

AUGUST 2022

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON & ONLINE.

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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For in-person events, for the safety of all, masks are required.

HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 7 Achina Tree
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 14 On The Multiverse
Swami Arupeshananda
- 21 The Spiritual Quest
Swami Vedarupananda
- 28 (Topic to be announced)
Swami Mahayogananda

Classes

Tuesdays 4:30 PM

Srimad Bhagavatam

Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesdays 7:30 PM

Shanti Gita

Swami Sarvadevananda

Wednesdays 7:30 PM

Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna

3,10,17,31 Swami Sarvadevananda

24 Swami Chidbrahmananda

Thursdays 7:30 PM

4, 18 Vedic Christianity

Swami Chidbrahmananda

11, 25 Vivekananda's *Karma Yoga*

Swami Mahayogananda

Friday classes **suspended** during
July and August

OTHER EVENTS

Saturday classes with Pr. Dayaprana

13, 27 2:30 – 4:00 PM

Chanting Class

20 **On-line only:** Antaryoga

Retreat on *The Great Master*

6 – 8 AM

Register by August 18

dayaprana@vedanta.org

Sundays 9 – 10:35 AM

Sanskrit Class

Sukirtha Alagarwamy

Contact:

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26 **Friday 7 AM Vigil**

OTHER EVENTS

13 **Saturday 7:30 PM**

Kirtan with

Swami Nirvanananda Saraswati

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SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

7 She Touched God: A Visual
Presentation of Sister Lalita

Pravrajika Brahma-prana

Resident Minister, Dallas Texas

14 The Spiritual Quest

Swami Vedarupananda

21 Meant to be Free

Swami Chidbrahmananda

28 Achina Tree

Swami Sarvadevananda

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

Spiritual Treasures

Pravrajika Krishnaprana

27 Saturday 5 PM *Bhagavad Gita*

Swami Sarvadevananda

6, 13, 20 Saturday 5 PM

Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Orange County

**No Sunday talks or Spanish
Scripture Classes during August**

PIÑON HILLS RETREAT

High Desert

No events during August

SAN DIEGO CENTER

Go to sandiegovedanta.org for
listings

Vedanta Online Courses

Go to vedantalifeacademy.com

21 Sunday

Sri Krishna Puja

**Check the VSSC or San Diego
Website to check whether the
puja will be online only.**

10 AM Krishna Puja

Performed by Swami

Sarvadevananda

12 Noon Flower Offering

12:15 PM Talk by Swami

Sarvadevananda

1:15 Prasad Lunch

No Saturday talks during August

THE VEDANTA SOCIETY ONLINE

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Vedanta and have attended lectures and classes for some time. In addition, an interview with Swami Sarvadevananda is required. Applications are available in the Society office and/or bookshops.

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Sri Ramakrishna on Sri Krishna and the future Swami Brahmananda from *The Eternal Companion*

"A few days before Rakhil came to me, Mother placed a little boy on my lap and said: 'This is your son!' At first I was startled. 'My son?' Mother smiled at this and made me understand that I was not to have a son in the ordinary sense, but that this boy would be my spiritual son, one who would live up to the highest ideal of renunciation."

From this hour onward, Sri Ramakrishna waited eagerly for the coming of his spiritual son. A few moments before Rakhil actually arrived, he had another vision. Suddenly he saw a hundred-petalled lotus blooming on the bosom of the Ganges, each of its petals shining with exquisite loveliness. On the lotus, two boys were dancing with anklets on their feet. One of them was Sri Krishna himself; the other was the same boy he had seen in his earlier vision. Their dance was indescribably beautiful; every movement they made seemed to splash foam, as it were, from an ocean of sweetness. Sri Ramakrishna was lost in ecstasy.

Just then a boat arrived carrying Manomohan and Rakhil. Sri Ramakrishna looked at Rakhil in bewilderment. "What is this?" he thought to himself: "Here is the boy I saw standing under the banyan tree; here is the boy Mother placed on my lap; here is the boy I saw just now dancing on the lotus with Sri Krishna. This is the pure-hearted companion I prayed for to Mother."

Sri Ramakrishna regarded Rakhil for a few moments in silence. Then he smilingly remarked to Manomohan: "There are wonderful possibilities in this boy." After this, the Master talked to Rakhil for some time, as though he were an old friend.

"What is your name?" he asked.

Rakhil answered: "Rakhil Chandra Ghosh."

Hearing the name “Rakhal,” Sri Rama-krishna was deeply excited, and muttered to himself: “Rakhal! The shepherd boy of Brindaban—the playmate of Sri Krishna!”

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