



# Austin Hindu Temple And Community Center

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ॐ नमः शिवाय ! क्षी मात्रे नमः ! ॐ नमो नाराणाय !

**Austin Hindu Temple invites all devotees to participate in Rudra Abhishekam and Rudra Homam activities during the auspicious month of Karthika**

**Nov 12th thru Dec 11th 2015**



Amla (usiri) tree



Bilva tree

Where is it performed?	What is performed?	Date/time
At the Temple	Devotees can perform Mahanyaasa poorvaka Samoohika Ekaadasa Rudra Abhishekam (Maha Rudram) pooja	11/16/2015 at 7 PM 11/23/2015 at 7 PM 11/30/2015 at 7 PM 12/07/2015 at 7 PM
At the Temple	Rudra Homam will be performed everyday for the full duration of Karthika Maasam	7 PM—8 PM
At Devotee's Home/Temple	Ekaadasa Rudra Abhishekam at devotee's Home with devotee performing the Abhishekam (except Monday evenings and Dec 5th and 6th 2015) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Priests will be assigned for the pooja</li></ul>	6 AM to 12 noon

**To request more details about the Karthika Maasam Program**

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Karthika Maasam or Month is one of the most auspicious months in a lunar calendar. The lunar calendar is divided into two parts Dakshinayana and Uttarayana. Dakshinayana is set aside for Sadhana (penance). Sadhana means a process by which one would get moksha or salvation. Out of all the months in Dakshinayana, Karthika Maasam is best suited for Sadhana. Any austerity, be it a pooja, charity, penance etc. performed during the Karthika Maasam is more meritorious than one performed on ordinary days.

Puranas state that on Karthika pournami Lord Shiva killed Tripurasuras and protected the world. Puranas also state that Lord Vishnu goes to sleep on Ashadha suddha ekadashi and wakes-up on Karthika suddha ekadashi. In this month Ganga, enters in to all rivers, canals, ponds and wells and flows as antarvaahini, making them as pious as the Ganga.



Lord Vishnu as well as Lord Subrahmanya (Karthikeya) with great austerities. Devotees of Lord Shiva perform the Ekadasa Rudra Abhishekam for the whole month of Karthika Maasam to please Lord Shiva. Devotees of Lord Vishnu perform Satyanarayana Vrata on Karthika Pournami. Devotees of Subrahmanya perform Skanda Shasthi during this month. Any austerity performed during the month of Karthika would help the sadhakas to free themselves from all sins and leads them towards moksha.



### Lighting of Diya or Lighting a Lamp During Karthika Maasam

it is considered auspicious to light a diya. Diyas are lit and placed in front of Tulasi plant and near the main entrance of the house before Sun rise, and just before Sun set. Temples light the diya and bring the diya to the top of the Dhawaja Sthambam in the temple and tie it there on Karthika Pournami. This diya is called as Akaasa Deepam. On Karthika Pournami, the whole house is decorated with diyas.

### Bathing in River or Nadi Snamam

Another important significance is bathing in rivers during Karthika Maasam. The rivers have received fresh water during the rainy sea son comprising of shravana bhadrapada months and have completely settled by the time Karthika Maasam starts. Also, this energy from the river.



### Vanabhojana during Karthika Maasam

Another significant aspect of Karthika month is VanaBhojana, where it is very auspicious to take food under the Amla tree in a forest or park. By doing so, we are rid of all Paraanna bhojana doshas which we accumulate by eating outside food and without proper prayer and discipline.

### Karthika Somavaara Vratam

The most important aspect of Karthika maasam is hearing Karthika puranam while observing the Karthika somavaara vratam. The normal process of the Vratam would be to get up at Brahma muhurtham (around 4am), take bath in the river, perform the Rudra Abhishekam by chanting the Rudra Namakam Chamakam, listen to Karthika Puranam and then break fast in the night.



