



Hindu Temple and Cultural Center

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Śri Goda Kalyānam – Wednesday, January 13th 2021



Program Details

- ❖ 07:00 PM - Śri Goda Kalyanam*
- ❖ 07:00 PM - Bhogi/Lohri (Bonfire @ CH NE Entrance area)
- ❖ 08:00 PM - Archana & Ārati

Note: *Priests will perform Sankalpam to all the Sponsors

Sponsorship Opportunity

Note: Event sponsorship is available Please contact HTCC Office @ 425-483-7115 for the detail.

- ❖ Śri Goda Kalyanam (\$55.0)
 - ❖ Vishesha Archana (\$21.0)
 - ❖ Alankaram, Flower garlands to Deities of your choice*
 - ❖ Pushpa Mala Alankaram*
- Note: *Contact Office for scheduling

Sri Andal and Sri Goda Devi

Goda Devi is also known as Sri Andal. Andal (Tamil: ஆண்டாளர் *Āṇṭāl*, an 8th century or earlier) is the only female Alvar of the 12 Alvars of South India, who are known for their affiliation to Sri Vaishnava tradition of Sanathana Dharma. Goda Kalyanam is celebrated at the end of Dhanurmasam to mark the marriage of Sri Goda Devi, who is Bhoo Devi incarnate, with Sri Krishna in the form of Sri Ranganatha.

Early Life of Goda Devi

A devout Brahmin named Vishnucitta lived in Sri Villiputtur, a town near Madura. One morning, he discovered a baby girl lying under a tulasi plant in his flower garden. Vishnucitta later became one of the most revered Srivaishanava Alvars, who is also called Periyalvar. Vishnucitta gave her the name of Goda, meaning 'the gift of Earth' and brought her up in an atmosphere of love and devotion towards Sri Ranganatha. The intensity of her love and dedication grew so much that she decided to marry Sri Ranganatha, a form of Sri Vishnu. As Andal reached the marriageable age of 15, her father asked her to get married. She replied that she would marry only Sri Ranganatha. After this incident, Vishnucitta received a divine vision, in which Sri Vishnu instructed him to send Andal to Sri Ranganatha Temple. At the same time, the priests at Sri Ranganatha Temple also received a vision where Sri Ranganatha advised to prepare for the marriage. After reaching Sri Ranganatha Temple, Andal married Sri Ranganatha.

Andal composed two works in her short life of fifteen years. Both these works are exceptional in their literary, philosophical, religious, and aesthetic content. Her contribution is even more remarkable considering that she was a girl of fifteen when she composed these verses and her prodigiousness amazes readers till date.

*****Temple is open for Darshan for limited time slots & by advance reservation/booking only*****

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