

April 2024

All Events In Person and Online

Unless Otherwise Noted

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HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY 11 AM Spiritual Talks

- 7 The Forest of Samsara
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 14 A Treasure Trove of Values
Swami Sumanasananda
- 21 Pilgrimage to the Heart of Reality
Swami Mahayogananda
- 28 Vedanta in Five Words
Swami Vedarupananda

Classes

Tuesdays 4:30 PM

- 2,23,30 *Srimad Bhagavatam*
Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesdays 7:30 PM

- 2,16,23,30 *Svetasvatara Upanishad*
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 9 *Viveka-Chudamani*
Swami Sumanasananda

Wednesdays 7:30 PM

- Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*
3,17 Swami Sarvadevananda
- 10 Swami Sumanasananda
- 24 Pravrajika Sevaprana

Thursdays 7:30 PM

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

Fridays 7:30 PM

- Complete Works of Swami
Vivekananda and Other Direct
Disciples of Sri Ramakrishna*
Swami Atmavidyananda

OTHER EVENTS

- 6 **Ram Nam**
- 8 Monday 7:30 PM
Crystal Bowl Meditation
- 13 Saturday
Karma Yoga 9 AM – Noon
- 26 Friday Vigil 7 AM
- 27 **Annual Members Meeting via
Zoom 10 AM**
**Members will receive the zoom
link by e-mail.**

Saturday Chanting Online Only

- Pravrajika Dayaprana
- 13, 27 2:30 – 4 PM Chanting Class
- 20 6:00 ~ 8:30 AM
Antaryoga retreat on
"Sri Rama"
Register by April 18
dayaprana@vedanta.org

Sundays 9 to 10:30 AM Sanskrit Class

Contact sukirtha@vedanta.org

SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 7 Sri Ramachandra: The Perfect
Man
Swami Sumanasananda
- 14 Vedanta in Five Words
Swami Vedarupananda
- 21 Jumping into Spiritual Life
Pravrajika Vrajaprana
- 28 The Forest of Samsara
Swami Sarvadevananda

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

- Swami Akhandananda*
by Swami Annadananda
Pravrajika Krishnaprana

Saturdays 5 PM

- 6,13,20, *Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*
27 *Bhagavad Gita*
Swami Sarvadevananda

- 6 Karma Yoga Day 9 AM – 12 Noon

- 27 **Annual Members Meeting via
Zoom 10 AM**
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link by e-mail.**

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Trabuco Canyon, Orange County

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 7 Change and Authenticity in
Spiritual Life
Swami Dhyanyogananda
- 14 Trabuco Ghost Stories
Swami Arupeshananda
- 21 The Forest of Samsara
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 28 *Ramayana: What We Can Learn
From It*
Swami Sumanasananda

Wednesdays

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

- 27 **Annual Members Meeting 10AM**
**Members are invited with a zoom
link. No other services.**

SAN DIEGO CENTER

Saturday Spiritual Talks 11 AM

- except as noted**
- 6 The Journey of Faith
Swami Medhananda
- 13 Being Religious vs Being Spiritual
Swami Dhyanyogananda
- 20 The Forest of Samsara
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 27 **Annual Members Meeting 10AM**
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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.

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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.

Quotes from *Sri Ramakrishna the Great Master* –

Part 2 Ch 8:

Sri Ramakrishna intensely calling on Raghuvir with the attitude of Mahavir:

During the first four years of his sadhana, after he had the vision of the Divine Mother, Sri Ramakrishna also called on Raghuvir (Sri

Ramachandra), his family deity as intensely as he had called upon the Divine Mother. Adopting the attitude of Mahavir (Hanuman), the greatest devotee of Sri Ramachandra, Sri Ramakrishna used to cry, "Raguvir, Raghuvir". He was filled with the sentiment of Dasya Bhava where God is looked upon as the Master and the devotee assumes the attitude of His servant.

Sri Ramakrishna getting absorbed in the mood of Mahavir: Sri Ramakrishna became so much absorbed in the mood of Mahavir that he altogether forgot for some time his separate individuality. Sri Ramakrishna said: "At that time I had to walk, take my food and do all other actions like Mahavir. I did not do so on my own accord, but the actions so happened of themselves. ...

Sri Ramakrishna having the vision of Devi Sita: When Sri Ramakrishna was intensely calling on Sri Ramachandra with the attitude of Mahavir Hanuman, he had the vision of Devi Sita, the Shakti of Sri Ramachandra, Who came and merged inside his body.

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