

GLOBAL NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2007

Happy Holidays!

This December, Louix gave His blessing to the world for the holiday season.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Louix's 46th Birthday Celebrations *December 15th*– 17th

It is with heartfelt joy that we announce this year's birthday celebrations in honor of Louix Dor Dempriey, our beloved Guru and friend. The three-day celebration is an expression of our love, gratitude, and devotion to Louix, as well as an opportunity to invite more of God's grace into our lives.

To honor Louix, and to invoke His presence during this auspicious time, you may wish to create a sacred space in your home, which can include an altar with His picture upon it, or a chair decorated with flowers and fabrics. Cleansing your home by burning sage or incense, or ringing bells, is a powerful way to increase sacredness during the celebrations. You can also invoke Louix into your dreams and meditations to connect more deeply with His essence of unconditional love. We suggest starting each morning with chanting 108 Pranananda-Aums followed by silent contemplation of, and gratitude for, the beauteous gift He is in your life.

Saturday, 15 December – Day of Self-Purification and Service

On the first day of the birthday celebrations, we will fast (or abstain from a particular food) and focus on purifying our thoughts, words, and deeds. We also place our focus on serving others, knowing that "The joy of serving is the reward for serving." We suggest volunteering at a local charity organization or helping loved ones in need. You can also pick up trash in your neighborhood. In so doing, you help to cleanse the earth, as well as cleanse your own consciousness ("As within, so without") and support our Global Clean-up Project. To include your collection in the *global bag count*, please e-mail your totals to events@Louix.org

Sunday, 16 December – Day of Devotion

On this day we express our gratitude to Louix for all that He does to serve and uplift us, and all of humanity. Fortunate to have Him in Australia for His birthday this year, Sundara Aravinda will be hosting an evening of devotional singing and meditation in His honor. Similar events will be held at Louix's other ashrams, where songs and chants from various spiritual and cultural traditions will be celebrated. You can also chant or sing the mantra "I am so blessed; I am so grateful" throughout the day, play your favorite uplifting songs, or join friends and family for an evening of devotional singing and meditation.

Monday, 17 December – Receiving God's Love

Happy Birthday, Louix!

In Melbourne, Australia, Louix will give darshan at Melba Hall, at the University of Melbourne. If you are unable to attend this event, you can still receive the Avatar's blessing (darshan) by sitting in silent meditation and gazing into His eyes in one of His portraits, or by listening to one of His guided meditations or audio discourses (available on this website).

Most importantly, let us also honor this day by consciously choosing to act in unconditional love and joy—with everyone and in all circumstances—for it is in so doing that we are truly being the living example of self-mastery that Louix both embodies and espouses.

We celebrate You, beloved Louix, with great joy and veneration, for Your example of unconditional love has filled our lives with such lasting inner peace and joy that it overflows and blesses everyone around us!

Louix's Australia 2007 Events

December 17th, December 29th– January 1st

We are only a few days away from the Australia events! We invite you, your friends, and your family to join us for these magical events that will be held in the Melbourne area:

Public Darshan

Date: Mon, 17 Dec 2007 **Time**: 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. **Location**: Melba Hall, Gate 12,

University of Melbourne Royal Parade, Parkville Music by <u>Sacred Earth</u>

By donation

Residential Retreat

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2007 - Tue, 1 Jan 2008

Location: The Country Place Olinda Creek Road, Kalorama

Music by Michael Wild Registration Required

Let us embrace this opportunity to restore our inherent divinity, rediscovering our true essence as peace, love, and joy! For more information please visit www.Louix.org or contact Kharananda Mayi at kharananda@Louix.org or by phone at + 61 (03) 9505-6855.

Fruit Tree Give-Away

January 2008

At the end of January 2008, Prema Drala Ashram's *Forests of Fruit* program will have the opportunity to give away bare-root fruit trees to community groups and organizations in Los Angeles County. If grown organically, the trees will bear fruit next summer. To learn more about our *Forests of Fruit* program, <u>click here</u>.

If you or an organization you know of would like to receive these fruit trees, please call Ronda Malchow at (949) 360-7731 (or e-mail <u>ronda@Louix.org</u>) by December 20th.

Become More Involved!

The Louix Dor Dempriey Foundation has entered an exciting phase of growth and expansion in which there are increasingly more opportunities to serve. To learn more about volunteer opportunities with the Foundation, please contact Kharananda Mayi at +61 3 9505-6855 or kharananda@Louix.org (Australian enquiries), or Patina Edwards at (949) 360-7731 or patina@Louix.org (U.S. and other regions).

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May God's peace and love fill your heart this holiday season.



