

## FEBRUARY 2023

### ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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### HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

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

#### SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 5 Holy Mother in the Eyes of Swami Vivekananda Part 2  
Swami Sumanasananda
- 12 Vivekananda's Philosophical Defense of Spiritual Experience  
Swami Medhananda
- 19 Ramakrishna - Shiva  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 26 **Sri Ramakrishna Puja**  
10 AM Puja  
1 PM Homa Fire  
1:45 PM Flower Offering  
2 PM Prasad  
3:15 PM Songs from the Gospel  
5.15 PM Talks by Swamis  
6 PM Special Arati

#### Classes

##### Tuesdays 4:30 PM

- 14, 21, 28 *Srimad Bhagavatam*  
Swami Sarvadevananda

##### Tuesdays 7:30 PM

- 7 Swami Mahayogananda  
14, 21, 28 *Shanti Gita*  
Swami Sarvadevananda

#### Wednesdays 7:30 PM

- Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*  
1, 15 Swami Sarvadevananda  
8 Swami Sumanasananda  
22 Swami Medhananda

#### Thursdays 7:30 PM

- 2, 16, 23 Bhakti Yoga  
Swami Sumanasananda  
9 Karma Yoga  
Swami Mahayogananda

#### Fridays 7:30 PM

- Teachings of Swami Ramakrishnananda*  
Swami Atmavidyananda

#### OTHER EVENTS

- 4 Sat. 6:30 PM Ram Nam
- 11 Sat. 9 AM – 1 PM  
Karma Yoga Day
- 18 **Saturday 6 PM – Sunday 3 AM Shiva Ratri**  
First Watch 6:00 PM  
Second Watch 8:30 PM  
Third Watch 10 PM  
Fourth Watch 11:30 PM

#### Saturday classes with Pr. Dayaprana

- 11, 25 2:30 – 4 PM Chanting Class
- 11 **Online Only** Antaryoga Retreat on *The Great Master* 6 – 8 AM;  
Register by Feb 9  
[dayaprana@vedanta.org](mailto:dayaprana@vedanta.org)

- Sundays 9 to 10:30 AM Sanskrit Class  
Contact: [sukirtha@vedanta.org](mailto:sukirtha@vedanta.org)

**No Class on Sunday 26 Feb.**

#### 24 Friday Vigil 7 AM

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#### SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

##### SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 5 Ramakrishna - Shiva  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 12 Holy Mother in the Eyes of Swami Vivekananda Part 1  
Swami Sumanasananda
- 19 Every Obstacle is an Opportunity  
Pravrajika Krishnaprana
- 26 The Knife, Fork, and Spoon of Karma Yoga  
Swami Vedarupananda

#### Classes and Other Events

##### Wednesdays 5 PM

*Swami Subodhananda*  
by Swami Chetanananda  
Pravrajika Krishnaprana

##### 18 Saturday Shiva Ratri

First Watch 6:00 PM  
Second Watch 7:30 PM  
Third Watch 8:45 PM  
Fourth Watch 10:00 PM

##### 21 Tuesday Ramakrishna Puja

11:00 AM Puja  
12:45 PM Homa fire  
1:30 PM Prasad lunch

#### Saturdays

- 4 **5 PM Bhagavad Gita**  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 11, 25 **Gospel of Ramakrishna**
- 25 Karma Yoga Day 9 - noon

#### RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Orange County

#### SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 5 Spiritual but Not Religious?  
Swami Medhananda
- 12 Ramakrishna - Shiva  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 19 The Knife, Fork, and Spoon of Karma Yoga  
Swami Vedarupananda
- 26 Values for a Healthy Mind  
Swami Dhyanyogananda

#### 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

- 4 Brahma Satyam Jagat Satyam:  
A close reading of Swami Turiyananda's Letter on Sri Ramakrishna's Philosophy  
Swami Medhananda
- 11 Confluence of Vedanta and Tantra part 2  
Dr. Sthaneshwar Timalisina
- 18 The Knife, Fork, and Spoon of Karma Yoga  
Swami Vedarupananda
- 25 **10 AM – 1:30 PM**  
**Ramakrishna Puja**

## THE VEDANTA SOCIETY ONLINE

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Watch past programs at  
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### 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.

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terview with Swami Sarvadevananda 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.

### Quotes on Prayer from *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*

DEVOTEE: Sir is there no help, then, for a worldly person?

MASTER: Certainly there is. From time to time he should live in the company of holy men, and from time to time go into solitude to meditate on god. Furthermore, he should practice discrimination and pray to god, 'Give me faith and devotion.' Once a person has faith he has achieved everything. There is nothing greater than faith.

MASTER: There is another way: earnestly praying to God. God is our very own. We should say to Him: 'O God, what is Thy nature? Reveal Thyself to me. Thou must show Thyself to me; for why else hast Thou created me?' Some Sikh devotees once said to me, 'God is full of compassion.' I said: 'But why should we call Him compassionate? He is our Creator. What is there to be wondered at if He is kind to us? Parents bring up their children. Do you call that an act of kindness? They must act that way.' Therefore we should force our demands on God. He is our Father and Mother, isn't He? If the son demands his patrimony and gives up food and drink in order to enforce his demand, then the parents hand his share over to him three years before the legal time. Or when the child demands some pice from his mother, and says over and over again: 'Mother, give me a couple of pice. I beg you on my knees!'—then the mother, seeing his earnestness, and unable to bear it any more, tosses the money to him.

MASTER: One should have such burning faith in God that one can say: 'What? I have repeated the name of God, and can sin still cling to me? How can I be a sinner any more? How can I be in bondage any more?

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