Varalakshmi Nombu (Pooja)

Things to get ready:

Manjal
Kumkum
Chandanam
Akshathai
Vetrilai, pakku
Bananas – 12
Coconut – 6
Maavilai, Thoranam
Vaazai kandru – 2
Panju malai for amman

Flowers:

Lotus – 6
Thaazampoo – 2
Loose flowers
Garland – 2
Stringed flowers – 3 yds
Naivedyam
Minimum 5no or 9 no
Purana kozakkattai
Ulutham kozakkattai
Ellu kozakkattai (in some houses)
Ulundu vadai
Idli
Vella Payasam
Annam (called maha naivedyam with a little dhal)
Appam
All available fruits

**Customs:**

On the day previous to the nombu, one must have an oil bath. Before lunch, prepare the rice flour for the kozakkattai. Grind for “raw rice idli” (customary not to use boiled rice idli for naivedyam - this is one’s choice & convenience).

In the evening decorate the puja mandapam suitably. Draw “maakkolam” inside & outside the mandapam. Draw one in the drawing room or foyer to “invite amman”.
Puja mandapam or Amman should face East.
Clean Amman face, “sombu”, plate, lamps & other puja vessels. Draw kolam on a palakai & keep the plate on it. On the plate spread 4 cups + one handful of rice. Put chandanam & kumkum on all five sides of the sombu. Fill slightly more than half the sombu with rice. Keep also, 2 vethalai, 2 pakku, 2 manjal kizangu, one coin(silver or copper), one lemon, traditional “karukumani kaatholai” (available as such), inside the sombu.
Apply manjal, sandanam, kumkum to a coconut. Fix this on the sombu, surrounded by mango leaves. The “kudumi” should be upward. Decorate the Amman face & fix that against the coconut, fixing the back tightly against the “sombu”, if necessary tying with a thread. Then decorate with jewels, dress etc & keep a brand new blouse piece.
Now keep this over the rice on the plate. Keep the thazambu spread out into petals, decoratively on both sides. Decorate with lotus etc.Put a small
garland & light a lamp near Amman.  
That night it is customary to make Pongal, sambar & a payasam.  
Next day, have a head bath & it is traditional to wear a 9 yds saree. In the 
foyer or near the entrance of the house, put a kolam, keep a palakai 
looking East & keep the Amman, to invite her inside the house for the puja.  
To invite Amman, Do naivedyam with vethalai, pakku, pazam, a broken 
coconut, do dhoopam & neeranjanam, Do arathi. Then singing “ 
Varalakshmi, raave maa intiki”, bring the amman on the plate inside the 
house & keep inside the mandapam.  

**Vignes(h)wara Puja:**

Make a cone shaped turmeric Ganesha – manjal pillaiyar by mixing 
turmeric powder & few drops of water.  

**Visualise Lord Ganesha.**

Lightly tap the temples 5 times with knuckles and chant  

S(h)uklaa mbharadharam vishnum s(h)as(h)ivarnam chathurbhujam  
Prasannavadanam dhyaayaeth sarvavigno(u)pa s(h)aanthayae  

**Sankalpam:**

Clasp the right palm over the left palm holding a flower, place them on 
the right thigh and chant  

Mamopaaththa samastha durithakshadayadvaaraa s(h)ree paramaes(h)vara  
(narayana)
preethyarththam Thadaevalagnam sudinam thadaeva Thaaraabalam
chandrabalam thadaeva

Vidhyaabalam daivabalam thadaeva

**Dhyanam:**

Ganaanaam thvaam ganapathimhavaamahae

Kavim kaveenaam upamas(h)ra vasthamam

Jyaeshta raajam brahmanaam brahmanaspatha aanah

Shr(u)nvannothibhihsseeda saadanam

**Aavahanam – Invocation.**

In this step, we visualise the deity in our mind & offer flower or akshathai to the
Manjal pillayar. Thereby we invoke the deity in the image.

