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July 2017 SCHEDULE

Minister: Swami Sarvadevananda

Resident Monks: Swami Atmajnanananda
Swami Brahmarupananda
Swami Chidbrahmananda



Ramakrishna Order of India

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday Lecture 11:00 AM</u></p> <p>2 Swami Atmajnanananda The Holy Name of God VI</p> <p>9 Swami Brahmarupananda The Sage of Steady Wisdom V</p> <p>16 Swami Ishatmananda* Sri Ramakrishna Our Guru Maharaj</p> <p>* Swami Ishatmananda is Spiritual Head of the Vivekananda Vedanta Society of Chicago. He will be visiting the Vedanta Center from July 14 to 16 and will be conducting a retreat on Saturday, July 15. Please see under <u>Special Programs</u>.</p> <p>23 Swami Chidbrahmananda Wisdom Perspectives</p> <p>30 Meditation Retreat Please see under <u>Special Programs</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday Class 8:00 PM</u></p> <p>7 <i>Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna</i></p> <p>14 <i>Satsang</i> with Swami Ishatmananda</p> <p>21 <i>Bhagavad Gita</i></p> <p>28 <i>Life of Holy Mother</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday Class 8:00 PM</u></p> <p><i>Vivekacudamani</i></p> <p>12 <i>Satsang</i> with Swami Vimokashananda</p>
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Ram Nam

Ram Nam will be held at the Center on **Saturday July 1** at 7:30 PM, immediately after evening *arati* and meditation. All are invited to stay for potluck dinner following the program.

Special Programs

4 Fourth of July Celebration

11 am: Special Program

Noon: Puja, Flower Offerings & Bhajans

1:30 pm: Prasad

11 to 13 Visit of Swami Vimokshananda*

* Swami Vimokshananda is head of the Ramakrishna Mission, Singapore. He will be staying at the Vedanta Center from July 11 to 13. Please join us for *satsang* and potluck dinner while he is here.

15 Retreat with Swami Ishatmananda

Topic: From Creation to the Creator

10:00–10:15 Welcome, Introduction, Prayers

10:15–11:00 Guided Meditation

11:00–11:30 Refreshment break

11:30–12:30 Discourse 1

12:30–1:00 Question-Answer Session

1:00–2:00 Lunch

2:00–2:30 Devotional Music

2:30–3:30 Discourse 2

3:30–4:00 Question-Answer Session

15 Music concert

7:30 pm: Classical Indian Vocal Music

By Sugata Marjit, a distinguished musician and educationalist from Kolkata, followed by refreshments

30 Meditation Retreat

10-10:45 am: 1. Readings and meditation

10:45-11 am: Tea and coffee break

11-11:45 am: 2. Readings and meditation

11:45 am-12:30 pm: Reflection/ reading

12:30-1 pm: Lunch

1-1:45 pm: 3. Readings and meditation

Karma Yoga

We invite you to join us Saturday mornings from 9 am to 1 pm in performing various weekly chores of the center: maintenance, gardening and landscaping, cleaning, office work, etc.

Temple Hours

The temple will be open for morning meditation at 5 am and daily Puja at 7:45 am, and will remain open throughout the day until the close of evening meditation at 8 pm. Evening *arati* begins at 6:30 pm. Devotees may enter through the double doors at the main entrance to the temple or through the front door entrance to the Center. All are welcome.

Parents with small children are welcome to watch the Sunday lecture on the movie screen in the lower level of the temple while their children are free to quietly play.

Interviews

Those who would like to come to the Center for a private meeting with a resident swami or one of the visiting swamis may schedule an appointment either by phone or in person.

Social Service

The Vedanta Center participates in a volunteer program at Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring. Please let us know if you would like to take part. Service is on the third Friday of the month.

Web Site

Please visit our Web Site at www.vedantadc.org. Listen to lecture recordings, see photographs of the center, and find out about upcoming events.

Grocery Gift Cards

We urge all of you to take part in our gift card program. Gift cards for Giant, Shopper's, and Lotte/Assi Plaza may be purchased at the Center following the Sunday lecture or during visiting hours, and are used just like a debit card when purchasing groceries. This is an important part of our monthly income and a way to support the Center at no cost to you.

Vedanta Medical Clinic

The Vedanta Medical Clinic offers free medical services to all, regardless of income level, insurance coverage, or immigration status. Hours of operation are Wednesday morning, 9 am to 12 noon, and Sunday afternoon, 2 to 5 pm. To make an appointment, please call 240-516-6726.

Swami Vivekananda: “To the Fourth of July”

*Behold, the dark clouds melt away,
That gathered thick at night, and hung
So like a gloomy pall above the earth!*

*Before thy magic touch, the world
Awakes. The birds in chorus sing.
The flowers raise their star-like crowns-
Dew-set, and wave thee welcome fair.*

*The lakes are opening wide in love
Their hundred thousand lotus-eyes
To welcome thee, with all their depth.*

*All hail to thee, thou Lord of Light!
A welcome new to thee, today,
O sun! today thou sheddest LIBERTY!
Bethink thee how the world did wait,
And search for thee, through time and clime.*

*Some gave up home and love of friends,
And went in quest of thee, self banished,
Through dreary oceans, through primeval forests,
Each step a struggle for their life or death;*

*Then came the day when work bore fruit,
And worship, love, and sacrifice,
Fulfilled, accepted, and complete.
Then thou, propitious, rose to shed
The light of FREEDOM on mankind.*

*Move on, O Lord, on thy resistless path!
Till thy high noon o'erspreads the world.
Till every land reflects thy light,
Till men and women, with uplifted head,
Behold their shackles broken, and
Know, in springing joy, their life renewed!*