

# Commemorating the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's visit to California and the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ramakrishna Monastery, Trabuco

## SEPTEMBER 2024

### ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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### HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

#### SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

1 Vivekananda and the Interfaith Movement  
Swami Sarvadevananda

**8 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vivekananda Coming to Los Angeles  
Swami Vivekananda: Friend of All Swami Divyananda  
Vice President Ramakrishna Math and Mission**

15 Life Partners and Soul Mates  
Swami Arupeshananda

22 Stop the Clock, Meet Eternity  
Swami Mahayogananda

29 No Treasure Equals Contentment  
Swami Sumanasananda

#### Classes

3,10,24 Tuesdays 4:30 PM  
*Srimad Bhagavatam*  
Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesdays 7:30 PM  
3,10,24 *Svetasvatara Upanishad*  
Swami Sarvadevananda

17 Viveka-Chudamani  
Swami Sumanasananda

Wednesdays 7:30 PM  
*Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*

4,11 Swami Sarvadevananda

18,25 Swami Medhananda

Thursdays 7:30 PM

5,19 *Narada Bhakti Sutras*  
Swami Sumanasananda  
12 Hymns of Swami Vivekananda  
Swami Mahayogananda  
26 Patanjali's *Yoga Sutras*  
Swami Medhananda

Fridays 7:30 PM

13, 27 Teachings of the Direct Disciples of Sri Ramakrishna

Swami Atmavidyananda

20 Crystal Bowl Meditation  
Saturday Classes with Pr. Dayaprana

14,21 2:30 – 4 PM

Chanting Class online only

14 6 – 8:30 AM Antaryoga Morning  
Retreat on Swamiji's Words

Register by Sept 12

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

Sundays 9-10:35 AM Online Only

Sanskrit Class

Sukirtha Alagarswamy

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#### Other Events

**2 Monday 10 AM Labor Day Retreat  
Reading of the *Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*  
1:30 Prasad Lunch  
2:45 Talks by Devotees  
4 Talk by Swami Bhudevananda,  
Ramakrishna Math, Bolpur, India**

**7 Ram Nam 6:30 PM**

14 Saturday 9 AM – Noon  
Karma Yoga

27 Friday 7 AM Vigil

### SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

#### SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

**1 Sri Sarada Devi: Mother of All Swami Divyananda  
Vice President Ramakrishna Math and Mission**

8 How Much Land Does a Man Need?  
Swami Sumanasananda

15 Merrily, Merrily, Merrily  
Life is But a Dream  
Pravrajika Krishnaprana

22 Fake It Till You Make It  
Swami Medhananda

29 Vivekananda and the Interfaith Movement  
Swami Sarvadevananda

#### Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

*Swami Ramakrishnananda,*

*Apostle to the South*

by Swami Tapasyananda

Pravrajika Krishnaprana

Saturday

7,14,21 5:30 PM *Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*

28 5 PM *Bhagavad Gita*  
Swami Sarvadevananda

7 Karma Yoga 9:15 AM - noon

### PIÑON HILLS, HIGH DESERT

In person and online

28 Antaryoga Retreat  
9:30 AM – 4 PM *Devi Mahatmyam*

Register by Sept 26th

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

### RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Trabuco Canyon, Orange County

#### Special Event 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM

**7 Saturday 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration**

**Ramakrishna: Love Personified**

**Swami Divyananda**

**Vice President Ramakrishna Math  
and Mission**

**See [Vedanta.org](http://Vedanta.org) or Newsletter for  
details**

#### SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

15 Accepting Life As It Is  
Swami Dhyanyogananda

22 The Five Sheaths  
Swami Vedarupananda

29 Born Again, and Again  
Swami Medhananda

Wednesday

18, 25 6:30 PM In person and online Arati  
7:30 Satsanga with the  
Trabuco Brothers

### SAN DIEGO CENTER

#### SATURDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

21 The Five Sheaths  
Swami Vedarupananda

28 Jnana Yoga for Bhaktas  
Swami Medhananda

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**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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### From the *Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda*, "Paper on Hinduism"

If I may be allowed to use a simile, creation and creator are two lines, with-

out beginning and without end, running parallel to each other. God is the ever-active providence, by whose power systems after systems are being evolved out of chaos, made to run for a time and again destroyed. This is what the Brahmin boy repeats every day: "The sun and the moon, the Lord created like the suns and moons of previous cycles." And this agrees with modern science.

Here I stand and if I shut my eyes, and try to conceive my existence, "I", "I", "I", what is the idea before me? The idea of a body. Am I, then, nothing but a combination of material substances? The Vedas declare,

"No". I am a spirit living in a body. I am not the body. The body will die, but I shall not die. Here am I in this body; it will fall, but I shall go on living. I had also a past. The soul was not created, for creation means a combination which means a certain future dissolution.

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