



VANDANA

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Jan-Mar 2024

Mission

To inform, socialize and invite everyone to Hindu Temple of KY activities, upcoming events, community resources and to promote discussion about our rich culture, religion and traditions.



From the Board Chairman

Dear Devotees,

Happy New Year!!!

As we welcome 2024, I am filled with gratitude and excitement for what lies ahead. It's a momentous occasion as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of our beloved temple, a testament to our collective faith and dedication.

We stand at a significant juncture, welcoming new members to our board – our Managing Director, Joint Managing Director, Joint Secretary, Treasurer, Joint Treasurer, and other esteemed board members. Your arrival marks a new chapter, and I am eager to collaborate, harnessing your fresh perspectives and vibrant energy.

To our departing board, executive committee, and other committee members, a heartfelt thank you for your commitment and hard work. Your contributions have been pivotal in our temple's journey over the past few years, helping navigate through crucial phases.

Looking forward, we are excited to embark on several projects in the new year. With the infusion of new blood and enthusiasm, I am confident these initiatives will enhance our temple's legacy and further our community's spirit.

Wishing you all a blessed and prosperous new year. May we continue to grow and flourish together.

Warm regards,

Purna Veer

Board Chair, Hindu Temple of Kentucky



Daily Parayanam Schedule

Sunday 10:00 am – Rudram & Chamakam
Monday 6:30 pm – Rudram & Chamakam
Tuesday 6:30 pm – Lalitha Sahasranamam
Tuesday 7:15 pm – Skanda Shasthi Kavacham
Wednesday 6:30 pm – Achyutashtakam, Madhurashtakam
Thursday 6:30 pm – Ganesha Atharvaseersham
Friday 6:30 pm – Sri Ashtalakshmi Sthotram
Saturday 9:00 am – Suprapatham, Vishnu Sahasranamam

Daily Aarti – 7:00pm (Daily Aarti timing subject to change during major events)
 All devotees are welcome to participate

COMMUNITY PUJA CALENDAR

Jan

Jan 01 Monday – New Year's Day
Jan 08 Monday – Pradosham
 (Lord Shiva Abhishekam)
Jan 14 Sunday – Makara Sankranti
Jan 24 Wednesday – Purnima
 (Shri Satyanarayana Katha Puja)
Jan 27 Saturday – Temple Thai Poosam Celebration

Feb

Feb 07 Wednesday – Pradosham
 (Lord Shiva Abhishekam)
Feb 12 Monday – Ganesh Jayanthi
Feb 13 Tuesday – Makara Sankranti
Jan 24 Wednesday – Vasantha Panchami &
 Saraswathi Puja
Feb 15 Thursday – Ratha Sapthami

Mar

Mar 07 Thursday – Pradosham
 (Lord Shiva Abhishekam)
Mar 08 Friday – Mahashivaratri
Mar 24 Sunday – Holi (Festival of Colors)
Mar 24 Sunday – Purnima
 (Shri Satyanarayana Katha Puja)

Event Highlight

Jan: Makara Sankranti – Jan 14 Sunday
Feb: Ratha Sapthami – Feb 15 Thursday
Mar: Mahashivaratri – Mar 08 Friday

Sponsorship

Monthly Abhishekam 2024

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Annual Abhishekam 2024

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Garland Sponsorships

Balaji/Shiva/Ganesha	All Other Deities
Yearly: \$2500	Yearly: \$1250
Monthly: \$250	Monthly: \$125
Weekly: \$75	Weekly: \$40

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Schedule: *subject to change depending on circumstances.

1st	Sunday	10:00am	Ganesh
1st	Monday	06:00am	Shiva
1st	Tuesday	09:30am	Durga
1st	Friday	09:00am	Saraswathi
1st	Saturday	10:00am	Balaji
2nd	Tuesday	09:30am	Navagraha
2nd	Friday	09:30am	Lakshmi
2nd	Saturday	09:30am	Subramanya
2nd	Sunday	10:00am	Rama
3rd	Friday	09:30am	Bhudevi
3rd	Saturday	11:00am	Anjaneya
3rd	Sunday	05:30pm	Ambaji
4th	Tuesday	09:30am	Visalakshi
4th	Sunday	10:00am	Krishna



