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SEPTEMBER 2019 SCHEDULE

Minister: Swami Sarvadevananda

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Swami Chidbrahmananda
Br. Kumar



Ramakrishna Order of India

Sunday Lecture: 11 AM

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The Avatar and the Illumined Soul

* Swami Nishpapananda is a resident monk of the Vedanta Society of St. Louis.

Tuesday Discussion Group 10 AM

Talks with Swamiji

Wednesday Discussion Group 11 AM

Practice of the Presence of God

Wednesday Night Class 8 PM

Vivekacudamani

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Bhagavad Gita

Friday Night Class 8:00 PM

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Special Program

1-2 Labor Day Weekend Retreat

Swami Baneshananda, head of the Vedanta Centers in Germany, will be conducting our annual two-day Labor Day Weekend Retreat this year. The retreat will be held at the Vedanta Center and will begin on Sunday morning at 9:00 AM and end on Monday at 3:30 PM. The topic will be Vedanta in Practice. Retreat registration forms can be found at the center on our Web site.

Ram Nam

Ram Nam will be held at the Center on **Saturday September 7** 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 or by special appointment. Please call 240-516-6726.

Swami Vivekananda on Service

Be grateful to the man you help, think of him as God. Is it not a great privilege to be allowed to worship God by helping our fellow men?

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It is our privilege to be allowed to be charitable, for only so can we grow. The poor man suffers that we may be helped; let the giver kneel down and give thanks, let the receiver stand up and permit. See the Lord back of every being and give to Him.

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This is the gist of all worship — to be pure and to do good to others. He who sees Shiva in the poor, in the weak, and in the diseased, really worships Shiva; and if he sees Shiva only in the image, his worship is but preliminary. He who has served and helped one poor man seeing Shiva in him, without thinking of his caste, or creed, or race, or anything, with him Shiva is more pleased than with the man who sees Him only in temples.

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Who will give the world light? Sacrifice in the past has been the Law, it will be, alas, for ages to come. The earth's bravest and best will have to sacrifice themselves for the good of many, for the welfare of all. Buddhas by the hundred are necessary with eternal love and pity.