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Purpose of Fasting

Fasting is one of the main branches of faith. It is classified as such because it teaches perseverance, steadfastness and humbleness. In addition to its disciplinary impact, fasting has a great effect in elevating the spiritual status of the heart and controlling the desires of the body and nafs (ego); and the more we discipline our "self" through fasting, the more it becomes easier for us to get together, love one another and cooperate with each other.

There is a time in the Islamic calendar that really beautifies the year, exactly the way diamonds beautify a necklace: It's the month of Ramadan, which is the yearly Eid of the believers, as Friday is the weekly one. Ramadan is a month of blessings and bounties, a month of repentance and reconnection with Allah, a month of forgiveness, mercy, and salvation from the hellfire. It's a great opportunity for people to deprive their bodies from bad habits, such as over-eating, over-drinking and desires.



Ramadan Kareem

In Ramadan, a very particular atmosphere of spirituality is felt all over the places. Unfortunately, certain people increasingly convert Ramadan's nights to opportunities of over-eating and triviality. The believers are highly recommended, to preserve the spirit, purposefulness and transparency achieved during this month, by fasting Mondays and Thursdays, the Ayyam Al-Beed (13, 14 and 15 of every month), the days of Arafah and Ashura', the six days of Shawal, and as many days as they can of the months of Sha'ban and Muharram.

Specifically in Ramadan, the believers should become very watchful of their egos; meaning that if the impact of fasting is not reflected through the behavior and actions of the believer, he/she should realize that his/her fasting was nothing but a moment of hunger and thirst. The prophet (prayer and peace be upon him) said: "Whoever does not give up forged speech and evil actions, Allah is not in need of his leaving his food and drink". Fasting means to have control over desires. So, whoever could restrict his nafs (ego) to the boundaries of Islam and fulfill the requirements of faith, he/she should be able to take care of the tasks of daily struggle of this life.

The night prayer (taraweeh), Quran recitation and Dikhr, charity, Zakat Al-Fitr, etc. are all aimed to purify our souls. The itikaf (seclusion) is even a better opportunity to deepen reflection upon our egos and verify the status and condition of our hearts. It is very rare when people find time to reflect upon their egos and question them about their essence, origin and final destination. So, let us not miss it.

Save the Date!

**Fundraiser Iftar
Sat. June 18th**

Join us for an Iftar to support Allah's House and be part of our community's growth & spread the word to your contacts

**Quran Contest
Test on June 26th**

1st Place: Round Trip Ticket for Umrah
2nd Place: iPad
3rd Place: \$100 Gift Card
***All Participants get a participation gift**

**Eid Celebration
Sat. July 9th**

Join us to celebrate the joy of Eid. Bring a dish of your choice. For information about Eid, contact Br. Abdelkarim at: 919- 906-4649

