mājhe hāpāniyā grāma  
yāhi avatīrṇa mora prabhu guṇa dhāma [1]

patita pāvanī gaṅgā tīra sannihita  
'nyāyaratna-vidyāpīṭha' bhuvana-vidita [2]

tāhi vaise vipravara praśānta udāra  
śrī upendra chandra 'vidyāratna' nāma yāra [3]

bhaṭṭāchāryya-kula-ravi parama vidvāna  
nirantara sevā para lakṣmī-nārāyaṇa [4]

tāra patnī gaurī devī parama pāvanī  
mahā sādhvī jaganmātā prabhura janānī [5]

āṭhāraśa satera śake saurāśvina māsa  
śanivāra, chhāvviśa divasa parakāśa [6]

budhāditya-jīva yoge tuṅga graha gaṇe  
rāmachandra-rāśyāśraye vīrachandra-dine [7]

śubhaṅkarī puṣyā aṅke kārṭtikī navamī  
dharaṇī haila dhanya prabhupada chumi [8]

uṭhila ānanda-rola āchāryya-bhavane  
śāṅkha-ghaṅṭā jayadhvanī deya nārīgaṇe [9]

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My Divine Lord and Master, the Abode of all Transcendental Qualities, came down into this world at Village Hāpāniyā in the Holy Land of Śrī Gaura-Maṇḍal. [1]

'Nyāyaratna-Vidyāpīṭh' was a famous place of learning, situated near the banks of the Holy River Ganges that purifies the universe. [2]

There lived the jewel of Brāhmaṇas, Śrī Upendra Chandra 'Vidyāratna', peaceful and magnanimous. [3]

Like the radiant sun of the Bhaṭṭāchāryya family line, he was superbly learned; he was ever absorbed in the Divine Service of the Supreme Lord and His Consort, Śrī Śrī Lakṣmī-Nārāyaṇa. [4]

His devoted wife was the gracious Śrīmatī Gaurī Devī—the great saintly lady, the mother of the universe. And she was the mother of my Lord. [5]

1817 Śaka era, month of Āśvin by the sun, on Saturday the 26th, was his Holy Day of Advent. [6]

At the conjunction of the Sun and Mercury, and the Moon and Jupiter, with many stars in their highest position, my Lord chose the day of Śrī Vīrachandra Prabhu in the shelter of the same sign of the zodiac that the Supreme Lord Śrī Rāmchandra appeared in. [7]

At the auspicious moment of the eighth star Pūṣyā on the ninth day of the month Kārṭtik, mother Earth was blessed as she kissed the lotus feet of my Lord. [8]

A great joyous vibration filled the house of Āchāryya Vidyāratna as the pious ladies triumphantly blew the conch-shell and rang the bell. [9]

ājānulamvita bhuja puraṭa sundara  
devī aṅke śobhe divya jyoti manohara [10]

heriyā putrera rūpa mugdha pitāmātā  
mugdha haila putra rūpe yata pati vratā [11]

rāmachandra-janma kṣaṇa smari vipravara  
rākhilā putrera nāma rāmendra-sundara [12]

apūrvva vālaka-śobhā vyāpila bhuvane  
anindya rāmendra chandra bāre dine dine [13]

dekhite dekhite prabhu labhilā yauvana  
parama samṛddha kari vidyā upārjjana [14]

divya suvimala tanu mahājyotirmmaya  
nirakhi sakala loka sādharma mānaya [15]

vairāgya bhāvita bhakti-pūrṇa kalevara  
śaivāla-pihita yena mahā-sarovara [16]

mahājñānī śuka prāya virakta pradhāna  
heri mātā pitā mane chinte anukṣaṇa [17]

sannyāsī haive putra nā rahibe ghare  
mahā-yogī mahā-tyāgī lakṣaṇa śarīre [18]

antare ānanda, vāhye ḍuḥkha parakāśa  
katodine kailā vipra śrī vaikuṅṭha vāsa [19]

krame krame prabhu mora āpanā prakāśi  
svechchhāya vandhana khaṇḍi hailā sannyāsī [20]

gṛha tyāgi māyāpura karilā vijaya  
gaurāṅga-janma bhumi chidānanda maya [21]

śrī bhaktisiddhānta saraswatī prabhu-sthāne  
lailā sannyāsa dīna uddhāra kāraṇe [22]

His Form was beautiful radiant golden. His long arms reached to his knees, the symptom of the great soul. As he curled up in the lap of his gracious mother, a charming Divine Radiance came forth. [10]

Seeing their son's beauty, mother and father, and all the chaste wives present were entranced. [11]

That best of Brāhmaṇas remembered the auspicious moment of the Appearance of Lord Rāmchandra, and so it was that he named his beloved, beautiful son Śrī Rāmendra. [12]

