

# Columbus Connection

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## 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

## Holy Qur'an

*O ye who believe! avoid most of suspicions; for suspicion in some cases is a sin. And spy not, nor back-bite one another. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of his brother who is dead? [49:13]*

## Hadith

*The Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> said to say the following prayer when you come upon Laylatul-Qadr (so recite this prayer in the last ten days of Ramadan):*

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوفٌ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

*Allahumma innaka afuwwun  
tuhibbul-afwa fa'fu anni*

*O Allah, You are forgiving and  
love forgiveness, so forgive me.*

## The Last Few Days of Ramadan

During the month of Ramadan, daily Darsul-Qur'an is being held between Asr and Maghrib Prayers at the mosque. Dinner is served after Maghrib followed by Isha Prayer.

Members are encouraged to come to the mosque every day and partake of the blessings during the last few days of the month of Ramadan.

## Eid Day Program

Eid Prayer will be offered at 11:00 AM at Baitun Nasir Mosque, Insha'allah.

Lunch will be served after Eid Prayer.

Zuhr Prayer will be offered at 2:00 PM.

Please be sure to arrive well before the Eid Prayer time so that you have time to drop off family members/elderly, park the car, and be inside the mosque before the Prayer starts.

Prayer to recite on Eid Day:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ

## Transliteration

Allahu Akbar Allahu Akbar la ilaha illallah wallahu Akbar Allahu Akbar wa lillahir  
hamd

## Translation

Allah is the greatest, Allah is the greatest, there is no god but Allah. And Allah is the greatest, Allah is the greatest and to Allah belongs all praise.

Please recite this prayer after every Salat on Eid Day, on your way to and from mosque, while waiting for Salat, and whenever you can on this blessed day to extol and glorify Almighty Allah.

**If you have not yet paid Fitrana, Eid Fund, and Fidyah (in case of missed fasts) please contact Secretary Finance, Maqbool Bhatti at [mqblbhatti1@gmail.com](mailto:mqblbhatti1@gmail.com) or 614-619-2434 and pay it before the Eid Day.**

## Practices of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> in Ramadan

Hazrat Amman Jan, Nusrat Jehan Begum Sahiba (may Allah be pleased with her) related to Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) used to say in respect to his youth:

**"It was on Huzoor's (may peace be on him) thirteenth fast that he experienced vertigo near Maghrib. He broke his fast, refrained from fasting for the rest of the month and offered Fidyah."**

"In that time, it occurred to me that fasting was also necessary to progress along this path ... Then, I fasted for six consecutive months and nobody in the household or from outside had an inkling that I was keeping fast. When my morning meal used to arrive from the house, I would hand it to a needy person and eat the evening meal myself."

When enquired whether he also kept voluntary fasts in old age. Hazrat Amman Jan (may Allah be pleased with her) replied:

"In old age too he would keep fasts, chiefly the six fasts of Shawwal to which he would strictly adhere. Whenever he had to pray for a task of particular importance, he would fast, but in his final few years, he could not even fast in Ramadan due to weakness and frailty."

Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) also mentioned that Hazrat Amman Jan (may Allah be pleased with her) narrated to him:

**"God Almighty cannot be pleased by tenacious deeds but through obedience. One should not fast when He has directed that travelers should not do as such."**

"When the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) began having spells of vertigo, he did not fast during Ramadan that year and offered Fidyah. When the month of Ramadan came again, he began to fast but he had just kept eight or nine fasts when he experienced vertigo again. Hence, he left the rest and offered Fidyah. In the Ramadan thereafter, he had kept ten or eleven fasts when he was compelled to abandon fasting due to vertigo and he offered Fidyah. In the following year during Ramadan, it was on his thirteenth fast that he experienced vertigo near Maghrib. He broke his fast, refrained from fasting for the rest of the month and offered Fidyah."

"Afterwards, he kept all the fasts for every Ramadan which arrived, but a few years prior to his demise, he again was unable to keep fasts due to weakness and continued to offer Fidyah." Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) enquired from Hazrat Amman Jan (may Allah be pleased with her) whether he offered the fasts at a later period, which he had left when he had his initial spells of vertigo. She replied, "No, he only offered Fidyah."