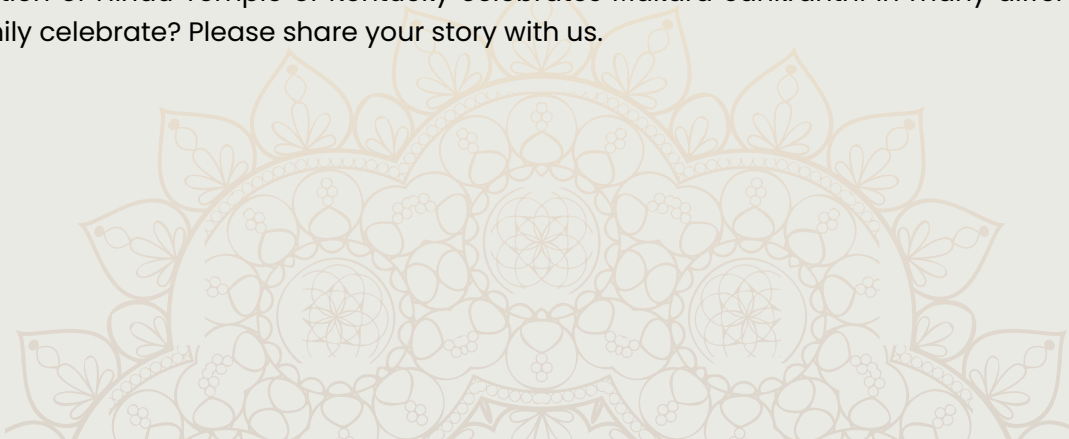
Makara Sankranthi

Makara Sankranthi is a harvest festival celebrated by Hindus across India and all over the world. Different states celebrate the festival under different names, traditions and festivities. The word 'Makara' translates as 'Capricorn' and 'Sankranthi' means 'transition'. In essence, This festival marks the completion of an old cycle and the beginning of a new cycle.

According to the Hindu legend, Sankranthi vanquished the demon Sankarasura. The day following is referred to as Karidin or Kinkrant. On this day, Devi slew the demon Kinkarasura.

As part of festivities, people fly kites in various states of India. Ladies draw colorful rangolis in front of their homes. In many states, people also set-up bonfires in the evening. Most importantly, families prepare traditional foods and sweets and invite their relatives and friends over for lunch or dinner.

The congregation of Hindu Temple of Kentucky celebrates Makara Sankranthi in many different ways. How does your family celebrate? Please share your story with us.