Asmin bimbe Shri Mahaganapathim aavahayaami

**Aasanam – offering seat:**

Offer flowers at the feet & chant

Aasanam samarpayaami

**Arghyam – Washing the hands:**

Offer one spoon of water from the cup with water to the empty cup &
Arghyam samarpayaami

Aachamaniyam – Inner purification:

Offer one spoon of water from the cup with water to the empty cup & chant

Aachamaniyam samarpayaami

Madhuparkam – offering water

Offer one spoon of water from the cup with water to the empty cup & chant

Madhuparkam samarpayaami

Snaanam – Bath:

Offer one spoon of water from the cup with water to the empty cup & chant

Snaanam samarpayaami

Again water for inner purification

Snaanaanantharam aachamaneeyam samarpayaami

Vasthram – Offering Cloth:
Offer flowers or akshathai chanting

Vasthram samarpayaami

Upaveetham samarpayaami

**Aaabharanam – Offering ornaments:**

Offer flowers or akshathai, chanting

Aaabharanam samarpayaami

**Gandham & Kumkumam – Offering sandalpaste & kumkum:**

Offer flowers or akshathai, chanting

Gandhaan dhaarayaami

Ghandhasyopari haridraakumkumam samarpayaami

**Pushpam – offering flowers**

Offer flowers or akshathai, chanting

Pushpaam (pushpaani) samarpayaami

**Puspaih poojayaami:**

Start doing archanai with flowers.
Om Sumukhaaya namah
Om Ekadantaaya namah
Om Kapilaaya namah
Om Gajakarnaakaaya namah
Om Lambodaraaya namah
Om Vikataaya namah
Om Vighnaraajaaya namah
Om Vinaayakaaya namah
Om Ganaadhipaaya namah
Om Dhoomakaethavae namah
Om Ganaadhyakshaaya namah
Om phaalachandraaya namah
Om Gajaananaaya namah
Om Vakrathundaaya namah
Om s(h)oorpakarnaaya namah
Om Haerambaaya namah
Om Skandapoorvajaaya namah
Om Siddhivinayakaaya namah

Om s(h)ri Mahaaganapathayae namah

Uthara Pooja

Dhoopam – Offering Incense:

Show the incense (agarbathi) clockwise 3 times, chanting

Dhoopam aaghrapayami

Deepam – Offering deepam from a small lamp;

Show another small lamp in front of the deity, clockwise, three times, simultaneously ringing bell with the left hand

Deepam sandars(h)ayaami

Offer one spoon of water from the cup with water to the empty cup & chant

Deepaanantharam aachamaneeyam samarpayaami

Naivedhyam – Offering food (dry or fresh fruit:)

Sprinkle one spoon of water on the naivedhyam & ringing the bell, offer the naivedhyam (broken coconut, fruits etc,) chanting

Om bhoorbhuvassuvah
Amrthopahstharanamasi

Praanaayah svaahaa

Apaanaya svaahaa

Vyaanaaya svaahaa

Udaanaa ya svaahaa

Samaanaaya svaahaa

Brahmane svaahaa

Naivedhyam nivedayaami

Offer one spoon of water from the cup with water to the empty cup & chant

Naivedyaanantharam aachamaneeyam samarpayaami

Offer betel leaves & nuts (thamboolam), Chanting

Thaambulam samarpayaami

Karpura niranjanam – offering lighted camphor:

Stand & show lighted camphor clockwise, ringing the bell with the left hand, chanting
Karpura neeranjanam samarpaayaami

Pour one spoon of water in cup chanting

Karpura neeraajanantharam aachamaneeyam samarpaayaami

**Vandanam – thanksgiving:**

Offer flowers chanting

**Manthrapushpam samarpaayaami**

**Atma Pradaksinam**

Do self pradakshinam clockwise three times chanting

Yaani kaanicha paapaani janmaanthara krithaanicha Thaani thaani vinas(h) yanthi

Pradakshina pade pade

**Prarthana:**

Offer namaskarams, chanting

Namo namo Ganes(h)aaya namasthae vis(h)va roopinae

Nirvighnam kurumae kaamam namaami thvaam gajaanana

Agajaanana padmaarkam gajaanananm aharnis(h)am
Anaekadanthambhakthaanaam ekadanthamupaasmahae

