

VARALAKSHMI VRATAM - THIRUVILAKKU POOJA

Friday, 31 July 2020

Dear Devotees,

At **Kundrathu Kumaran Temple** we have organised special Poojas on Friday, 31 July for Varalakshmi Festival. We will be celebrating Maha Lakshmi as Varalakshmi on this day.

Special Pooja Times:

10.00am Murugan Rudra Abishegam (Moolasthanam)

6.30pm Snabana Abishegam for Parvathy (Ambal)

7.30pm Vasantha mandapa pooja for Lakshmi followed by

Thiruvilakku Pooja for Lakshmi and
Swami Procession (Inside Temple)

Due to Corona Virus related restrictions devotees will not be able attend the Temple. However, we will live stream the special Pooja from 7.30pm including Thiruvilakku Pooja for Lakshmi, through Facebook - *kundrathukumaran*.

As in previous years, we will be conducting the Thiruvilakku Pooja for the prosperity of all; and Ladies can participate in Thiruvilakku Pooja starting 7:30pm from their home (pooja room) via Facebook.

To participate please arrange Lakshmi vilakku (oil lamp) with ghee or oil & thiri, tray (or Banana leaf), small silk cloth, 250-gram rice, kumkum, fruit, flowers, cup & spoon with water, a sweet (pongal, payasam or a sweet), beetle leaves, Incense sticks and a Doller Coin. If you wish you can also have a Kalasam (Nerai Kudam). ***If you can't get some of the above items, it's still OK; under the current circumstances!***

To sponsor Thiruvilakku Pooja at the Temple, please complete the attached form (<http://www.kumarantemple.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Pooja-Request-Form.pdf>) and pay / transfer \$ 21 to TECCA. We will send **prasadam along with Nonbu saradu - Sacred thread** to all the sponsors by post. Please provide your address.

About Varalakshmi Vratam/Pooja

This is the most auspicious festival celebrated by married woman(Hindu) to commemorate Goddess Mahalakshmi. Goddess Lakshmi grants all Varams to those who performs pooja with utmost devotion on this day. Varalakshmi Vratam is a most popular festival in South India and Sri Lanka. Worshipping Goddess Lakshmi on this day is equivalent to worshipping Ashtalakshmi (8 Lakshmi)– Goddesses of Wealth(Shri), Earth(Bhu), Learning(Saraswati), Love(Priti), Fame(Kirti), Peace(Shanti), Pleasure(Tushti) and Strength(Pushti).

This pooja is performed for the wellbeing of family members especially for the life of Husband & to get children, wealth etc. Every year, in the month of Aadi, the Friday before the Full Moon(Pournami) is dedicated to the worship of Mother Varalakshmi, the conferrer of all abundances ie material and spiritual. On this day, many married woman observe fasting till they finish the pooja.

Temple Management

Kundrathu Kumaran Temple