

# The Vedanta Society of St. Louis

Swami Chetanananda – Minister and Spiritual Teacher

RAMAKRISHNA ORDER OF INDIA

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Due to COVID-19, public attendance at Sunday lectures has been suspended. Lectures will be live streamed Sundays on our YouTube channel starting at 10:35 a.m. To register for the Q&A zoom meeting following the lecture, send an email to [join@vedantastl.org](mailto:join@vedantastl.org).

## Sunday Services 10:30 a.m.

- January*
- 3 Stories of Vedanta Monks – Part 36
  - 10 Thoughts on the Gita – Part 113
  - 17 O Mother, Protect Us (*Sri Sarada Devi's Anniversary Service*)
  - 24 Teach Us the Upanishads – Part 5
  - 31 Vivekananda: A Heroic Monk (*Vivekananda's Anniversary Service*)

## Kalpataru Day Observance January 1, Friday, 7:00 p.m.

VedantaSTL on YouTube

7:00-7:30 Bhajans by Swami Nirakarananda

7:30-8:30 "Be Illumined", talk by Swami Chetanananda

## Classes

No Tuesday or Thursday classes in January

Appointments for phone interviews can be made with the Swami in advance at 314-721-5118.

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

The library and bookstore are closed due to COVID-19. The online bookstore is available at [www.vedantastl.org](http://www.vedantastl.org). Sunday lectures are on YouTube at VedantaSTL.

ALL ARE WELCOME

### **Who knows Mother?**

Who knows Mother [Sri Sarada Devi]? Who can know her? You have heard of great women like Sita, Savitri and Sri Radha; but mother has surpassed all of them. There is not the least display of divine power [Aiswarya] in her. In the Master [Sri Ramakrishna], at least the glory of knowledge [Vidya] was manifest, and he used to go frequently into samadhi. But in Mother even this greatness is not manifest. What a tremendous personality to keep all her powers in such control! Don't you see how hundreds and thousands of people are flocking to her? She possesses infinite power [shakti] and benignity. Have you not noticed how the empress of the universe is playing the part of a beggar woman at Jayrambati – cleaning the house, washing utensils, winnowing rice and even removing the plates of her devotees after they have taken their food? The Master's cancer helped to unite the devotees into an organization and Mother is undergoing these hardships at Jayrambati in order to set an ideal for the householders. What great patience, what compassion and, above all, what great humility!

— Swami Premananda, quoted in **Holy Mother: The Great Wonder**, p. 129