



Arise ! Awake ! Stop not, till the goal is reached.

January & February, 2026

Om Namo Narayanaya

Sandesha

Na Me Bhakta Pranashyati

My Devotee Never Perishes



Quotes From Swami Vivekananda

Take up one idea. Make that one idea your life; dream of it; think of it; live on that idea. Let the brain, the body, muscles, nerves, every part of your body be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea alone. This is the way to success.

Believe in yourself and the world will be at your feet. You cannot believe in God until you believe in yourself. Strength is Life, Weakness is Death. Expansion is Life, Contraction is Death. Love is Life, Hatred is Death.

All the powers in the universe are already ours. It is we who have put our hands before our eyes and cry that it is dark.

Truth can be stated in a thousand different ways, yet each one can be true.

The world is the great gymnasium where we come to make ourselves strong.

In a conflict between the heart and the brain, follow your heart.

Be not afraid of anything. You will do marvelous work. It is Fearlessness that brings Heaven even in a moment.

Arise, awake, and stop not until the goal is reached.

BADARIKASHRAMA DIARY

As we were preparing to usher-in the final two months of the year, the mandir hosted the Sri Satyanarayan Puja and Kirtan on Sunday, the 2nd of November. Within the month of November, this was followed on the 9th, by the Sundarkand Recitation Sri Ramcharitmanas of Goswami Tulsidas by Swasti Pandya and Devotees. The Maha Mrityunjaya Japa and Homa was observed on Sunday, the 16th, with many devotees and their families in attendance. Sunday the 23rd observed the conductance of the Sri Ramanama Sankirtana and Meditation. Thanksgiving Celebration was held on Thursday, the 27th of November. The event began at 3 PM, with a Hindustani music concert by the renowned vocalist, Smt. Shubhangi Sakhalkar. She was accompanied on the tabla by Sri Sripad Torvi, and on the harmonium by Sri Vivek Datar. With a harmonious start to the evening, the swelling audience grew to a



Thanksgiving Concert



Samuhika 108 Sri Satyanarayana Puja

fully packed house in the main mandir. The concert concluded to a resounding applause, rivalling the past many Thanksgiving celebration concerts! The concert was followed by a very traditional international vegetarian dinner, hosted by the families of some of our long-time devotees! The dinner was observed as “prasada” by all those who partook.

Sunday, November 30th served as the observance of Srimad Bhagavad Gita Jayanti. The event started-off at 10:30 AM with a Kirtan by the Stanford Bhajan Ensemble. The Kirtan drew good applause from the audience present! This was followed by a Talk on the Bhagavad Gita by Dr. Rajeev Verma. Dr. Verma has been studying the Gita since 1993, and has been teaching a Gita Paath since 2009.



Sri Saradadevi Jayanthi

On this day, Dr. Verma expounded the teachings from select section of the Bhagavad Gita. As part of the discourse, Dr. Verma answered questions from the audience, which were very contemporary and topical in nature, given the current observance of cultural tensions caused by mass migration into Western Democracies, of populations/people that have demonstrated little or no evidence of interest to integrate into their new host nation’s societies.



Christmas Celebrations

After an eventful November, the month of December was even more celebratory! On Sunday, the 7th of December, Badarikashrama held the Samuhika 108 Sri Satyanarayana Swami Puja and Katha. This Puja was formulated by our ancient saints for families and individuals to strengthen their faith and devotion, and to collectively pray for the health, happiness, peace, as well as for spiritual and material prosperity. This special puja is held at Badarikashrama twice a year, in the months of May and December. This year’s event started off at 10:30 AM with a Kirtan recital by the students of Rita Sahai. The troupe performed a few melodious pieces, to set the spiritual mood with the audience and devotees.

This was followed by the puja itself led by Swamiji and supported by Vishnuji. The many families present sat for worship, with the Kalasha provided by the mandir. Upon completion of the Aarti, the devotees partook of the mahaprasad, in the form of lunch, sponsored by some of the families.

