

## Panguni Uthiram - Sri Ranganatha Kalyanam (Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017)



Program Details 9:00 AM - Thirumanjanam (Abhishekam) to Utsava Vigrahas 10:00 AM - Kalyana Utsavam for Lord Ranganatha & Ranganayaki Thayaar 12:30 PM - Sri Ramanuja's Gadya Trayam Recital 1:00 PM - Aarathi & Prasad

## Kalyanam Sponsorship: \$51

The foremost of the 108 Vaishnavaite Divya Desams (holy places for the followers of Lord Vishnu) is Srirangam, in Tamil Nadu. The reigning God is Sri Ranganatha (the reclining form of Lord Vishnu) with Goddess Ranganayaki (Lakshmi Devi). The Uthra Phalguni nakshtram (star) in the month of Panguni (Phalguna) is the birthday of Goddess Ranganayaki. The wedding of Lord Ranganatha and Ranganayaki Thaayaar (the mother Goddess) is also celebrated on that day. This is the only day in the year when Lord Ranganatha and Ranganayaki Thaayaar are seen together.

When Srimad Ramanujacharya, the great Acharya of Srivaishnavas and the proponent of Visishtadwaita, visited the Srirangam temple on that special day, he was greatly moved by the majestic sight of the Divya Dampati (divine couple). He poured his heart out and recited the Sharanagati Gadyam (his surrender to the Lord) and the Sri Ranga Gadyam (in praise of the Lord). As a result of this, the Acharya was blessed with a beautiful vision of Sri Vaikuntam which he has brilliantly described in the Sri Vaikunta Gadyam.

The Gadya Trayams – Sharanagati Gadyam, Sri Ranga Gadyam and Vaikunta Gadyam - are recited on every Panguni Uthram after the Kalyana utsavam (wedding).

Any of the following items for Prasadam (without onion or garlic) would be very welcome: Coconut Rice, Tamarind Rice, Sambar Rice, Vegetable Rice, Curd Rice, Sundal, Chakkarai Pongal.

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