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.
In-person attendance for the Sunday lecture by prior registration only and with proof of COVID 19 full vaccination. Masks will be mandatory. Please see website for registration details.

We will be live streaming at:
www.youtube.com/vedantany

**SUNDAY 11.00AM**

December 5  Walking Down the Wall Street of Spiritual Life  
Swami Ishadhyanananda  
Assistant Minister, Vedanta Society of Sacramento

December 12  Swami Premananda Life and Teachings

December 19  Ask Swami

December 26  Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi

**SPECIAL LIVESTREAM SERVICES**

December 24, Friday at 7.30 PM  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
Livestream only reading from the Sermon on the Mount followed by Christmas carol singing

December 26, Sunday at 9.00 AM  
HOLY MOTHER  
Livestream only Special Worship of Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi

The divine and the human manifested side by side in Holy Mother’s life. She demonstrated how the active and the contemplative life can coexist. In the early hours of the morning she was absorbed in samadhi on the veranda of the nahabat. During the day she was busy cooking and serving the Master and others. While the rice or dal was cooking, she would sit on one of the steps leading to the upper floor of the nahabat and repeat her mantra. She later said: “My child, it is great fortune to have a human birth. One must call on God wholeheartedly. One should practice hard. Is it possible to achieve anything without intense discipline? One should make time for spiritual practices in between household chores”

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