

# Atlanta Meditation Center of Self-Realization Fellowship

February 2000    *"Everything else can wait, but our search for God cannot wait."* - Paramahansa Yogananda    Volume 19

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## Atlanta Meditation Group Buys Property

On January 1st, 2000, our group purchased 1.47 acres of land at the intersection of South Cobb Drive and Kings Springs Road (2.7 miles north of the intersection of South Cobb Drive and I-285). This property is within the Smyrna city limits and is zoned "Office and Industrial" which is the proper zoning category for a church. This prime site was available at an affordable price because a major underground gas pipeline crosses the property which precluded development until an encroachment agreement could be negotiated with the pipeline owner. This was accomplished in mid-December which permitted us to close on the property. Many thanks to James Harden who found this wonderful site for us.

Our Managing council and Building Committee studied our group's future needs for over three months, and concluded that our ultimate space requirements would be 10,000 square feet which includes a sanctuary seating 210 people, a large social hall with kitchen, a book sale room, a Sunday school with six classrooms, monastic quarters, and related public and support areas. We are committed to developing a masterplan that lets us build phase by phase according to our needs without having to move at a later date because we outgrew the space.

We have hired the Atlanta architectural firm of Schneider-Wright, Inc. along with structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and civil engineers to develop our plans. We are indebted to world famous design architect, Jon Piccard, and noted Atlanta interior decorator, Connie Varner, for their free design consultations on the project. Holder Construction Company, which is the largest general contractor headquartered in Atlanta, has agreed to build the project, and has already filed for a site disturbance permit from the City of Smyrna. Groundbreaking should take place by the end of January.

How much of the ultimate 10,000 square feet we build at this time is dependent upon the financial support of our members and friends. To date, people have been very generous with their gifts and pledges, and we are hopeful that many more will feel called to support Paramahansa Yogananda's work in Atlanta in this way. Gifts to the project should be made out to Self-Realization Fellowship and earmarked for the Atlanta Building Fund Account. Checks can be mailed directly to SRF or given to our treasurer, Larry Cooper.

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**Schedule of Services & Service Reading Topics.....2 - 3**

*Regular Services, Commemorative Services, and Socials*

**2000 Schedule of Meetings**

|                             |                           |                    |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Every Sunday                | Meditation Service        | 10:00 -10:45 AM    |
|                             | Reading Service           | 11:00AM - 12:00 PM |
| Every Thursday              | Inspiration Service       | 8:00 - 9:00 PM     |
|                             | Prayer Service            | 9:05 - 9:30 PM     |
| First Friday Each Month     | Three Hour Meditation     | 7:30 - 10:30 PM    |
| Second Wednesday Each Month | Kirtan Meditation Service | 7:30 - 9:30 PM     |
| Third Saturday Each Month   | Three Hour Meditation     | 7:30 - 10:30 PM    |

**Special Meditations and Services 2000-2001**

|                          |                               |                    |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Tuesday, March 7th       | Yoganandaji's Mahasamadhi     | 7:30 - 9:30 PM     |
| Thursday, March 9th      | Sri Yukteswar's Mahasamadhi   | 7:30 - 9:30 PM     |
| Friday, April 21st       | Good Friday Meditation        | 7:30 - 9:30 PM     |
| Sunday, April 23rd       | Easter Sunday Service         | 11:00 AM -12:00 PM |
| Wednesday, May 10th      | Sri Yukteswar's Birthday      | 7:30 - 9:30 PM     |
| Tuesday, July 25th       | Babaji Commemoration Day      | 7:30 - 9:30 PM     |
| Wednesday, August 23rd   | Janmashtami (Krishna)         | 7:30 - 9:30 PM     |
| Tuesday, September 26th  | Lahiri Mahasaya's Mahasamadhi | 7:30 - 9:30 PM     |
| Saturday, September 30th | Lahiri Mahasaya's Birthday    | 7:30 - 9:30 PM     |
| Sunday, December 17th    | Christmas Meditation          | 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  |
| Sunday, December 31st    | New Year's Meditation         | 11:30 PM-12:30 AM  |
| Friday, January 5th      | Yoganandaji's Birthday        | 7:30 - 9:30 PM     |
| Sunday, January 7th      | Commemorative Meditation      | 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM |

