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NEWSLETTER

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Qiyaamah Will Come When...

1. When it will be a shame to act upon Quranic laws.
2. When Islam will become a stranger (unwanted religion).
3. When malice and hatred will be common amongst people.
4. When Islamic knowledge is lifted up.
5. When time will become old.
6. When people's life spans become short.
7. When months and years and foodstuff will be devoid of blessing (i.e. appear to be very short and less).
8. When untrustworthy people will be regarded as trustworthy and trustworthy will be regarded as untrustworthy.
9. When the liars will be regarded truthful and the truthful will be regarded liars.
10. When violence, bloodshed and riots become common.
11. When people will boast upon their grand mansions.
12. When women with children become displeased (on account of them bearing off-spring) and barren women remain happy (on account of having no responsibility of off-spring).
13. When oppression, jealousy and greed become the order of the day.
14. When people begin to die in large numbers.
15. When lies prevail over the truth.
16. When people dispute over petty issues.
17. When people will openly follow their passions and whims.
18. When decisions will be given on mere guesses.
19. When there will be scarcity of crops despite abundant rain.
20. When the fountains of knowledge run dry and floods of ignorance run forth.
21. When it will be hot in winter (and vice versa).
22. When immortality overtakes and is committed publicly.
23. When the length of days is stretched i.e. a journey of a few days is covered in a few hours.
24. When speakers and lecturers lie openly.

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Ramadan

Salman, the Persian (R.A) has reported the following: The Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) addressed us on the last day of Sha'ban wherein he said:

"O men, a great, blessed month has cast its shadow upon you. It is a month which contains a night far better than one thousand months, a month Allah has made it obligatory to fast therein and made it commendable to stand up praying in its nights. If someone seeks Allah's nearness by offering an optional act of worship in this month, it will be as rewarding as to offer an obligatory worship in other days, and if someone performs an obligatory act of worship in this month, it will carry as much reward of performing seventy obligatory acts of worship in other days. It is the month of patience and the reward of patience is Jannah (the Paradise). It is a month of sympathy, a month in which the provision for a believer is increased. If someone provides another person with food to make Iftar (terminate one's fast by eating or drinking something) it will cause forgiveness to his sins and freeing his neck from hell and he will be awarded the same thawab as the fasting person will be rewarded for his fast, without decreasing his own thawab."

The companions of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) said, "O Messenger of Allah, every one of us does not have enough food to offer for Iftar to another fasting person." The Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) said, "This thawab will also be given to a person who offers to a fasting person one date or a drink of water or a little milk for his Iftar. And this is a month the first part of which is mercy from Allah, the middle of which is the forgiveness from Allah and the last part of which is liberation from hell. If someone relaxes the burden of work from his slave in this month, Allah will forgive his sins and will free him from Fire. In this month you should do four acts frequently. Two acts are such that you will please your Lord through them and two are such that you can never claim to be need-free of them. As for the two acts you please Allah through them, they are: to bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and to seek forgiveness from Allah. And the two acts you can never be need-free of them are: to pray Allah to give you the Jannah (the Paradise) and to seek refuge of Allah from the Fire. And if someone serves a drink to a fasting person, Allah will make him have such a drink from my canal (the Kauthar) that he will never get thirsty after it until he enters the Jannah." (Ibn-e-Khazima)

Laylatulqadr

One of the most meritorious aspects of the month of Ramadan is that it contains Laylatulqadr, the most blessed night of the year. It is the night which Allah Almighty chose to reveal the Holy Quran. The Holy Quran has mentioned that this night is better than one thousand months. It means that the worship performed in this night brings more reward than the worship performed in one thousand months. The authentic Traditions of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) mention that, in this night, Allah Almighty directs His special mercy towards the people of the earth, accepts the supplications made by His slaves and forgives a large number of people who repent and pray.

Laylatulqadr falls in one of the last five odd nights of Ramadan i.e. 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th and 29th. According to authentic sources, Laylatulqadr falls in any one of these nights. The purpose of this alteration is that one should spend all the five nights in worship and prayers, so that he may find Laylatulqadr with certainty.

No special form of worship is prescribed for Laylatulqadr. The night should be spent by offering as much nafil prayers as one can offer, in recitation of the Holy Quran in dhikr and tasbeeh, in supplications and in making sadaqaah (charity)

It is not advisable in this night to hold ceremonies or meetings or delivering long lectures or illuminating the mosques. This is a night for developing a special connection with one's Creator, for offering acts of worship in solitude and seclusion, for having constant and exclusive contact with his Lord who is the Lord of the universe, for minimizing the diversity of thoughts and actions and for devoting oneself to Allah Almighty with his heart and soul

