



# A unique Digambar Jain temple in the capital of USA



Temple pratishtha (grand opening) is planned  
in the third quarter of 2022.



परस्परपग्रहो जीवानाम्

# Jai Jinendra

## Significance

Jainism is one of the world's oldest religions, with 7 million+ followers across the world. The faith has seen tremendous growth in the U.S. over the past two-and-a-half decades, largely through immigration. Today, there are 65 Jain centers across North America, with more than 167,000 followers. Now we need to work towards sustaining the Jain faith among millennials and Gen Z.

A Digamber Jain faith temple was conceptualized in the early 2000s to fulfill the need for the ever growing Digamber Jain community in Northern Virginia.

International Digambar Jain Organization is a 501c3 non-profit organization focused on promoting and preserving the triumvirate (God/Teacher/Scriptures) practices of the Jain religion for current and future generations of Jainism followers in the Northern Virginia **Washington DC Metro area- WMA**. With the blessings of Jain Muni HH Shri Sudhasagar Maharaj, the organization is constructing a Digamber Jain temple in Chantilly, Virginia, located in the Washington DC metro area. We are a small community of 70+ families, and are appealing to all friends and families of the Jain diaspora for charitable donations to enable the realization of this Jain temple.

## Temple Under Construction

The temple is the **first Digamber Jain faith temple** with 3 primary idols of Jain tirthankaras Parshvanath, Chandraprabhu & Shantinath Bhagwan, carved out of semi precious stones. Lord Parshvanath will be the main deity. The design includes the following features in the temple:

- ◇ Garbh Gruha (shrine)
- ◇ Religious Library
- ◇ Kids Classrooms
- ◇ Facilities
- ◇ Shikhar (carved dome superstructure above shrine)
- ◇ ~1 acre lot with 50 parking spots
- ◇ Decorated Prayer hall
- ◇ Priest's Quarters
- ◇ Pooja Storage room
- ◇ Small Kitchen / Dining Area
- ◇ Manasthamb (33 ft. Tower of Significance)
- ◇ ~9000 sq feet of indoor space

## Progress So Far

Shilanyas (foundation stone laying) ceremony was performed at the temple site on July 29, 2020. Construction of the temple is currently underway and is targeted for completion by Summer 2022.



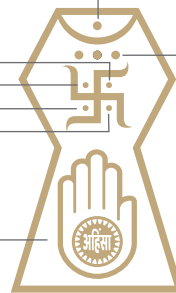
The four states of the soul may live in:

Heaven  
Human  
Animal  
Hell

Non-violence

Abode of the liberated soul (SIDDH-LOKA)

The three paths to liberation:  
Right Faith  
Right Conduct  
Right Knowledge



परस्परपग्रहो जीवानाम् — Mutual assistance of all beings



# Appeal for Donations

IDJO Board of Directors and Executive Committee with help of local community members are providing both financial and physical resources to build this temple. Almost 70% construction funding has already been secured. Fund raising efforts are underway by making monthly membership drive and holding bolies (auctions) of various elements of religious significance planned in the temple.

We are requesting charitable donations in support of this project. Not only are such donations tax deductible per US IRS rules, but they also provide the opportunity for fulfilling one's religious obligations towards the gift of knowledge. Your donations will go a long way in preserving Jainism for future generations.

## How You Can Participate In This Project

To help in the realization of this temple, we are requesting donations\* at any of the levels below:

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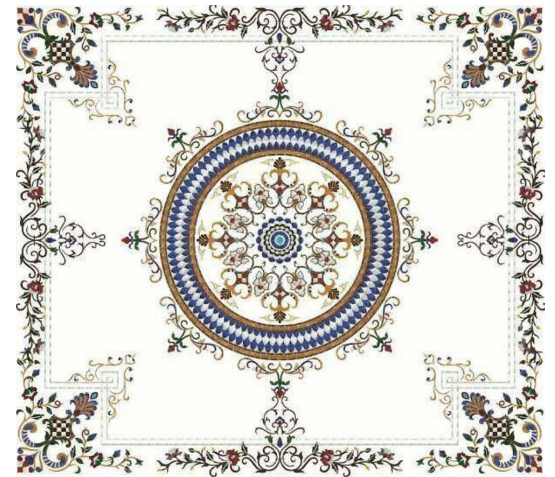
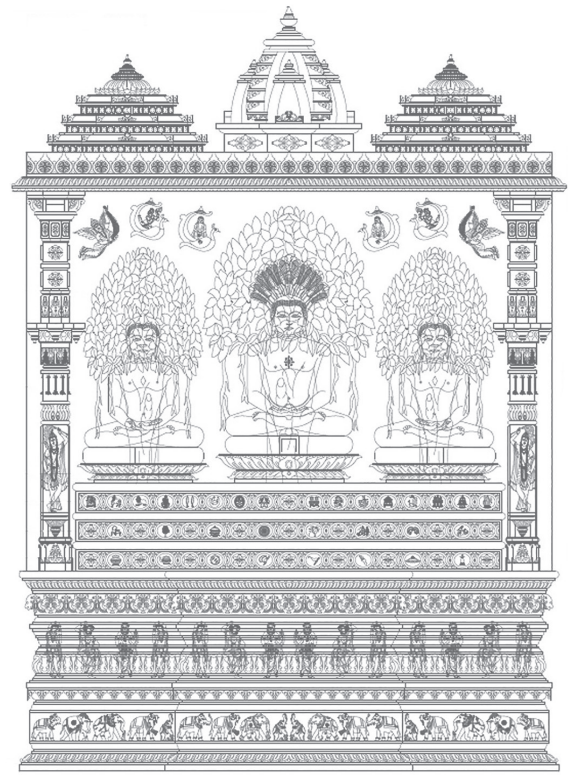
<b>Diamond</b>	<b>\$101,001 or higher</b>
<b>Platinum</b>	<b>\$51,001 to \$101,000</b>
<b>Gold</b>	<b>\$25,001 to \$51,000</b>
<b>Silver</b>	<b>\$11,001 to 25,000</b>
<b>Copper</b>	<b>\$5,001 to \$11,000</b>
<b>Bronze</b>	<b>\$2,101 to \$5,000</b>

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You can also become members of IDJO organization and contribute towards building of Shri Digamber Jain Temple of Virginia with donations at the following levels:

- ◆ **Dollar a day (\$365 per year)**
- ◆ **Single Brick (\$251 one time)**

\* Donations should be made out in the name of IDJO and mailed to the following address: Mr. Ashok Jain, 21058 Alcott Way, Sterling, VA 20164. Names of all donors at Silver level or above will be displayed on the board in the entrance foyer of the temple. Please send any questions to [info@idjo.org](mailto:info@idjo.org).





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