Vinaayaka varam daehi mahaathman modakapriya

Avighnam kurumae deva sarva kaaryeshu sarvadaa

Vakrathunda mahaakaaya sooryakoti samaprabha

Nirvighnam kurumaedevaa sarvakaaryeshu sarvadaa

Pradakshina namaskaaraan samarpayaami

**Varalakshmi Puja:**

Visualise Lord Ganesha.

Lightly tap the temples 5 times with knuckles and chant

S(h)uklaa mbharadharam vishnum s(h)as(h)ivarnam chathurbhujam
Prasannavadanam dhyaayaeth sarvavigo(u)pa s(h)aanthayaes

**Sankalpam:**

Clasp the right palm over the left palm holding a flower & some akshathai, place them on the right thigh and chant

Mamopaatha samastha durithakshayadwaaraa s(h)ree Paramaes(h)vara
preethyartham s(h)

ubhae s(h)bhanae muhoorthaeadhya brahmanahdvitheeya paraarthae
s(h)vaetha varaaha

kalpae, vaivasvatha manvantharae, ashtaavims(h)athidamae kaliyugae, prathamae paadae,

jamboodveepae, Bhaaratha varshae, Bharatha kandae maeroh dakshinae paars(h)vae, s(h)

kaabdae, asmin varthamaanae vyaavahaarikae prabhavaathi shashti samvathsaraanaam

madhyae (year name ) naama samvathsarae, Dakshinaayanae, (season )rh(u)thow { month –

kadakam ( aadi) or simmam ( avani)} Maasae s(h)ukla pakshae bhr(u)gu vaasara

yukthaayaam ( star) nakshathra yukthaayaam S(h)ubhayoga s(h)ubhakarana Aevangina vis

(h)aes(h)aena visishtaayaam mama sakutumbasya kshemasthairya dhairyav veerya vijaya

aayuraarogyaaishwaryaanaam abhivruddhyartham samastha mangala avaapthyartham

samastha durithopa s(h)anthyarthamdharmaathma kaama moksha chathurvidha phala
purushaartha siddhyartham chinthitha manoratha apthyartham s(h)ree varalaksme

preethyartha s(h)ree varalaksme prasaadaena

dheergasoumangalyaavaapthyarthamaarodyadrudhagaath rathaa siddhyartham mano

vaanchithasakala abheeshta phala siddhyartham varalakshmee prasaadaena siddhyartham

yathaa shakthi dhyaana aavahanaadi samastha upachaara varalakshmeem pujam karishyae

After chanting sankalpa matras put the flower & akshathai on the floor towards north side & clean your palms.

Vighnaes(h)vara Yathaasthaanam:

Cleanse your palms with little water chanting

Apa upas(h)prus(h)ya

Put akshathai on the haldi Ganes(h) & move it a little to the north, chanting

Vighnaes(h)varam yathaasthaanam prathishtaapayaami

Kalas(h) Puja:
Fill the panchapathram with water, add flowers, decorate the vessel with chandanam & kumkum. Close the mouth with right hand & say the following:

Kalas(h)asya mukhae vishnu kantae rudrah samaas(h)mithah

Moolae thathra sthitho brahmaa madhyae maatr(u)ganaasmr(u)tha

Kukshow thu saagaraah sarvee sapthadveepaa vasundharaa

R(u)gvaedo(a)tha yajurvaedah saamavaedo(a)yatharvanah

Gangae cha yamunae chaiva godaavari sarasvathi

Narmadae sindu kaaveri jala(e) samin sannidim kuru

Angais(h)cha sahithaah sarvee kalas(h)ambti sammas(h)mithah

Aayaanthu daeva poojaartham durithakshhaya kaarakaah

**Ghanta Puja:**

Ring the bell, chanting,

Aagamaartham tu devaanaam gamanaartham thu rakshasaam

Kurve ghantaaravam thathra devathaahvaana laanchanam
Dhyaanam & Aavaahanam:

In this step, we visualise the deity in our mind & offer flower or akshathai to the deity. Thereby we invoke the deity in the Amman face kept in the puja.

