ABOUT THE VEDANTA SOCIETY:

The Vedanta Society of New York was founded in 1894 by Swami Vivekananda, the first teacher of Vedanta to come to the West. He drew wide acclaim by his historic addresses at the World Parliament of Religions held in Chicago in 1893. After that a group of students gathered about the swami, and the first Vedanta Society in the United States was started in New York City. At present there are fifteen such centers in the U.S. Each center is an official branch of the Ramakrishna Order, the monastic organization established by Swami Vivekananda in India.

MEMBERSHIP:

Those in regular attendance with sympathy for the principles of Vedanta living in the Tri-State area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut are welcome to become members of the Society, subject to the approval of the Swami.

BOOKS:

The bookstall at the rear of the chapel is open to the public before and after services and classes. Books may also be purchased by mail.

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SPECIAL NOTE

Center Remains Closed Until Further Notice

We will be monitoring the situation closely and post updates as necessary.
We send our best wishes and prayers for the wellbeing of you and your families.

SUNDAY 11.00AM

March 7  Reading the Hindu and Christian Classics: Why and How Deep Learning Still Matters
Francis X. Clooney, Professor of Comparative Theology
Harvard Divinity School

March 14  Spiritual Insights from the Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna
Swami Ishatmananda, Minister and Spiritual Leader
Vivekananda Vedanta Society of Chicago

March 21  Why Sarada Devi Matters
Pravrajika Vrajaprana
Sarada Convent, VSSC, Santa Barbara

March 28  Preparatory Steps for Meditation
Swami Sarvadevananda, Minister and Spiritual Leader
Vedanta Society of Southern California

SPECIAL SERVICE

Sri Ramakrishna Birth Anniversary
Special Puja Monday, March 15 at 8:30AM

Physical attendance of services is suspended,
we will be live streaming the above services and puja at:
www.youtube.com/vedantany

In the early 1900’s Swami Vishuddhananda met a gardener in the Dakshineswar temple garden who had once had a vision of the Master’s luminous form. The swami wrote:

“One summer night I could not sleep, so I went for a walk in the garden. I saw light coming from the Panchamundi area. I went there and found the Master immersed in samadhi under the bel tree; a light emanated from his body. I was so scared. I could not stay there long. The next morning, I went to him, fell at his feet, and burst into tears. He asked: ‘What is the matter? Why do you have so much overflowing devotion today?’ I only said: ‘Master, please bless me.’ He realized what was in my mind. He lifted me up and said: ‘Meditate on the form you saw last night. Clean the path to the Panchavati. Many devotees will come in the future.’ I meditate on that luminous form of the Master and clean this path every day.”

Blessed was that old gardener of Dakshinesvar, who was instructed in meditation and karma yoga by the Master. The vision and grace he received came from his full surrender to the Master.

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