

AUGUST 2023

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

6 “We the People...”
Swami Sarvadevananda

13 **Special Event** **Two Visiting Swamis**

Serving the Living Gods
Swami Balabhadrananda
Assistant General Secretary,
Ramakrishna Math & Mission

Bring God Home
Swami Tyagananda
Ramakrishna Vedanta Society,
Boston, MA

20 “Shivo’ham—I Am He!”
Swami Sumanasananda

27 Spiritualizing Physical Fitness
Swami Medhananda

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
2,16,30 Swami Sarvadevananda

9 **Spirituality Practiced in the**
Ramakrishna Order
Swami Balabhadrananda

23 Swami Medhananda

Thursdays 7:30 PM

10, 17, 31 *Bhakti Yoga*
Swami Sumanasananda
3 Vivekananda’s “What is Hindu
Dharma?”: A Close Reading (part 2)
Swami Medhananda
24 *Karma Yoga*
Swami Mahayogananda

Fridays 7:30 PM Classes

Suspended during July and August

OTHER EVENTS

19 Sat. 9 AM – 1 PM
Karma Yoga Day

Saturday chanting and retreat

Online Only Pravrajika Dayaprana
5,12,19 2:30 – 4 PM Chanting Class

26 Antaryoga Retreat on *Sri*
Ramakrishna 5:45 – 8:30 AM
Register by August 24
dayaprana@vedanta.org

Sundays 9 to 10:30 AM Sanskrit Class

Sukirtha Alagarswamy
Contact: sukirtha@vedanta.org

25 **Friday Vigil 7 AM**

SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

6 Sri Ramakrishna’s Pilgrimage
Mindset: A Traveler’s Guide to
Spiritual Experiences
Swami Chidekananda
Advaita Ashrama, Kolkata

13 Inviting Intuition
Swami Vedarupananda

20 “We the People...”
Swami Sarvadevananda

27 Who Am I?
Swami Sumanasananda

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

2, 16, 23, 30 *Memories of a Loving Soul:*
Swami Premananda
by Swami Prabhavanada
with Pravrajika Krishnaprana

9 **Reconciling Knowledge and Love,**
Jnana and Bhakti
Swami Tyagananda
Vedanta Society, Boston, MA

Saturdays 5 PM

5,26 *Gospel of Ramakrishna*

12 **Holy Mother: Vedanta in Practice**
Swami Balabhadrananda
Assistant General Secretary,
Ramakrishna Math and Mission

19 *Bhagavad Gita*
Swami Sarvadevananda

26 Saturday 9 AM – Noon
Karma Yoga Day

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Orange County

Regular Sunday Spiritual Talks are
suspended for July and August

Wednesdays

6:30 PM In person and online Arati
7:30 PM Satsanga with the Trabuco
Brothers

SAN DIEGO CENTER

See sandiegovedanta.org for listings

See vedantalifeacademy.com for courses

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From *What the Disciples Said About It* (edited by Edith Tipple)

Swami Brahmananda on Service

Attain knowledge and devotion, then serve God in mankind.

Know that God alone is real. Keep at least three-fourths of your mind in God. It is enough if you give one-fourth to service. Work and worship.

Give your body and mind to worldly enjoyments, and the world will destroy them both. Devote them to God and His

service, and you will enjoy bodily health, peace of mind, and spiritual joy.

Is it possible for everybody to meditate all the time? That is why Swamiji taught selfless service in order to make it easy for people to reach union with God.

With the same whole-souled devotion with which a devotee worships the Lord in the shrine he must serve the Lord in the poor, in the sick, in the lowly. Who are you to help another? It is only when the Lord gives you the power that you can really serve.

True it is that in all creatures He dwells, but His greater manifestation is in man. That is why Swamiji encouraged us to serve mankind. One must have faith that the one Brahman is in man, woman, in all creatures; and with that faith one must learn to serve Shiva in the form of jiva. As you practice this, suddenly one day the veil will be lifted and you will see that it is He who has become everything—man and universe. It is He who pervades the universe in so many forms. You are that all-pervading Shiva; and thus can serve Shiva in the form of jiva.

Monthly Bulletin

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Piñon Hills Retreat

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of Southern California
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