Chant for dhyaanam:

Lakshmeem ksheera samudra raaja thanayaam S(h)reeranga daamaes(h)vareem

Daseebhootha samastha daeva vanithaam Lokaika deepaankuraam

S(h)reeman manda kataaksha labdha vibhava brahmaendra gangaadharmaam

Thaam thrylokya kutumbineem sarasijaam vandae mukunda priyaam

Yaa saa padmaasanasthaa vipulakatithatee padma pathraaya thaaksheem

Gambheeraa varthanaabhih sthanabhara nabhithaa shubhra vasthoththareeyaa

Lakshmeer divyai gajaendraih manigana khachithaih snaapithaa haemakumbhaih

Nithyam saa padmahasthaa mama vasathu gruhae sarvamaangalya yukthaa
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Padmaasanaam padmakaraam padmamaalaa vibhooshithaam

Ksheeravarnasamam vasthrmadhaanaam harivallabhaam

Bhaavayae bhakthiyogaena kalas(h)ae(a)smin manoharae

Asmin kalas(h)ae varalakshmeem dhyaayaami

Baalabhaanu pratheekaas(h)ae poornachandra nibhaananae

Soothraesmin susthithaa bhoothvaa prayachcha bahulaan varaan

Doram sthaapayaami

Tie flowers in the saradu & keep it near the kals(h)am.

Aavaahanam:

Inviting Goddess Varalakshmi:

Sarvamangala maangalyae vishnu vakshasthalaalayae

Aavaahayaami daeveethvaam abheeshta phaladaa bhava

As(h)min kalas(h)ae varalakshmeem aavaahayaami

Samastha Upachara Manthraah:

Aasanam:
Offer flowers and akshathai on the kalash chanting:

Anaeka rathnakhachitham ksheersaagaea sambhavae

Swarna simhaasanam daevi sveekurushva haripriyae

Varalaksmyai namah aasanam samarpayaami

Paadhyam:

Offer a spoon of water in the cup chanting;

Gangaadi saridaaneetham gandha pushpa samanvitham

Paadhyam dadaami thae daevi praseeda paraamaes(h)varee

Varalakshmyai namah paadhyam samarpayaami

Arghyam:

Offer a spoon of water in the cup chanting;

Prasannam s(h)eethalam thoyam prasanna mukha pankajae

Gruhaanaachamanaarthaaya garudadhvaja vallabhae

Varalakshmyai namah arghyam samarpayaami
Madhuparkam:

Offer drops of milk in the cup chanting

Mahaalakshmee mahaadaevee madhvaajya dadhi samyutham

Madhuparkam gruhaanaedam madhusoodanavallabhae

Varalaksmyai namah madhuparkam samarpayaami

Panchamrutham:

Take a flower, dip slightly in honey and sprinkle the same on the kalash:

Payodadhi ghruthairyuktham s(h)arkaraamadhusamyutham

Panchaamrutham gruhaanaedam varalaksmeem namo(a)sthuthae

Varalakshmai namah panchaamrutham samarpayaami

Aachamaniyam:

Offer a tsp of water in the cup:

Haemakumbha sthitham svachcham gangaadi saridaahrutham

Snaanaartham salilam daevee gruhyathaam saagaraathmajae

Varalakshmyai namah snaanam samarpayaami
Vasthram:

Offer blouse piece to the kalsh:

Divyaambarayugam sookshmam kanchukam cha manoharam

Varalakshmee mahaadaeevee gruhaanaedam mayaarpitham

Varalakshmyai namah vasthram samarpayaami

Kantasoothram:

