



# United Hindu Temple



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## Namaste and Warm Greetings!

"Welcome to this month's edition of the United Hindu Temple Newsletter. We are delighted to connect with you as we continue our shared journey of devotion, learning, and community. At United Hindu Temple, we remain committed to celebrating the rich traditions of Sanatana Dharma, fostering togetherness, and nurturing spiritual growth for devotees of all ages. Through this newsletter, we aim to keep you informed about upcoming festivals, temple activities, cultural events, volunteer opportunities, and community initiatives. We warmly invite you and your family to participate in our temple's events and experience the joy of worship, service, and community bonding. May the blessings of the divine guide and uplift you always."



With heartfelt regards,  
\*\*\*United Hindu Temple\*\*\*



## PRAYER CORNER – Ganesha Prarthana



śuklāmbāradharaṃ viṣṇuṃ  
śaśivaraṇaṃ chaturbhujam  
prasannavadanaṃ dhyāyet  
sarvavighnopaśāntaye

Meaning: I meditate upon (Lord Ganesha), the one who wears a white garment, who is all-pervasive, who has a (bright) complexion like the moon, who has four hands, who has a cheerful face, for the removal of all obstacles.

## FEBRUARY 2026 FESTIVALS and EVENTS

<b>Feb 2, Monday 5 PM</b>	<b>Samuhik Satyanarayan Pooja</b>
<b>Feb 15, Sunday</b>	<b>Maha Shivratri</b>
<b>Feb 28, Saturday</b>	<b>Mata Ki Chowki</b>

### Monthly Standard Events

Every Poornima 6:30 PM	Satyanarayan Katha & Pooja
Every Chaturthi 6:30 PM	Sankatahara Chaturthi Pooja & Aarti
Every 1st Saturday 8:30 AM	Balaji Abhishekam
Every 2nd & 4th Saturday 6:00 PM	Navagraha Santi Havan & Pooja

## Weekly Standard Events

Every Monday 6:30 PM	Rudrabhishekam & Aarti
Every Tuesday 6:30 PM	Hanuman Abhishekam
Every Thursday 7:00 PM	Shirdi Sai Abhishekam & Aarti
Every Friday 7:00 PM	Ganesh Abhishekam & Aarti

**Daily Aarti – Morning 11:00 AM - Evening 7:00 PM**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we joyfully conclude the month of January, filled with meaningful celebrations and community gatherings, we step into February with gratitude, devotion, and enthusiasm for the upcoming spiritual programs and festivals.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all devotees and volunteers for their continued support and dedicated seva. We also welcome warmly all the new members who joined our temple community during this auspicious occasion.

### **Highlights & Community Notes**

- ❖ We successfully launched our Temple Mobile App, where devotees can:
  - Book pujas and services
  - View the temple calendar and flyers
  - Browse the temple photo gallery
  - Sign up for volunteer opportunities
- ❖ Thank you to all the families who joined us in celebrating Pongal, Sankranti, and Lohri. These celebrations included:
  - Cooking Pongal
  - Kite flying
  - Bhogi Pallu for children
  - Special Ayyappa Abhishekam
- ❖ The First Anniversary of Radha-Krishna Prana Prathisthapanam was a grand success. The celebration included:
  - 1008 Lotus Flowers Archana for the first time
  - Radha-Krishna Abhishekam
  - Kalasha Pooja
  - Havan

### **Looking Ahead**

We are also excited to announce:

- The launch of our Temple Newsletter
- The introduction of the Kamadhenu Project, a community initiative enabling devotees to support and assist fellow devotees

### **Gentle Reminders**

- ❖ Please confirm pooja and seva sponsorships in advance.
- ❖ Devotees are kindly requested to follow temple guidelines and adhere to temple timings during visits.



