

## How can you participate?

Be a part of this grand tour by signing up your interest in hosting a "Ponnadi Sarthal" at your home or be a part of a larger community sponsor to host a Thirumanjanam in your neighborhood. We also would like to know your interest in volunteering to move the sancharam around in and around in your city or between cities.

What a great way to perform kankaryam to the Lord through one his most beloved Acharya.

## Interest Form

Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone : \_\_\_\_\_  
Email : \_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer for : \_\_\_\_\_

Please send/phone/email in your interest to one of the coordinators of Sri Ramanuja Mission.



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## Srimath Ramanuja Sahasra (1000th) Jayanthi Celebrations

ஹேவிளம்பி சித்திரை திருவாதிரை 2017

April-May 2017

A grand USA tour of Srimath Ramanujacharya is planned in 2016-2017 to conclude with the Sahasra Jayanthi at the NJ Ashramam in April / May 2017. A precursor to this was successfully completed with Srimath Andavan's blessings in 2014 / 2015, coinciding with the Sadabhishekam celebrations of HH Srimath Andavan. A total distance of 12000 miles were travelled with visits to hundreds of homes for thirumanjanam and dolai sevais.

To commemorate Sri. Ramanujacharya's 1000th Jayanthi, it is proposed that a similar tour covering the entire continental United States (excluding Alaska) is carried out beginning in Spring of 2016 from the Ashramam premises in New Jersey. The purpose of this tour is to cover as many bhaktas as possible in home "ponnadi sarthals" or community events at temples and other places. It is proposed to cover at least 1008 families if not more in the entire United States.

Towards this goal, sishyas and bhaktas alike are requested to register their interest in hosting Srimath Ramanujacharya in their home, city and / or volunteer to take part in the sancharam by offering other services. As you are all aware, the 2014/2015 sancharam was fully volunteer driven and executed.



**Srimath Ramanujacharya** (1017–1137 CE) was a preceptor par excellence, compassion incarnate, and foremost among social reformers. Foremost among the Acharyas of Srivaishnavism, Ramanujacharya was able to permeate the layers of the society, shunning all class distinctions and to take the sacred of all mantras, the Ashtakshara to the common people. He upheld the virtues and purpose of a human being by declaring that all people in the world are entitled to attain spiritual redemption (prapatti). He devised simple message and guidelines that everyone can follow in attaining Moksha -- the sole purpose of being born a human being.

He also engaged in several philosophical duels with the principles of nihilism and transience promulgated by the Buddhists. His explanation of innumerable virtues and divine forms of the Supreme Brahman are unparalleled. Not only the teachings of Acharya Ramanuja covered the Vedas and the Upanishads, he was also able to equally adopt the mystic teachings and renderings of the great Alvars lead by Swami Nammalwar. He created the form of worship that we follow even today with the guidelines of worship following the Vedas and the Nalayira Divya-Prabhandam.

Acharya Ramanuja excelled not only in Spiritual and Philosophical teachings, but also in social reform.

We can only look back in awe and reverence at the greatness of Acharya Ramanuja. To belong on this Earth where we are guided by His teachings and direction, we are indeed truly blessed.

Acharya Ramanuja in his true form conquered the hearts and minds of thousands of followers almost a thousand years ago, He is performing the same magic by reaching out to each one of us now, in the United States, in his "archita roopam."

### **Brief History of Sri Ramanuja Mission**

**Sri Ramanuja Mission Inc.** USA is a Srivaishnava Organization affiliated to Srirangam Srimadh Andavan Ashramam as an official branch of the Ashramam in USA. It was established by His Holiness Srimadh Srimushnam Andavan in the year 1997 to nurture Srivaishnava Sath Sampradayam in USA through religious services, discourses, publications and other activities. Sri Ramanuja Mission has many active members all over USA, ALL of whom are volunteers with a mission to serve the command of their Acharyas.

Srimadh Srimushnam Andavan has blessed Sri Ramanuja Mission, the ashramam's branch in USA with all Poorvacharya Padukas (in 1997), with vigraha moorthy of Sri Ramanuja (in 2000), vigraha moorthy of Sri Rukmini Sathyabhama Sametha Sri Venugopala Perumal (in 2004) and vigraha moorthy of Sri Sudharshana and Sri Yoga Narasimha (in 2006)

The Mission is a registered non-profit organization in the state of MD and has been active all over the US since its establishment on April 14, 1997. Sri Ramanuja Mission has also been active in disseminating knowledge by conducting classes for devotees of all ages in religious texts and by creating audio materials.