

FEBRUARY 2025

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY PUJA

2 Swami Brahmananda Puja

- 10 AM Puja, Homa Fire,
Flower Offering
2 PM Prasad
3:30 Ram Nam Sankirtanam
5 PM Refreshments and
Moghlay Tea
5.30 Talk by
Swami Sarvadevananda
6 PM Special Arati

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 9 Shiva-Shankara
Swami Sarvadevananda
16 Dynamic Meditation on Holy
Mother, Followed by Book Signing
Swami Chetanananda, St. Louis
23 Who Do We Become?
Swami Medhananda

Classes

Tuesdays 4:30 PM

- 4, 11,25 *Srimad Bhagavatam*
Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesdays 7:30 PM

- 4,11,25 *Svetasvatara Upanishad*
Swami Sarvadevananda

- 18 Bhaktas, Jnanis, and Yogis:
A Reconciliation
Swami Medhananda

Wednesdays 7:30 PM

- Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*
5,12 Swami Sarvadevananda

Wednesdays 7:30 PM (cont'd)

- 19 Swami Medhananda
No Wed. class on 26. See Shiva Ratri.

Thursdays 7:30 PM

- 6 *Patanjali's Yoga Sutras*
Swami Medhananda
13 Introduction to the Bhagavad Gita
Pravrajika Vidyaprana
20 Singing Bowls with Neal Miller
27 Hymns of Swami Vivekananda
Swami Mahayogananda

Fridays 7:30 PM

- 7,14,28 Teachings of the Disciples of
Sri Ramakrishna
Swami Atmavidyananda
21 No Class

OTHER EVENTS

- 8 Saturday
Karma Yoga 9 AM – Noon

26 Wed. 6 PM – Thur. 2 AM Shiva Ratri

- First Watch 6:00 PM
Second Watch 8:30 PM
Third Watch 10 PM
Fourth Watch 11:30 PM

28 Friday Vigil 7 AM

- 8, 22 Saturday 2:30 – 4 PM online only
Pr. Dayaprana Chanting Class

- 15 Saturday 6–8:30 AM online only
Antaryoga Retreat: *Swamiji's Words*.

Register by Feb 13 dayaprana@vedanta.org

Sundays 9–10:35 AM Online Only

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

Ramakrishna Puja March 2 in Hollywood

SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 2 The Question of Food
Swami Vedarupananda
9 To Wisdom, with Love
Swami Mahayogananda
16 Embracing Change
Pravrajika Krishnaprana
23 Shiva-Shankara
Swami Sarvadevananda

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

*Glimpses of a Great Soul:
A Portrait of Swami Saradananda*
by Swami Asehananda
Pravrajika Krishnaprana

- 8 Saturday 9:15 AM – Noon
Karma Yoga

26 Shiva Ratri

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

Saturdays 5 PM

- 1,8,15 *Gospel of Ramakrishna*
22 *Bhagavad Gita*
Swami Sarvadevananda

Advance Notice:

Ramakrishna Puja will be on March 1
in Santa Barbara

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Trabuco Canyon, Orange County

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 2 Archetypal Patterns of the Universe
Swami Atmavidyananda
9 Is Vedanta Hindu?
Swami Medhananda
16 Shiva-Shankara
Swami Sarvadevananda
23 Toxic Spirituality
Swami Dhyanyogananda

Wednesdays

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

SAN DIEGO CENTER

SATURDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 1 Nature as Neighbor: Expanding
our Sense of Sacred Community
Peter Bolland, Prof of World
Religions, Southwestern College
8 Sri Ramakrishna's Humor
Swami Medhananda
15 Shiva-Shankara
Swami Sarvadevananda
22 The Question of Food
Swami Vedarupananda

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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

ORANGE COUNTY CENTER

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
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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

From the *Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*

(To Ram and the other devotees)

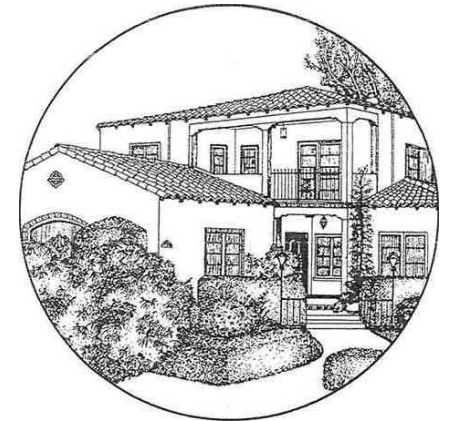
Master: If you asked me which form of God you should meditate upon, I should say: Fix your attention on that form which appeals to you most; but know for certain that all forms are the forms of one God alone.

Outwardly he appears as Siva's devotee, But in his heart he worships Kali, the Blissful Mother, and with his tongue he chants aloud Lord Hari's name.

The body does not endure without a trace of lust, anger, and the like. You should try to reduce them to a minimum. Never harbor malice toward anyone. Siva, Kali, and Hari are but different forms of that One.

He is blessed indeed who has known all as one.

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