



Bhogi, Makara Sankranti/ Pongal Celebrations

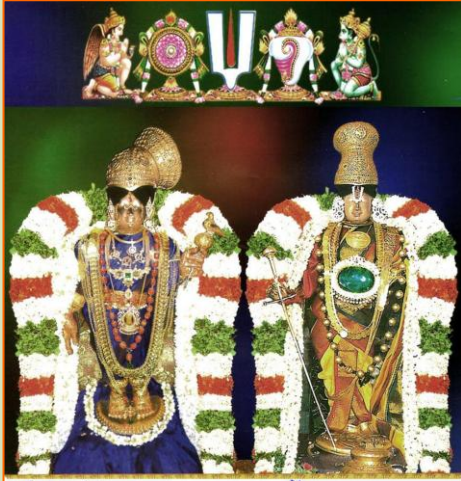
At

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Bhogi: Friday, January 13, 2012



Ayyappa Puja

7:00 PM Sarva Devata Arati

7:30 PM Goda Kalyanam (Andal Kalyanam)

followed by prasadam

Goda (Andal) is known for her unwavering devotion to [Lord Vishnu](#). The [Srivilliputhoor Temple](#) is dedicated to her and marks her birth place. Adopted by her father, the famous saint [Periyalvar](#) who found her as a baby, Andal avoided earthly marriage, the normal and expected path for women of her culture, to "marry" Lord Vishnu, both spiritually and physically.

6:00 PM



Makara Sankranti: Saturday, January 14, 2012

8:30 AM

Suprabhatam, Venkateswara Abhishekam

11:30 AM Bhogi Pallu for children

12:00 PM Sarva Devata Arati

2:21 PM Surya Makara Sankramanam puja & Aditya Hrudaya stotram recital

Bhogi Pallu: (Priests will bless the children)

"Bhogi Pallu" is a traditional celebration where children below five are seated in a row while women take Bhogi Pallu (comprising petals of marigold flowers, "Regi" fruits and coins) in hand and the hand is moved around the child/children's heads once or three times with the intention and thought in the mind that evil should be warded off, and then the Bhogi Pallu should be either thrown Behind the children, on either side or into a basket or bin set aside

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for this purpose. The money (traditionally, copper coins) was given away to washer women/men (because these people symbolized Shuddhi). The fruit and petals should be discarded as we do other nirmalyam (pooja material, on the day after the puja).

Sponsorship: Kalyanam- \$31, Puja- \$21, Archana- \$11

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