



# Austin Hindu Temple and Community Center

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## Ugadi

(Jaya Nama Samvatsaram)

Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 2014

Temple will be open all day, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm  
Archana will be performed every hour

### Program Details

**9:00 am:** Ganapathi Abhishekam

**6:30 pm - 7:45 pm:** Sankalpam, Purusha Sooktha  
Sahitha Vishnu Sahasranaama Sthotra Pooja (Part  
of Sree Srinivasas Mahotsava)

**7:45 pm - 8:15 pm:** Panchanga Sravanam

**8:15 pm - 8:30 pm:** Last special Archana

**8:30 pm:** Harathi

**8:45 pm:** Theertham & Prasadam

Ugadi (uga = year; adi = beginning) marks the beginning of a new Hindu lunar calendar with a change in the moon's orbit. It heralds the

beginning of a New Year, New month, and a New day. With the onset of the beautiful spring season, Ugadi brings in lots of happiness. It falls on the first day of Chaitra masa during the bright fortnight (sukla paksha). Chaitra Masa (month) marks the end of the shivering winter season and the beginning of new life, shoots and leaves.



The dawn of spring signifies growth, prosperity and well-being. While this is called 'Ugadi' in AndhraPradesh and Karnataka, it is known as 'Gudipadava' in Maharashtra. Though Kannadigars, Konkani, Kashmiris, Marathis, and Telugus in particular celebrate Ugadi, all Hindus enjoy and participate in this celebration. People listen to Panchanga (Religious yearly almanac) on Ugadi. Experts will open the new Panchanga on the day and explain the forecast of rain, crop, storms, crop prices and other relevant things pertaining to our day to day life in New Year. This is called Panchanga Shravana. On this day, it is the practice to eat 'Ugadi

Pachadi' (Ugadi Chutney). This special preparation is made from neem flowers, honey, sugar, and a number of other ingredients with special tastes. This preparation signifies that life is a mixture of happiness and sorrow, and that we have to treat them alike.