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Program	When ?	Sponsorships
Samoohika Ekaadasa Rudra Abhishekam will be performed at the Temple	Dec 6th 2015	See flyer for more details
Daily Rudra Homam will be performed at the Temple for the full duration of Karthika Masam		
Every Monday Rudra Abhishekam will be performed at the Temple during Karthika Maasam (Every Monday)	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	\$51
Ekaadasa Rudra Abhishekam and or Eka vaara rudrabhishekam at devotee's Home with devotee performing the Pooja	6:30 AM - 10:30 AM	\$151\$/251
– 1 Priests will be assigned for the pooja – Also includes sponsorship for one homam at the Temple		
Grand Sponsorship - All Abhishekam and Homam performed in Devotee's name at the temple, for the full duration of Karthika Masam		\$1,001

## Tithi Devata and Pooja Phalam during Karthika Maasam

Thithi	Tithi Devata and Pooja	Phalam (Benefit)
Karthika Shukla Prathama	Lord Shiva	Tejas (Glory)
Karthika Shukla Dwitiya	Lord Vishnu	Shanthi (Peace of mind)
Karthika Shukla Tritiya	Shakti	Aishwarya prapthi (Wealth)
Karthika Shukla Chaturthi	Naga Devatha / Lord Subrahmanyeswara	Ayaha and Arogya prapthi (Longevity and Health)
Karthika Shukla Panchami	Lord Subrahmanyeswara	Kara siddhi (Success in work)
Karthika Shukla Shasthi	Lord Subrahmanyeswara	Santana prapthi (Children)
Karthika Shukla Saptami	Lord Surya (Sun)	Tejas and Arogya (Glory and Health)
Karthika Shukla Ashtami	Godess Durga	Sankata nivarana (Relief from Miseries)
Karthika shukla Navami	Pithru devathas	Kutumba soukhyam (Happy family)
Karthika shukla Dasami	Lord Ganesh	Relief from Obstacles Lord Vishnu
Karthika shukla Ekadashi	Lord Shiva	Karya siddhi (Success in work)
Karthika shukla Dwadashi	Lord Vishnu	Dhana dhanya vridhhi (Wealth and Good life)
Karthika shukla Trayodashi	Lord Vishnu	Tejas (Glory)
Karthika shukla Chaturdashi	Lord Kala Bhairava	Akala mruthyu haranam (Relief from sudden Deaths)
Karthika shukla Pournami	Lord Shiva / Lord Krishna	Moksha Karthika krishna Prathama Lord Agni (Fire) Tejas (Glory)
Karthika krishna Dwitiya	Ashwani devathas	Arogya (Health) Karthika krishna Tritiya Gauri (Parvathi) Soubhagya (Good for Husband and Children)
Karthika krishna Chathurthi	Lord Ganesh Kutumba	saukhyam (Gives happy family life)
Karthika krishna Panchami	Lord Subrahmanyeswara	Vijaya (Victory) Karthika krishna Shasthi Lord Subrahmanyeswara San-
Karthika krishna Sapthami	Lord Surya	Ayush and Arogya (Longevity and Health) Karthika krishna Ashtami
Karthika krishna Navami	Godess Durga	Karya siddhi (Success everywhere)
Karthika krishna Dasami	Ashta dikpalakas (Indra, Agni, Yama, Nirruthi, Varuna, Vayu, Kubera, Eeshana[Shiva])	Keerthi (Fame)
Karthika krishna Ekadashi	Kubera	Dhana prapthi (Money)
Karthika krishna Dwadashi	Lord Vishnu	Yoga prapthi (Eternal unity)
Karthika krishna Trayodashi	Lord Yama	Vyadhi nivarana (Relief from severe diseases)
Karthika krishna Chaturdashi	Mruthyunjaya (A form of Lord Shiva)	Arogya (Relief from diseases and Healthy body and mind)
Karthika krishna Amavasya	Pithru devathas	Mano dhairyam (Mental stability)

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