

APRIL 2023

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

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

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 2 Same Goal, Different Paths
Swami Medhananda
- 9 The Hope of Easter
Swami Arupeshananda
- 16 “He is not here: for He is Risen.”
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 23 Holy Mother in the Eyes of
Swami Vivekananda Part 4
Swami Sumanasananda
- 30 The Psychic and the Spiritual
Swami Vedarupananda

Classes

Tuesdays 4:30 PM

- 11, 18, *Srimad Bhagavatam*
25 Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesdays 7:30 PM

- 4 *Viveka-Chudamani*
(*Crest-Jewel of Discrimination*)
Swami Sumanasananda
- 11, 18, *Shanti Gita*
25 Swami Sarvadevananda

Wednesdays 7:30 PM

- Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*
- 5 Swami Sumanasananda
- 12, 19 Swami Sarvadevananda
- 26 Swami Medhananda

Thursdays 7:30 PM

- 6, 20, *Vivekananda’s Bhakti Yoga*
27 Swami Sumanasananda
- 13 *Vivekananda’s Karma Yoga*
Swami Mahayogananda

Fridays 7:30 PM

- Teachings of*
Swami Ramakrishnananda
Swami Atmavidyananda

OTHER EVENTS

- 1 Sat. 6:30 PM Ram Nam
- 15 Sat. 9 AM – 1 PM
Karma Yoga Day

Saturday chanting and retreat

- Pravrajika Dayaprana
- 8, 22 2:30 – 4 PM Chanting Class
- 15 **Online Only** Antaryoga Retreat on
Isha Upanishad 6 – 8 AM
Register by April 13
dayaprana@vedanta.org
- Sundays 9 to 10:30 AM Sanskrit Class
Sukirtha Alagarswamy
Contact: sukirtha@vedanta.org

28 Friday Vigil 7 AM

- 29 **Annual Members’ Meeting, 10 AM**
For members only; meeting will be
online via Zoom.

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SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

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- 2 The Psychic and the Spiritual
Swami Vedarupananda
- 9 Blessings of Easter
Pravrajika Vrajaprana
- 16 Holy Mother in the Eyes of
Swami Vivekananda Part 2
Swami Sumanasananda
- 23 “He is not here: for He is Risen.”
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 30 What is Divine Love?
Swami Arupeshananda

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

- How a Shepherd Boy Became a*
Saint: Swami Adbhutananda
by Swami Chetanananda
Pravrajika Krishnaprana

Saturdays

- 1,8,15, 29 *Gospel of Ramakrishna*
- 22 5 PM *Bhagavad Gita*
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 22 9 AM – Noon
Karma Yoga Day

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Orange County

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- 2 Holy Mother in the Eyes of
Swami Vivekananda Part 5
Swami Sumanasananda
- 9 “He is not here: for He is Risen.”
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 16 The Psychic and the Spiritual
Swami Vedarupananda
- 23 The Power of Devotion
Swami Mahayogananda
- 30 What Happens After We Die?
Swami Medhananda

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 for listings
- See vedantalifeacademy.com for courses

SATURDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 1 Holy Mother in the Eyes of
Swami Vivekananda Part 4
Swami Sumanasananda
- 8 “He is not here: for He is Risen.”
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 15 The Psychic and the Spiritual
Vedarupananda
- 22 Nature Mysticism East and West
Peter Bolland, Prof. of World
Religions, Southwestern College
- 29 Same Goal, Different Paths
Swami Medhananda

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From The lecture *Soul and God* by Swami Vivekananda

God is true. The universe is a dream. Blessed am I that I know this moment that I [have been and] shall be free all eternity; ... that I know that I am worshipping only myself; that no nature, no delusion, had any hold on me. Vanish nature from me, vanish [these] gods; vanish worship; ... vanish superstitions,

for I know myself. I am the Infinite. All these—Mrs. So-and-so, Mr. So-and-so, responsibility, happiness, misery have vanished. I am the Infinite. How can there be death for me, or birth? Whom shall I fear? I am the One. Shall I be afraid of myself? Who is to be afraid of [whom]? I am the one Existence. Nothing else exists. I am everything.

It is only the question of memory [of your true nature], not salvation by work. Do you *get* salvation? You are [already] free.

Go on saying, "I am free." Never mind if the next moment delusion comes and says, "I am bound." Dehypnotise the whole thing.

[This truth] is first to be heard. Hear it first. Think on it day and night. Fill the mind [with it] day and night: "I am It. I am the Lord of the universe. Never was there any delusion. ..." Meditate upon it with all the strength of the mind till you actually see these walls, houses, everything, melt away—[until] body, everything, vanishes. "I will stand alone. I am the One." Struggle on! "Who cares! We want to be free; [we] do not want any powers. Worlds we renounce; heavens we renounce; hells we renounce. What do I care about all these powers, and this and that! What do I care if the mind is controlled or uncontrolled! Let it run on. What of that! I am not the mind, Let it go on!"

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