## PAST MONTH CELEBRATIONS



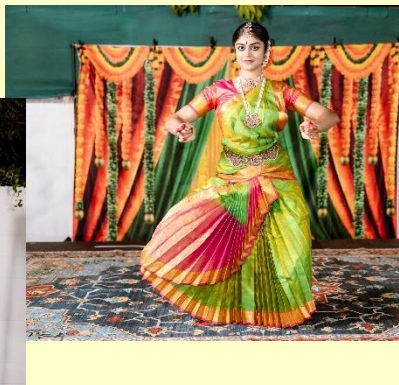
















## SIGNIFICANCE OF MAHA SIVARATRI



“OM NAMAH SIVAYAH”

Maha Sivaratri signifies overcoming darkness and ignorance, celebrating Lord Siva's divine grace, and marking spiritual awakening, often linked to his cosmic dance (Tandava) or his union with Goddess Parvati, representing the balance of masculine (Siva) and feminine (Shakti) energies. It's a night of intense spiritual energy, fostering self-realization, liberation (moksha), and inner stillness, observed through fasting, prayer, meditation, and staying awake to absorb the night's powerful planetary alignment.

## LEARN A SLOKA

**Tvameva Mata Cha Pita Tvameva Tvameva Bandhuscha Sakha Tvameva**

**Tvameva Vidya Dravinam Tvameva Tvameva Sarvam Mama Deva Deva**

Meaning: "You alone are my mother, You alone my father,

You alone my relative, You alone my friend,

You alone my knowledge, You alone my wealth,

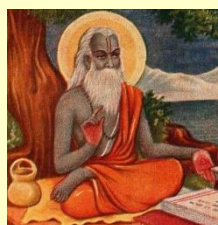
You are my everything, O Lord of Gods"



## **VEDIC VIGNETTES – “Who is Veda Vyasa?”**

Veda Vyasa (or Vedavyasa), is a revered sage and a pivotal figure in Hinduism. He is one of the incarnations of Sri Maha Vishnu. He was born to Sage Parashara and Satyawati, a fisherwoman. "Vyasa" means "compiler" or "arranger," and "Veda Vyasa" means "one who classified the Vedas". He is also known as Krishna Dvaipayana, which refers to his dark complexion and birthplace on an island (dvaipa) in the Yamuna River.

He is credited with organizing the ancient Vedic scriptures. He systematized the oral traditions into four distinct collections (Rigveda, Yajurveda, Samaveda, Atharvaveda) and authored Mahabharata which includes the Bhagavad Gita. He compiled the Puranas, a total of 18, primarily to make complex Vedic truths accessible and understandable for the common people, using stories, and legends to teach devotion and spiritual principles in an engaging way. He organized existing lore and created specific texts to cater to different natures (Sattvic, Rajasic, Tamasic) and specific deities (Vishnu, Shiva, Devi), providing a simpler path to understanding the divine for all people as Kali Yuga approached. He also authored the foundational Vedanta texts, Brahma Sutras.



His work preserved and organized core Hindu philosophy, making him central to understanding its scriptures. He acted as a cosmic link, making divine knowledge accessible in written form during the Dvapara Yuga. Considered one of the Chiranjeevis (immortals) in Hindu tradition, believed to still exist today. Guru Purnima celebrates him as the ultimate guru (teacher).

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Temple membership can offer significant mutual benefits, fostering a strong bridge between the devotee and the institution. Devotees often find valuable spiritual connection, guidance, and community support through their involvement.

Simultaneously, the temple gains the essential strength and resources required to sustain its sacred work and service to society, creating a symbiotic relationship that strengthens the spiritual journey for individuals and the community as a whole.

Click on the link below if you would like to become a UHT member today.

### **[UHT MEMBERSHIP LINK](#)**

## **DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIP**

Temple donations and sponsorships are sacred acts of seva (selfless service) and daan (charity). By contributing, devotees help preserve our spiritual traditions,



support daily poojas and festivals, and maintain the temple as a space of peace, learning, and divine connection for all.

Sponsoring a pooja or ritual allows devotees to participate directly in sacred offerings made to the Divine, seeking blessings for health, prosperity, harmony, and spiritual growth. Such offerings are performed not only for individual families but for the well-being of the entire community.

When we give with devotion, the Divine gives back in countless ways—strengthening faith, purifying the heart, and sustaining dharma for future generations.

**“Seva is the highest form of worship.” 🙏**

United Hindu Temple provides various opportunities of Seva and we welcome your kind donations.

**Zelle - can be done on 626-756-6758 OR 626-746-7881**

**Check - Payable to - "United Hindu Temple, Inc."**

**Paypal / Credit Card – [Donate](#)**

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Temples offer diverse volunteer roles for all ages, from organizing cultural events and festivals to preparing/serving sacred food (prasad) and community outreach, fostering spiritual growth and community connection, with specific opportunities often requiring contact with a volunteer coordinator for involvement, even offering service hours for students.

