



MAKARA SANKRANTHI (PONGAL)



Celebrations

At

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Sankranthi (Pongal) is the festival of Hindu that follows a solar calendar and is celebrated on the fourteenth of January every year. Pongal has astronomical significance: it marks the beginning of **Uttarayana**, the Sun's movement northward for a six month period. In Hinduism, Uttarayana is considered auspicious, as opposed to Dakshinayana, or the southern movement of the sun. All important events are scheduled during this period. **Makara Sankranthi** refers to the event of the Sun entering the zodiac sign of Makara or Capricorn.

Tuesday, January 13th, 2009

- 6:30 PM Bhogi Pallu
"Bhogi Pallu" is a traditional celebration where children below five are seated in a row while women pour Bhogi Pallu (comprising petals of marigold flowers, "Regi" fruits and coins) on their heads to ward off the evil.
- 7:00 PM Sarva Devata Aarti
7:15 PM Hanuman Chalisa and pujas
7:45 PM Sankashti/Angaraki with Ganesh abhishek and Puja

Wednesday, January 14th, 2009

- 7:00 PM Sarva Devata Aarti
7:15 PM Surya Bhagwan puja.
Beginning of Uttarayana Punya Kalam will be celebrated with offering of new Produce and Reciting of Aditya Hridayam from Valmiki Ramayan after puja.

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