



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

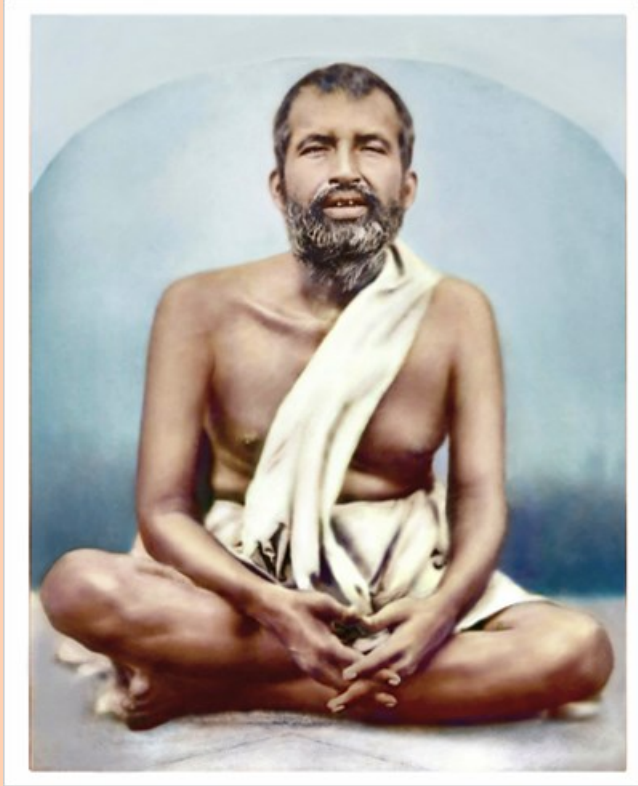
Jan. & Feb. 2025

Om Namō Narayanaya

Sandeshā

Na Me Bhakta Pranashyati

My Devotee Never Perishes



Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna

Sri Ramakrishna lived from 1836 to 1886, representing the very core of the spiritual realizations of the seers and sages of India. His whole life was literally an uninterrupted contemplation of God. He reached a depth of God-consciousness that transcends all time and place and has a universal appeal. Seekers of God of all religions feel irresistibly drawn to his life and teachings.

He inspires millions of people. His greatness manifested through Sri Sharada Devi, Swami Vivekananda and 15 other monastic disciples along with innumerable house holder devotees. Those who read the Gospel of Ramakrishna can understand his divinity and teachings.

Sri Ramakrishna Jayanti Celebration

Sunday, March 2nd—2PM , 2025

In Badarikashrama

BADARIKASHRAMA DIARY

Deepavali, the festival of lights, was celebrated in Badarikashrama on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. The program began at 2:30 p.m. with a Mahalakshmi Homa. Through the mantra chanting the ashrama was filled with Divine Mothers presence. Following the homa was a concert by the Kanchana Sisters from Bangalore, India. Sriranjani and Shrutiranjani presented a thrilling Canatic concert combining light bhajans and classical ragas. The audience shared their joy with an enthusiastic round of applause. The evening concluded with deepa lights placed on the alter. After the final aarati mahaprasad was served.

Swami Vinayakanandaji maharaj, from Karnataka India, held a Satsang on Sunday, Nov. 10th. Swamiji presented an excellent talk on the life and teachings of Holy Mother, Sri Sarada Devi. Our monthly Sri Satyanarayana puja was conducted by Swami Omkaranandaji Maharaj on Sunday, Nov. 17th.



Kanchana Sisters Deepavali Performance

Sri Ramanama Sankirtana and meditation was held the following weekend. Everyone enjoyed the peace prayers of Sankirtana.



Ashwini Khaparde

On November 28th the true holiday spirit began with the celebration of Thanksgiving. Decorations adorned the ashrama with charm as families gathered in large numbers to attend the annual Thanksgiving concert & international vegetarian dinner. Ashwini Khaparde and students presented an outstanding Hindustani vocal performance, accompanied by Vivek Datar on harmonium along with bhanan Kulkarni on tabla. Following the performance, a sumptuous international vegetarian dinner was served with a wide variety of flavors from around the world. Families from different faiths and backgrounds shared in the spirit of Thanksgiving as they enjoyed the prasad.



Thanksgiving Dinner

Devotees joyfully recited Sri Sundara Kand Ramayana on December 1st. The Srimad Bhagavad Gita Jayanti was celebrated on Dec. 8th. Melodious bhajans were presented by Rajnish Kamath. Dr. Rajeev Varma presented a talk titled "The nectar of Bhagavad Gita." He expressed the Gita as a beautiful balance of philosophy, Vedantic knowledge and poetry. Having put the teachings of the Gita into practice into his own life, Dr. Varma was able to present a talk that expressed deep philosophy in a simple and practical manner. The program concluded with aaratri and sharing of prasad.



