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NOVEMBER 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>5 Swami Sarvadevananda*</p> <p>* Swami Sarvadevananda is spiritual head of the Vedanta Society of Southern California as well as our Vedanta Center of GWDC. He will be staying with us from November 5 to 10. Please join us for <i>satsang</i> and potluck dinner each night he is here.</p> <p>12 Swami Atmajnanananda “For one’s own Liberation and the Welfare of the World” III</p> <p>19 Swami Brahmarupananda The Sage of Steady Wisdom VIII</p> <p>26 Swami Chidbrahmananda My Maya</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday Class 8:00 PM</u></p> <p>3 <i>Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna</i></p> <p>10 <i>Bhagavad Gita</i></p> <p>17 <i>Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna</i></p> <p>24 <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>
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Ram Nam

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

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.

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.

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.

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 Freedom

Freedom can never be reached by the weak. Throw away all weakness. Tell your body that it is strong, tell your mind that it is strong, and have unbounded faith and hope in yourself.

Let us then be brave and sincere: whatever path we follow with devotion must take us to freedom.

Man has freedom already, but he will have to discover it. He has it, but every moment forgets it. That discovering, consciously or unconsciously, is the whole life of everyone. But the difference between the sage and the ignorant man is that one does it consciously and the other unconsciously.

We are ever free if we would only believe it, only have faith enough. You are the soul, free and eternal, ever free, ever blessed. Have faith enough and you will be free in a minute.

The goal of all nature is freedom, and freedom is to be attained only by perfect unselfishness; every thought, word, or deed that is unselfish takes us towards the goal, and, as such, is called moral.

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