Hazrat Abdullah Sanauri (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated to Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) that once, at the beginning of his era, a guest came to visit the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) in Qadian during the month of Ramadan. He was fasting at the time and a great portion of the day had passed. It was perhaps after the Asr Prayer that the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) advised him to break his fast. He replied, "There merely remains a small portion of day left, so is there any point in breaking my fast now?" The Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) said, "You desire to please God Almighty through dogged means. God Almighty cannot be pleased by tenacious deeds but through obedience. One should not fast when He has directed that travelers should not do as such." Upon this, he broke his fast.

**"Hazrat A'ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) narrates, 'There is mention that the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) always used to prefer the easier of two permissible paths.'"**

Hazrat Mirza Muhammed Ismail (may Allah be pleased with him) related to Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) was once fasting during Ramadan in Ludhiana when he felt nauseous and began encountering cold extremities. At that particular time, the time for sunset was near, but he immediately broke the fast. Hazrat Mirza Sahib (may Allah be pleased with him) said that Huzoor would always opt for the easy lawful path which the Shariah would afford.

With regard to this, Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) said:

"In the Hadith, regarding the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him), through the narration of Hazrat A'ishah (may Allah be pleased with her), there is mention that he always used to prefer the easier of two permissible paths."

[Siratul-Mahdi by Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad, (may Allah be pleased with him)]

## Ziafat During Ramadan

By the Grace of Allah, once again, this year the Ziafat team and volunteers worked hard to prepare and serve dinner throughout the month of Ramadan, every day. The team strived to prepare the dinner before the start of Dars and that clean-up was done before Isha Prayer. All this takes much dedication and sacrifice. May Almighty Allah immensely bless all those who sacrificed their time and comfort to serve the Jama'at in this blessed month, Ameen. The names of the Ziafat team and volunteers are mentioned here so that members remember them in their prayers.

Muhammad Ashraf	Mobusher Mehmud	Waseem Arain	Muhammad Saqib Mangla
Hassan Syed	Omar Syed	Usama Awan	Sohaib Awan
Moiz Ahmad Arain	Rehan Mobusher	Usman Mobusher	Ibn Mehdi
Kashif Khan	Akmal Salam	Badar Malik	Athar Ashraf
Mrs. Ashraf	Aneela Mobusher	Amtul Basit	Razia Javed
Samina Awan	Samina Yasmeen	Shahida Khan	Laeqa Mirza
Rehana Arain	Uzma Humayun	Shazia Syed	Summer Mangla
Maryam Bhatti	Ramlah Awan	Tooba Salam	Nudrat Malik





## Local Majlis Amila

Office	Officeholder
1 Sadr	Abdus Salam Malik
2 Na'ib Sadr	Ahsan Syed
3 General Secretary	Bashir Asad
4 Secretary Tabligh	Kamaldeen Muili
5 Secretary Tarbiyat	Naseer Wasim
6 Secretary Ta'lim	Mobusher Mehmud
7 Secretary Ta'limul Qur'an & Waqf-e-Arzi (short-term devotional)	Abdus Salam Malik
8 Secretary Finance	Maqbool Bhatti
9 Secretary Tahrik-e-Jadid	Badar Malik
10 Secretary Waqf-e-Jadid	Naseer Wasim
11 Secretary Wasaya	Rafi Malik
12 Secretary Property	Naseer Wasim
13 Secretary Waqf-e-Nau	Mehmud Nagi
14 Secretary Audio & Video	Athar Ashraf
15 Secretary Ziafat (Hospitality)	Muhammad Ashraf
16 Secretary Publications	Rafi Malik
17 Secretary Sanat-o-Tijarat (Industry & Trade)	Shahid Naveed
18 Secretary Agriculture	Pending official approval
19 Secretary Umoor-e-Ama (Public affairs)	Kamil Salam
20 Secretary Umoor-e-Kharijiyyah (External affairs)	Pending official approval
21 Auditor	Mehmud Nagi
22 Qa'id Khuddamul Ahmadiyya	Kamil Salam
23 Za'im Ansarullah	Mobusher Mehmud
24 Sadr Lajna	Shazia Syed

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