December 2021

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
Streamed at <u>youtube.com/vedantaorg</u>.
For in-person events, masks are mandatory

HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 5 Practical GraceSwami Chidbrahmananda
- MotherhoodSwami Sarvadevananda
- 19 Wither Theology?Swami Satyamayananda
- 26 Holy Mother Puja ONLINE ONLY
 10 AM Puja
 1 PM Homa Fire
 5:15 Talks by Swamis
 6 Arati

Classes

Tuesdays 4:30 PM

Srimad Bhagavatam

Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesdays 7:30 PM
Shanti Gita
Swami Sarvadevananda

Wednesday 7:30 PM

Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna

1, 8, 15 Swami Sarvadevananda

22 Pravrajika Sevaprana

29 Swami Satyamayananda

Thursdays 7:30 PM

Bhagavad Gita

Swami Satyamayananda

3, 10, 17 Fridays 7:30 PM
Living Wisdom of Swami
Abhedananda
Swami Atmavidyananda

24. 31 Class Canceled

- 11, 18 Saturday 10 AM

 Meditation Class

 Mantra Yoga

 Swami Satyamayananda
- 4 Class Canceled
- 11, 18 Saturday 2:30 4:00 PM
 Chanting Class **ONLINE ONLY**:
 dayaprana@vedanta.org
- 18 Saturday Antaryoga Retreat on Kena Upanishad 6 AM – 8 AM

ONLINE ONLY

Pravrajika Dayaprana Sundays 9-10:35 AM Sanskrit Class **Canceled for December** Contact: sukirtha12@yahoo.com

OTHER EVENTS

- 4 Saturday 6:45 PM Ram Nam
- 17 Friday 7 AM Vigil
- 24 Friday 6:30 PM Readings and Carols
- 26 Sunday 10 AM
 Holy Mother Puja online only
- Friday New Year's Eve Meditation 11:30 PM to 12 midnight

SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

All Events In Person and Online.

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SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- Motherhood
 Swami Sarvadevananda
- 12 Wither Theology?
 Swami Satyamayananda
- 19 Tidings of Comfort and Joy Pravrajika Vrajaprana
- 26 11 AM Holy Mother Puja,ONLINE ONLY Lecture Canceled

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

For Seekers of God

Pravrajika Krishnaprana

- 4 Saturday 11 AM Memorial Service for Pravrajika Bhavaprana
- 4 4:30 PM *Bhagavad Gita* Swami Sarvadevananda
- 11 Saturday 5 PM *Katha Upanishad* Swami Satyamayananda
- 18 Saturday 5 PM

 Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna
- 24 Friday 6 PM Christmas Eve Sing-Along Christmas Carols immediately following arati.
- 25 Saturday Christ Puja 11:30 AM, Prasad in Hand
- 26 Sunday Holy Mother Puja 11 AM
- 31 Friday New Year's Eve Meditation

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Orange County
SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 5 Wither Theology?Swami Satyamayananda
- 12 Freedom from Want Swami Vedarupananda
- 19 MotherhoodSwami Sarvadevananda
- Now It's MotherSwami Chidbrahmananda

OTHER EVENTS

24 Friday 11 AM The Christ We Worship – ONLINE ONLY

SAN DIEGO CENTER

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SATURDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11:00 AM

- 4 Wither Theology?Swami Satyamayananda
- 11 Freedom from WantSwami Vedarupananda
- 18 MotherhoodSwami Sarvadevananda
- 25 Lecture Canceled

Other Events

- 24 Friday Christmas Puja 5 PM ONLINE ONLY
- 26 Sunday, 10 AM Holy Mother's Puja: Join the Hollywood Puja ONLINE ONLY

THE VEDANTA SOCIETY ON THE INTERNET

For information: <u>vedanta.org</u> For books: <u>vedanta.com</u> Watch past lectures at <u>youtube.com/vedantaorg</u>

About the Vedanta Society

Vedanta teaches that humanity's real nature is divine, that the true object of human life is to unfold and manifest this divinity, and that truth is universal. Vedanta accepts all the religions of the world and reveres the great prophets, teachers and sons of God, because it recognizes the same divine inspiration in all.

The Vedanta Society of Southern California

was founded in 1930 and incorporated as a non-profit religious corporation in 1934. The Society maintains a temple, convent, and monastery in both Hollywood and Santa Barbara; a monastery and shrine each in San Diego and Trabuco Canyon; and the Vivekananda House in South Pasadena. There are a number of official Vedanta societies in the United States, Europe and South America.

Although the societies are under the spiritual guidance of the Ramakrishna Order of India, each is an independent, self-supporting unit.

Membership is open to those who are seriously interested in the teachings of Vedanta and have attended lectures and classes for some time. In addition, an interview with one of the ministers is required. Applications are available in the Society office and/or bookshops.

Private instruction in spiritual practice is available by appointment from Swami Sarvadevananda to those who have attended classes and lectures for some time and want to deepen their spiritual life in the path of meditation. There is no charge for this instruction. Appointments may be made at the local centers

Information and a large selection of books on Vedanta and other religions are available at the Hollywood,
Trabuco and Santa Barbara bookshops.
Some books are also available at the San Diego Center. Check our website for current hours. Some of our centers maintain a lending library for the use of members.

Inspiring Quotes from Swami Vivekananda:

It is God himself who became Christ and Krishna and Buddha and all these [great teachers]. A Hindu philosopher would say: These are the great souls; they are already free. And though free, they refuse to accept their liberation while the whole world is suffering. They come again and again, take a human embodiment and help mankind. They know from their childhood what they are and what they come for. ... They do not come through bondage like we do. ... They come out of their own free will, and cannot help having tremendous spiritual power. We cannot resist it. The vast mass of mankind is dragged into the whirlpool of spirituality, and the vibration goes on and on because one of these [great souls] gives a push. So it continues until all mankind is liberated and the play of this planet is finished.

Glory unto the great souls whose lives we have been studying! They are the living gods of the world. They are the persons whom we ought to worship. ... Salutations unto you leaders of the human race! Salutations unto you great teachers! You leaders have our salutations for ever and ever.



Santa Barbara Temple December 2021 Vedanta Society of Southern California

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