Click on the link below if you would like to volunteer your services to help your community.

**[UHT VOLUNTEER FORM](#)**

### **“Spotlight of the Month”**









## **TEMPLE SERVICES**

Devotees interested for a puja or service at our temple are requested to kindly provide accurate details, including the type of puja, preferred date and time, and any specific intentions or offerings. Your responses will help us prepare and schedule the puja according to your preferences. Once submitted, our team will review your request and get back to you with confirmation.

<b>Service Name</b>	<b>In Temple</b>	<b>At Home</b>
Archana and Aarti (any deity)	\$11	NA
Sahasra Nama Archana – 1008 names (any deity)	\$21	NA
Abhishekam and Aarti (any deity)	\$51	\$201
Any Homam	\$101	\$201
Shanti Puja	\$101	\$151
Car Puja	\$51	\$101
Navagraha Abhishekam and Aarti	\$101	\$251
Satyanarayana Puja	\$151	\$251
Kalyanam (Srinivasan, Sitarama, Valli)	\$201	\$301
Chandi Homam	\$201	\$251
Navagraha Homam	\$151	\$251
Sudarsana Homam	\$201	\$251
Nakshatra Santi	\$151	\$251
Dhanvantari Homam	\$151	\$251
Engagement	\$1001	\$301
Wedding	\$1501	\$501
Srimantam	\$101	\$251
Barasala (Baby naming)	\$101	\$251
Annaprāsana	\$51	\$101
Aksharabhyasam	\$51	\$101
Kesha Kandan	\$51	\$101
Upanayanam	\$101	\$151
Special Birthdays	\$101	\$151
Chiralu/Panchulu	101	\$151
Mata ki Chowki (Temple provides food prasad)	\$750	\$251

Click on the link below to submit the Temple Service Request form.

**[UHT SERVICE REQUEST FORM](#)**



## **KAMDHENU PROGRAM**

Dear Devotees, we are delighted to introduce Kamdhenu, a new initiative designed to support our community by helping devotees resolve their challenges.

### **What is Kamdhenu?**

Kamdhenu is a program that allows devotees to share any issues or problems they are facing. Once an issue is submitted, the temple will identify individuals within the community who have the expertise or resource to help. We will then connect the person in need with the person who can provide assistance.

**Submit your issue by using the QR code or Form link below**



### **UHT KAMDHENU FORM**

**Your information is safe, only the issue will be shared.**

By participating in Kamdhenu, you are not only seeking help but also contributing to a stronger, more connected community where everyone supports each other.

Thank you for being part of this initiative. Together, we can make a difference!

Contact - Archana Garg 909-438-3429

## **HEALTH IS WEALTH (Health tip of the month)**

**Ayurvedic Note: "Awaken the fire, lighten the body, and prepare for spring."**

As the weather slowly shifts, digestion can become sluggish and cough and cold may increase. Focus on warming, light, and stimulating habits. We share a few of them here:

- Favor warm, freshly cooked foods — soups, stews, khichdi
- Digestive spices: ginger, black pepper, turmeric, cumin,
- Do daily movement: brisk walking, yoga, or Surya Namaskar.
- Herbal support (*please check for other drug interactions and side effects for specific health conditions*): Trikatu (ginger, black pepper, long pepper) to support digestion
- Tulsi or ginger tea for respiratory health.

## **BHAGAVAD-GITA – Chapter 2; Sloka 47**

***karmaṇy-evādhikāras te mā phaleṣhu kadāchana |  
mā karma phala hetur bhūr mā te saṅgo 'stvakarmaṇi ||***

Meaning: "You have a right to perform your prescribed duties, but you are not entitled to the fruits of your actions. Never consider yourself to be the cause of the results of your activities, nor be attached to not doing your duty."

**"Focus on your actions, not the results"**

## DEVOTEES CORNER

Devotees are welcome to express their heartfelt feelings, spiritual experiences and promote small business interests. Please reach out to 323-897-0383 or 626-488-4126(**Whatsapp only**) if you would like to share content that you would be interested to published in Devotees Corner section of the Newsletter.

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