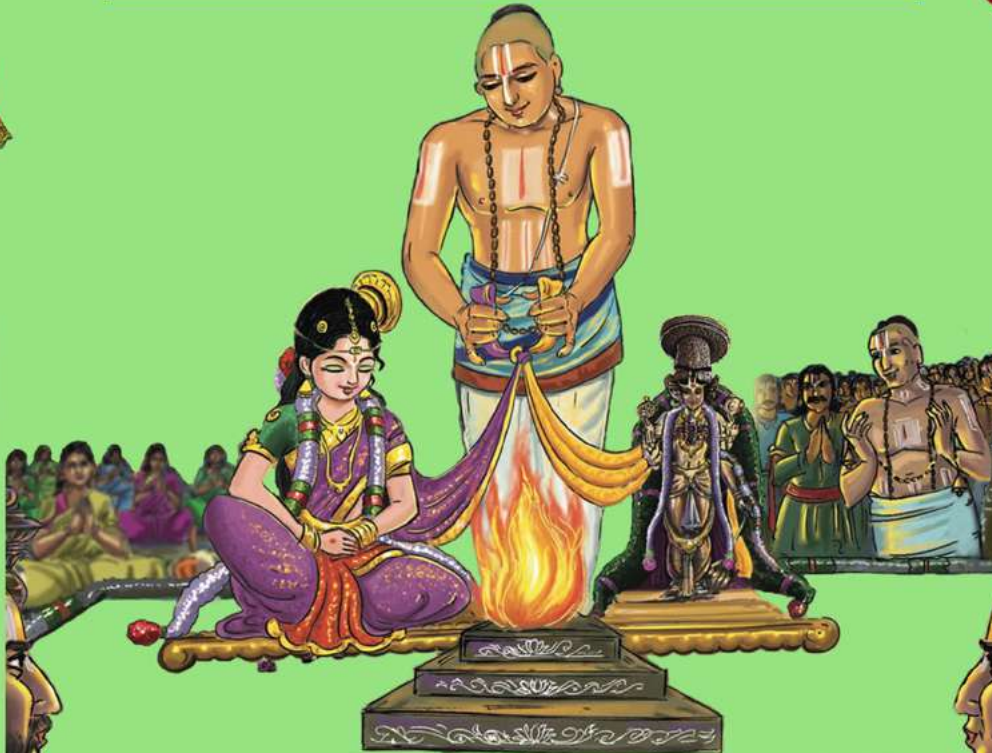




Join us at the Hindu Temple of Kentucky
to celebrate the
DIVINE MARRIAGE OF
ANDAL (GODHA/BHUDEVI) AND RANGAMANNAR



**ALL ARE WELCOME TO WITNESS
ANDAL KALYANAM**



**Saturday, January 13, 2024
4:00 to 6:00 pm**

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Questions? Call 502-762-2484 or 502-558-6542



HTKY Leadership Team – Board & Executive Committee

Thanks to 2023 Board Members



PURNA VEER - CHAIR



BHAGYA RUDRAVANAM



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RAJESH SHETH



SHARAD KANMADIKAR



KAVITA JYOTULA



RAMMOHAN RAGADE



JAYSHREE AMIN



JYOTHI MAHESH



VINAYAK BASAVARAJU



CHANDRIKA GARIMELLA

Thank you to our Board Members

– Jayshree Amin, Vinayak Basavaraj, Kavita Jyotula and Jyothi Mahesh who will be stepping off the board in Jan 2024 and will be replaced by the incoming members of the new board.

HTKY Leadership Team – Board & Executive Committee

Warm Welcome to 2024 New Board Members (Elected)



SUNDER IYER



ATUL MASHRUWALA



MANJU LAKSHMI ADDALA



RAGHU KODUMURI



SANGAMESH GOGI

HTKY Leadership Team – Board & Executive Committee

Thanks to 2023 Executive Committee Officers



HARIPRIYA KANUPARTHY
MANAGING DIRECTOR



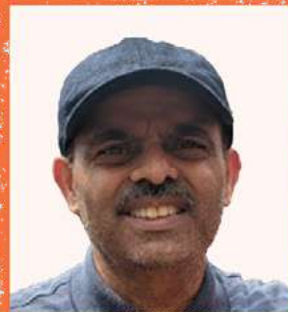
SANKARAN SUNDAR
SECRETARY



VIVENDRAMANI JAYABALAN
TREASURER



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KIRTHIVASAN SUBRAMANIAM



VIDYA IYER



HEMANTH VAJJE



SANDEEP MATHUR



RAJESH PATEL



VIJAY CHAUHAN

HTKY Leadership Team – Board & Management Committee

Warm Welcome to 2024 New Executive Committee Officers

We are pleased to inform you about the appointment of the newly elected officers of the Executive Committee of HTKY. As the new Managing Director takes the reins in January, she will work closely with the Joint MD and other officers in appointing additional committee members on the Executive team.



Shagun Singh
Managing Director



Gajanan Mudalkar
Joint Managing Director



Sankaran Sundar
Secretary



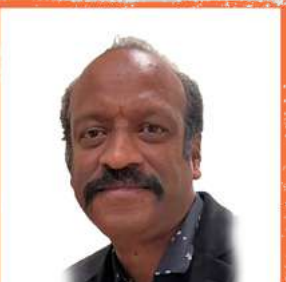
Vidhya Gopalakrishnan
Joint Secretary



Mayur Daftary
Treasurer



Vinayak Basavaraju
Joint Treasurer



Sreenivas Vemuri
Pooja Chair



Rachana Dhooth
Hospitality Co-chair



Dileep Kumar
Hospitality Co-chair

HINDUISM IN AMERICA

Harish C. Chandan, Ph.D.

The major religions in the world include Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism and many other religions. Hinduism originated in and is concentrated in the Indian sub-continent. About 97% of the all the Hindus live in India, Nepal and Mauritius.

