

August 2025

All Events In Person and Online

Unless Otherwise Noted

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HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

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Steps to Realization

Swami Vedarupananda

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Three Enemies of Spiritual Life

Swami Sarvadevananda

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Why Sri Ramakrishna Couldn't Subtract

Swami Medhananda

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Sri Ramakrishna Spreads His Wings Everywhere

Swami Bodhasarananda, Asst. General Secretary, Belur Math

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The Divine Descent: Grace & Power

Swami Mahayogananda

Classes

Tuesdays 4:30 PM

5,12,26 *Srimad Bhagavatam*

Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesdays 7:30 PM

5,12,26 *Svetasvatara Upanishad*

Swami Sarvadevananda

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Swami Vivekananda's Jnana Yoga

Swami Mahayogananda

Wednesdays 7:30 PM

Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna

6,13

Swami Sarvadevananda

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Swami Medhananda

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Yoga Practices for Managing the Mind

Pravrajika Brahmaprana

Resident Minister, Ramakrishna Vedanta Society of North Texas

Thursdays 7:30 PM

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Letters of Swami Vivekananda

Swami Mahayogananda

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The *Gita* and Our Guna Guides

Pravrajika Vidyaprana

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Patanjali's *Yoga Sutras*

Swami Medhananda

OTHER EVENTS

Fridays

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7:30 PM

Crystal Bowl Meditation

Swami Atmavidyananda and Alok

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7 AM Vigil

Saturdays

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Krishna Puja in San Diego

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Karma Yoga Day ,9:15 AM – Noon

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7:30 Kirtan with

Swami Nirvanananda Saraswati

2,9,23

2:30 – 4 PM online only

Pr. Dayaprana Chanting Class

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6–8:30 AM online only

Antaryoga Retreat: Meditation on Swamiji's Words on Sri Ramakrishna

Contact: dayaprana@vedanta.org

Sundays 9–10:35 AM Online Only

Sanskrit Class by Sukirtha

Alagarswamy -Contact: sukirtha@vedanta.org

VIVEKANANDA HOUSE

SOUTH PASADENA

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Sunday 4PM – 6PM Retreat

Swami Sarvadevananda

Sept 1 10 AM Labor Day Retreat in Hollywood

SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

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Three Enemies of Spiritual Life

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Practice is for Now

Swami Chidbrahmananda

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Manifesting Wonders

Swami Dhyanayogananda

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Steps to Realization

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The Chandi: An Oratorio

Swami Atmavidyananda

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

Swami Abhedananda, God Lived with Them

By Swami Chetanananda

Pravrajika Krishnaprana

Saturday Classes

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5 PM *Bhagavad Gita*

Swami Sarvadevananda

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Krishna Puja in San Diego

9,16,30

5 PM *Gospel of Ramakrishna*

Swami Chidbrahmananda

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Divine Touch of Sri Ramakrishna

Swami Bodhasarananda, Asst. General Secretary, Belur Math

Other Events

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Saturday 9 AM – Noon

Karma Yoga

1 PM Lunch

Sept 1 10 AM Labor Day Retreat in Hollywood

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Trabuco Canyon, Orange County

Sunday Talks Suspended during August

Wednesdays

6:30 PM In person and online Arati

6,13,20 7:30 PM Satsanga with the Trabuco Brothers

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7:30 PM Swami Sarvalokananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission New Delhi

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Krishna Puja in San Diego

Sept 1 10 AM Labor Day Retreat in Hollywood

SAN DIEGO CENTER

Saturday Talks suspended during August

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Saturday Krishna Puja

10 AM

Puja by Swami Sarvadevananda

12 Noon

Flower Offering by devotees

12:15 PM

Satsang with Swami Chetanananda, Vedanta Society of St. Louis and Swami Sarvadevananda

1:30

Prasad Lunch

HIGH DESERT - PINON HILLS

No Events during August

See sandiegovedanta.org for listings
See vedantalifeacademy.com for courses

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
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

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

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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.

Quote for the Month From *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*

GOVINDA: "What is the meaning of 'yogamaya'?"

MASTER: "It signifies the yoga, or union, of Purusha⁹ and Prakriti.¹⁰ Whatever you perceive in the universe is the outcome of this union. Take the image of Siva and Kali. Kali stands on the bosom of Siva; Siva lies under Her feet like a corpse. All this denotes the union of Purusha and Prakriti. Purusha is inactive; therefore Siva lies on the ground like a corpse. Prakriti performs all Her activities in conjunction with Purusha. Thus She creates, preserves, and destroys. That is also the meaning of the conjoined images of Radha and Krishna. On account of that union, again, the images are slightly inclined toward each other.

"To denote this union, Sri Krishna wears a pearl in His nose, Radha a blue stone in hers. Radha has a fair complexion, bright as the pearl. Sri Krishna's is blue. For this reason Radha wears the blue stone. Further, Krishna's apparel is yellow, and Radha's blue. The one who sees, after the realization of Brahman, that God alone has become all living beings, the universe, and the twenty-four cosmic principles is the best devotee.

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San Diego Monastery

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