

MAY 2025

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 4 A Genuine Connection  
Swami Dhyanyogananda
- 11 Motherly Nature of Buddha and Shankara  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 18 Spiritual Talk  
Swami Mahayogananda
- 25 A Tale of Two Hinduisms  
Swami Medhananda

Note: Swami Shantatmananda will speak on June 1

Classes

Tuesdays 4:30 PM

- 6,13,20 *Srimad Bhagavatam*  
Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesdays 7:30 PM

- 6,13,20 *Svetasvatara Upanishad*  
Swami Sarvadevananda

- 27 **Our Heritage**  
**Swami Atmarupananda Head, Centre**  
**Vedantique Ramakrishna, Gretz, France**

Wednesdays 7:30 PM

- Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*  
7,14,21 Swami Sarvadevananda
- 28 Swami Medhananda

Thursdays 7:30 PM

- 1 No Class
- 8 The Gita on Motivation  
Pravrajika Vidyaprana
- 15 Patanjali’s Yoga Sutras  
Swami Medhananda
- 22 *Hymns of Swami Vivekananda*  
Swami Mahayogananda
- 29 **Lessons from the Holy Mother**  
**Swami Shantatmananda, Head**  
**Gurugaon, New Delhi**

Fridays 7:30 PM

- 2,9,23 Teachings of the Disciples of Sri  
Ramakrishna  
Swami Atmavidyananda
- 16 Crystal Bowl Meditation  
Atmavidyananda and Alok
- 30 **The Work Before Us**  
**Swami Atmarupananda**

OTHER EVENTS

- 10 **Saturday**  
**6:30 Ram Nam**
- 12 **Monday 7:30 ~ 9:00 pm**  
**Buddha’s Birthday Celebration**  
Bathing the Baby Buddha  
*The Life of Buddha* (video) &  
Buddhist Chantings & Q & A (zoom)  
Online Guest : Hakuei Yamaguchi (Soutou-Zen)
- 17 **Karma Yoga Day**  
**9:15 AM – Noon**
- 23 **Friday Vigil 7 AM**
- 3, 24 Saturday 2:30 – 4 PM online only  
Pr. Dayaprana Chanting Class  
[dayaprana@vedanta.org](mailto:dayaprana@vedanta.org)
- 17 Saturday 6–8:30 AM online only  
Antaryoga Retreat: Meditation on Buddha  
Register by May 15 [dayaprana@vedanta.org](mailto:dayaprana@vedanta.org)  
Sundays 9–10:35 AM Online Only  
Sanskrit Class by Sukirtha Alagaraswamy  
Contact: [sukirtha@vedanta.org](mailto:sukirtha@vedanta.org)

VIVEKANANDA HOUSE

- 11 **Sunday** 4PM - 6PM: Retreat  
Swami Sarvadevananda

HIGH DESERT – PIÑON HILLS

- 3 Saturday 10 AM – 1 PM  
Gita readings, meditations, chanting, Etc.  
1:30 – 2:30 PM vegetarian potluck  
lunch and discussion  
Contact [arupeshananda@gmail.com](mailto:arupeshananda@gmail.com)
- 31 Saturday 9:30 AM – 4 PM  
In Person and Online  
Antaryoga Retreat: Meditation on  
Buddha’s Path: Register by May 29  
[dayaprana@vedanta.org](mailto:dayaprana@vedanta.org)

SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 4 **Cross Over Fear**  
**Pravrajika Anantaprana**
- 11 Holy Mother and Us  
Pravrajika Vrajaprana
- 18 Motherly Nature of Buddha and Shankara  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 25 Understanding Self-Sacrifice  
Swami Vedarupananda

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

- Glimpses of a Great Soul:*  
*A Portrait of Swami Saradananda* by  
Swami Aseshananda  
Pravrajika Krishnaprana
- 17 Saturday 9:15 AM – Noon  
Karma Yoga
- 28 **The Universe—It's All a Story**  
**Swami Atmarupananda, Head, Centre**  
**Vedantique Ramakrishna, Gretz, France**

Friday 5 PM

- 30 **The Redeeming Power of**  
**Sri Ramakrishna**  
**Swami Shantatmananda, Head**  
**Gurugaon, New Delhi**

May 3 Saturday Upanishads for Daily Living

- 9:30 – 10:30 AM Isha Upanishad
- 10:45 AM – Noon Q & A  
**Pravrajika Vedaprana**  
**Vedanta Society of No. California**
- 12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch
- 1:30 – 2:30 PM Kena Upanishad
- 2:45 – 4:00 PM Q & A  
**Pravrajika Anantaprana**  
**Vedanta Society of No. California**

Saturdays 5 PM

- 10,24 *Gospel of Ramakrishna*
- 17 *Bhagavad Gita*  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 31 ***Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna***  
**Swami Shantatmananda**

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Trabuco Canyon, Orange County

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 4 Understanding Self-Sacrifice  
Swami Vedarupananda
- 11 Vedanta in the Age of Social Media  
Swami Medhananda
- 18 The Power of Sincere Prayer  
Swami Dhyanyogananda
- 25 Motherly Nature of Buddha and Shankara  
Swami Sarvadevananda

Note: Swami Atmarupananda will speak on June 1

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

- 3 Understanding Self-Sacrifice  
Swami Vedarupananda
- 10 Hindu Goddesses and the Virgin Mary  
Dr. Francis Clooney, Harvard Divinity  
School
- 17 Invoking the Divine  
Swami Dhyanyogananda
- 24 Motherly Nature of Buddha and  
Shankara Swami Sarvadevananda
- 31 **What Vedanta Means to Me Now**  
**Swami Atmarupananda Head, Centre**  
**Vedantique Ramakrishna, Gretz, France**

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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

Visits by appointment

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For online talks: [youtube.com/vedantaorg](http://youtube.com/vedantaorg)

## ABOUT THE VEDANTA SOCIETY

The Vedanta Society of Southern California was founded in 1930 by Swami Prabhananda. 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.

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## 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 *Complete Works*

##### *of Swami Vivekananda*

Trust not to the so-called rich, they are more dead than alive. The hope lies in you—in the meek, the lowly, but the faithful. Have faith in the Lord; no policy, it is nothing. Feel for the miserable and look up for help—it *shall come*. I have travelled twelve years with this load in my heart and this idea in my head. I have gone from door to door of the so-called rich and great. With a bleeding heart I have crossed half the world to this strange land, seeking for help. The Lord is great. I know He will help me. I may perish of cold or hunger in this land, but I bequeath to you, young men, this sympathy, this struggle for the poor, the ignorant, the oppressed. Go now this minute to the temple of Parthasarathi, and before Him who was friend to the poor and lowly cowherds of Gokula, who never shrank to embrace the Pariah Guhaka, who accepted the invitation of a prostitute in preference to that of nobles and saved her in His incarnation as Buddha—yea, down on your faces before Him, and make a great sacrifice, the sacrifice of a whole life for them, for whom He comes from time to time, whom He loves above all, the poor, the lowly, the oppressed.

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