



# GAÑEŠĀNJALI



## Temple Newsletter

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THE HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA, NY

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# CANTEEN & CATERING SERVICES of The Hindu Temple Society of NA

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Temple Canteen is currently offering the following dining options  
Daily from 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM

**Indoor Dining** - open daily

**Take-Out** - for info see: [canteen.nyganesh temple.org](http://canteen.nyganesh temple.org)

Temple Canteen also offers **delivery services** with  
UberEats from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM all days

About the Temple Canteen - With the grace and blessings of Śrī Mahā Vallabha Ganapati, the Temple canteen was started in the Temple basement in 1993 and moved to the present location in 1998. The authentic South Indian food at the canteen is a great appeal to devotees, who enjoy the traditional flavor and taste of idli, dosa, pongal, upma, sambar, chutney, and much more. Thanks to the encouragement of devotees, the canteen continues to grow in its popularity.

Please visit the Temple Canteen's website: [canteen.nyganesh temple.org](http://canteen.nyganesh temple.org)

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# A Letter From the President

Dear Fellow Devotees,

Namaste & Greetings!

New Year day began well with grand celebrations and with thousands of devotees participating in the day-long events. Other main festivals celebrated during the last six months included; *Śrī Dhanvantari Mantra Japam, Makara Sankrānti & Śrī Ayyappa Pooja, Mahā Śivaratri, Śrī Rāma Navami Mahotsavam, Śrī Dakshināmoorthy Mantra Japam and Śrī Śiva Mahotsavam.* All these festivals and several *mantra japas* were very well participated by the devotees.

Several cultural and outreach events were carefully planned to include all age groups. Monthly Learning Series on various Hinduism related topics continues to be popular. In addition, there were several cultural programs such as 76th Republic Day Celebrations, Annual Composer's Day, Holi Festival and Earth Day celebrations. As part of Siva Mahotsavam celebrations, a dance and music program was organized with a variety of dances and vocal music performance. Virtual Health & Wellness Series: Session #8 on 'Infectious Disease' by Pranisha Gautam, MD, Assistant Professor - Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, Medicine was excellent and very informative. Akshayam will be conducting its annual conference "Anubhava" on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> in Saraswati Hall - topic "Discussions on Sanatana Dharma."

Temple participated in several community events such as monthly 109th Precinct Community Council meeting and several others. Participation in Interfaith events by Temple representatives is a high priority. Some of the important events were - Annual Queens Interfaith Unity Walk hosted by Flushing Interfaith Council, Evening of Faith hosted by NYC Mayor's Office, National Day of Prayer organized by Christian Cultural Center along with NYC Mayor's Office, etc.

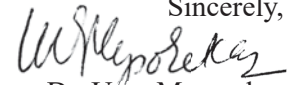
Annual Summer Day Camp is scheduled from July 21<sup>st</sup> thru July 25<sup>th</sup>. All the Patasala children are encouraged to register and participate - please refer to page 4.

A fundraising dinner was organized on May 10<sup>th</sup> with Light Music Concert in the Auditorium by Shruthi Shekar (Vijay TV Super Singer) and was followed by Dinner in the Kalyana Mantapam. All proceeds collected go towards the building of a new Outreach Center. At present many of the numerous, ongoing outreach activities are taking place in different areas of the Temple premises. Our goal is to consolidate all of them in one location, calling it exclusively an 'Outreach Center'.

My sincere thanks and gratitude to you all for your support of the Temple by your generous contributions. We look forward to your continued support in coming months and years as well. We thank our dedicated volunteers and our staff for their excellent and devoted service. May God bless them all.

May the blessings of *Śrī Mahā Vallabha Ganapati* be always with you and your families.

*Sarve Jana Sukhino Bhavanthu*

Sincerely,  
  
Dr. Uma Mysorekar  
President





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# SUMMER DAY CAMP 2025

**July 21<sup>st</sup> - July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**5 DAY - CAMP SESSION**

**AGES: 7 YRS & Above**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY : 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

**DROP-OFF / PICK-UP LOCATION: SARASWATI HALL**

*(High School Students are invited to apply as Camp Counselors)*

*For Further Information email: [patasala@nyganeshtemple.org](mailto:patasala@nyganeshtemple.org)*

**Theme:**

**HINDU HERITAGE**

The summer day camp will be conducted this year with a focus on the Yoga, Hindu culture and heritage.

**Morning session :** Yoga, Hindu Culture and Heritage

**Afternoon Session :** Arts and Crafts, word building, board games, etc.

- Fee for the Camp is \$100.00 which includes Indian vegetarian lunch & snacks.
- Absolutely NO outside food allowed during the Camp.
- Parents must notify of any kind of food allergies at the time of registration.



