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Ramadan Mubarak

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

"O ye who believe! fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may become righteous." [2:184]

Upcoming Events

Wed, Jun 5 - Eid ul Fitr

Fri-Sun, Jul 5-7 - Jalsa Salana
Canada

Fri-Sun, Jul 12-14 - Jalsa
Salana USA

Fri-Sun, Aug 2-4 - Jalsa
Salana UK

By the Grace of Almighty Allah, we have once again entered the month of Ramadan. During the month of Ramadan, daily Darsul-Qur'an is held between Asr and Maghrib Prayers at the mosque. Dinner is served after Maghrib followed by Isha Prayer. Please see page 4 for Salat schedule during Ramadan.

Our Regional Missionary, Respected Imam Shamshad Ahmad Nasir Sahib has reminded us that Ramadan requires from us the sacrifice of time, desires, and sleep and to strive to win the pleasure of Allah and to get closer to Him and that we should change our daily routine to get more involved during Ramadan.

Members are encouraged to come to mosque every day and partake of the blessings during the month of Ramadan. May Allah enable all of us to reap the spiritual benefits of this blessed month to the fullest, Ameen.

Holy Qur'an

O ye who believe! why do you say what you do not do? Most hateful is it in the sight of Allah that you say what you do not do. [61:3-4]

Populating the Mosque

إِنَّمَا يَعْمُرُ مَسْجِدَ اللَّهِ مَنُ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَأَقَامَ الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَى الزَّكَاةَ

"He alone can keep the mosques of Allah in a good and flourishing condition who believes in Allah, and the Last Day, and observes Prayer, and pays the Zakat." [9:18]

Hadith

The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said: "Leave alone that which involves thee in doubt and adhere to that which is free from doubt, for truth is comforting, falsehood is disturbing." (Tirmidi)

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his helper) has been continually advising us about the importance of offering Prayers in the mosque. Huzoor has reminded us:

"The real beauty of the Masjid is with worshipers who offer Salat in it with sincerity, not with the building."

By the Grace of Allah we have been blessed with a mosque in Columbus Jama'at. Many Jama'ats in the U.S. desire to have one in their chapter. We should show our gratitude to Almighty Allah by coming to the mosque, offering Prayers in congregation as much as possible, saying Labbaik to Huzoor's desire that we should come to the mosque on a daily basis.

Send Jama'at and auxiliary announcements and events schedule, detail, and pictures to share with the membership via this newsletter at amc.col.oh@gmail.com

Practices of the Promised Messiah (as) in Ramadan

Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) relates:

During the month of Ramadan, it was the Promised Messiah's (may peace be on him) custom to offer the Witr Prayer in the first part of the night and eight Raka'at [units of Prayer] of the Tahajjud Prayer in divisions of two in the latter part. In it, he would recite Ayatul-Kursi in the first Rak'ah and in the second Rak'ah, he would recite Surah al-Ikhlās. Mostly, whilst in Ruku or Sajda, he would recite

يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ أَسْتَغِيْثُ

"O Living and Self-Sustaining God, with Your mercy do I seek help." His manner of reciting this was such that I would be able to hear his voice.

Huzoor (may peace be on him) always used to partake in Sehri directly after the Tahajjud Prayer and would delay it to the extent that the Azan would sometimes occur whilst he was eating.

I would like to make it clear that partaking in Sehri is permissible until the break of dawn on the eastern horizon. The Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) would, on the most part, not halt at the Azan and used to partake in Sehri up until the break of dawn.

The fact is that in this matter, the Shariah does not advocate the halting of food and drink upon the break of dawn in light of scientific facts and perception. Rather, food and drink should be stopped when the first light of dawn becomes manifest to the masses. Hence, the word تَبَيَّنَ also makes this matter plain. In a Hadith, it is recorded that the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said, "Do not stop eating and drinking at the Azan of Bilal, but instead, continue to do so until the Azan of Ibn-e-Maktum because he is blind and does not call out the Azan until people raise a hue and cry of the morning."

Regarding the diet of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him), it is said that in Sehri, during Ramadan, there usually used to be Salan (curry dish) or a chicken leg and Firni (Indian sweet dish) for Huzoor. Huzoor would take a Paratha (Indian fried bread) instead of a Roti (flat bread), though he would only eat a small amount of it.

(Siratul-Mahdi by Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad, ra)

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Coffee, Cake and True Islam event is held weekly on Saturdays at 3-5 PM at Southeast Branch of Columbus Metropolitan Library, 3980 S Hamilton Rd, Groveport, OH.

Members are encouraged to join the Tabligh team at these events.



My Creator

Dr. Waqar Pirzada

**"I find God's help
when all my efforts
fail."**

Love is a force and a reality, and we can love whatever we consider deemed fit. There is love between a mother and a child, a person and his/her country or native land. There are people who fall in love for the opposite sex and spend all their life in pursuit, and there may be an inseparable love between man and animal or a pet. Whatever you want to love, there are numerous objects available. However there is a unique love between man and his/her Creator.

