



## Sri Venkateswara Temple of North Carolina

Adyanana Utsavam concluding with Nammazhwar's Mokshotsavam

# Adyanana Utsavam

Dec 27th 2019 to Jan 15th 2020

**Adyanana Utsavam** means studying, learning, and remembrance of Vedic Verses. Nalayira Divya Prabandham is the composition of 12 Sri Vaishnava Saints (Azhwars) in praise of Sriman Narayanan. Divya Prabandham has 4000 divine verses (Pasurams) and is recognized as **Dravida Veda**. Let's look at the history and how this legacy was propagated.

### Sri Tirumangai Azhwar's Period

**Thirumangai Azhwar**, the last of twelve Azhwars sang **Thiru-Nedun-Thaandakam** before Lord Ranganatha. The Lord was pleased by the meanings of the pasurams and granted two boons to Thirumangai Alwar.

1. The Lord with his divine consorts should listen to the divine Pasurams of **Thiruvaimozhi** composed by **Nammazhwar**
2. The sacred verses of Azhwars (Divya Prabhandams) should be given the **equal status in terms of authority and supremacy to that of Vedas**.

Lord Ranganatha agreed to the above request. However the tradition of Adyanana utsavam was discontinued over the years.

### Sri Nathamunigal's Period

Sri Nathamunigal of the 7th century, the foremost Acharya resumed the Adyanana utsavam at Srirangam. He extended the practice of recitals to include all 4000 verses and made it a **21-day** celebration. In the first ten days, **Mudalayeram** (first 1000 verses) and Tirumangai Azhwars' **Peria Tirumozhi** are recited. In the second ten days, **Thiruvaimozhi** is recited

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culminating in [Nammazhwar's Mokshotsavam](#) on the 20th day. On the 21st day, [Iyarpa](#) is recited.



*Nammazahwar prostrating before Lord*

**The recital of 4000 verses (Divya Prabhandham) in the presence of Lord before Nammazhwar's ascendance to the Celestial Abode of Srivaikuntam is celebrated as Adyayanautsavam.**

In those days, devotees carried the idols of Sri Nammazhwar (from [Azhwar Tirunagari](#)) and Sri Tirumangai Azhwar (from [Tiruvalli Tirunagari](#)) in palanquins to Srirangam to conduct the Adyayana utsavam in the presence of Lord Ranganatha.

It took around two months for the entire utsavam right from carrying Azhwars to Srirangam to carrying them back to their birth places. Lord Ranganatha ordered that during this Adyayana utsavam, the Divyaprabhandham recitals should happen only in the presence of Lord, Azhwars & Acharyas and not elsewhere as a mark of respect to [Sri Nammazhwar](#).

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### Sri Ramanuja's Period:

Sri Ramanujar celebrated as **Jagadachariar** further enhanced this utsavam by installing an idol of Nammazhwar at Srirangam. He established the tradition of reciting Divyaprabhandhams during all temple utsavams.

### Sri Manavala Mamunigal's Period:

Sri Manavala Mamunigal, the Peria Jeer (reincarnation of Sri Ramanujar) revitalized and revived this utsavam at Srirangam which was discontinued for about 45 years during the Muslim invasion. This utsavam and it's legacy has been carried over to subsequent generations by all the Acharyas and devotees at all 108 Divyadesams till this date.

For the list of pasurams that would be recited during Adyayana utsavam, click [here](#)

#### Agenda

- Dec 27th Beginning of Pagal Pathu
- Jan 6th Beginning of Ira Pathu (Vaikunta Ekadasi)
- Jan 13th Sri Godha Kalyanam
- Jan 15th Nammazhvar Mokshotsavam & Periya Sattrumurai

By the grace of Srivari, Thayar, Azhwars & Acharyas, SVTNC has been conducting the Adyayana Utsavams sincerely and piously for several years. To add more glory and authenticity, this year, the management has decided to continue this utsavam for all 21 days like typical Adyayana utsava celebrations at 108 Srivaishnava Shrines. Request devotees to make the best use of it.

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