Offer flower & akshathai chanting:

Maangalya mani samyuktham mukthaavidruma samyutham

Daththam mangalasoothramcha gruhaana harivallabhae

Varalakshmyai namah kantasoothram samarpayaami

Ornaments:

Offer flowers & akshathai chanting

Rathna thaatanka kaeyoora haarakankana bhooshithae

Bhooshanaadi mahaarhaani gruhaana karunaanidhae
Varalakshmyai namah Aabharanaani samarpayaami

**Chandan & kumkumam:**

Apply Chandan & kumkumam to the kalasha

Karpoora chandanopaethamkasthoorekumkumaanvitham

Sarvagandham gruhaanaadhya sarvamangala daayini

Varalaksmyai namah gandhaan dhaarayaami

**Akshathai:**

Offer akshathai to the kalasha

S(h)aaliyaathaan chandravarnaan snigdha moukthika sannibhaan

Akshathaan daevi gruhaneeshva pankjaakshasya vallabhae

Varalaksmyai namah akshathaan samarpayaami

**Flowers:**

Offer flowers chanting

Mandaara paarijaathaabajaih kaethakyuthpala paatalaih

Mallikaa jaathi vakulaih pushpaisthvaam poojayaami
Varalakshmyai namah pushpaih poojayaami

**Anga Pooja:**

Offer akshathai & flowers after every line

Om varalakshmyai namah paadow poojayaami

Om mahaalakshmyai namah gulpow poojayaami

Om indiraayai namah janghae poojayaami

Om chandikaayai namah ooru poojayaami

Om ksheeraabdhi thanayaayai namah katim poojayaami

Om saagarasambhavaayai namah guhyam poojayaami

Om naaraayanapriyaayai namah naabhim poojayaami

Om jagathkikshyai namah kukshim poojayaami

Om vis(h)vajananyai namah vakshah poojayaami

Om susthanyai namah sthanow poojayaami

Om kambukantyai namah kantam poojayaami

Om sundaryai namah skandhow poojayaami
Om padmahasthaayai namah hasthaan poojayaami

Om chandradanaayai namah vakthram poojayaami

Om chanchalaayai namah chubukam poojayaami

Om bimboshtyai namah oushtam poojayaami

Om anaghaayai namah adharam poojayaami

Om sokapolaayai namah kapolow poojayaami

Om phalapadaayai namah phaalam poojayaami

Om neelaalakaayai namah alakaan poojayaami

Om s(h)ivaayai namah s(h)irah poojayaami

Om sarvamangalaayai namah sarvaanyangaani poojayaami

S(h)ree Lakshmi Ashtothra s(h)atha nannaavali:

