

The Vedanta Society of St. Louis

Swami Chetanananda – Minister and Spiritual Teacher

RAMAKRISHNA ORDER OF INDIA

December 2018

Sunday Services 10:30 a.m.

- December*
- 2 Thoughts on the Gita – Part 98
 - 9 The Message of Sri Ramakrishna and Its Relevance for the Modern Society – *Swami Girishananda, a Trustee of Belur Math*
 - 16 The Meaning of Myth
Pravrajika Shuddhatmaprana, a nun of the Vivekananda Retreat, Ridgely
 - 23 The Four Gospels of Christ (*Christmas Service*)
 - 30 Holy Mother's Worship Service (*no lecture*)
Singing, meditation, worship. Dinner: 1:00 p.m.

Special Celebration 7:30 p.m.

- Thursday* **13** Christmas Festival (*special music, readings, story, candlelight prayers*)

Birth Anniversary 6:30 a.m. (*in the shrine, members only*)

- Friday* **28** Holy Mother

Classes 8:00 p.m. (*Winter Break after December 6*)

- Tuesdays* **only 4th** Panchadasi, with Guided Meditation
(205 S. Skinker)

- Thursdays* **only 6th** Gospel of Ramakrishna (recorded by Swami Brahmananda)
(211 S. Skinker)

Appointments for interviews should be made with the Swami in advance at 721-5118.

Membership in the Society is open to all who accept Vedantic teachings.

The Society maintains a rental library for members and stocks books for sale.

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ALL ARE WELCOME

What Love!

During the Christmas holidays of 1910, a candidate for initiation offered flowers at the Mother's feet at Kothar and then presented her a piece of cloth and a rupee. The Mother declined the gift saying, 'You are in straitened circumstances and have your own wants. Why, then, this offering?' The devotee explained that the money belonged to the Mother; and if a little portion of a son's earning could be utilized for the service of his mother, he should feel thankful.' At this the Mother said, 'Ah! What love, my dear, what love!' The devotee had heard from others, 'The Mother is Kali Herself, the Primal Energy, the Deity.' He wanted a confirmation of this from the Mother herself; for the Gita speaks of such a self-avowal. Hence he said to the Mother, 'I believe what I have heard of you. Yet if you yourself tell me so, I can be free from any lingering doubt. I want to learn from your own words, whether that is true.' The Mother said, 'Yes, it is so.'

– Swami Gambhirananda, *Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi*, p. 439