

# The Vedanta Society of St. Louis

Swami Chetanananda – Minister and Spiritual Teacher

Swami Shivarchanananda – Assistant Minister

RAMAKRISHNA ORDER OF INDIA

May 2022

We have lifted our covid restrictions and welcome in person attendance. Vaccinations and boosters are strongly encouraged, but proof is no longer required. Those more comfortable wearing a mask are encouraged to do so, but they are also not required.

Lectures are live streamed Sundays on our YouTube channel at 10:35 a.m. To request access to the Q&A zoom meeting following the lecture, send an email to [join@vedantastl.org](mailto:join@vedantastl.org).

## **Sunday Services – 10:35 a.m.**

- May
- 1 Thoughts on the Gita – Part 126
  - 8 Shankara's Contribution to World Thought (*Anniversary Service*)  
*Swami Tattwamayanda, Head of the Vedanta of Society of San Francisco*
  - 15 Life and Teachings of Buddha (*Anniversary Service*)  
*Swami Shivarchanananda, Asst. Minister of Vedanta Society of St. Louis*
  - 22 Thoughts on the Gita – Part 127
  - 29 Thoughts on the Gita – Part 128

## **No Tuesday and Thursday Classes in May**

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

### **Swami Shivarchanananda arrives!**

Our new assistant minister, Swami Shivarchanananda, arrived in St. Louis from India on Tuesday, April 12. His visa was delayed many times due to covid, so we are glad to finally have the Swami with us.

The Swami joined the Ramakrishna Order in 2001, after graduating from West Bengal State University. He spent three years at Ramakrishna Mission Vidyapith in Deoghar before entering the Probationers' Training Centre at Belur Math in 2005 for two years.

This was followed by over ten years in Jayrambati, where he performed various kinds of ritualistic worship, worked as an office assistant, and engaged himself with scriptural studies, spiritual practices and writing journal articles. In September, 2017 he was transferred to the Math branch at Baghbazari, where he worked editing and publishing books on Ramakrishna Vivekananda and Indian philosophy. This led to his appointment as chief editor of *Udbodhan*, the Bengali journal of the Ramakrishna Order. During this time he also participated in a number of conventions and spiritual counseling sessions, and gave talks at different places in India. His first lecture in St. Louis will be on May 15 for our Buddha anniversary service.