

MMG Newsletter

January - February - March 2014

Schedule of Services

Sunday Mornings

Energization Exercises 9 - 9:15
Personal Meditation 9 - 9:30
Meditation Service 9:30 - 10:15
Reading Service 10:30 - 11:30
Sunday School 10:30 - 11:30

Wednesday Evenings

Lessons Study Group 7:30 - 8:30

Thursday Evenings

1st Thursday of the month
- Inspirational and Prayer Service,
7:30 - 8:30
3rd Thursday of the month - 2 hour
Meditation Service, 7:30 - 9:30
Energization Exercises at 7:00
before both Thursday services

Saturday Mornings

5-hour Meditation 7 AM - Noon
Group practice of Energization
Exercises 7:00 & 9:30 AM
First Saturday of month - Guided
Meditation 10 AM - Noon
Last Saturday of month - Kirtan 10
AM - Noon

Special Services

Paramahansa Yogananda's
Birthday Commemorative Service
Monday January 5th - 7:30 - 8:30

Paramahansa Yogananda's
Birthday-All Day Meditation
Saturday January 10th - 9 AM to 4
PM

Paramahansa Yogananda's
Mahasamadhi Commemorative
Service Saturday March 7th - 7:30 -
8:30

Sri Yukteswar's Mahasamadhi
Commemorative Service Monday
March 9th - 7:30 - 8:30

Movie Night

Saturday January 17th - "The
Reluctant Saint". March 21st -

Committee News and Announcements

Sunday School

Sunday School is currently on break and will be back in session
Sunday 2/1/15. Sunday School meets on Sundays during the
10:30 Reading Service.

There will be a Sunday School training on 2/25/2015 following
the Sunday 10:30 Reading Service.

Service Readers

Service Reader are needed so we can adequately staff our
services. Service readers are nominated and voted upon at the
annual elections and then and approved by Mother Center in
Los Angeles. For complete details talk to [Sandy Doss](#).

Ushers

Ushers are also needed to staff our services. If you can volunteer
as an usher contact [Bill Fridge](#).

Electronic Communications

The electronic communications committee is looking for
volunteer to help with the weekly announcements and the
quarterly newsletter. A computer and internet connections is
needed. Training will be provided. To volunteer contact [Terry
Schwab](#).

Garland

The Garland Committee looking for 2 volunteers to make
garlands for our special services. Each volunteer would be
responsible for making the garland for 2 special service per
year. Training will be provided. Contact [Sarah](#) if you are able to
volunteer.

Movie Night

The next two movie nights will be January 17th and March
21st.

January 17th the movie will be "[The Reluctant Saint](#)" about
"the flying friar", St. Joseph of Cupertino. It's a heartwarming
and amazing true story of a humble Franciscan friar who
literally rose to sainthood. In the impoverished village of 17th
century Cupertino, Italy, Joseph's peasant mother convinces
the reluctant Abbott (Ricardo Montalban) to accept her son
into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local Bishop
who sees in him a great deal more than others, and by a series
of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is
ordained a priest. Yet some are convinced that it is the devil,

"The Way".

Church opens at 5:30 PM and the movie starts at 6:30 PM.

Social Gatherings

Vegetarian Potluck after Sunday Reading Service the first Sunday of every month.

Sunday Readings Schedule

January

4 - The Science of Knowing God
11 - Belief, Faith, and Wisdom
18 -The Infinite Power Within You
25 -What Is Heaven?

February

1 - God's Vital Laws of Health and Well-Being
8 - Living the Spiritual Life in a Material World
15 - True Religion: A Universal Need
22 - The Way to Be Happy at Will

March

1 - Expanding Your Awareness of God
8 - Regain Your Divine Heritage
15 - Controlling the Power of Habit
22 - The Secret of Spiritual Success
29 - The Deeper Teachings of Jesus Christ

Quote From Master

"The deeper you meditate and the more willingly you serve, the happier you will be"

Paramahansa Yogananda from *Where There is Light* - p. 114

not God, who is responsible for Joseph's miraculous powers- until a final miracle reveals to all his true sanctity.

On March 21st the movie will be "[The Way](#)", written and directed by Emilio Estevez, "The Way" was filmed entirely in Spain and France along the actual Camino de Santiago.

"The Way" is a powerful and inspirational story about family, friends and the challenges we face while navigating this ever-changing and complicated world. Martin Sheen plays Tom, an irascible American doctor who comes to France to deal with the tragic loss of his son (played by Emilio Estevez). Rather than return home, Tom decides to embark on the historical pilgrimage "The Way of St. James" to honor his son's desire to finish the journey. What Tom doesn't plan on is the profound impact this trip will have on him.

Inexperienced as a trekker, Tom soon discovers that he will not be alone on this journey. On "The Way," Tom meets other pilgrims from around the world, each with their own issues and looking for greater meaning in their lives: a Dutchman (Yorick van Wageningen), a Canadian (Deborah Kara Unger) and an Irish writer (James Nesbitt), who is suffering from a bout of writer's block.

From the unexpected and, oftentimes, amusing experiences along "The Way," this unlikely quartet of misfits creates an everlasting bond and Tom begins to learn what it means to be a citizen of the world again. Through Tom's unresolved relationship with his son, he discovers the difference between "the life we live and the life we choose."

"Awake: The Life of Yogananda"

Originally schedule for a 7 day run in Minneapolis, "Awake: The life Yogananda" has extended it run to 26 days as of this writing. A number of the screening have been sell outs. The interest in the film has prompted contact and visitors to our church. It would be wonderful to greet the newcomers this movie attracts warmly and introduce yourself as you attend our services.



Council Members

Please feel free to contact the council with your concerns or suggestions at council@srfminneapolis.org

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