

DECEMBER 2023

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 3 The Ramakrishna Order and Its Inspiration
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 10 Did Sri Ramakrishna
Really Practice Christianity?
Swami Medhananda
- 17 “Blessed are the Pure in Heart”
Swami Sumanasananda
- 24 Merry Christmas
Swami Arupeshananda
- 31 Psychological Mayavada
Swami Vedarupananda

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
Swami Sarvadevananda

Thursdays 7:30 PM

- 7, 28 Bhakti Yoga
Swami Sumanasananda
- 14 Swami Vivekananda’s *Raja Yoga*
Swami Medhananda
- 21 Karma Yoga
Swami Sarvadevananda

Fridays 7:30 PM

*Tales and Parables of Sri
Ramakrishna*
Swami Atmavidyananda

OTHER EVENTS

2 Saturday 6:30 PM Ram Nam

16 Saturday
Karma Yoga 9 – 12

24 Sunday 6:20 PM Christmas Readings and Carols

29 Friday Vigil 7 AM

31 Sunday 11:30 PM to 12 Midnight New Year’s Eve Meditation

Saturday Chanting and Retreats Pravrajika Dayaprana Online Only

16 Saturday 6 – 8:30 AM
Antaryoga Morning Retreat
on “Conversations with Swamiji”

16, 23 2:30 – 4 PM Chanting Class

See also Pinon Hills Listing

Sundays 9 to 10:30 AM Sanskrit Class Cancelled for December

SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 3 Psychological Mayavada
Swami Vedarupananda
- 10 “Rejoice and be Exceedingly Glad”
Swami Sumanasananda
- 17 The Ramakrishna Order and Its
Inspiration
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 24 Jesus and Mary
Pravrajika Vrajaprana

31 The Practice of
Serving the Divine in Others
Swami Harinamananda

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

Swami Akhandananda
by Swami Annadananda
Pravrajika Krishnaprana

Saturdays 5 PM

2,9,23,30 *Gospel of Ramakrishna*

16 *Bhagavad Gita*
Swami Sarvadevananda

24 Sing along Christmas Carols
Immediately after Arati

25 11:30 AM Christ Puja

31 Sunday 11:30 PM to 12 Midnight New Year’s Eve Meditation

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Trabuco Canyon, Orange County

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

3 Countdown: God
Swami Mahayogananda

10 The Ramakrishna Order and
Its Inspiration
Swami Sarvadevananda

17 Psychological Mayavada
Swami Vedarupananda

24 11 AM Jesus’ Message on Peace Swamis Sarvadevananda and Dhyanyogananda, followed by Musical Performances and Christmas Carols followed by Potluck Lunch

31 Happy New Year
Swami Arupeshananda

Wednesdays

6:30 PM In person and online Arati

7:30 PM Satsanga with the
Trabuco Brothers

SAN DIEGO CENTER

SATURDAY SERVICES 11 AM

- 2 Spiritual Talk
Swami Atmarupananda
(joining us via zoom)
- 9 The Ramakrishna Order and
Its Inspiration
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 16 Psychological Mayavada
Swami Vedarupananda
- 23 11 AM Christmas Worship
Noon Christmas Carols and Readings
12:30 Talk: The Spirit of Christmas
1 PM – Potluck lunch
- 30 Cultivating Discipline
Swami Dhyanyogananda

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PIÑON HILLS, HIGH DESERT

- 30 Saturday 9:30 AM – 4 PM
Antaryoga Retreat on “Holy Mother”
in person & Online
Pravrajika Dayaprana

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Vedanta Advent Hymn

By Swami Atmavidyananda

From the great unmanifest
Comes variety expressed,
Comes up at its own behest,
From the great unmanifest.

This creation keeps our mind
From its knowing what's behind.
To our holy source we're blind,
When creation holds our mind.

We know not what we require.
Searching in the world we tire,
Thinking it's what we desire,
But it's God that we require.

So among the manifest
Comes to us to give us rest
God in human form expressed,
Greatest of the manifest.

From these holiest of births
Comes the light of hope to earth,
Giving all which has real worth,
Letting true love have its birth.

May true light in us increase,
Filling us with radiant peace.
Joy and love will never cease,
As the light and peace increase.

God will fill our hearts in time
That true light in us may shine
Showing all to be divine.
God will fill our hearts in time.

More sun to us each day brings
Through the winter and through spring,
Likewise as we pray and sing,
More light inside each day brings.

As we celebrate this time
May our hearts and minds both climb
To new heights of joy sublime.
As we celebrate this time.

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