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Sri Goda Kalyānam - Sunday January 13th 2019



Program Details

- ❖ 06:30 pm - Sri Goda Kalyānam (Vaikuntha Hall)
- ❖ 07:00 pm - Bhogi/Lohri - See event flyer* for details
- ❖ 08:00 pm - Archana Ārati

Sponsorship Opportunity

- ❖ Sri Goda Kalyānam (\$51.00)
- ❖ Archana (\$10.00)
- ❖ Pushpa Mala Alankaram*
- ❖ Annadāna (\$151.00, Food Sponsorship)*

Note: *Contact Office for scheduling

Sri Andāl and Goda Devi

Goda Devi is also known as Sri Andāl. Andāl (Tamil: ஆண்டாள் *Āṇṭāḷ*, 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 Sanāthana Dharma.

Goda Kalyānam is celebrated at the end of Dhanurmasam to mark the marriage of Goda Devi, who is Bhoo Devi incarnate, with Lord Sri Krishna in the form of Lord 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 the Lord. The intensity of her love and dedication towards the Lord grew so much that she decided to marry Sri Ranganātha, a form of Lord Vishnu.

As Andāl reached the marriageable age of 15, her father asked her to get married. She replied that she would marry only Sri Ranganātha. After this incident, Vishnucitta received a divine vision, in which the Lord instructed him to send Andāl to Sri Ranganātha Temple. At the same time, the priests at Sri Ranganatha Temple also received a vision where the Lord ordered them to prepare for the marriage. After reaching Sri Ranganātha Temple, Andāl married the Lord.

Andāl 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.

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