



# HINDU TEMPLE OF ROCHESTER

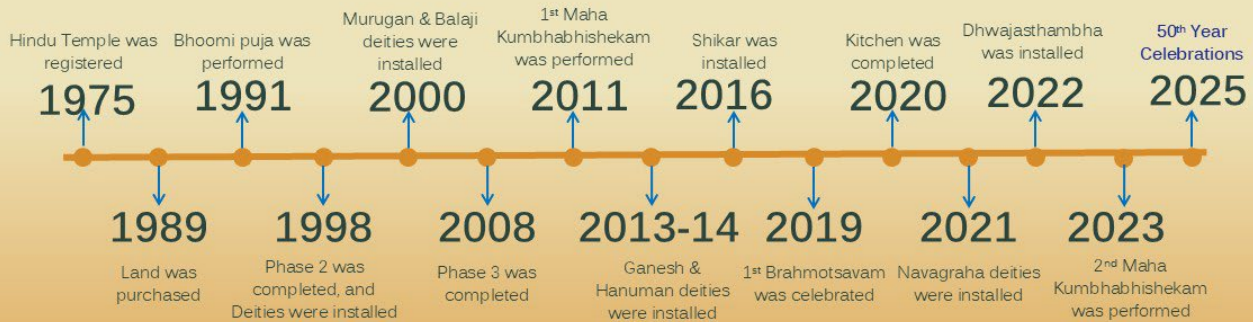
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*Sarvadevatha Swarnotsava Maha Yagñam (SWAMY)  
Golden Jubilee Celebration  
June 4-8, 2025*

## Celebrating 50 years The Journey of Hindu Temple of Rochester



# *Jai Shree Ram*

## *Celebrating a Major Milestone*

The Nobel laureate Anatole France said, “*To Accomplish great things, we must not only act but dream; not only plan but believe.*” And so did a small group of families fifty years ago. The Hindu Temple of Rochester is grateful to these visionary devotees who realized fifty years ago the need for a temple for our community. From organizing pujas and festivals in their homes, the Interfaith Chapel, and the India Community Center, they dreamed to have a temple for their community. Even though their resources were limited, the environment was new and unfriendly, and the support-base was small, their dreams were big, hearts were generous, determination was unwavering, and their dedication was strong. The Temple constitution was crafted under the leadership of Mr. Krishna Karla and the Temple was registered in 1975. The seed that these "pioneers" sowed has continued to grow and mature. Their dream and belief have led us to what we presently enjoy as the Hindu Temple of Rochester.

So, this year marks a **major milestone** in the blessed life of the Hindu Temple of Rochester – **the Golden Jubilee** of our Temple’s incorporation. During these fifty years, through four phases of constructions and sthapanas, many uplifting pujas, discourses, and celebrations, our Temple has steadily grown to give us a spiritual home, communal sanctuary and cultural center. Generations of children have been introduced to our spiritual and religious ideas, languages, and our art forms. Our Temple also fosters dialog with other faith organizations and is a place to learn about Hinduism for local school students. All this has been made possible in part by countless hours spent by an army of dedicated volunteers, crucial financial support by our generous donors, participation of generations of devotees. All these contributions are significant, and we gratefully acknowledge and recognize each and every one of them.

The initial dream is now a reality only because it is shared by the entire community. To mark this special occasion, the Hindu Temple of Rochester is planning a grand five-day program from **June 4- 8,– Sarvadevatha Swarnotsava Maha Yagña (SWAMY)** -- with special havans and pujas. Please save these dates and plan to attend the Havans and Pujas that not only celebrate the 50 years but also invoke the continued Divine Blessings on all of us and add to the spiritual, Divine vibration of our Temple. This is also a celebration of the vision of the Temple’s founders and the unwavering support, commitment and dedication of our Temple family.