**Socials and Business Meetings 2000**

|                          |                                |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Saturday, April 1st      | Spring Social/Business Meeting | 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM |
| Saturday, July 15th      | Summer Social/Business Meeting | 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM |
| Saturday, September 23rd | Fall Social/Business Meeting   | 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM |
| Friday, December 15th    | Christmas Party                | 7:30 - 10:30 PM    |

**SRF 2000 Convocation**

June 11-17, 2000      Los Angeles, California

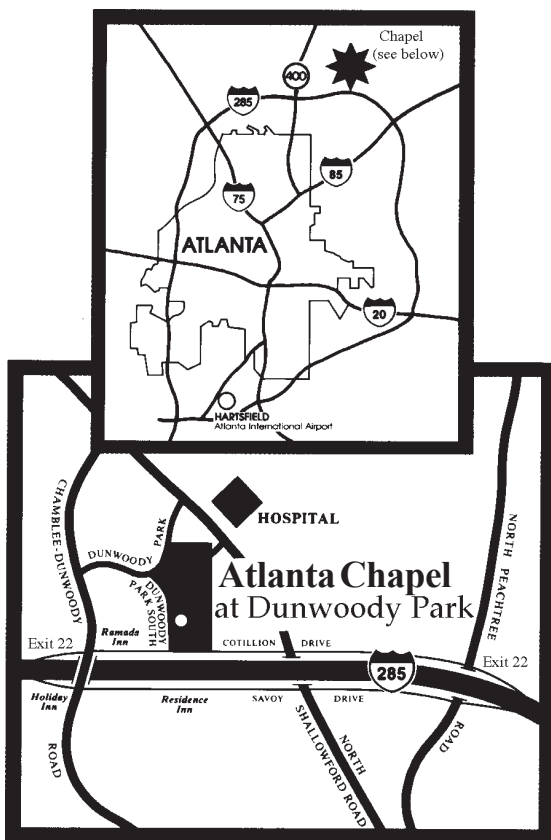
**Atlanta Meditation Group Weekend Retreat**

April 14-16, 2000      Ignatius House Atlanta

**February - May 2000 Schedule of Reading Services**

*How Active Westerners-Can Realize God*  
*The Necessity of Religion*  
*The Way to Be Happy at Will*  
*The Cosmic Awareness of Saints*  
*Regain Your Divine Heritage*  
*Creating and Destroying Habits at Will*  
*The Secret of Spiritual Success*  
*Peace: the Altar of Heaven*  
*The Place of Money in the Spiritual Life*  
*Healing by God's Unlimited Power*  
*The True Significance of Resurrection*  
*What Is Love?*  
*Anchor Yourself in God*  
*The Mother Aspect of God*  
*Good Books: Aids on the Spiritual Path*  
*Why Our Loved Ones Die*  
*The Universe: God's Magic Drama*

*February 6th*  
*February 13th*  
*February 20th*  
*February 27th*  
*March 5th*  
*March 12th*  
*March 19th*  
*March 26th*  
*April 2nd*  
*April 9th*  
*April 16th*  
*April 23rd*  
*April 30th*  
*May 7th*  
*May 14th*  
*May 21st*  
*May 28th*



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SECOND WEDNESDAY  
KIRTAN MEDITATION SERVICE

COME AND EXPERIENCE THIS WONDERFUL  
OPPORTUNITY FOR GROUP CHANTING AND MEDITATION!

REMEMBER:

*"No devotee should be satisfied until he has sufficiently developed  
his intuition - by impartial introspection and deep meditation, as in  
Kriya Yoga - to experience the communion of soul and Spirit."  
(Paramahansa Yogananda, from God Talks with Arjuna: The Bhagavad-Gita, Chapter XVIII:74)*

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*Mark Your Calendar!!!  
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Make your plans to attend now!!!*