Om prakruthyai namah

Om vikruthyai namah

Om vidyaayai namah
Om sarvabhotha hithapradaayai namah

Om s(h)raddhaayai namah

Om vibhoothyai namah

Om surabhyai namah

Om paramaathmikaayai namah

Om vaachae namah

Om padmaalayaayai namah

Om padmaayai namah

Om s(h)uchayae namah

Om svaahaayai namah

Om svadhaayai namah

Om sudhaayai namah

Om dhanyaayai namah

Om hiranmayyai namah

Om lakshmyai namah
Om nityapushthaaai namah

Om vibhaavaryai namah

Om adithyai namah

Om dithyai namah

Om deepthayai namah

Om vasudaayai namah

Om vasudhaarinyai namah

Om kamalaayai namah

Om kaanthaayai namah

Om kaamaakshyai namah

Om ksheero da sambhavaayai namah

Om anugraha padaayai namah

Om buddhayae namah

Om anaghaayai namah
Om harivallabhaayai namah

Om as(h)okaayai namah

Om amruthaayai namah

Om deepthaayai namah

Om lokas(h)oka vinaas(h)inyai namah

Om dharmanilayaayai namah

Om karunaayai namah

Om lokanaathrae namah

Om padmapriyaayai namah

Om padmahasthaayai namah

Om padmaakshyai namah

Om padmasundaryai namah

Om padmodbhavaayai namah

Om padmamukhaayai namah

Om padmanaabha priyaayai namah
Om ramaayai namah

Om padmamaalaadharaayai namah

Om daevyai namah

Om padminyai namah

Om padmagandhinyai namah

Om punyagandhaayai namah

Om suprasannaayai namah

Om prasaadhaabhi mukhyai namah

Om prabhaayai namah

Om chandravadanaayai namah

Om chandraayai namah

Om chandrasahodaryai namah

Om chathur bhujaayai namah

Om chandra roopaayai namah
Om indiraayai namah

Om Indus(h)eethalaayai namah

Om aahlaada jananyai namah

Om pushtyai namah

Om s(h)ivaayai namah

Om s(h)ivankaryai namah

Om sathyai namah

Om vimalaayai namah

Om vis(h)va jananyai namah

Om thushtyai namah

Om daaridraya naas(h)inyai namah

Om preethipushkarinyai namah

Om s(h)aanthaayai namah

Om s(h)uklamaalyaambharaayai namah

Om s(h)riyai namah
Om bhaaskaraayai namah

Om bilvanilayaayai namah

Om varaarohaayai namah

Om yas(h)asvinyai namah

Om vasundharaayai namah

Om udaaraangaayai naamah

Om harinyai namah

Om hemamalinyai namah

Om dhanadhaanyakaryai namah

Om siddhayai namah

Om sthryna soumyaayai namah

Om s(h)bhapradaayai namah

Om nr(u)paves(h)ma gathaanandaayai namah

Om varalakshmyai namah
Om vasupradaayai namah

Om s(h)ubhaayai namah

Om hiranya praakaaraayai namah

Om samudrathanayaayai namah

Om jayaayai namah

Om mangalaa devyai namah

Om vishnuvaksha sthalasthithaayai namah

Om Vishnu pathnyai namah

Om prasannaakshyai namah

Om naaraayana samaaas(h)rithaayai namah

Om daaridrya dhvamsinyai namah

Om daevyai namah

Om sarvopadrava vaarinyai namah

Om navadurgaayai namah

Om mahaakaalyai namah
Om brahma Vishnu s(h)ivaathmikaayai namah

Om thrikaalajnaana sampannaayai namah

Om bhuvanaes(h)varyai namah

Om Ithi s(h)ree lakshmyashtothra s(h)atha namaavalih sampoornam

Uththaraanga Pooja:

Dhoopam:

Light the dhoopam & show it to the kalash chanting

Dhoopam dadaaami thae ramyam guggulvaguru samyutham

Gruhaanathvam mahaalakshmee bhakthaanaam abhishtadaayinee

S(h)ree varalakshmyai namah dhoopam aagraapayaami

Deepam:

Light the deepam & show it to the kalash chanting

Saajyam thrivarthi samyuktham sarvaabheeshta pradaayinee

Deepam gruhaana kamalae daehima sarvameepsitham

S(h)ree varalakshmyai namah deepam darshaayaami
Naivedyam:

Keep fruits, betel leaves, betel nut, coconut broken into two & other naivedyams.

Bahubhakshya samaayuktham naanaaphala samanvitham

Naivedhyam gruhyathaam daevi naaraayana kutumbinee

Varalakshmyai namah s(h)aalyannam ghruthakula paayasam

Bhakshya vis(h)aesham, naalikerakandam, phalaani ethathsarvam amrutham

mahaanevidyam nivaedayaami

Arghyam:

