

## JANUARY 2023

### HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

**DUE TO A COVID OUTBREAK ATTENDANCE MAY BE RESTRICTED. CHECK NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES.**

**Masks are required if in-person attendance is permitted.**

#### SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 1 Sri Ramakrishna as the Eternal Kalpataru  
Swami Medhananda
- 8 Vivekananda – Brahmananda Relation  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 15 Swami Vivekananda Puja**  
6:30 AM Reading of the *Katha Upanishad* and Breakfast Offering  
10 AM Puja  
1 PM Homa Fire  
1:45 PM Flower Offering  
2 PM Prasad  
5:30 PM Talks by Swamis  
6 PM Special Arati
- 22 The Favorite Son  
Swami Arupeshananda
- 29 Swami Brahmananda Puja**  
10 AM Puja  
1 PM Homa Fire  
1:45 PM Flower Offering  
2 PM Prasad  
4 PM Ram Nam and Tea Offering  
5 PM Tea Break  
5:30 PM Talks by Swamis  
6 PM Special Arati

#### Classes

##### Tuesdays 4:30 PM

- 3 No class
- 10, 17, 24, 31 *Srimad Bhagavatam*  
Swami Sarvadevananda

#### Tuesdays 7:30 PM

- 3 Swami Vivekananda's Poem "To A Friend" (*Sakhār Prati*): A Close Reading  
Swami Medhananda
- 10, 17, 24, 31 *Shanti Gita*  
Swami Sarvadevananda

#### Wednesdays 7:30 PM

- Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*
- 4 Swami Sumanasananda
- 11, 18 Swami Sarvadevananda
- 25 Swami Medhananda
- Thursdays 7:30 PM**
- 5, 19 Bhakti Yoga  
Swami Sumanasananda
- 12, 26 Karma Yoga  
Swami Mahayogananda

#### Fridays 7:30 PM

- Teachings of Swami Ramakrishnananda*  
Swami Atmavidyananda

#### OTHER EVENTS

- 7 Sat. 6:30 PM Ram Nam
- 21 Sat. 9 AM – 1 PM  
Karma Yoga Day
- Saturday classes with Pr. Dayaprana**
- 7, 21 2:30 – 4 PM Chanting Class
- 21 **Online Only** Antaryoga Retreat on *Inspired Talks* 6 – 8 AM; Register by Jan 19; [dayaprana@vedanta.org](mailto:dayaprana@vedanta.org)

#### Sundays

- 8, 22 **9 AM to 10:30 AM Sanskrit Class**
- 1, 15, 29 No class
- Contact: [sukirtha@vedanta.org](mailto:sukirtha@vedanta.org)
- 27 Vigil 7 AM**

#### ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

**For in-person events, masks are strongly recommended for the safety of all.**

#### SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

##### SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 1 A Fresh Start  
Pravrajika Vrajaprana
- 8 Infinite Faiths, Infinite Paths  
Swami Medhananda
- 15 The Non-Dual Reality  
Swami Vedarupananda
- 22 Swami Brahmananda and the Divine Mother  
Swami Mahayogananda
- 29 The Liberation Race  
Swami Arupeshananda

#### Classes and Other Events

##### Wednesdays 5 PM

*Swami Subodhananda*  
by Swami Chetanananda  
Pravrajika Krishnaprana

##### 7, 28 Saturday 5 PM

*Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*

##### 14 Swami Vivekananda Puja

7 AM Breakfast Offering

11 AM Puja

12:45 PM Homa Fire followed by Prasad Lunch

21 Karma Yoga Day 9 - 12

##### 23 Monday

**Swami Brahmananda Puja**

11 AM Puja

12:45 PM Homa Fire

Followed by prasad lunch.

#### RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

##### Orange County

##### SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 1 Who is a Saint  
Swami Vedarupananda
- 8 Holy Mother in the Eyes of Swami Vivekananda (part 3)  
Swami Sumanasananda
- 15 The Importance of Values  
Swami Dhyanyogananda
- 22 Vivekananda–Brahmananda Relation  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 29 Reincarnation etc. etc.  
Swami Atmavidyananda

##### Wednesdays

**6.30 PM** In person and online Arati

**7:30 PM** Satsanga with the Trabuco Brothers

##### Sundays 3 PM

Spanish classes in person and online

#### SAN DIEGO CENTER

See [sandiegovedanta.org](http://sandiegovedanta.org) for listings

See [vedantalifeacademy.com](http://vedantalifeacademy.com) for courses

##### SATURDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 7 Holy Mother in the Eyes of Swami Vivekananda (part 2)  
Swami Sumanasananda
- 14 **Swami Vivekananda Puja**  
10 AM Puja  
12 PM Presentation by Swami Bhajanananda Saraswati,  
Kali Mandir
- 1 PM Lunch Prasad
- 21 Vivekananda–Brahmananda Relation  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 28 Confluence on Vedanta and Tantra  
Dr. Sthaneshwar Timalsina,  
Prof of Religion, SDSU

## THE VEDANTA SOCIETY ONLINE

For information: [www.vedanta.org](http://www.vedanta.org)

For books: [www.vedanta.com](http://www.vedanta.com)

Watch past programs at

[youtube.com/vedantaorg](http://youtube.com/vedantaorg)

### 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 Swami Sarvadevananda is re-

quired. 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.

### From the *Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda*

What is the difference between the highest man and the lowest worm that crawls under your feet? Ignorance. That makes all the difference. For inside that little crawling worm is lodged infinite power, and knowledge, and purity—the infinite divinity of God Himself. It is unmanifested; it will have to be manifested.

This is the one great truth India has to teach to the world, because it is nowhere else. This is spirituality, the science of the soul. What makes a man stand up and work? Strength. Strength is goodness, weakness is sin. If there is one word that

you find coming out like a bomb from the Upanishads, bursting like a bomb-shell upon masses of ignorance, it is the word fearlessness. And the only religion that ought to be taught is the religion of fearlessness. Either in this world or in the world of religion, it is true that fear is the sure cause of degradation and sin. It is fear that brings misery, fear that brings death, fear that breeds evil. And what causes fear? Ignorance of our own nature. Each of us is heir-apparent to the Emperor of emperors; are of the substance of God Himself. Nay, according to the Advaita, we are God Himself though we have forgotten our own nature in thinking of ourselves as little men. We have fallen from that nature and thus made differences — I am a little better than you, or you than I, and so on. This idea of oneness is the great lesson India has to give, and mark you, when this is understood, it changes the whole aspect of things, because you look at the world through other eyes than you have been doing before. And this world is no more a battlefield where each soul is born to struggle with every other soul and the strongest gets the victory and the weakest goes to death. It becomes a playground where the Lord is playing like a child, and we are His playmates, His fellow-workers.

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