

DECEMBER 2024

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 1 The Power to Be
Swami Vedarupananda
- 8 Grace In Spiritual Life
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 15 The Mirror of Consciousness
Swami Sarvapriyananda
Vedanta Society of NY
- 22 **Holy Mother Puja**
See Other Events
- 29 Wrestling with Sri Ramakrishna
Swami Medhananda

Classes

Tuesdays 4:30 PM

- 3,10,17 *Srimad Bhagavatam*
Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesdays 7:30 PM

- 3,10,17 *Svetasvatara Upanishad*
Swami Sarvadevananda

Wednesdays 7:30 PM

- Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*
4,18 Swami Sarvadevananda
- 11 Swami Medhananda

Thursdays 7:30 PM

- 5 The Imitation of Christ: Vedic Christianity
Swami Chidbrahmananda
- 12 Hymns of Swami Vivekananda
Swami Mahayogananda
- 19 Patanjali's *Yoga Sutras*
Swami Medhananda
- 26 Introduction to the *Bhagavad Gita*
Pravrajika Vidyaprana

Fridays 7:30 PM

- 6,20,27 Teachings of the Direct Disciples
of Sri Ramakrishna
Swami Atmavidyananda
- 13 Crystal Bowl Meditation
Swami Atmavidyananda and Alok
- 7, 14 Saturday 2:30 – 4 PM online only
Pr. Dayaprana Chanting Class
- 14 Saturday 6-8:30 AM online only
Antaryoga Retreat: *Prasna Upanishad*.
Register by Dec. 12
dayaprana@vedanta.org

Sundays 9–10:35 AM Online Only

- Sanskrit Class
Sukirtha Alagarswamy
- Contact: sukirtha@vedanta.org

Other Events

- 7 Saturday 9 AM – Noon
Karma Yoga

7 Ram Nam 6:30 PM

- 22 **10 AM Holy Mother Puja**
12:30 PM Homa Fire
1:30 Prasad Lunch
2:30 Special Program
5:30 Talk by
Swami Sarvadevananda
6 Special Arati

- 24 Tuesday 6 PM – 8 PM Christmas Eve
Vespers and Program
- 27 Friday 7 AM Vigil
- 31 Tuesday 11:30 PM – 12 Midnight
New Year's Eve Meditation

SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 1 Vedanta and Positive Psychology
Swami Medhananda
- 8 The Power to Be
Swami Vedarupananda
- 15 Joy to the World
Pravrajika Vrajaprana
- 22 **Holy Mother Puja**
See Other Events
- 29 Grace In Spiritual Life
Swami Sarvadevananda

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

4,11,18 *Glimpses of a Great Soul:*

- A Portrait of Swami Saradananda*
by Swami Areshananda
Pravrajika Krishnaprana

- 22 **11 AM Holy Mother Puja**
12:30 PM Homa Fire
followed by Prasad

- 24 Tuesday 6:15 PM
Christmas Eve Program

Saturdays

- 7 9:15 AM - Noon Karma Yoga
- 7, 14 5 PM *Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*
- 28 5 PM *Bhagavad Gita*
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 31 11:30 PM – 12 Midnight
New Year's Eve Meditation

HIGH DESERT – PIÑON HILLS

- 28 Saturday 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Antaryoga Retreat: *Prasna Upanishad*.
Register by Dec. 26
dayaprana@vedanta.org

ORANGE COUNTY CENTER

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 1 Grace In Spiritual Life
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 8 Clowns Tumbling
Swami Medhananda
- 15 The Power to Be
Swami Vedarupananda
- 22 "I am the Door to Salvation"
Swami Dhyanyogananda
- 29 Being Here Now
Swami Mahayogananda

Wednesdays

- 6:30 PM In person and online Arati
- 7:30 Satsanga with Trabuco Brothers
- 21 Saturday 11 AM
Special Christmas Program
"Those Who Come to Me
Shall not be Cast Out"
Swami Dhyanyogananda
Followed by Carols and
a Potluck Lunch

SAN DIEGO CENTER

SATURDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 7 Reconciling Free Will and
Determinism
Swami Medhananda
- 14 The Power to Be
Swami Vedarupananda
- 21 **Holy Mother Puja**
- 28 Being Here Now
Swami Mahayogananda
- 24 Tuesday 5–7:30 PM **Christmas
Eve** Worship followed by a
potluck supper

VISITING HOURS AND CONTACTS

HOLLYWOOD CENTER

1946 Vedanta Pl.
Los Angeles, CA 90068 (323) 465 7114

Temple Hours

6:30 – 7:45 AM Noon – 1:15 PM
6 – 7 PM (Class nights to 8:30 PM)
Sundays 10:30 AM – 1:15 PM

Bookshop Hours

Thurs. – Fri. 11 AM – 1 PM, 2:30 – 4:30 PM
Sat. 11 AM – 5 PM
Sun. 10:30 AM – 2 PM
Closed Mon. – Wed.

SANTA BARBARA CENTER

927 Ladera Lane
Santa Barbara, CA 93108 (805) 969 2903

Temple Hours

Daily 6:30 AM – 7 PM

Bookshop Hours

Thurs.–Sat. 11 AM - 5 PM
Sun. 10:30 AM -12:30 PM

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RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

19961 Live Oak Canyon Rd
Trabuco Canyon, CA 92678 (949) 858 0342
Fri.–Sat. 9 AM – 11:45 AM
Sun. 10 AM – 1:45 PM
Bookshop other hours: Call (949) 326 3067

SAN DIEGO CENTER

1440 Upas St
San Diego, CA 92103 (619) 291 9377

HIGH DESERT PIÑON HILLS RETREAT

PO BOX 720575; 720 Sage Rd
Piñon Hills, CA 92372 (949) 326 2009

SOUTH PASADENA VIVEKANANDA HOUSE

309 Monterey Rd
South Pasadena, CA 91030 (323) 254 1546
Visits by appointment

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ABOUT THE VEDANTA SOCIETY

The Vedanta Society of Southern California was founded in 1930 by Swami Prabhavananda. The Society maintains a temple, convent, and monastery in Hollywood and Santa Barbara; a monastery and shrine at its San Diego and Orange County centers; and the Vivekananda House in South Pasadena. There are a number of official Vedanta societies in the United States and worldwide. Although the societies are under the spiritual guidance of the Ramakrishna Order of India, each is an independent 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. Some of our centers maintain a lending library for the use of members.

VEDANTA TEACHINGS

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.

Quotes for the Month

Numerous thoughts may come in the mind during meditation, but why take note of them? Let them come and go. Be yourself a witness of them, and have nothing to do with them. Engage your mind with nothing but thinking of the Ishtam (the chosen deity), whatever It might be, and try to 'dilute' yourself with It. Do not identify yourself with any Samskara at all, and you shall feel free. What you shall think that you shall become. That is the secret. So if you think of Christ, then Christ you shall become inwardly, and as long as you don't become that, don't give up thinking about your Ishtam as deeply as possible.

—Swami Turiyananda

The man who has realized God will not lack anything. What he needs will come to him. That is what Christ meant when he said, 'Seek ye first the kingdom of Heaven and all things else will be added unto you.' This is literally true and it has been verified by history.

—Swami Ramakrishnananda

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