Hinduism is the fourth largest religion in U.S. The religion distribution in U.S. includes Christians (63%, down from 75% a decade ago), Judaism (1.8 %), Islam (0.9%), Hinduism and Buddhism (0.7%). Other categories include Agnostics (5%), Atheists (4%), Nothing in Particular (20%) (Lucia, 2017, Smith, Pew Research, 2021, 2023). Among Asian American adults who identify as Indian two-thirds of Indian Americans say either that they are Hindu or that they consider themselves close to Hinduism.

Establishing temples is one of the many ways in which Indian Hindu community has sought to establish our presence in the American religious landscape. Temples are an expression of cultural and religious values. Almost every state in U.S. has a Hindu temple. There are almost 1000 temples and religious centers across the U.S. (HAF). Most recently, in 2023, the newly built New Jersey's BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham opened its doors. It is the largest Hindu temple in the U.S. and second largest in the world as shown in the pictures below. It is spread out over 185 acres and used 2 million cubic feet of stone. It is located in the township of Robbinsville, N.J. (Venkatraman, NBC News, 2023). The largest Hindu temple in the world is in Angkor Wat in Cambodia.



HINDUISM IN AMERICA

Harish C. Chandan, Ph.D.

In Louisville, Kentucky, we are fortunate that our community has three Hindu temples - Hindu Temple of Kentucky, Swaminarayan Hindu Temple of ISSO Louisville, and BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Goshen.

In U.S., there are many Hindu magazines including Hinduism Today (Kauai, Hawaii) and World Hindu News (Houston, Texas), The Sun (Chapel Hill, North Carolina) and Vandana (Hindu Temple of KY).

Hindu University of America is an unaccredited U.S. higher education institution based in Orlando, Florida. It offers the Certificate program, in Hindu Civilization Studies, Bhagvad Gita through Sanskrit, Master of Arts (M.A.) in Hindu Studies and the Doctorate in Hindu Studies,

Hinduism remains poorly understood in American society and U.S. school classroom textbooks. Some California textbooks focused on some outdated Hindu customs that used to be practiced in India such as ostracism of people of lower caste (untouchables) and widows immolating themselves on their husbands' funeral pyres. Hindu American Foundation and Harvard University have been involved in advocating making corrections in the textbooks (Hinduism Case Study, 2018; Kurien, 2006). Established in 2003, the Hindu American Foundation (HAF) is the largest and oldest education and advocacy organization and the pre-eminent voice for Hindu Americans

In summary, Hinduism is one of the oldest religions. It is a complex religion that does not have a single founder. Hinduism is often referred to as a way of life. Living in U.S., Hindus have to educate their fellow citizens about the Hinduism religious practices and continue to evolve based on the philosophy of Hindu religion.

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Community Announcements



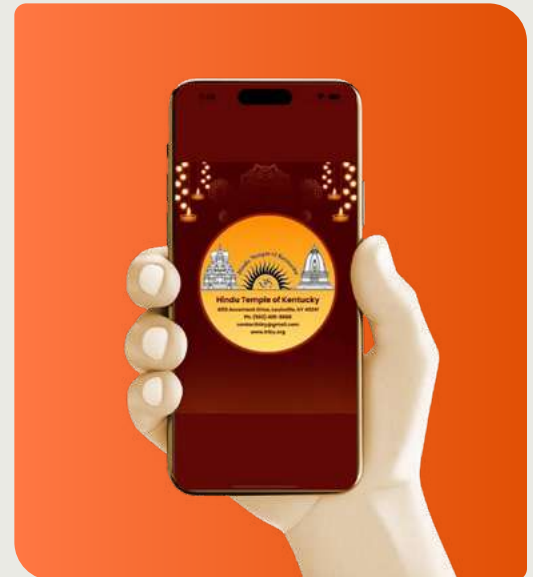
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\$365 for annual membership - only a dollar a day! Your membership fees go towards supporting daily temple operational expenses and critical temple maintenance. As a dues-paid member, you have the opportunity to serve on the Temple Leadership team. Have your voice in decision making, plus get discounts on puja services and hall rentals.

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Temple Timings

Weekdays

09:00 AM - 11:00 AM

05:30 PM - 08:30 PM

Saturday & Sunday

09:00 AM - 02:00 PM

03:00 PM - 08:30 PM