Samuhika Satyanarayana Puja

Twice a year, in May and Dec. Badarikashrama conducts a Samuhika 108 Sri Satyanarayana Puja. This group-puja was conducted on Dec. 15th. Families sponsored the puja and received a kalasha. The mandir was overflowing with devotees. Swami Omkaranandaji Maharaj assisted by Swami Vishnumayanandaji led the puja with fervent devotion, awakening bhakti through once simple Sadhana. All the devotees joined the mantra recitation of 'Om Namo Narayanaya.' The program ended with reading of the katha, aarati and sharing the mahaprasad.

The following weekend, Sri Sharada Devi Jayanti was celebrated with a joyful bhajan concert and an inspiring talk. The Sri Ramakrishna Sharada Bhajan Mandali, led by Natana Valiveti opened the celebration with heart-rendering Sankirtana.

Holy Mother, Sarada Devi's life and teachings were beautifully expressed by Pravrajika Virajaprana, a nun from the Vedanta Society of San Francisco. She narrated the essence of Holy Mother's life and teachings in a simple manner, yet it was profound in its simplicity. It was an outstanding talk and memorable program.



Pravrajika Virajaprana, Vedanta Society Nun

Christmas, the heart of the holiday season, was celebrated on Dec. 25th in Badarikashrama with a concert and international vegetarian dinner. The concert began with a Hindustani vocal performance by Sohini, Aarohi and Devika Torvi, young and talented students. They were accompanied by their fathers, Shripad Torvi on Tabla and Ravi Torvi on Harmonium. They presented Marathi, Hindi and Kannada bhajans and abhanga's. Following their performances was a soul stirring concert by Amit Gud on Sarod and Skanda Krishnan on Tabla. Their musical collaboration was exceptional,



Amit Gud & Skanda Krishnan



Sohini, Aarohi & Devika Torvi

captivating the audience with fascinating melodies and rhythms. Concluding the performance was a grand dinner enjoyed by families from all walks of life.

To welcome the new year, the ashrama conducted a Sri Ganesha Homa on Jan. 1st, 2025. Many devotees gathered to participate, seeking the blessings of Lord Ganesha, the remover of obstacles and bestower of good fortune. Following the homa Dr. Rajeev Varma presented a new year's message based on the Bhagavad Gita,



Sri Ganesha Homa

a road map of practical living and high thinking. At the beginning of every year we recite the Ramacharita Manasa of Goswami Tulsidas. Group recitation began Sat. January 4th at 9:30 a.m. Many groups led the recitation with great joy and devotion. The program concluded at 1 p.m. on Jan. 5th. During the purnavati, the final aarati, the mandir was full of the sweet sound of Rama's name. May Sri Ramachandra Prabhu bless everyone with a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

Calendar of Events 2025

| <u>Jan.</u> | Timings | Upcoming Programs |
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| Tues. 14th | 11 a.m. | Makara Sankranti– Sri Rudra Abhisheka |
| Sun. 19th | 11 a.m. | Sri Satyanarayana Puja |
| Sun. 26th | 11 a.m. | Sri Bhagavad Gita Talk |
| <u>Feb.</u> | Timings | Upcoming Programs |
| Sat. 1st | 10:30 am | Sri Saraswathi Puja |
| Sun. 2nd | 10am – 4pm | Haridasa Day– All Day Carnatic Music |
| Sun. 9th | 11 a.m. | Sri Satyanarayana Puja |
| Wed. 12th | 7 pm. | Fullmoon Satyanarayana Puja |
| Sun. 16th | 11 a.m, | Sri Ramanama Sankirtana and Meditation |
| Sun. 23rd | 11 a.m. | Sri Bhagavad Gita Talk |
| <u>Wed. 26th</u> | 6:30pm to Midnight | Maha Shivaratri Celebration |
| March | Timings | Upcoming Programs |
| Sun. 2nd | 2:00 p.m. | Sri Ramakrishna Jayanti– Talk, Music, Cultural Program |

Teachings of Sri Ramakrishna

Persevere In Your Search For God

“There are pearls in the deep sea, but one must hazard all to find them. If diving once does not bring you pearls, you need not therefore conclude that the sea is without them. Dive again and again. You are sure to be rewarded in the end. So is it with the finding of the Lord in this world. If your first attempt proves fruitless, do not lose heart. Persevere in your efforts. You are sure to realize Him at last.”

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

How to make tax-deductible donation

Zelle, Venmo, Cash, Checks, Paypal and Employer Matching Funds

Checks can be made to “Badarikashrama”. On the “For” line, please write “Next Gen Project”.

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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

Every Monday 6:30 pm: Sri Siva Puja & Aarti

Every Tuesday 6:30 pm: Sri Durga Puja & Aarti

Poornima Sri Satyanarayana Puja
every fullmoon