

SEPTEMBER 2025

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 7 How to Worship Divine Mother
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 14 Know Yourself, Know Your Path
Swami Harinamananda
- 21 Vedantism
Swami Vedarupananda

Mahalaya Celebration
12:20 PM Devi Stuti (Chant)
12:30 Devi Vandana
Musical Performance by
Suman Laha and his students

- 28 Who’s Afraid of God with Form?
Swami Medhananda

Classes

- 2, 23 Tuesdays 4:30 PM
Srimad Bhagavatam
Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesdays 7:30 PM

- 2,23,30 *Svetasvatara Upanishad*
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 9 The Vedantic Bodhisattva
Swami Medhananda
- 16 Sri Ramakrishna at the Circus
Swami Medhananda

Wednesdays 7:30 PM

- Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*
- 3 Swami Sarvadevananda
- 10, 17 Swami Jnanasudhananda
- 24 Swami Medhananda

Thursdays 7:30 PM

- 4,11,25 Patanjali’s *Yoga Sutras* · Sw. Medhananda

- 18 *Chandi*, the Oratorio part 1

Fridays 7:30 PM

- 12 Crystal Bowl Meditation
Swami Atmavidyananda and Alok
- 19 *Chandi*, The Oratorio part 2
- 26 Teachings of the Direct Disciples of
Sri Ramakrishna
Swami Atmavidyananda

Saturdays

- 6 **Saturday Ram Nam 6:30 PM**
- 13 Saturday 9 AM – Noon
Karma Yoga

Classes with Pr. Dayaprana

- 6, 20 2:30 – 4 PM
Chanting Class online only
- 20 6–8:30 AM Antaryoga Morning
Retreat Meditation on
Prayer for Mother
Register by Sept. 11

dayaprana@vedanta.org

Sundays 9–10:35 AM Online Only

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

Other Events

1 Monday 10 AM Labor Day Retreat
Reading of the *Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*
1:30 Prasad Lunch
2:45 Talks by Devotees and monastics

- 21 **11 AM– Mahalaya Celebration**
(See Sunday listing)

- 26 Friday 7 AM Vigil

27 Sat. Durga Puja in Santa Barbara

- 30 **Tuesday 5 PM Arati**
5:42 PM to 6:30 PM Sandhi Puja
Group Chanting of “Jai Sri Durga”

SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 7 Vedantism
Swami Vedarupananda
- 14 *Chandi*, The Oratorio Part 2
Swami Atmavidyananda
- 21 Our Many Selves
Swami Medhananda
- 28 How to Worship Divine Mother
Swami Sarvadevananda

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

- 10,17,24 Swami Niranjanananda
(from *God Lived With Them* by
Swami Chetanananda)
Pravrajika Krishnaprana

Saturdays

- 6,13,20 5:30 PM
Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna
- 20 Karma Yoga 9:15 AM – noon

27 11 AM Durga Puja
Followed by flower offering and
prasad lunch

- 30 **Tuesday 5:42P M to 6:30 PM**
Sandhi Puja:
Group Chanting of “Jai Sri Durga”

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA HOUSE

SOUTH PASADENA

- 7 **Sunday Spiritual Retreat 4 – 6 PM**
Swami Sarvadevananda

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Trabuco Canyon, Orange County

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- 21 How to Worship Divine Mother
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 28 Know Yourself, Know Your Path
Swami Harinamananda

Wednesdays

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

27 Sat. Durga Puja in Santa Barbara

SAN DIEGO CENTER

SATURDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 20 How to Worship Divine Mother
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 27 Invoking the Divine Mother:
Mantra and Mandala
Dr. Sthaneshwar Timalsina,
Stony Brook University

See sandiegovedanta.org for listings

See vedantalifeacademy.com for courses

PIÑON HILLS, HIGH DESERT

In person and online

- 13 Antaryoga Retreat
9:30 AM – 4 PM
Meditation on Isha Upanishad
Register by Sept. 11
dayaprana@vedanta.org

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. 10:30 AM–12:30 PM, 2:30–4:30 PM

Sat. 10:30 AM–12:30 pm, 1–5 PM

Sun. 10 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 Prabha-vananda. 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.

From the *Life of Swami Vivekananda*

Four or five days before the Durga Puja, Swami Brahmananda had a vision. ... He saw Mother Durga come over the Ganga from the Dakshineswar side and stop near the Bilva tree in the Math compound. Just then Swami Vivekananda came by boat from Calcutta and asked, "Where is Raja [Brahmananda]?". On seeing Swami Brahmananda he said to him, "This time make all arrangements for the Durga Puja by bringing the Pratima [image] to the Math." Swami Brahmananda replied, "I shall let you know after a day or two. It will have to be seen whether there is a Pratima available now. There is not much time left. Just give me two days' time." Then the Swami told him of the vision that he had had. He had seen the Durga Puja being celebrated at the Math, and the Mother being worshipped in a Pratima. On hearing this, Swami Brahmananda told the Swami of his own vision.

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