

## March 2024

### All Events In Person and Online

Unless Otherwise Noted

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### HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

#### SUNDAY 11 AM Spiritual Talks

except as noted

- 3 Sri Ramakrishna: What They Say About Him  
Swami Sumanasananda
- 10 The Unique Sri Ramakrishna  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 17 Sri Ramakrishna Puja**
- 10 AM Puja  
1 PM Homa Fire  
1:45 PM Flower Offering  
2 PM Prasad  
3:15 PM Special Program  
5:15 PM Talks by Swamis  
6 PM Special Arati
- 24 (Dis)solving the Problem of Evil  
Swami Medhananda
- 31 Resurrection  
Swami Arupeshananda

### Classes

#### Tuesdays 4:30 PM

- 5,12,26 *Srimad Bhagavatam*  
Swami Sarvadevananda

#### Tuesdays 7:30 PM

- 5,12,19 *Svetasvatara Upanishad*  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 26 *Viveka-Chudamani*  
Swami Sumanasananda

#### Wednesdays 7:30 PM

- Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*  
6,13 Swami Sarvadevananda

(Wednesdays 7:30 PM continued)

- 20 Swami Sumanasananda  
27 Swami Medhananda

#### Thursdays 7:30 PM

- 7, 28 *Narada Bhakti Sutras*  
Swami Sumanasananda
- 14 Vivekananda's *Karma Yoga*  
Swami Mahayogananda
- 21 Patanjali's *Yogasutra*  
Swami Medhananda

#### Fridays 7:30 PM

- 1,15,22,29 *Tales and Parables of Sri Ramakrishna*  
Swami Atmavidyananda
- 8 No Class – See Other Events

### OTHER EVENTS

#### 2 Ram Nam

#### 8 Friday 6 PM – Saturday 2 AM Shiva Ratri

- First Watch 6:00 PM  
Second Watch 8:30 PM  
Third Watch 10 PM  
Fourth Watch 11:30 PM
- 29 Friday Vigil 7 AM  
30 Saturday  
Karma Yoga 9 AM – Noon

#### Saturday Chanting Online Only

- Pravrajika Dayaprana
- 9,23 2:30 – 4 PM Chanting Class
- 23 6:00 ~ 8:30 AM Antaryoga Retreat  
On "Great Master" Register by  
March 21

#### Piñon Hills

- 30 Antaryoga Retreat on Sri Ramakrishna  
9:30 AM ~ 4 PM Register by Mar.28

[dayaprana@vedanta.org](mailto:dayaprana@vedanta.org)

#### Sundays 9 to 10:30 AM Sanskrit Class

Contact [sukirtha@vedanta.org](mailto:sukirtha@vedanta.org)

### SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

#### SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 3 The Inner Light  
Swami Vedarupananda
- 10 Sri Ramakrishna: Many Eyes, Many Views  
Swami Sumanasananda
- 17 Straight is the Path  
Pravrajika Krishnaprana
- 24 Embrace Change  
Swami Dhyanyogananda
- 31 Transformation and Liberation  
Swami Sarvadevananda

#### Classes and Other Events

#### Wednesdays 5 PM

- Swami Akhandananda*  
by Swami Annadananda  
Pravrajika Krishnaprana

#### 8 Friday Shiva Ratri

- First Watch 6 PM  
Second Watch 7:30 PM  
Third Watch 8:45 PM  
Fourth Watch 10 PM

#### 12 Tuesday Ramakrishna Puja

- 11 AM Puja  
12:45 PM Homa fire  
1:30 PM Prasad lunch

#### Saturdays 5 PM

- 2,9,16,23 *Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*
- 30 *Bhagavad Gita*  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 16 Karma Yoga Day 9 AM – 12 Noon

#### Sunday

- 31 6:30 AM Easter Worship

### RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Trabuco Canyon, Orange County

#### SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 3 The Unique Sri Ramakrishna  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 10 The Pain-Body: A Vedantic Perspective  
Swami Medhananda
- 17 The Inner Light  
Swami Vedarupananda
- 24 Ramakrishna and Shiva  
Swami Atmavidyananda
- 31 Significance and Message of Easter  
Swami Sumanasananda

#### Wednesdays

- 6:30 PM In person and online Arati  
7:30 PM
- 6, 13 Class on *Bhagavad Gita*  
Swami Mahayogananda
- 20, 27 Satsanga with the  
Trabuco Brothers

### SAN DIEGO CENTER

#### Saturday Spiritual Talks 11 AM

except as noted

- 2 The Unique Sri Ramakrishna  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 9 The Yoga of Prayer  
Swami Medhananda

#### 16 Ramakrishna Puja

- 10 Puja  
12 Flower offering  
12:15 Mad About God - Video Spiritual Advice from Senior Swamis  
12:45 Prasad lunch
- 23 Ramakrishna and Shiva  
Swami Atmavidyananda
- 30 Mantra  
Dr. Sthaneshwar Timalisina,  
Stony Brook University  
See [vedantalifeacademy.com](http://vedantalifeacademy.com) for courses.

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### Quotes on Prayer from *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*

DEVOTEE: Sir is there no help, then, for a worldly person?

MASTER: Certainly there is. From time to time he should live in the company of holy men, and from time to time go into solitude to meditate on god. Furthermore, he should practice discrimination and pray to god, 'Give me faith and devotion.' Once a person has faith he has achieved everything. There is nothing greater than faith.

MASTER: earnestly pray to god. God is our very own. We should say to him: 'O god,

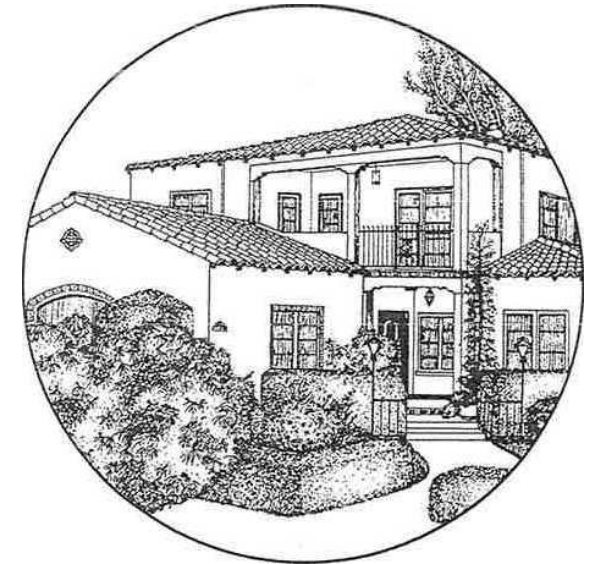
what is thy nature? Reveal thyself to me. Thou must show thyself to me; for why else hast thou created me?' Some Sikh devotees once said to me, 'God is full of compassion.' I said: 'But why should we call him compassionate? He is our creator. What is there to be wondered at if he is kind to us? Parents bring up their children. Do you call that an act of kindness? They must act that way.' Therefore we should force our demands on god. He is our father and mother, isn't he? If the son demands his patrimony and gives up food and drink in order to enforce his demand, then the parents hand his share over to him three years before the legal time.

MASTER: Why shouldn't one realize god while living in the world? But, as I said, one must live in holy company, pray to god, weeping for his grace, and now and then go into solitude. Unless the plants on the foot-path are protected at first by fences, they are destroyed by cattle.

MASTER: One should have such burning faith in god that one can say: 'What? I have repeated the name of god, and can sin still cling to me? How can I be a sinner anymore? How can I be in bondage anymore?'

## Monthly Bulletin

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