Those interested may please register online at

<http://nyganeshtemple.org/summer>

**Early Registration Recommended - Accepted on "First Come" basis.**

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# **TEMPLE INTERFAITH ACTIVITIES**

By: M.R. Ravi Vaidyanaat Šivāchāriar

The great faith traditions of mankind share many common spiritual values, including reverence for the supreme creator, appreciation of nature and its impact, respect for the sacredness and peaceful way of living. Additionally, they emphasize love and kindness, discipline, a service-oriented mindset, and a humanitarian approach to life.

Despite religious differences, our Temple community emphasizes shared beliefs, commonalities, reconciliation, mutual understanding and respect for one another. The Temple actively participates in numerous interfaith initiatives with various religious and interfaith organizations across the nation. We welcome other faiths to visit the Temple, provide tours, explain and share our traditions and culture, and invite them to participate in our cultural events.

Below are some of the numerous Interfaith activities that the Temple has engaged in so far:

1. Students from New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD), under The Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Scholars Program visited the Temple on January 6, 2025 to learn about Hinduism, traditions and culture.
2. Students & Teachers from Toronto, Canada visited the Temple on March 13, 2025 as part of their world religions course to learn about the Hinduism and its practices.
3. Students of the Temple's dance class performed at CUNY School of Law for a "Creating A Culture of Peace" event on March 22, 2025.
4. Participation in the "Queens Interfaith Walk" organized by the Flushing Interfaith Council on March 23, 2025 - walking across various houses of worship in Queens.
4. Participation in the "Evening of Faith in Queens" hosted by NYC Mayor on April 28, 2025 at Queens College.
5. National Day of Prayer was observed in our Temple on May 1, 2025 with representatives in attendance from New York City Mayor's office. The Temple was also honored with a citation from the Mayor office as well.



*Evening of Faith in Queens - Queens College*



*Student visitors - NYU Abu Dhabi*



# FESTIVALS



*New Year's Day  
Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025*



*Vaikuntha Ekādaśi  
Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



*Makara Sankrānti - Śrī Ayyappa Pooja  
Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



*Śrī Dhanvantari Mantra Japam  
Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> - Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



*Ratha Saptami  
Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



*Thai Poosam  
Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

# FESTIVALS



*Mahā Śivarātri Celebrations  
Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



*Śrī Rāma Navami Utsavam  
Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



*Śrī Satyanārāyana Kalyāna Utsavam  
Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



*Śrī Dakshinamoorthy Mantra Japam  
Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



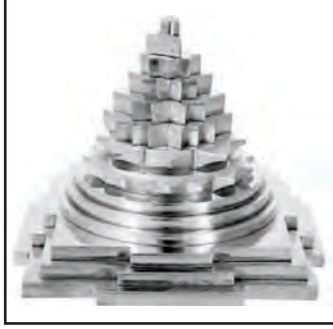
*Śrī Śiva Mahotsavam  
Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025*





# ŚRĪ YANTRA

By: M.R. Ravi Vaidyanaat Śivāchāriar



Śākta or Śrī Vidyā tradition reveals various forms of Goddesses, the manifestations and emergence of divine consciousness power through *mandala* and *yantra* system, simply referred as *Śrī Yantra*, *Śrī Chakra Yantra*, *Mahāmeru Yantra*, *Devi Yantra*. It is indeed the representation of all that exists in the universe at macrocosmic level as well as microcosmic level.

*Yantra* based worship system is elaborately described in the *Śākta Tantra* (a text on powerful doctrine of rituals and ceremonies). In our temple, we adapt such text namely *Devi Mahātmīyam* from *Mārkaṇḍeya Purāṇa* and chapter 38 & 39 of *suksmāgama* (7th of 28 *Moola-Āgamas*). The rituals are popularly referred as *Navāvarana Pooja* or *Śakti Peetārchana* that are performed every full-moon day and during the *Devi Navarātri* festivals (nine-day event). It is said that performance of this *pooja* will result in long life, good health, wealth, knowledge & wisdom, success in all endeavor, fulfillment of all needs, destruction of all negativities, paramount power.

The number nine and its multiple numbers are said to be the form and also the *mantra* (*navākshari*) of *Devi*. Festival for *Devi* is always observed for nine days (*Navarātri*). The true or essential nature of *Devi* is narrated in 36 *tatvās* (principal elements). Hence, the name of *pooja* performed to *Devi* is referred as *Navāvarana Pooja* as She is seated in the throne, with nine enclosures, shielded by the guardian deities. The abode is referred as *Śripuram*. Hence, her seat is specifically called as *Śrī Yantra* or *Śrī Chakra Yantra* or *Mahā Meru Peetam*. The personification of *Devi* is said to be of combined forces of the Goddesses *Durga*, *Lakshmi* & *Saraswati*. The literary meaning of *Śrī Yantra* is an instrument of power and wealth.



