

OCTOBER 2023

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 1 Speech Karma
Swami Vedarupananda
- 8 Worship God as Mother
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 15 Living the Life We Want
Swami Dhyanyogananda
- 22 Thou Art The Supreme Mother!
Swami Sumanasananda
- 29 Do We Have Free Will?
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
4,11,18 Swami Sarvadevananda
25 Pravrajika Sevaprana

Thursdays 7:30 PM

- 5, 26 Swami Vivekananda's "What is Hindu Dharma?" A Close Reading (Parts 4 and 5) · Sw. Medhananda
- 12 Karma Yoga · Sw. Mahayogananda
- 19 Bhakti Yoga · Sw. Sumanasananda

Fridays 7:30 PM

Religion and Its Practice
Teachings of the Direct Disciples of Sri Ramakrishna · Sw. Atmavidyananda

OTHER EVENTS

7 Saturday 6:30 PM Ram Nam

14 Saturday 9 – 12 Karma Yoga Day

Saturday Chanting and Retreat

Online Only · Pravrajika Dayaprana

- 7, 28 Chanting Class 2:30 – 4 PM
- 28 Antaryoga Retreat on Swamiji's Words on Mother 6 – 8:30 AM
Register by October 26

At Piñon Hills (in person)

- 14 Antaryoga Retreat on Divine Mother 9:30 AM to 4 PM
Register by Oct. 12
dayaprana@vedanta.org

Saturday 14 – Tuesday 24

Navaratri Durga Chanting

Sunday 22 7:34 – 8:22 PM

Sandhi Puja – Group chanting of "Jai Sri Durga"

Sundays 9 to 10:30 AM Sanskrit Class

S. Alagarswamy · sukirtha@vedanta.org

27 Friday Vigil 7 AM

SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 1 Hooray for Everything
Swami Arupeshananda
- 8 Jai Ma—Glory to the Divine Mother
Pravrajika Vrajaprana

15 Spiritual Talk
Swami Mahayogananda

22 Worship God as Mother
Swami Sarvadevananda

29 Bestow the Final Emancipation!
Swami Sumanasananda

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

Swami Akhandananda
by Swami Annadananda
Pravrajika Krishnaprana

Saturdays 5 PM

7,14,28 *Gospel of Ramakrishna*

14 Saturday 9 AM – Noon
Karma Yoga Day

21 11 AM Durga Puja

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RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Trabuco Canyon, Orange County

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 1 God Is Love
Swami Dhyanyogananda
- 8 Of Mice and Marshmallows
Swami Medhananda
- 15 Thou Art The Supreme Knowledge!
Swami Sumanasananda

22 Serving the Divine in Embodied Beings
Swami Harinamananda

29 Worship God as Mother
Swami Sarvadevananda

Wednesdays

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

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SAN DIEGO CENTER

SATURDAY SERVICES 11 AM

- 7 The Three Gunas in Spiritual Life: A Practical Guide
Swami Medhananda
- 14 Durga Puja and Self-Realization
Dr. Sthaneshwar Timalisina
- 21 What Is Your Philosophy?
Swami Vedarupananda
- 28 Worship God as Mother
Swami Sarvadevananda

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From *The Eternal Companion* by Swami Prabhavananda

It was the year 1901, a few days before the annual worship of Durga—God the Mother in her aspect as protectress of the universe. Maharaj (Swami Brahmananda) was sitting on the bank of the Ganges at the Belur Math. Suddenly he saw Mother Durga walking on the surface of the Ganges toward the monastery grounds. She passed under the sacred vilwa tree in the monastery garden and then disap-

peared. A moment later Swamiji (Swami Vivekananda) arrived by boat, came to Maharaj, and said: "Raja, make arrangements at once for the worship of Mother Durga." Then he told Maharaj that he had had a vision, and had seen Mother Durga being worshipped at the monastery. Maharaj, in turn, described his own vision to Swamiji, and they began at once to prepare for the worship. Since that date the special worship of Mother Durga has been held every year at the Belur Monastery. Maharaj also performed this worship at the monasteries in Kankhal, Benares, and Madras. He once told Akhilananda* that he performed this worship in obedience to the Mother's direct command. Akhilananda records that, during the Durga festival in Madras, the power of Maharaj was specially felt by his disciples, and their minds were raised to higher levels of spirituality.

* Swami Akhilananda later became the head of the Vedanta centers in Boston MA and Providence RI.

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