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Message from Amir Jama'at USA on Eid-ul-Fitr

Upcoming Events

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

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

Sun, Aug 11 - Eid-ul-Adha

Fri-Sun, Sep 20-22 - National Ijtima Majlis Ansarullah USA

Holy Qur'an

Those of the believers who sit (still), excepting the disabled ones, and those who strive in the cause of Allah with their wealth and their persons, are not equal. [4:96]

Hadith

The Holy Prophet^{saw} said: "Authority is a trust and on the Day of judgment it is a cause of humiliation and repentance except for one who fulfils its obligations and (properly) discharges his duties." (Muslim)

As-Salamu Alaikum,

I wish you Eid Mubarak. May Allah continue the blessings of Ramadan and guide us on the path of His pleasure. I would like to share a few words from an Eid ul Fitr sermon by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II, Muslih Mau'ud (may Allah be pleased by him) delivered on July 11, 1919:

"What is our Eid? It is that we find our beloved, our God. That whoever strives and endeavors hard, he will find his God. Our Eid is that in which we tread the right path, and through which we are led to God, and then the acceptance of our prayers and righteousness is borne. Thus, the object of our Eid is as I have just said, to find our God and the way to reach this goal is by offering sacrifices. If we remember this purpose, then our Eid will be a true Eid. Otherwise, this false happiness only exacerbates distress and pain.

For those who are servants of God, every day is Eid and no worldly affliction affects them because their hearts are content, but a person whose heart is distressed and is surrounded by all sorts of troubles, even if he dresses in nice clothes, eats fine food, he does not enjoy Eid. On the contrary the servants of God reside in that garden where no affliction touches them and they are free of all woes.

This is the Eid which a Momin (faithful) should strive for, for merely wearing nice clothes is not Eid. How can it be Eid when your heart is filled with distress? Eid is only for those whose hearts are happy and this contentment only comes by meeting one's God or finding the means to achieve His pleasure. One who becomes the recipient of His favors, the world gazes upon him with amazement because there is no grief or worry for the servant of God, his heart is at peace and he is in a state where God is pleased with him and he is pleased with God.

The Eid then becomes an emblem of God's pleasure for him, God's angels guard him and protect him. May Allah enable our Jamaat to experience this type of Eid."

May Allah soon bring that day when we as a Jama'at can claim to be part of those true servants of God and celebrate this true Eid, Ameen.

Wassalam,

Khaksar,
Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad

Eid Day at Baitun Nasir Mosque

Men, women, elderly, and children of Columbus Jama'at gathered at Baitun Nasir Mosque on Eid Day, Wednesday, June 5. Eid Prayer was offered at 11:00 AM, led by Dr. Abdus Salam Malik, President of the Columbus Jama'at. Afterwards, members greeted each other and enjoyed the Eid Day festivities. Lunch was served to all members. Zuhr Prayer was offered at 1:30 PM.

Sincerity and Patience

The Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) said:

"Those people who are impatient fall into the clutches of Satan. A righteous person must battle with impatience as well. In *Bustan* there is mention of a worshipper. Whenever this individual stood for worship, he would hear an angel's voice from the unseen saying: 'You have been rejected and forsaken.' On a certain occasion, one of his disciples heard this voice from the unseen and said: 'Now the verdict has been passed. What then is the use of futile action?' The man wept profusely and said: 'If I am to leave God, where else should I go? If accursed I am, then so be it. At least I am fortunate enough to be called accursed.' These discussions were still underway with his disciple, when a voice was heard saying: 'You have been accepted.' So all this was the result of sincerity and patience, which is a condition for one who is righteous."

[Malfuzat, Vol. 1, p. 23]



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Itikaf (The Spiritual Retreat) at Baitun Nasir Mosque

