

FEBRUARY 2024

All Events In Person and Online

Unless Otherwise Noted

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HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY PUJAS

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| 4 | Swami Vivekananda Puja |
| 6:30 AM | Reading of the <i>Katha Upanishad</i> and Breakfast Offering |
| 10 AM | Puja, Homa Fire, Flower Offering |
| 2 PM | Prasad |
| 3:15 PM | Children's Play "Jangale ek Dungal" * |
| 4:45 PM | Break |
| 5:15 PM | Talks by Swamis |
| 6 PM | Special Arati |

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| 11 | Swami Brahmananda Puja |
| 10 AM | Puja, Homa Fire, Flower Offering |
| 2 PM | Prasad |
| 4 PM | Ram Nam and Tea Offering |
| 4:45 PM | Break |
| 5:15 PM | Talks by Swamis |
| 6 PM | Special Arati |

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

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| 18 | "Naren Will Teach" Swami Sumanasananda |
| 25 | The Inner Light Swami Vedarupananda |

Classes

Tuesdays 4:30 PM

Srimad Bhagavatam
Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesdays 7:30 PM

6,13,20 *Jivanmukti Gita*
Swami Sarvadevananda

27 Meditation in Daily life

Swami Prapannananda
Head, Vedanta Society of Sacramento

*See Vedanta.org for details

Wednesdays 7:30 PM

Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna

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| 7,14,21 | Swami Sarvadevananda |
| 28 | Swami Medhananda |

Thursdays 7:30 PM

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| 1 | <i>Narada Bhakti Sutras</i> Swami Sumanasananda |
| 8, 29 | Swami Vivekananda's <i>Raja Yoga</i> Swami Medhananda |
| 15 | Karma Yoga Swami Mahayogananda |
| 22 | No Class |

Fridays 7:30 PM

2,9,16 *Tales and Parables of Sri Ramakrishna*
Swami Atmavidyananda

23 No Class

OTHER EVENTS

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| 17 | Saturday Karma Yoga 9 AM – noon |
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16 **Friday Vigil 7 AM**

24 Saturday 10 AM – 1:30 PM *
125th Anniversary Celebrating
Swami Vivekananda's visit to
Los Angeles

Talks by: Swami Chetanananda, St. Louis
Swami Prapannananda, Sacramento
Swami Tattwamayananda, San Francisco
Pravrajika Virajaprana, San Francisco
Pravrajika Saradeshaprana, Hollywood
Swami Ishatmananda, Chicago

Saturday Chanting

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| Pravrajika Dayaprana Online Only |
| 3,17 2:30 – 4 PM Chanting Class |
| 17 6:00 ~ 8:30 AM Antaryoga Retreat Meditation on Swamij's words |

Sundays 9 to 10:30 AM Sanskrit Class

Contact sukirtha@vedanta.org

*See Vedanta.org for details

SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

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| 4 | Integrating the Yogas Pravrajika Vrajaprana |
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| 11 | Swami Brahmananda Puja |
| 11 AM | Puja |
| 12:45 PM | Homa Fire followed by prasad lunch |

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| 18 | Call of the Spirit Swami Mahayogananda |
| 25 | Spiritual Procrastination Professor Wade Dazey |

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

Swami Akhandananda
by Swami Annadananda
Pravrajika Krishnaprana

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| 2 | Friday |
| | Swami Vivekananda Puja |
| 7 AM | Breakfast Offering |
| 11 AM | Puja |
| 12:45 PM | Homa Fire followed by prasad lunch |

Saturdays 5 PM

Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Trabuco Canyon, Orange County

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

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| 4 | Reflection on the Five Elements Swami Vedarupananda |
| 11 | Vivekananda, Brahmananda, and Saraswati Swami Atmavidyananda |
| 18 | "God- the Pillar of life" Swami Sarvadevananda |

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| 25 | 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM * |
| | 75th Anniversary Celebrating the Ramakrishna Monastery at Trabuco Talks by: |
| | Swami Chetanananda, St. Louis Swami Prapannananda, Sacramento Pravrajika Vrajaprana, Santa Barbara Swami Tattwamayananda, San Francisco Pravrajika Anantaprana, San Francisco Swami Ishatmananda, Chicago |

