

# Vedanta Center of Greater Washington, DC

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## September 2017 SCHEDULE

Minister: Swami Sarvadevananda

Resident Monks: Swami Atmajnanananda  
Swami Brahmarupananda  
Swami Chidbrahmananda



## Ramakrishna Order of India

<u>Sunday Lecture 11:00 AM</u>	<u>Friday Class 8:00 PM</u>
3 Lecture canceled for Labor Day Weekend Retreat	1 <i>Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna</i>
10 Swami Brahmarupananda The Sage of Steady Wisdom VII	8 <i>Bhagavad Gita</i>
17 Swami Chidbrahmananda Being There	15 <i>Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna</i>
24 Durga Puja Celebration Please see under <u>Special Program</u>	22 <i>Life of Holy Mother</i>
	29 <i>Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna</i>
	<u>Wednesday Class 8:00 PM</u>
	<i>Vivekacudamani</i>

## Special Program

### **24 Durga Puja Celebration at the Center**

**10:30 am:** Puja

**11:30 am:** Flower offering and Arati

**Noon:** Indian Classical Vocal Concert

Esha Bandyopadhyay on Vocals

Jakir Hossain on Tabla

Namita Kundu on Harmonium

**1:00 pm:** Prasad

## Ram Nam

Ram Nam will be held at the Center on **Saturday September 2** 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.

## 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](http://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 Mother Worship

*Mother-worship is a distinct philosophy in itself. Power is the first of our ideas. It impinges upon man at every step; power felt within is the soul; without, nature. And the battle between the two makes human life. All that we know or feel is but the resultant of these two forces. Man saw that the sun shines on the good and evil alike. Here was a new idea of God, as the Universal Power behind all, the Mother-idea was born. Activity, according to Sankhya, belongs to Prakriti, to nature, not to Purusha or soul. Of all feminine types in India, the mother is pre-eminent.*

*The mother stands by her child through everything. Wife and children may desert a man, but his mother never! Mother, again, is the impartial energy of the universe, because of the colorless love that asks not, desires not, cares not for the evil in her child, but loves him the more. And today Mother-worship is the worship of all the highest classes amongst the Hindus.*