From the early thought to build a temple, it is undeniable that our temple has been blessed by, helped along and sustained by the unseen hand of God for these fifty years. ***Let us resolve to do everything within our power to make certain that it will continue to serve well for the next fifty years.***  
***Hari Om!***



### *Program*

**Wednesday, June 4 – Saturday, June 7: Each day; 9 a.m. to 12 noon**

9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	: Nithya Puja
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	: Kalash Aradhana
11:30 a.m.	: Bhog and Arti

**Wednesday, June 4; 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m**

4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	: Nithya Puja
5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	: Kalash Aradhana
5:30 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.	: Ganapathy Moola Mantra Havan
5:50 p.m. to 6:10 p.m.	: Ganapathy Atharvaseersha Havan
6:10 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	: Ganapathy Astothra Gana Havan & Lagu Purnahuthi
7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	: Ganapathy Abhishekam for Utsava Murthis
7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	: Bhog and Arti
8:30 p.m.	: Mahaprasad

**Thursday, June 5; 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

4:30 p.m.-5 p.m.	: Nithya Puja
5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	: Kalash Aradhana
5:30 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.	: Shiva Panchakshari Havan
5:50 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.	: Rudhra Havan
6:20 p.m. to 6:40 p.m.	: Karthikeya Moola Mantra Havan
6:40 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	: Karthikeya Ashtothra Havan
7:00 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.	: Navagraha Havan & Lagu Purnahuthi
7:40 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	: Abhishekam for Utsava Murthis
8:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	: Bhog and Arti
8:30 p.m.	: Mahaprasad

**Friday, June 6; 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	: Nithya Puja
5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	: Kalash Aradhana
5:30 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.	: Durga Moola Manthra Havan
5:50 p.m. to 6:10 p.m.	: Durga Suktha Havan
6:10 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	: Lakshmi Bheejakshari Havan
6:30 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.	: Sri Suktha Havan
6:50 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.	: Gowri Moola Manthra Havan
7:10 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	: Gowri Ashtothra Havan
7:30 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.	: Valli, Devasana Moola Manthra Havan & Lagu Purnahuthi
7:50 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.	: Abhishekam
8:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	: Bhog and Arti
8:30 p.m.	: Mahaprasad

**Saturday, June 7; 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m ← Note the earlier start**

<b>4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.</b>	: Nithya Puja
4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	: Kalash Aradhana
5:00 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.	: Sri Rama Moola Manthra Havan
5:20 p.m. to 5:40 p.m.	: Rama Tharaka Havan
5:40 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	: Sri Krishna Beejakshari Havan
6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.	: Sri Sudharshana Havan
6:20 p.m. to 6:40 p.m.	: Sri Venkateswara Moola Manthra Havan
6:40 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	: Purusha Suktha Havan & <b>Maha Purnahuthi</b>
7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	: Abhishekam
7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	: Cultural Program
8:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	: Bhog and Arti
8:30 p.m.	: Mahaprasad

## Sunday June 8; 8:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	: Nithya Puja
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	: Pradhana Kalash Aalaya Pradhakshina
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	: Prokshana to all Deities
11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	: Upachara Puja – Dhoopam, Deepam & Mantra Pushpam
11:30 a.m. to 12 noon	: Cultural Program
12:15 p.m.	: Bhog and Arti
12:30 p.m.	: Mahaprasad



**Our Temple has grown in the last 50 years. To ensure that our Temple continues to be financially strong and well-maintained, we need to strengthen its endowment. Please show your strong support for and commitment to the temple by sponsoring.**

### Havan Sponsorships:

Sponsor Level	Amount	
Pradhan	\$10,001	Perform any four havans
Platinum	\$5,001	Perform any three havans
Gold	\$2,001	Perform any two havans
Silver	\$1,001	Perform any one havan

All Havan sponsors will get to perform the kalash abhishek on the same evening. They will also be able to perform havans in a similar way at the Temple's **Brahmotsavam** celebrations in July.

### Other opportunities to support:

Support for	Amount	
Annadhan	\$1,001	
Garlands, Flowers	\$501	
Kalash	\$251	

The first phase of temple's construction included donations from children from their piggy banks! So, no amount is small or insignificant.

**Donations of \$100 or more specifically dedicated towards "Endowment", will be matched dollar for dollar by Pradhan and Platinum sponsors!**

**Please indicate that your donation is for "Endowment."** Special Hundi is designated to collect the Endowment donations.

Annadhan, Flowers, and Kalash sponsors will also get to perform the Kalash abhishek on the evening of their choice. Please let us know.

Pujariji will perform the sankalpam for **all** sponsors at the Abhishekams and Archanas.

By God's Grace and with your participation and support, our Temple will be in a very good position to serve devotees for another fifty years. Thank you very much for all that you do for our Temple. Hari Om!