Wednesdays

6:30 PM In person and online Arati

7:30 PM Satsanga with the
Trabuco Brothers

SAN DIEGO CENTER

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| 3 | Swami Vivekananda Birthday Puja |
| 10 AM | Puja by Swami Bhajananda, Kali Mandir |
| 12 Noon | Flower offering |
| 12:15 - 1 PM | Swami Vivekananda as the Bhakta Swami Bhajananda |
| 1 PM - | Prasad Lunch |

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| 10 | 11 AM The Seven Stone Path Peter Bolland, Prof. of World Religions, Southwestern College |
| 17 | 9 AM - 2 PM Meditation Retreat by Swami Sarvadevananda at the Girl Scouts Center, Balboa Park For more details and how to register go to www.sandiegovedanta.org |
| 24 | No Service – See special events Hollywood |

See sandiegovedanta.org for detailed listings.

See vedantalifeacademy.com for courses.

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THE VEDANTA SOCIETY ONLINE

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Vedanta teaches that humanity's real nature is divine, that the true object of human life is to unfold and manifest this divinity, and that truth is universal. Vedanta accepts all the religions of the world and reveres the great prophets, teachers and sons of God, because it recognizes the same divine inspiration in all.

The Vedanta Society of Southern California was founded in 1930 and incorporated as a non-profit religious corporation in 1934. The Society maintains a temple, convent, and monastery in both Hollywood and Santa Barbara; a monastery and shrine each in San Diego and Trabuco Canyon; and the Vivekananda House in South Pasadena. There are a number of official Vedanta societies in the United States, Europe and South America. Although the societies are under the spiritual guidance of the Ramakrishna Order of India, each is an independent, self-supporting unit.

Membership is open to those who are seriously interested in the teachings of Vedanta and have attended lectures and classes for some time. In addition, an interview with Swami Sarvadevananda is

required. Applications are available in the Society office and/or bookshops.

Private instruction in spiritual practice is available by appointment from Swami Sarvadevananda to those who have attended classes and lectures for some time and want to deepen their spiritual life in the path of meditation. There is no charge for this instruction. Appointments may be made at the local centers

Information and a large selection of books on Vedanta and other religions are available at the Hollywood, Trabuco and Santa Barbara bookshops. Some books are also available at the San Diego Center. Check our website for current hours. Some of our centers maintain a lending library for the use of members.

From Swami Vivekananda, *The Way to the Realization of a Universal Religion*, given at the Universalist Church, Pasadena, California, January 28, 1900

...With the Hindus you will find one national idea spirituality. In no other religion, in no other sacred books of the world, will you find so much energy spent in defining the idea of God. They tried to define the ideal of soul so that no earthly touch might mar it. The spirit must be divine; and spirit understood as spirit must not be made into a man. The same idea of unity, of the realization of God, the omnipresent, is preached throughout. They think it is all nonsense to say that He lives in heaven, and all that. It is a mere human, anthropomorphic idea. All the

heaven that ever existed is now and here. One moment in infinite time is quite as good as any other moment. If you believe in a God, you can see Him even now. We think religion begins when you have realized something. It is not believing in doctrines, nor giving intellectual assent, nor making declarations. If there is a God, have you seen Him? If you say "no", then what right have you to believe in Him? If you are in doubt whether there is a God, why do you not struggle to see Him? Why do you not renounce the world and spend the whole of your life for this one object? Renunciation and spirituality are the two great ideas of India, and it is because India clings to these ideas that all her mistakes count for so little...

If there ever is going to be an ideal religion, it must be broad and large enough to supply food for all these minds. It must supply the strength of philosophy to the philosopher, the devotee's heart to the worshipper; to the ritualist, it will give all that the most marvelous symbolism can convey; to the poet, it will give as much of heart as he can take in, and other things besides. To make such a broad religion, we shall have to go back to the time when religions began and take them all in. Our watchword, then, will be acceptance, and not exclusion. Not only toleration, for so-called toleration is often blasphemy, and I do not believe in it.

Monthly Bulletin

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