The structure of *Śrī Yantra* is described as a geometric embodiment of the Goddess unfolding from bindu (central point), at the heart of the inner *trikona* (triangles), and expands outward in a series of interlocking triangles and encompassed by two sets of lotus petals, three circles and four gateways. It is revered as the cosmic blueprint on which are mapped the structures and processes of all levels of creation and all categories of a being.

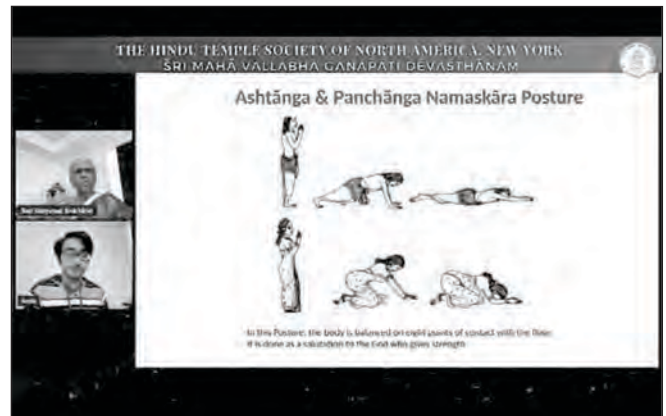
*yā devi sarvabhuteṣu śhaktirupena samsthitā  
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namah  
yā devi sarvabhutesu śhāntirupena samsthitā  
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namah*



# CULTURAL & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



*Annual Ganeša Pātaśāla Celebrations  
Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024*



*Learning Series - Session #71  
"Significance of Pradakshina Namaskārah"  
Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



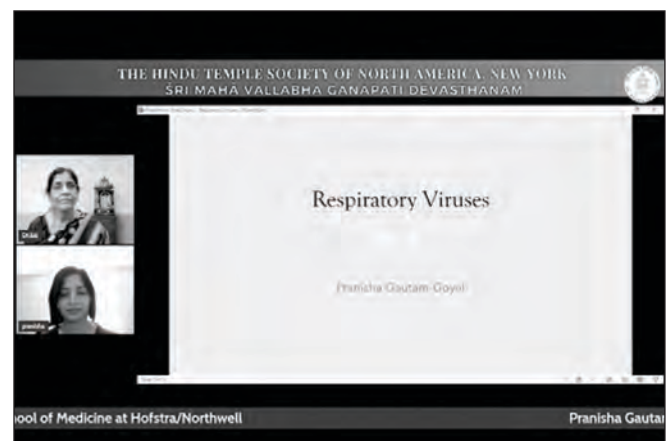
*Republic Day Celebrations  
Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



*Fire Safety Education Presentation - FDNY  
Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025*



*STEM Fair 2025  
Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



*Health & Wellness Series - Session #8  
'Respiratory Viral Infections' - led by Dr. Pranisha Gautam  
Sunday, March 16, 2025*

# CULTURAL & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



*Annual Composer's Day  
Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025*



*Annual Holi Festival and Earth Day  
Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



*AI Lecture/Interactive Series : Session #1  
"AI: Beyond the Buzzwords" - by: Vijay Erramilli, PhD.  
Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



*Fundraising Dinner Event  
Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025*





**SUGGESTED HOMAMS / POOJAS FOR PARIHARA,  
GENERAL WELFARE & DURING OTHER  
AUSPICIOUS EVENTS**

Mahā Ganapati Homam	
Sudarśana Homam	Removal of all obstacles
Sankata Hara Chaturthi Pooja	
Mahā Lakshmi Homam	
Śankhābhishekam	Success in all endeavors
Mrityunjaya Homam	
Dhanvantari Homam	Recover from ill-health
Āditya Hrudaya Pārāyanam/Homam	
Nāga Śānti Homam	
Subrahmanya Homam	
Kāla Rāhu Śānti Homam	Removal of Sarpa Dosha
Nāga Pratishta	
Āślesha Homam	
Garuda Homam	
Chandi Homam	
Sudarśana Homam	Recovery from difficult times
Navagraha Homam	
Navagraha Homam	Overcoming problems
Sudarśana Homam	
Santāna Gopala Krishna Homam	
Purusha Sookta Homam	Praying for child
Swayamvara Pārvasi Pooja	
Durga Deepa Namaskaram	Praying for marriage
Srinivāsa Kalyānam	
Pārvasi Kalyānam	
Bāla Mārkaṇḍeya Homam	
Āyushya Homam	Protecting child
Mahā Ganapati Homam	
Sudarśana Homam	Moving into new house
Vishnu Homam, Vastu Homam	
Rakshoghna Homam	
Āyushya Homam	First and subsequent birthdays
Āyushya Homam	
Rudra Homam	60 <sup>th</sup> , 70 <sup>th</sup> , & 80 <sup>th</sup> birthdays
Navagraha Homam	and Longevity
Mrityunjaya Homam	
Sarva Devata Homam	
Sudarśana Homam	
Dhanvantari Homam	
Saraswati Homam	Initiating into studies
Sudarśana Homam	Business Development
Chandi Pātha Samputi	
Pārāyanam / Homam	Career Advancement
Sandhi Śānti Homam	Graha Śānti
Lakshmi Nārāyaṇa Hrudaya	
Pārāyanam / Homam	Prosperity
Satyanārāyaṇa Pooja	
Budha Graha Śānti Pooja	Wisdom
Tila Homam, Prāyaschitta	
Pavamāna Homam	Repentance
Satyanārāyaṇa Pooja	General Welfare (Loka Kshemam)
Sundara Khānda Pārāyanam	For success in all efforts

