



CHINMAYA MISSION CHICAGO

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Celebrate #ShankaraToChinmaya Jayanti with online #StotraYagna

Harih Om!

We, at Chinmaya Mission, are the fortunate disciples and torch-bearers of two great master of Hindu dharma - **Bhagavan Adi Shankaracharya and Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda**, whose birthdays/Jayantis fall on Apr 28, 2020 and May 8, 2020 respectively.

In order to celebrate these special Jayantis, Chinmaya Mission Chicago is announcing an **online #StotraYagna**.

What is the online #StotraYagna?

#StotraYagna is our collective offering of stotras composed by Bhagavan Adi Shankaracharya in the form of our own personal chanting videos. The videos can be submitted from Apr 28th to May 15th. The chanting videos have to be posted on social media tagging @ChinmayaMissionChicago with #ShankaraToChinmaya or emailed to cmbadrism@gmail.com.

There are exciting prizes for each age group.

Who can participate in #StotraYagna?

All children, youth and adults can participate, whether they are Chinmaya mission members or not. We strongly encourage all mission families to use this opportunity to learn and chant the stotras. We also ask for your help in encouraging your non-mission friends to participate.

What stotras can I chant?

We ask for compositions of Bhagavan Adi Shankaracharya. You can refer to this page at [link for suggestions and the verses](#).

Do I need to memorize the stotra?

Memorizing is recommended, but if using a book will help you, it is ok. It is more important to participate in whatever way you can!

What if I don't know any stotra and want to learn?

Chinmaya Mission sevaks will be sharing video learning modules for some common stotras which you can use to learn. Follow @ChinmayaMissionChicago on Facebook, Instagram, Youtube or Twitter to watch these videos.

How do I submit my videos for the #StotraYagna?

Create and submit the video as a beautiful offering to Bhagavan.

1. Record a good quality video using your smartphone or video camera. Dress nicely, sit in a quiet, bright place, have a photo or murti of Bhagavan near you and have a family member record the chanting.
2. Start with introduction - "My name is _____ and I am going to chant _____ stotram as an offering for the #StotraYagna to celebrate #ShankaraToChinmaya Jayanti conducted by Chinmaya Mission Chicago"
3. Chant loudly and clearly.
4. Finally, post your video on your Facebook and/or Instagram with your name, age (if child), adding **hashtag #StotraYagna and tag @ChinmayaMissionChicago** (This is the only way we can notice your videos)
5. If you are not on social media, you can also email your video to cmbadrism@gmail.com with your name and age (if child). If your file size is large, you can upload it to filemail.com and email the file link to cmbadrism@gmail.com.

By posting or emailing your videos , you permit Chinmaya Mission Chicago to share your videos and names on our social media, purely for purposes of the celebration (and not commercial purposes)

Prizes will be given for best entries in each age group. Last date for submission is May 15, 2020.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email to one of our Sevaks/Sevikas ([Shashi Narasimhan](#), [Sujata Patnaik](#), [Suchi Achar](#) or [Deepa Salem](#)) and they will get back to you.

In His service,
Shanker Pillai