



# Austin Hindu Temple And Community Center

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## Vaikunta Ekadasi

**Monday, January 6, 2020**



The Dhanurmasa sukla paksha ekadasi is called VaikunTaEkaadasi. On this day the Lord is brought from the inner shrine through the northern gate known as the parama pada Dwaram (the gateway to salvation) or 'the Gate of VaikunTa'. Typically this gate which remains closed throughout the year, is opened only on this occasion. Devotees pass through this gate and attain punya. Lord Vishnu will confer all happiness in their present life as well as liberation after death. The importance of the ekadasi vrata is that one can conquer rajasic and tamasic tendencies in us through fasting. This helps us reach our ultimate destination, VaikunTa, which is the place or stage of no 'kuntitha' or dullness, stupidity and misery. Please join to travel with the Lord thru parama padha dwaaram and get Moksha Siddhi.

### Morning Program

**4:30 AM** - Thiruppavai (Suprabhaatha Seva)

**5:00 AM** - Nava Kalashaabhisekham (Abhisekham with 9 kalashaas) followed by special Alankaram

**7:00 AM** -- Parama Pada Dwara (Uttara Dwara) Darshanam followed by Archana, Harathi, and Shaatrumurai

### Evening Program

**6:30 PM** - Deepalankara Seva & Kalarchana

**7:30 PM** - Saamoohika Vishnu Sahasranaama Archana (a unique Vishnusahasranaama archana where devotees perform archana with flowers after chanting every name in Vishnu Sahasranaamam and finally offer flowers at the Lord's feet. AHT is calling for at least 108 devotees to participate in this unique seva)

**8:15 PM** --Garuda Vaahana Seva followed by Harathi & Theertha Prasadam

### Sponsorship

Please bring some fruits, flowers, coconut and Vada or food item for Prasadam (without onion/garlic)

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