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

**ABHISHEKAMS:**

Regular **Abhishekam** for all deities

**Śankha Abhishekam** for all deities (at Temple only)

**Ekādaśavāra Rudrābhishekam**

**Kanaka Abhishekam** for all deities (at the Temple only)

**Sarva Devata Abhishekam**

**ARCHANAS:**

**Ashtottaram** (108)

**Sahasra Nāma** (1,008)

**Triśati** (300)

**HOMAMS:**

**Ganapati Homam**

**Śri Rudra Homam**

**Sarva Devata Homam**

**Sudarśana Homam**

**Chandi Homam**

**Dhanvantri Homam**

**Vishnu Homam**

**Saraswati Homam**

**Lakshmi Narasimha Homam**

**Navagraha Homam**

**Nāga Śānti Homam**

**Mrityunjaya Homam**

**Śri Subrahmanya Homam**

**Āyushya Homam**

**SAMSKĀRAS:**

**Nāma Karanam**

**Seemantham**

**Shashti Abda Poorthi**

**Śathābhishekam**

**Punyāhavāchanam**

**Griha Ārambham**

**Annaprāśanam**

**Griha Praveśam**

**Apara Kriyas**

**Vidyārambham**

**Upanayanam**

**Hiranya Śrāddham / Pitru Tarpanam**

**Hair Offering**

**Vivāham (Wedding)**

**SPECIAL POOJAS for Deities:**

**Śri Satyanārāyaṇa Pooja**

**Navāvarana Pooja**

**Śri Guru Pāduka Pooja**

**Śree Mahā Meru**

**Kalyāna Utsavam**

**Navagraha Śānti**

**OTHER POOJAS / SERVICES:**

**New Business**

**Veda Pārāyaṇa**

**Sundara Khānda Pārāyanam**

**Saptasati Pārāyanam**

**New Vehicle/ New House**

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**Monday thru Friday: 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM**

**Saturdays & Sundays: 7:30 AM - 8:30 PM**

***For directions to the Temple please see: [nyganeshtemple.org/directions](https://nyganeshtemple.org/directions)***

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*PLEASE DO NOT VISIT THE TEMPLE, CANTEEN OR COMMUNITY CENTER -*

*if you have recently been exposed to someone with COVID19, have a fever, cold or flu like symptoms.*

Please call the Temple at: (718) 460 8484 ext. 112 or  
visit the Temple website: **<https://nyganeshtemple.org>** for booking services,  
religious schedules and live streaming info.

Weekly live-streaming schedules see - [nyganeshtemple.org/tv](https://nyganeshtemple.org/tv)

Devotees may watch LIVE: [Facebook.com/nyganeshtemple](https://www.facebook.com/nyganeshtemple) or [YouTube.com/nyganeshtemple](https://www.youtube.com/nyganeshtemple)

Please support the Temple by donating online generously  
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Temple Canteen / Catering Services see - [canteen.nyganeshtemple.org](https://canteen.nyganeshtemple.org)

Patasala Classes see - [nyganeshtemple.org/patasala](https://nyganeshtemple.org/patasala)

Yoga Classes In-person see - [nyganeshtemple.org/yoga](https://nyganeshtemple.org/yoga)

Veda & Divya Prabhandha Classes Online - [nyganeshtemple.org/divya-prabhandha-veda-classes](https://nyganeshtemple.org/divya-prabhandha-veda-classes)

Akshayam (HTS Young Professionals Team) info see - [nyganeshtemple.org/akshayam](https://nyganeshtemple.org/akshayam)

Senior Center Activities In-person & Online see - [nyganeshtemple.org/seniors](https://nyganeshtemple.org/seniors)

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## **SUPPORT THE TEMPLE**

Please join us in celebrating the religious and cultural activities  
of the Temple with your family and friends and receive the blessings of  
Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati and all the Devatas.