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EID AL-ADHA - FESTIVAL OF SACRIFICE


The lunar calendar has 12 months. Eid-ul adha is celebrated on the 10th of Dhul Hijjah which is the 12th month of the Islamic Calendar. This blessed day follows the best day of the year, which is the 9th of Dhul Hijjah – the day on which the pilgrims performing hajj gather in the grounds of Arafah (a place close to Makkah).

MEANINGS BEHIND EID AL-ADHA

- Eid al-Adha or Feast of Sacrifice is the most important feast of the Muslim calendar.
- Eid Adha is on the 10th day of Dhul-Hijjah, which is the last month in the Muslim calendar.
- The 9th day of Dhul-Hijjah is the day when Hujjaj (pilgrims) stand on the mountain of Arafat.
- It is Recommended (Sunnah) to fast the 9th day of Dhul-Hijjah.
- Eid al-Adha concludes the Hajj journey (Pilgrimage) to Meccah al-Mukarramah.
- Eid al-Adha is followed by 3 days called the Days of Tashreeq.
- Eid al-Adha commemorates Prophet Ibrahim's (AS) willingness to obey Allah by sacrificing his son Ismail (AS).

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- According to the story in al-Qur'an, Prophet Ibrahim (AS) was about to sacrifice his son Ismail (AS) by slaughtering him.
- Allah did not will for that knife to cut or harm prophet Ismail (AS).
- Allah protected Prophet Ismail (AS) and granted prophet Ibrahim (AH) a ram as a sacrifice instead.
- Today millions of Muslims sacrifice sheep and give them away for the needy and poor people for the sake of Allah.
- The Muslim family eats about a third of the meat and donates the rest to the poor.
- What a great meaning it is to help the needy and make them all equally happy and joyful on this day.
- The time of the Udhiyah or sacrifice begins at the sunrise of the Eid day and ends at the sunset of the third day of the days of Tashriq.

SUNNAHS OF EID-UL-ADHA

The Sunnahs of the Day of Eid al-Adha include:

1. To adorn oneself according to the Shariah, by:
 - a. Performing ghusl;
 - b. Brush one's teeth, using a miswak if possible;
 - c. Apply perfume;
 - d. Wear the best clothing one possesses, without excess. White, when available, is optimal
2. To wake up early, in order to prepare for the sunnas of the day
3. To go early to the place the Eid prayer is taking place
4. To delay eating until after the Eid al-Adha prayer
5. To return from the Eid prayer by a different route to the one taken there, as established by the Prophet's (PBUH) practice
6. To walk, when reasonably possible without hardship
7. To give the takbirs of Eid.

Current Programs

- 5 Times Prayers
- Jumma Prayers
- Taraweeh /Eid Prayers
- Daily Hadith
- Full Time Hifz / Academics
- Basketball Every Friday
- Youth and Family Counselling
- Providing Answers Regarding Islamic Matters
- Bi-Monthly Newsletter
- Youth Programs
- Quran Tafseer / Seerah / Story Night family Programs
- Fitness Program (for sisters)
- Girls Basketball & Halaqah

Special Programs

- Story Night Series
- Prophet Ibrahim (AS)
- Prophet Ismail (AS)
- Zil Hajj
- Sisters Program

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FIVE THINGS TO REFLECT UPON

O! You Muslims who are:

1. Desirous to drive shiny cars, REMEMBER YOU will be driven one day as a horizontal passenger
2. Wild and crazy over expensive clothes, REMEMBER you will end up in just a "Kafn" (shroud)
3. Recklessly sacrificing everything to construct beautiful homes and splendid mansions, REMEMBER the graveyard 'Pit', is one's real home
4. Greedily devouring tasty dishes and all types of Extravagant delicacies, REMEMBER one day YOU will be the meal for ants, worms and other insects
5. Aspiring for fame, fortune and bright lights REMEMBER darkness & loneliness awaits you in the grave

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Project:

- 2nd submission for Service Agreement is being sent on August 26, 2016.
- Geo-tech contract is being finalized and we expect to receive the report by September 30, 2016 provided that a notice to proceed is issued.
- Our goal is to secure final comments from city departments with regards to service agreements asap so that final submission could be made quickly. We project the 3rd and final submission no later than October 15, 2016 unless any delay is caused by city.
- Plan to submit Site Plan Application no later than September 30, 2016
- A total of \$294,000 has been spent on this project.

If you have any questions with regards to MIC project, please direct all inquiries to Tahir I. Qureshi, Trustee / Chair, Strategic & Planning Committee (Project) by eMail: tahir@mici.org or call Cell: 416-451-3489.

Donation Pledge fulfillment:

Jazak-Allah to all who fulfilled their pledges in 2015 & 2016. If you have not fulfilled your pledge from 2015 fundraiser, Ramadan and Eid al Fitr yet, please do so insha-Allah. Jazak-Allah khair!

Work for house of Allah!

MIC needs volunteers for Friday prayers & other programs. Please send an email to info@micl.org with your contact & availability information.

Musjid Funds

Start Date: May 1 2013

Updated: August 5 2016

Building Masjid - Phase I

\$1.5 Million needed by start of MIC construction

Funds Needed: \$1,500,000.00

Funds Collected: \$934,000.00

Balance Needed: \$566,000.00

Phase II: \$2.5 Million needed to complete construction (Not started)

Total Construction Cost (Phase I + Phase II): \$4 Million

Milestones Completed

Phase 1 (Aug 2010): **PAID OFF**


Paid off property 6508 Winston Churchill Blvd **\$525,000.00**

Phase 2 (Apr 2013): **PAID OFF**

Paid off property 6496 Winston Churchill Blvd **\$1,000,000.00**

Rezoning Application Submitted on Aug 2013: **PAID OFF \$294,000.00**

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