

Bay area Hindu Temple

Part of Shridi Sai Darbar

Cordially invites every devotees



Shree Bhadrachalam Seetharama Kalyanam

Grand wedding of Goddess Sita & Lord Rama on May 18th 2019 evening 5pm-8pm

Participate and receive the divine couple's blessings!!

Kalyanam
Sponsorship
\$51



Sponsors will get a blessed
Saree and Dhoti

Significance of Sita Rama Kalyanam

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Overall program Schedule includes: Sponsor Sankalpam, sitaram idol puja by sponsor, South Indian marriage rituals Including Swayamvaram, Oonjal, Kanyadaan, Jeelakarra Bellam and Mangalyadaran etc. followed by Palki and auspicious dinner !!



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Timings

5:00 pm- 5:30 pm
5:30 pm- 5:40 pm
5:40 pm- 5:50 pm
5:50 pm- 6:10 pm
6:10 pm- 6:20 pm
6:20 pm- 6:40 pm
6:50 pm- 7:05 pm
7:05 pm- 7:20 pm
7:20pm- 7:30 pm
7:30pm- 7:45 pm
7:45pm- 8:00 pm
8:00pm- 9:00 pm

Marriage rituals and events

Kalyanam Sponsor Sankal pam
Lord Rama arrives (baraat) Drum & dancing
Goddess Sita arrives Drum & dancing
Swayamvaram / Garland exchange
Kummi (devotees dancing around)
Joola / Oonjal & Madhuparkam
Kanyadaan and Jeelakarra Bellam
Mangalyadaran/ Muhurtham
Saptapadi
Aarati & Theerth Prasad
Sese padunu
Dinner

What is Seetha Rama Kalyanam?

Rama and Seetha represent the ideal Godly husband and wife in the Hindu religion mythology, who are revered and worshipped all over India. Rama's story, otherwise known as Ramayana, is a great Indian epic. Kalyanotsavam literally means Marriage Festival is the re-depiction of the Celestial marriage between Seetha & Rama. It is performed to the Utsava Murti - of Sri Rama and Sita Devi. The wedding ceremony is held according to Agamas(rules) that were defined thousands of years before. This is followed by recitation of [Vedic mantras](#) and pronouncing the family pedigree of the brides and bridegroom. This is followed by *Mangala sutra dharana*, *Panigrahnam* and then Lord and his consort are garlanded.

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What is the date & venue for Seetha Rama Kalyanotsavam?

The date of Kalyanotsavam is 18th May, 2019 (Saturday).
255 San Geronimo Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94085

How long is the Kalyanotsavam function?

It is expected to take about 3-4 hours.

How much is the sponsorship cost?

Suggested donation of \$51

How to register for kalyanam sponsorship?

You can register in the signup sheet provided at temple front desk or you can join the WhatsApp group barcode available in front desk.

How many family members can attend with each registration?

Registrant devotee , spouse and children.

What pooja samagri should I bring for the Kalyanam?

No need to get any pooja samagri from home. All necessary samagri will be provided. You may bring flowers and/or fruits.

Can I volunteer for this festival?

Everyone is welcome to volunteer for this grand celebration. If you are interested in volunteering, please write your details in the volunteering signup sheet available in temple front desk

Can I Sponsor for other expenses for kalyanam?

Yes you can, Sponsorship for garlands (\$1000) Dinner (\$2000) decoration (\$ 50)