Offer a spoon of water in the cup, chanting

Us(h)eeravaasitham thoyam s(h)eethalam s(h)as(h)sodaree

Paanaaya gruhyathaam devee paaraavaara thanoobhavae

Varalakshmyai namah paaneeyam samarpayaami

Thaamboolam:
Poogheephala samaayuktham naagavallee dalairyutham

Karpoora choorna samyuuktham thaamboolam prathigruhyathaam

Varalakshmyai namah thaamboolam samarpayaami

**Neeraanjanam:**

Show camphor circularly chanting

Neeraajanam neeraajaakshi naaraayana vilaasinee

Gruhyathaam arpitham bhakthyaa garudadhvaja bhaaminee

Varalakshmyai namah neeraajanam samarpayaami

**Offer flowers chanting:**

Pushpaanjalim gruhaanaedam purushoththama vallabhae

Varalakshmee namasthubhyam varaaam daehi mamaakilaam

Varalakshmyay namah manthrapushpaanjali samarpayaami

Swarnapushpam samarpayaami

**Pradakshina Manthram:**

Sarva mangala laabhaaya sarva papa nivruththayae
Pradakshinam karomyadhya praseeda paramaees(h)varee

Pradakshiina namaskaaraan samarpayaami

**Prarthana:**

Namo(a)sthu naleeka nibhaananaayai namo(a)sthu naaraayana vallabhaayai

Namo(a)sthu rathnaakara sambhavaaya varalakshmyai namah prarthana samarpayaami

Aayuraaroghyam ais(h)varyam puthra powthraan pas(h)um dhanam

S(h)athrukshayam mahaalakshmee prayachcha karunaanidhae

**Rajopacharam:**

Offer flowers & akshathai after each line.

Chathram samarpayaami

Chaamaram samarpayaami

Geetham s(h)raavayaami

Nruththam dars(h)ayaami
Vaadhyam ghoshayaami

Aandolikaam aaropayaami

As(h)vam aaropayaami

Gajam aaropayaami

Ratham aaropayaami

Samastha rajopachara devopachara manthropacharaan samarpayaami

**Pooja to the saradu:**

Tie flowers in the saradu & keep them on a plate. Do archanai to them, offering flowers at the end of every line.

Om kamalaayai namah prathama granthim poojayaami

Om ramaayai namah dvitheeya granthim poojayaami

Om lokamaathrae namah thrutheeya granthim poojayaami

Om vis(h)va jananyai namah chathurtha granthim poojayaami

Om mahaalakshmyai namah panchama granthim poojayaami

Om ksheeraabdhi thanayaayai namah shashta granthim poojayaami
Om vis(h)va saakshinyai namah sapthamagranthim poojayaami

Om chandra sodaryai namah ashtama granthim poojayaami

Om harivallabhaayai namah navama granthim poojayaami

**Tying the saradu:**

Keep vethalai, pakku, coconut half without “kannu”, bananas in a plate, chant the following & ask somebody to tie the saradu in the right hand.

First the elder ladies in the house should tie the saradu to the younger ladies & children & then get it tied by someone for herself.

Sarvamangala maangalyae sarva papa pranaas(h)ini

Dorakam prathigruhyaami supreetha bhavs sarvadaa

Navathanthu samaayuktham gandha pushpa samanvitham

Badhneeyaam dakshinae hasthae dorakam harivallabhae.

**Arghyapradaanam:**

Mix milk with water in a cup. Keep the cup in left hand. Take akshathai, flowers, chandanamm & kumkumam in the right hand, pour milk in the right hand thereby to drop 3 times along with these items in the arghyam cup. Repeat this after saying each idam arghyam;

Mamopaaththa samastha durithakshayadwaaraa s(h)ree paramaes(h)vara
Preethyarththam Adya krutha poojaphalam kaamayamaanaa
varalaakshmee poojaanthaee

Ksheeraarghya pradaanam upaayana daanascha karishyae

Goksheeraenayutham daevee gandha pushpa samanvitham

Arghyam gruhaana varadae varalakshmee namo(a)sthuthae

Varalakshmyai namah Idam arghyam Idam arghyam Idam arghyam

Anaena arghya pradaanaena bhagavathee sarvaathmikaa varalakshmee
preethyarththam

Kshamaa Prarthana:

