

JANUARY 2024

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY

7 Holy Mother Puja

- 10 AM Puja
- 1 PM Homa Fire
- 2 PM Prasad
- 3 PM Devotional Singing
- 5 PM Talks by Swamis
- 6 PM Special Arati

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 14 Holy Mother in the Eyes of Swamis Saradananda & Turiyananda Swami Sarvadevananda
- 21 Reflection on the Five Elements Swami Vedarupananda
- 28 Blessed are the Peacemakers Swami Mahayogananda

Classes

Tuesdays 4:30 PM

Srimad Bhagavatam
Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesdays 7:30 PM

Jivan Mukti Gita
Swami Sarvadevananda

Wednesdays 7:30 PM

- 3, 10, 17, 31 *Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna* Swami Sarvadevananda
- 24 Swami Medhananda

Thursdays 7:30 PM

- 4, 11 *Narada Bhakti Sutras* Swami Sumanasananda
- 18 Karma Yoga Swami Mahayogananda
- 25 Swami Vivekananda's *Raja Yoga* Swami Medhananda

Fridays 7:30 PM

Tales and Parables of Sri Ramakrishna
Swami Atmavidyananda

OTHER EVENTS

- 13 Saturday Karma Yoga 9 – 12
- 13 Saturday 6:30 PM Ram Nam
- 26 Friday Vigil 7 AM

Saturday Chanting

Pravrajika Dayaprana *Online Only*
dayaprana@vedanta.org

- 20, 27 2:30 – 4 PM Chanting Class

- 20 6 – 8:30 AM Antaryoga Morning Retreat Meditation on Swamiji's Words Register by January 18

Sundays 9 to 10:30 AM Sanskrit Class

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SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 7 Affirmations Pravrajika Krishnaprana
- 14 "I Have a Mother" Swami Sumanasananda
- 21 January Jonesing Swami Arupeshananda
- 28 Holy Mother in the Eyes of Swamis Saradananda & Turiyananda Swami Sarvadevananda

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

Swami Akhandananda
by Swami Annadananda
Pravrajika Krishnaprana

3 Wednesday Holy Mother Puja

11:00 am Puja
12:45 pm Homa Fire
Followed by Prasad Lunch

Saturdays 5 PM

- 9, 13, 20 *Gospel of Ramakrishna*
- 27 *Bhagavad Gita* Swami Sarvadevananda

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Trabuco Canyon, Orange County SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 7 Christ's Influence on Sri Ramakrishna Swami Chidekananda

- 14 Celebrating 75 years of the Ramakrishna Monastery Swami Dhyanyogananda
- 21 Holy Mother in the Eyes of Swamis Saradananda & Turiyananda Swami Sarvadevananda
- 28 Self-Deception in Spiritual Life Swami Medhananda

Wednesdays

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

SAN DIEGO CENTER

SATURDAY SERVICES 11 AM

- 6 Holy Mother Puja
- 13 Direct Sensory Experience of the Divine
Dr. Sthaneshwar Timalsina
Stony Brook University, NY
[Zoom Link](https://www.zoom.us/j/9201111111)
(or go to sandiegovedanta.org)
- 20 Holy Mother in the Eyes of Swamis Saradananda & Turiyananda Swami Sarvadevananda
- 27 The Bhagavad Gita and Positive Psychology Swami Medhananda

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From the Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda

The first question that we find now arising is the question about the universe: "Whence did it come?" "How did it come?" "How does it exist?" Various hymns are to be found on this question struggling forward to assume form, and nowhere do we find it so poetically, so

wonderfully expressed as in the following hymn:

"Then there was neither aught nor naught, nor air, nor sky, nor anything. What covered all? Where rested all? Then death was not, nor deathlessness, nor change to night and day." The translation loses a good deal of the poetical beauty. "Then death was not, nor deathlessness, nor change to night and day"; the very sound of the Sanskrit is musical. "That existed, that breath, covering as it were, that God's existence; but it did not begin to move." It is good to remember this one idea that it existed motionless, because we shall find how this idea sprouts up afterwards in the cosmology, how according to the Hindu metaphysics and philosophy, this whole universe is a mass of vibrations, as it were, motions; and there are periods when this whole mass of motions subsides and becomes finer and finer, remaining in that state for some time. That is the state described in this hymn. It existed unmoved, without vibration, and when this creation began, this began to vibrate and all this creation came out of it, that one breath, calm, self-sustained, naught else beyond it.

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