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MARCH 2017 SCHEDULE

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Swami Chidbrahmananda



Ramakrishna Order of India

<p><u>Sunday Lecture 11:00 AM</u> 5 Swami Brahmarupananda The Sage of Steady Wisdom I</p> <p>12 Swami Atmajnanananda The Holy Name of God II</p> <p>19 Swami Chidbrahmananda The Bewildering Play of Mother</p> <p>26 Meditation Retreat See under <u>Special Program</u></p>	<p><u>Friday Class 8:00 PM</u> 3 <i>Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna</i> 10 <i>Bhagavadgita</i> 17 <i>Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna</i> 24 <i>Life of Holy Mother</i> 31 <i>Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna</i></p> <p><u>Wednesday Class 8:00 PM</u> <i>Vivekacudamani</i></p> <p>March 8 7:30 PM Self-Enquiry Lecture by Swami Sarvapriyananda of the Vedanta Society of New York</p>
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Ram Nam

Ram Nam will be held at the Center on **Saturday March 4** at 7:30 PM, immediately after evening *arati* and meditation. All are invited to stay for potluck dinner following the program.

Special Program

26 Meditation Day Retreat at the Center

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: On Love

Real existence, real knowledge, and real love are eternally connected with one another, the three in one: where one of them is, the others also must be; they are the three aspects of the One without a second: Existence, Knowledge, Bliss. When that existence becomes relative, we see it as the world; that knowledge becomes in its turn modified into the knowledge of the things of the world; and that bliss forms the foundation of all true love known to the heart of man.

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The true lovers of God want to become mad, inebriated with the love of God, to become "God-intoxicated men." They want to drink of the cup of love which has been prepared by the saints and sages of every religion, who have poured their heart's blood into it, and in which have been concentrated all the hopes of those who have loved God without seeking reward, who wanted love for itself only. The reward of love is love, and what a reward it is! It is the only thing that takes off all sorrows, the only cup, by the drinking of which this disease of the world vanishes. Man becomes divinely mad and forgets that he is man.¹

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