

The Vedanta Society of St. Louis

Swami Chetanananda – Minister and Spiritual Teacher

RAMAKRISHNA ORDER OF INDIA

February 2019

Sunday Services 10:30 a.m.

- February* **3** Brahmananda as We Saw Him (*Anniversary Service*)
10 The Significance of Worship
 Swami Nirakarananda
17 Glimpses of Swami Shivananda
 Swami Nishpapananda
24 Devamata: A Blessed One
 George Albertus

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

- Wednesday* **6** Swami Brahmananda

Classes

No Tuesday or Thursday classes (*Winter Break*)

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

Compassion to All

Sri Ramakrishna was very compassionate to the poor, destitute, and dejected. One year, on his birthday celebration, a poor woman devotee of Calcutta brought four rasogollas [cheese balls soaked in syrup] for him and gave them to Holy Mother at the nahabat. Other women devotees were also present there, and they told her: "The Master is now busy with the devotees. How can Holy Mother carry these sweets to him? Moreover, the Master has already finished his meal. He won't eat anything more now. If he does, he will be sick." These words pierced the heart of that poor woman, and tears came to her eyes. She mentally cried to him: "Master, you are the Lord of the poor and the lowly. Your rich devotees have arranged this festival spending a lot of money, and you are in a festive mood with them. I am a poor, simple woman. Somehow I managed to save four pice, and with that I bought these sweets for you. I don't know what to do! I am helpless. Now I feel that you are not the Lord of the poor." The Master was omniscient. He felt that someone was pulling him, and he immediately left the gathering, went to the nahabat, and ate the sweets that the poor woman had brought for him.

— Ram Chandra Datta in *Ramakrishna As We Saw Him*, pp. 311