

# Bhadradi Sri Rama Temple Of USA



## Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where to arrange Pooja?  
A. Pooja is to be arranged in any part of the house where it is clean. It is good to arrange near regular Pooja place. Make sure pooja area is clean.
2. Should I wear traditional dress for Pooja?  
A. Yes it is auspicious to wear Saree/traditional dress for Pooja.
3. How to arrange pooja items like Pasupu, Kumkum etc?  
A. Items like Pasupu, Kumkum, Gandham, Akshata should be arranged in small individual bowls and keep those small bowls in a plate.
4. How can I arrange flowers and Garlands?  
A. Place Flowers and Garlands in a tray or plate. Make sure that flowers are cut from bunch and kept in a plate and ready for pooja.
5. Should I wash fruits before pooja?  
A. Yes , please wash the fruits and place them in a plate ready.
6. Where can I place coconuts, beetel leaves, beetel nuts etc?  
A. Arrange all the above in a plate.

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7. Why do we need two glasses, spoons and bowls?  
A. One glass is for Achamanam for devotee and other is for pooja. Also, the water that is offered to God will be kept in a bowl so we need a bowl. All these 3 along with 2 spoons should be kept in a plate.
8. Is kalasam necessary if it is not there in our house tradition?  
A. Please follow your house tradition and putting kalasam is based on pooja. Kindly take your elders advice.
9. How to arrange a kalasam and what to put in it?  
A. Take a kalasam wash and pour water, add elachi powder and saffron(optional) in it then on top of the kalasam, place a washed coconut with turmeric applied along with Kumkum and put a folded blouse piece on it.
10. First Time putting kalasam , can I place before or during pooja?  
A. Since this is Virtual and to make sure we are all ready, you can keep Kalasam ready and put it before pooja. Kalasam should be put on the day of pooja but not day before.
11. How to fold a blouse piece on Kalasam?  
A. Take blouse piece, fold it in triangle shape till all piece is folded.
12. Do we have to put photo or idol is it necessary?  
A. Yes it is good to put photo of the God, and if available idol also as we might do abhishekam to idol based on the pooja you are doing. If idol is not there photo of God is good enough.
13. What should we do if we donot have the picture of God?  
A. You can keep any picture of God that you have and if not there, please try to get a printout and put it.
14. Are all the pooja items mandatory?  
A. Try to get all items as listed. Items listed optional are not mandatory and if anything is available it can be adjusted.
15. Should prepare the prasadam only that is listed in pooja list?  
A. Not required to prepare that is listed in the pooja list given, devotee can offer anything of their wish to God.
16. Should all the family members be part of pooja and sit in pooja?  
A. It is upto devotee's convenience. It is good to have family members take part in pooja.
17. How to remove Kalasam after pooja?  
A. Offer simple prayers, dhoopa, deepa, naivedhyam next day and put akshata on kalasam and then remove the kalasam.

18. After pooja is done what should I do with flowers?

A. Take the flowers after pooja, collect them and put them under a tree where no one steps on.

19. What should I do with water in Kalasam?

A. This water can be used to purify your home, you can sprinkle these water in your home except rest rooms.

20. What should I do with the remaining kalasam water and Achamanam water?

A. Pour this water in any plant.

21. What should I do with abhishekam water and Panchamrutam offered to God?

A. This can be taken as teertham and not to be wasted.

22. What can I do with the rice put under kalasam?

A. You can use this rice to cook any sweet and have it as prasadam.

23. How can I use the coconut placed on Kalasam?

A. This coconut can be used as prasadam.

24. Can I use dry fruits offered to God.

A. Yes, all dry fruits can be used.

25. What can I do with the coins used in Pooja?

A. You can place those coins in temple hundi whenever you go.