Pour a spoon of water from left hand on flowers & akshathai kept in the
right hand, then put all these together on the floor after chanting

Kaayaena vaachaa manasaendryairva

Buddhyaathmanaavaa prakruthae svabhaavaath

Karomiyadyath sakalam parasmai

S(h)reemaan naraayanaayaethi samarpayaami

Manthra heenam kriyaheenam bhakthiheenam suraes(h)vari
Yath[poojitham mayaa daevi paripoornam thadasthuthae

Anayaa poojayaa s(h)ree varalakshmeem Preeyathaam

Om thath sath s(h)ree brahmaarpanamasthu

Upaayana daanam:

It is important to honour the priest who conducts the pooja, after the pooja, by offering him thamboolam, prasadam & dakshina. If you are doing the pooja on your own, set it aside to be given to any elderly person later.

Put a spoon of water on the thamboolam, chanting

Varalakshmeem swaroopasya braahmanasya idamaasanam sakalaaraadhanaiah svarchitham

Offer the thamboolam chanting

Hiranyagarbha garbhasatham haema bheejam vibhaavasoh

Anantha punya phaladam athah s(h)aanthim prayachchamae

Do namaskarams chanting

Indiraa prathigruhaathi indiraa vai dadaathi cha

Indiraa thaarikaadbhaavyaam indiraayai namo namah
Idam upaayanam sadakshinaakam sathaamboolam varalakshmee poojaaphala

saadgunyam deergha soumaangalya vaapthim puthrapowthra abhivriddhim

varalakshmee preethim kaamayamaanaa thubhyam aham sampradadae na mama

Punarpooja:

This is done the next morning & is given in a short format.

Do the aachamanam

Om achyuthaaya namah, om ananthaaya namah, om govindaaya namah

S(h)uklaambaradharam vishnum s(h)as(h)ivarnam chathurbhujam

Prrasannavadanam dhyaayaeth sarvavigno(u)pa s(h)anthayae

Mamopaaththa samastha duritha kshayadvaara s(h)ree paraamaes(h)vara preethyartham

Varalakshmee prasaada siddhyartham varalakshmee punah poojaam karishyae

S(h)ree varalakshmyai namah aasanam samarpayaami

S(h)ree varalakshmyai namah Paadyam samarpayaami
S(h)ree varalakshmyai namah arghyam samarpayaami

S(h)ree varalakshmyai namah aachamaneeyam samarpayaami

S(h)ree varalakshmyai namah madhuparkam samarpayaami

S(h)ree varalakshmyai namah snaapayaami

Snaanaanantharam aachamaneeyam samarpayaami

Vasthraartham pushpaani samarpayaami

Aabharanaarthaam akshathaan samarpayaami

Gandhaan samarpayaami kumkumam samarpayaami akshathaan samarpayaami

Pushpaani poojayaami

Dhoopam & deepam:

S(h)ree varalakshmyai namah dhoopam aagraapayaami

S(h)ree varalakshmyai namah deepam sandars(h)ayaami

Naivedyam of thamboolam & fruits:

S(h)ree varalakshmyai namah karpoora thamboolam samarpayaami
Neeraajanam:

Neeraajanam neerajaakshi naaraayana vilasinee gruhyathaam arpitham bhakthyaa

Garudadhvaja bhaaminee

S(h)ree varalakshmyai namah karpoo ra neeraanj anam sandars(h)ayaami

Sarva mangala maangalyae s(h)ivae sarvaartha saadhikae

S(h)aranyae thryambikae devee naaraayanee namo(a)sthuthae

Manthra pushpam svarnapushpam samarpayaami

Chathra chaamaraathi samastho(u)pachaaraan samarpayaami

Move the kalsh little towards north chanting the following

Asmaath bimbaath s(h)ree
varalakshmeem yathaasthaanam prathishtaapayaami
S(h)obhanaarthae kshemaaya punaraagaman aaya cha.

That night, it is customary to keep the amman in arisi panai.