Whenever I call Him the Only One,
I find Him by myself at each step
O' God! I am happy about whatever You have given me
I tried all my reach, my worth, and my nakedness
to reach Him but failed, However, the Gracious One
made me who I am out of His Mercy and as a token
of His love for Muhammad, His chosen one

These are the pathways, O Lord, that You told,
to tread upon, in fact You are the only One
who made me able to walk on them,
what are your steps and how far do you want to go?
This is just a morsel of my love
And Grace for you to know

The moment when you are born, death starts to follow
We all have to be presented before Him,
Whether I, you, or they,
my last day, when it comes,
please and I beg You to forgive
Only those who are truthful are the ones who live

O' God, keep me prostrated before You,
in my love for You, And O' Lord keep me
away from the wickedness of the Satan,
Whatever manner my life is spent, O' God,
I beg that my death comes in Your way

The moment I set my foot on to reach my destiny
I find God's help when all my efforts fail.

The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said: Negligence in Salat brings a person to *Shirk* (associating partners with Allah) and close to the state of disbelief. Unquestionably, this warning of the Prophet is enough to instill great fear in the heart of any sincere Muslim.

[Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V
(may Allah be his helper), MKA
UK National Ijtimā 2018]

Ramadan Calendar

	Date	Day	Suhur	Fajr	Zuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
1	6-May	Mon	5:20 AM	5:50 AM	2:00 PM	7:31 PM	8:31 PM	9:21 PM
2	7-May	Tue	5:19 AM	5:49 AM	2:00 PM	7:32 PM	8:32 PM	9:22 PM
3	8-May	Wed	5:17 AM	5:47 AM	2:00 PM	7:33 PM	8:33 PM	9:23 PM
4	9-May	Thu	5:16 AM	5:46 AM	2:00 PM	7:34 PM	8:34 PM	9:24 PM
5	10-May	Fri	5:15 AM	5:45 AM	2:00 PM	7:35 PM	8:35 PM	9:25 PM
6	11-May	Sat	5:14 AM	5:44 AM	2:00 PM	7:36 PM	8:36 PM	9:26 PM
7	12-May	Sun	5:12 AM	5:42 AM	2:00 PM	7:37 PM	8:37 PM	9:27 PM
8	13-May	Mon	5:11 AM	5:41 AM	2:00 PM	7:38 PM	8:38 PM	9:28 PM
9	14-May	Tue	5:10 AM	5:40 AM	2:00 PM	7:39 PM	8:39 PM	9:29 PM
10	15-May	Wed	5:09 AM	5:39 AM	2:00 PM	7:39 PM	8:39 PM	9:29 PM
11	16-May	Thu	5:07 AM	5:37 AM	2:00 PM	7:40 PM	8:40 PM	9:30 PM
12	17-May	Fri	5:06 AM	5:36 AM	2:00 PM	7:41 PM	8:41 PM	9:31 PM
13	18-May	Sat	5:05 AM	5:35 AM	2:00 PM	7:42 PM	8:42 PM	9:32 PM
14	19-May	Sun	5:04 AM	5:34 AM	2:00 PM	7:43 PM	8:43 PM	9:33 PM
15	20-May	Mon	5:03 AM	5:33 AM	2:00 PM	7:44 PM	8:44 PM	9:34 PM
16	21-May	Tue	5:02 AM	5:32 AM	2:00 PM	7:45 PM	8:45 PM	9:35 PM
17	22-May	Wed	5:01 AM	5:31 AM	2:00 PM	7:46 PM	8:46 PM	9:36 PM
18	23-May	Thu	5:00 AM	5:30 AM	2:00 PM	7:47 PM	8:47 PM	9:37 PM
19	24-May	Fri	4:59 AM	5:29 AM	2:00 PM	7:47 PM	8:47 PM	9:37 PM
20	25-May	Sat	4:58 AM	5:28 AM	2:00 PM	7:48 PM	8:48 PM	9:38 PM
21	26-May	Sun	4:57 AM	5:27 AM	2:00 PM	7:49 PM	8:49 PM	9:39 PM
22	27-May	Mon	4:57 AM	5:27 AM	2:00 PM	7:50 PM	8:50 PM	9:40 PM
23	28-May	Tue	4:56 AM	5:26 AM	2:00 PM	7:51 PM	8:51 PM	9:41 PM
24	29-May	Wed	4:55 AM	5:25 AM	2:00 PM	7:52 PM	8:52 PM	9:42 PM
25	30-May	Thu	4:54 AM	5:24 AM	2:00 PM	7:52 PM	8:52 PM	9:42 PM
26	31-May	Fri	4:54 AM	5:24 AM	2:00 PM	7:53 PM	8:53 PM	9:43 PM
27	1-Jun	Sat	4:53 AM	5:23 AM	2:00 PM	7:54 PM	8:54 PM	9:44 PM
28	2-Jun	Sun	4:53 AM	5:23 AM	2:00 PM	7:54 PM	8:54 PM	9:44 PM
29	3-Jun	Mon	4:52 AM	5:22 AM	2:00 PM	7:55 PM	8:55 PM	9:45 PM
30	4-Jun	Tue	4:51 AM	5:21 AM	2:00 PM	7:56 PM	8:56 PM	9:46 PM
	5-Jun	Wed	Eid-ul-Fitr					