The marvellous beauty of the child pervaded the universe. And it was day by day that the spotless moon Śrī Rāmendra grew and grew. [13]

All could see as he gracefully bloomed in youth, the supreme treasure of wisdom was his natural acquisition. [14]

Seeing his greatly effulgent Divine Perfect Form, all were moved to offer him all respects with reverence. [15]

His body, like a great lake covered by moss, was filled with Devotion and absorbed in indifference for the world. [16]

Seeing the extreme detachment in his nature just like the great savant Śukadev, his mother and father began to feel a constant anxiety. [17]

“Our son will be a sannyāsī, he won't stay at home. All the symptoms of a Paramhansa completely indifferent to the world are present in his body.” [18]

Feeling ecstasy within yet showing sorrow outwardly, the Brāhmaṇa Śrī Upendra Chandra left the world for the Holy Abode Vaikuṅṭha. [19]

Gradually, my Lord revealed himself to the world, and by his sweet will breaking all ties with the world, he became a Sannyāsī. [20]

Leaving home forever he made his auspicious arrival at Māyāpur, the Divine Ecstatic Land of Śrī Gaurāṅga's Advent. [21]

Just for delivering the poor souls of this world, he accepted Sannyās from Prabhupād Śrīla Bhakti Siddhānta Saraswatī Goswāmī. [22]

śrī bhakti rakṣaka saṅkīrttana-mūrtti dhara  
sei hetu guru nāma rākhilā śrīdhara [23]

patita pāvana rūpe tridaṇḍira veśe  
nāma-prema vitariyā bule deśe deśe [24]

dīna-hīna pāpītāpī savāre uddhāri  
amṛta siñchilā viśve yena gaurahari [25]

jaya jaya patita-pāvana prabhuvara  
nyāsi-chūrāmaṇi bhakti rakṣaka śrīdhara [26]

asaṅkhya praṇati tava pādapadme mora  
kṛpāya karaha nāśa karmma vandha ghora [27]

bhavārṇave pare śudhu hāburuvu khāi  
e adhame uddhāriyā deha pade ṭhāi [28]

vandī āvirbhāva-tithi śrī kṛṣṇā-navamī  
yēha dhanya haila prabhupāda padma chumi [29]

vandī hāpāniyā grāma mahā tīrtha maya  
vandī prabhu śrī upendra chandrera ālaya [30]

vandī nitya bhaṭṭāchāryya-kulābja-bhāskara  
vandī vidyā ratna putra rāmendrasundara [31]

sāvadhāne vandī mui gaurī devī mātā  
yāra āṅka ālokari prabhu prakāśitā [32]

prabhura sambandha dhārī yateka sujana  
sānande vandanā kari savāra charaṇa [33]

sabe kṛpā kari more kara āśīrvvāda  
nirvighne hauka lābha prabhura prasāda [34]

Because he is the Guardian of Devotion as the very embodiment of the world chanting of the Glories of the Supreme Lord, his Guru named him Śrīla Śrīdhar Mahārāj, the Lord of the highest Wealth of the soul. [23]

As the saviour of the fallen, he took the mantle of the medicant holding the triple staff, tridaṇḍa, and wandering from place to place he distributed Divine Love for the Holy Name of the Lord. [24]

Delivering the sinners and suffering souls from the worst conditions of life, he showered nectar all over the universe just as did our Lord Śrī Gaurahari. [25]

All Glory, all Glory to the Great Benevolent Lord, the crown-jewel of Sannyāsins, Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣak Śrīdhar Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj. [26]

My countless prostrate obeisances unto your holy lotus feet. Be gracious and break my terrible mundane bondage. [27]

I am drowning in this material ocean. Please rescue this fallen soul and grant him a place at your lotus feet. [28]

I sing the Glories of the day of your Advent, the ninth day of the dark moon, who was so blessed to kiss the lotus feet of Your Divine Grace. [29]

I sing the Glories of Hāpāniyā Village, the great place of pilgrimage, I sing the Glories of the home of Śrī Upendra Chandra Prabhu. [30]

I eternally sing the Glories of Śrī Upendra Chandra Vidyāratna's Divine son who is the merciful radiant sun, Śrī Rāmendrasundar, who gave the connection of his Divine Ray to the lotus flower of the Bhaṭṭāchāryya heritage. [31]

Also, I very carefully sing the Glories of Mother Gaurī Devī, whose lap was effulgent with the merciful Advent of my Lord. [32]

With joy I sing the Glories of the feet of all the auspicious souls who had a relationship with my Lord. [33]

It is my prayer to you all, please be merciful and bless me that I may without obstacles attain the Loving Service of my Lord. [34]