Sunday the 14th of December, hosted the Sri Sarada Devi Jayanti. As an event following the Sri Ramakrishan order, Badarikashrama conducts this event with its traditional honor. The day began at 10:30 AM, with a Kirtan by Smt. Sunita Rai and students. The many pupils that performed were well rewarded by a fitting applause! This was followed at 11:30



Recitation of Sri Rama Charitamanasa

The Carnatic music concert was performed by Smt. Chandrika Pai, an accomplished Carnatic vocalist and a teacher. A national award winner and All India Radio artiste, she directs the Nada Sudha School of Music located in California. She was accompanied on the violin by Nagaraj Mandya and on the mridangam by Natarajan Srinivasan. The trio performed sparkling renditions of Sri Thyagaraja and Sri Purandara Dasa, holding the audience to rapture! The evening concluded with a grand vegetarian dinner.



Christmas Dinner

AM, by a talk by Pravrajika Anantaprana from the Vedanta Society of San Francisco. The title of the talk was "How Do We See the Holy Mother?". The reader is requested to recollect that the term "Holy Mother" refers to Sri Sarada Devi. True to tradition, Anantaprana fielded several questions pertaining the practices, philosophies and the principles that appear to be at conflict with the evolving world and its values.

The final event of the year was Christmas Celebration, on the 25th of the month, marked with a Concert and a Vegetarian Dinner.



Swamiji with Swami Vedananda (SFO) and Swami Gnyanasudhananda (Los Angeles)

Calendar of Events January & February 2026

<u>Jan</u>	Timings	Upcoming Programs
Thu 1st	10 AM. 11:30 AM	New Year Celebration! Sri Ganesha Homa Music Concert: Sarod - Amit Gud; Tabla - Pradosh Sarkar
Sat 3rd Sun 4th	9:30 AM	Akhanda Ramayana Sri Ramacharitamanas of Goswami Tulsidas
Sun 11th	11 AM	Kirtan by Sargam Shah; Talk by Dr. Irene Plunkett (Women's spirituality prospective – Facing Current Racial Tensions)
Sun 18th	3 PM	Srimad Swami Vivekananda Jayanti Kirtan by Divya Ramesh and students; Talk by Swami Ishadhyanananda on "Swami Vivekananda's Visit to Bay Area"
Sun 25th	10:30 AM	Sri Saraswati Puja organized by Sima Chakrabarti
Sat 31st	4 PM	Full Moon Sri Satyanarayana Puja and Kirtan
<u>Feb</u>		
Sun 1st	10:30 AM	Sri Haridasa Day
Sun 8th	11 AM	Sri Ramanama Sankirtana and Meditation
Sun 15th	6 PM	Maha Shivaratri
Sun Feb 22	11 AM	Sri Ramakrishna Jayanti Kirtan Program; Talk by Swami Tattwamayana Maharaj from the Vedanta Society of San Francisco.
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Sun Mar 1st	11 AM	Sri Satyanarayana Puja and Kirtan
Sun Mar 8th	11 AM	Sri Bhagavad Gita Talk

Teachings of Sri Ramakrishna

"God can be realized through all paths. All religions are true. The important thing is to reach the roof. You can reach it by stone stairs or by bamboo steps or by a rope."

"When the flower blooms, the bees come of their own accord. So let the flower of your devotion bloom, and the Lord will come."

Badarikashrama Next Gen. Project

Expanding into the future for the Next Generation

Goal: Expand our San Leandro Center to a larger facility. Key features include

• Prarthana Mandir • Large Parking Lot • Cultural Center • Dining Facilities • Residential Quarters

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Daily Schedule at San Leandro

Temple is open between the hours of 8am to 12 noon and 5pm to 7:30pm

Temple is Closed Every Thursday

Evening aarati daily- 6.30pm

Mondays 6:30 pm: Sri Siva Puja & Aarti

Tuesdays 6:30 pm: Sri Durga Puja & Aarti

Poornima Sri Satyanarayana Puja every fullmoon