This purpose can seldom be achieved in congregations and assemblies. That is why Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) never tended to celebrate this night by lectures, meetings, illumination or even by offering prayers in jama'at. Instead, he used to perform acts of worship individually, and in solitude Sayyidah Aishah (R.A) once asked the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) as to what dua (supplication) she should recite in the Laylatulqadr. The Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) taught her the following dua

"Allah you are surely most forgiving and You like forgiving. So, forgive me"

The best way to benefit from the blessings of this night is to keep awake for the whole night and spend it in worship and prayers. But people who cannot do so for any reason should spare at least a considerable part of the night for acts of worship. At least 8 rak'at should be prayed after midnight as tahajjud, some part from the Holy Qur'an should be recited and

Upcoming

- **Khatmul Quran Aug 15 (27 Ramadan)**
- **EID Prayer Aug 19 or 20**
- **Evening Quran Class Sept 4**
- **Arabic Class TBD**

Current Programs

1. 5 times Prayers
2. Jumma Prayers
3. Taraweeh / Eid Prayers
4. Daily Hadith
5. Full time Hifz / Academics
6. Evening Quran class daily
7. Adult Quran class daily
8. Tafseer weekly
9. Basketball League
10. Youth & Family counseling
11. Providing answers regarding Islamic matters
12. Monthly newsletter
13. Monthly youth programs
14. Monthly family programs

Special Programs

1. Summer School
2. March Break
3. Winter Break

Past Month Programs

1. Basketball Tournament
2. Ramadan Workshop
3. Youth Soccer Program



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the supplications of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) should be offered. Any dhikr or tasbeeh should be constantly recited, specially the following dhikr has numerous merits:

Even when one is not in the state of wudu, the dhikr and tasbeeh may be recited. Similarly the dhikr may also be performed during other states, when walking or in bed.

I'tikaf

Another unique form of worship in this month is "I'tikaf" in which a person gives up all his activities, abandons his attachments, associations and routines and enters the mosque for a specific period.

Islam does not approve monasticism which is based on the concept that Allah's pleasure cannot be attained without abandoning all worldly activities for ever. The Holy Qur'an has expressly condemned this concept. Islam has, instead, emphasized on earning one's livelihood through permissible means, on one's mingling with his family members and on discharging all the obligations toward his wife, children, relatives, neighbours and other acquaintants. But at the same time, as explained earlier in more detail, sometimes one's deep involvement in these activities slows down his spiritual progress. In order to repair this loss, a Muslim is required to spare a time in which he separates himself from the normal routine of worldly activities and to sit in seclusion, devoting his heart and soul for pure spiritual acts. I'tikaf is a beautiful way to carry out this objective. In I'tikaf one leaves his home and family and undertakes to remain in the mosque for a limited period. This unique mode of worship can be done any time in the year. However, it has been declared as a 'Sunnah mu'akkadah' in the last ten days of Ramadan, because Ramadan is the most suitable time to carry out this worship. Moreover, the last ten days of Ramadan are the days in which 'Lailat-ul-Qadr' normally occurs and as explained earlier, its definite time is unknown. It may occur in any of the odd nights of these days. When one is in the state of I'tikaf for the last ten days of Ramadan, he can surely benefit from its infinite merits, because even if he is sleeping in the 'Lailat-ul-Qadr', while he is in the State of I'tikaf, it will be credited to his account as 'worship' in the 'Lailat-ul-Qadr', because each and every second in the state of I'tikaf is 'ibadah, even if one is eating, drinking or sleeping. This extraordinary privilege cannot be attained in one's home. That is why the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) used to perform I'tikaf every year in Ramadan.

Announcements

- Khatmul Quran will be on Wednesday, August 15th (27th Ramadan). Isha will be at 10:00 (Location: St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church [6945 Meadowvale Town Centre Circle, Mississauga, ON L5N 2W7])
- Eid Prayer will be at Swagat Banquet Hall [6991 Millcreek Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5N 6B9] subject to moon sighting. Please check the details on mici.org
- Sadaqatul Filr minimum \$3.00 per person
- Next Meadowvale Islamic Centre project milestone is submission of zoning application and site plan

Student of the Month

Hfiz Class: Faraz Kashif

Students completed

Hfiz Juz

1. Faraz 10th
2. Ashad 15th
3. Momin 7th
4. Mohanad 12th
5. Junaid 9th
6. Hassan 10th

Masjid Funds

Start Date: April 11 2012

Updated: July 30 2012

Building Masjid - Phase 3

Qarze Hasna payback, Site Plan
preparation & Submission to city

Qarz due	\$150,000.00
28-Jun-2012	PAID OFF

Qarz due	\$60,000.00
28-Sep-2012	PAID OFF

Qarz due	\$10,000.00
08-Dec-2012	

Qarz due	\$80,000.00
10-Jan-2013	

Qarz due	\$158,750.00
15-Mar-2013	

Site Plan	\$60,000.00
Application	

Funds collected	\$31,000.00
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Balance needed	\$277,750.00
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