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# DHANURMASA PUJA

From Friday Dec 16, 2016 to Friday Jan 13, 2017

Bhagavan in the form of "Archa Swaroopam" provides the opportunity to pray and serve Him, and thereby fulfills the devotees' materialistic and spiritual desires. To exemplify this, Bhoodevi incarnated in the form of Godadevi and after performing Dhanurmasa Pooja, merged with Bhagavan.

Godadevi learned everything about Lord Krishna including that the Gopikas performed Kaatyayani vrata together with devotion and in praise of Lord Sri Krishna and received His grace in Dwapara Yuga. Hence, Godadevi assumed herself as a Gopa Vanita and performed with devotion the Dhanurmasa Pooja in Vatapatrashayi's (Krishna) temple in the month of Margasheersha along with other girls. She composed and sang a Paashuram (stanza in Tamil) per day for 30 days and pleased the Lord. Bhagavan then appeared and the divine wedding was completed as she merged with the Moorti of Sri Ranganatha Swami. This auspicious day is celebrated as Bhogi festival.

Tiruppavai is the garland of 30 Paashurams composed by Godadevi. 'Tiru' means Sacred, and 'Paavai' means 'Vow or Girl' and together it is the 'Sacred Vow' taken by a girl. By carrying out Sacred Vow (Tiruppavai), Godadevi has shown the devotees about when and how to visit the temple, pray to Bhagavan and what to ask for. A sincere and devoted recitation of Tiruppavai bestows the Grace of the Lord, Perennial joy and Blissful happiness. Unmarried girls who carry out Dhanurmasa (Tiruppavai) pooja with devotion will be blessed with Kalyanam.

## Special month-long puja offering to Lord Vishnu and Siva

### Friday Dec 16, 2016

05:00 AM Dhanurmasa Puja Prarambham

### From Friday Dec 16, 2016 to Friday Jan 13, 2017

05:00 AM Suprabhatam  
05:20 AM Thiruvempavai  
05:45 AM Thiruppalliyezuchi, Tiruppavai,  
06:45 AM Siva Abhishekam

### Friday Jan 13, 2017 (BHOGI)

06:30 PM Sri Goda Kalyanam

After Kalyana Utsavam, ANNADANAM will be served



Jan 13, 2017: After Dhanurmasa puja in the morning, all devotees present at that time will be allowed to enter Srivari Mukhamandapam for captivating Sameeapa Darshan of Venkateswara Swamy's Divyamangala Swaroopam.