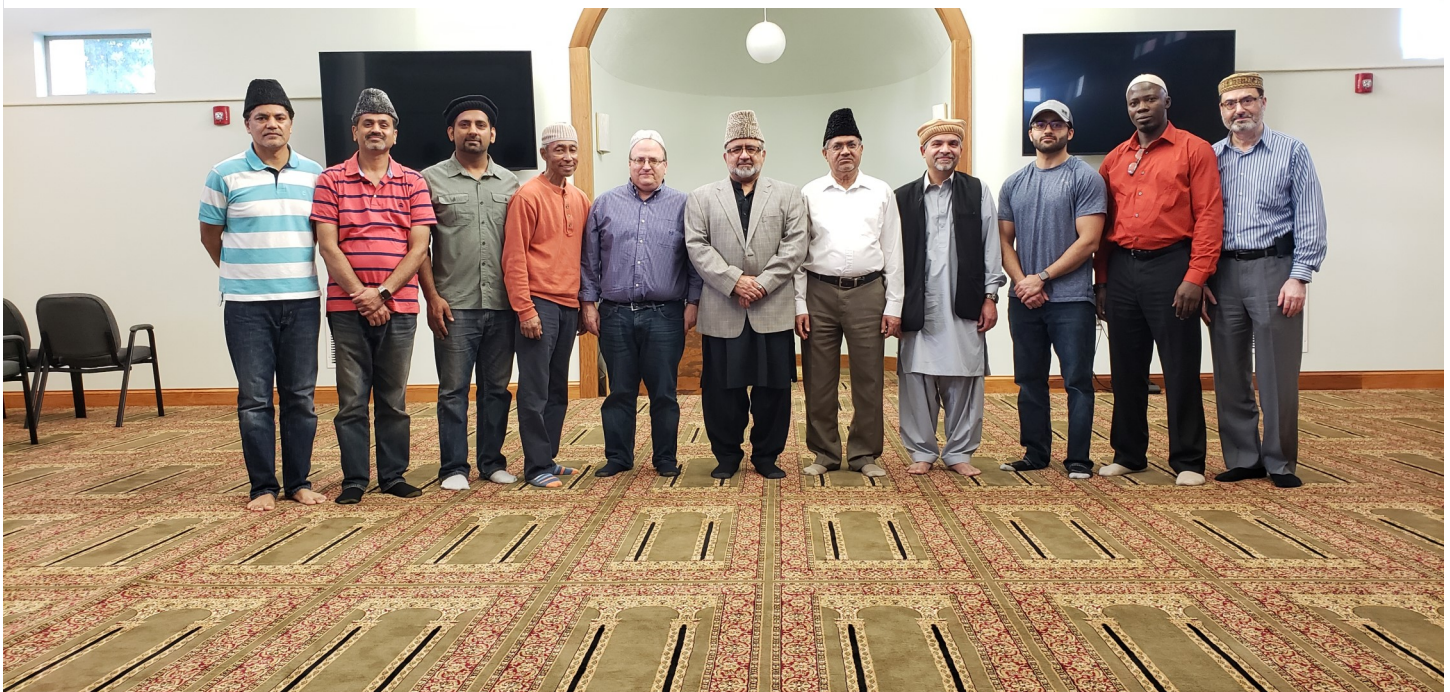
By the Grace of Allah, 9 brothers and a sister performed Itikaf (the spiritual retreat) during the last 10 days of Ramadan. Four brothers performed Itikaf for full 10 days while the other members performed partial Itikaf. Men had their *Hujras* (rooms) made in the men prayer hall and side rooms while a sister had her Hujra made in the ladies prayer hall.

Makeshift *Hujras* (rooms)
for Itikaf on the men side





Mu'tikifin (spiritual retreat participants) partaking of Sehri at Baitun Nasir Mosque on June 2, 2019, courtesy of Waseem Arain Sahib's family



Group photo of the outgoing Majlis Amila (2016-2019) of Columbus Jama'at at the Amila meeting held on June 14, 2019

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Local Majlis Amila (2019-2022)

Respected Amir Jama'at USA has approved the following Majlis Amila for Columbus Jama'at for the term 2019-2022. May Allah Almighty enable all of these members to serve the Jama'at to the best of their abilities, Ameen.

It is advised by the center that students who are dependent on their parents are not approved for local Jama'at offices and therefore new elections should be held for the offices for which students were elected. New elections for such offices would be held soon, Insha'allah.

Office	Officeholder
1 President	Rafi Malik
2 Vice President	Abdus Salam Malik
3 General Secretary	Bashir Asad
4 Secretary Tabligh	Kamaldeen Muili
5 Secretary Tarbiyat	Javed Yameen Malik
6 Secretary Ta'lim	Abdus Salam Malik
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	Mobusher Mehmud
10 Secretary Waqf-e-Jadid	Zafar Awan
11 Secretary Wasaya	Mobusher Mehmud
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	<i>New election to be held</i>
17 Secretary Sanat-o-Tijarat (Industry & Trade)	Shahid Naveed
18 Secretary Agriculture	Shahid Naveed
19 Secretary Umoor-e-Amma (Public affairs)	Ahsan Syed
20 Secretary Umoor-e-Kharijiyyah (External affairs)	<i>New election to be held</i>
21 Internal Auditor	Waseem Ahmed Lakhan
22 Additional Secretary Finance	<i>Election to be held</i>
23 Qa'id Khuddamul Ahmadiyya	Kamil Salam
24 Za'im Ansarullah	Mobusher Mehmud
25 Sadr Lajna	Shazia Syed

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