Imam Khalid Shahu



Day	June/July	Ramad	Fajr	Iq.	Sunr	Duhr	Iq.	Asr	Iq.	Magri	Isha	Iq.
Mon	6	1	4:33	4:50	5:59	1:15	1:30	5:04	5:30	8:30	9:56	10:05
Tue	7	2	4:33	4:50	5:59	1:15	1:30	5:04	5:30	8:30	9:57	10:05
Wed	8	3	4:33	4:50	5:59	1:15	1:30	5:04	5:30	8:31	9:58	10:05
Thu	9	4	4:33	4:50	5:59	1:15	1:30	5:05	5:30	8:31	9:58	10:05
Fri	10	5	4:32	4:50	5:59	1:16	1:30	5:05	5:30	8:32	9:59	10:05
Sat	11	6	4:32	4:50	5:59	1:16	1:30	5:05	5:30	8:32	10:00	10:05
Sun	12	7	4:32	4:50	5:59	1:16	1:30	5:05	5:30	8:33	10:00	10:05
Mon	13	8	4:32	4:50	5:59	1:16	1:30	5:05	5:30	8:33	10:00	10:05
Tue	14	9	4:32	4:50	5:59	1:17	1:30	5:06	5:30	8:34	10:01	10:05
Wed	15	10	4:32	4:50	5:59	1:17	1:30	5:06	5:30	8:34	10:01	10:05
Thu	16	11	4:32	4:50	5:59	1:17	1:30	5:06	5:30	8:34	10:02	10:05
Fri	17	12	4:32	4:50	5:59	1:17	1:30	5:06	5:30	8:35	10:02	10:05
Sat	18	13	4:32	4:50	5:59	1:17	1:30	5:07	5:30	8:35	10:02	10:05
Sun	19	14	4:33	4:50	5:59	1:18	1:30	5:07	5:30	8:35	10:03	10:05
Mon	20	15	4:33	4:50	5:59	1:18	1:30	5:07	5:30	8:35	10:03	10:05
Tue	21	16	4:33	4:50	6:00	1:18	1:30	5:07	5:30	8:35	10:03	10:05
Wed	22	17	4:33	4:50	6:00	1:18	1:30	5:07	5:30	8:36	10:03	10:05
Thu	23	18	4:34	4:50	6:00	1:18	1:30	5:08	5:30	8:36	10:03	10:05
Fri	24	19	4:34	4:50	6:00	1:19	1:30	5:08	5:30	8:36	10:03	10:05
Sat	25	20	4:34	4:50	6:01	1:19	1:30	5:08	5:30	8:36	10:03	10:05
Sun	26	21	4:35	4:50	6:01	1:19	1:30	5:08	5:30	8:36	10:03	10:05
Mon	27	22	4:35	4:50	6:01	1:19	1:30	5:08	5:30	8:36	10:03	10:05
Tue	28	23	4:36	4:50	6:02	1:19	1:30	5:09	5:30	8:36	10:03	10:05
Wed	29	24	4:36	4:50	6:02	1:20	1:30	5:09	5:30	8:36	10:03	10:05
Thu	30	25	4:37	4:50	6:03	1:20	1:30	5:09	5:30	8:36	10:03	10:05
Fri	1	26	4:37	4:50	6:03	1:20	1:30	5:09	5:30	8:36	10:03	10:05
Sat	2	27	4:38	4:50	6:03	1:20	1:30	5:09	5:30	8:36	10:03	10:05
Sun	3	28	4:39	4:50	6:04	1:20	1:30	5:10	5:30	8:36	10:02	10:05
Mon	4	29	4:39	4:50	6:04	1:21	1:30	5:10	5:30	8:36	10:02	10:05
Tue	5	30	4:40	4:50	6:05	1:21	1:30	5:10	5:30	8:35	10:02	10:05

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Taraweeh Begins 5	Imam 6 1 Ramadan	Br. Ansari 7 2	Imam 8 3	Dr. Ihab 9 4	Imam 10 5	Guest 11 6
Competition Youth 7	Imam 13 8	B.r Ansari 14 9	Imam 15 10	Dr. Ihab 16 11	Imam 17 12	Fundraising 18 13
Competition Youth 14	Imam 20 15	Br. Ansari 21 16	Imam 22 17	Dr. Ihab 23 18	Imam 24 *Youth Night After Fri. Fundr	Guest 25 *Youth Night 20
Youth Itak Begin Quran Contest 26	Imam 27 22	Br. Ansari 28 23	Imam 29 24	Dr. Ihab 30 25	1 Night of 27 26	Guest 2 27
Youth 28	Imam 4 29	Imam 5 30	Eid Prayer 6 Shift 1-8am Shift 2-10am	7 2	8 3	Eid Celebr. 9 Quran Winners 4

Red: Between Taraweeh Program

Green: Major Events

Ramadan First / June 6

Coming Soon...

THE BELOVED SEERAH CONFERENCE FRIDAY & SATURDAY / OCTOBER 21-22, 2016



Sh. H. Lachheb



Dr. Mona Hassan



Dr. Michael Dann



Imam K. Shahu



Reciter A. Askam



Sh. Manzarul Islam



Sr. Zainab Ansari



Dr. H. Elannani



Dr. Ihab Saad

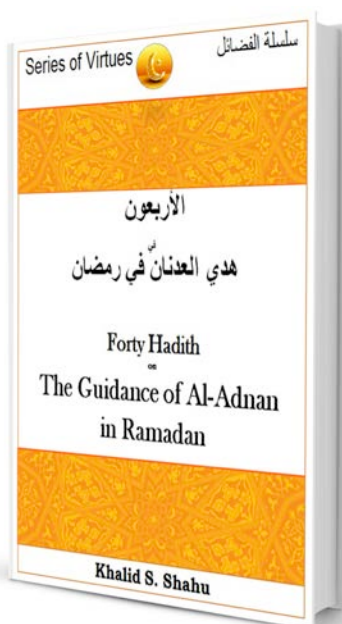


Imam Mawlid



Imam Abu Taleb

Program: Come join a great time of love, brotherhood and spirituality: Beautiful Quran Recitations, Relevant Lectures by a variety of scholars, Amdah, Nasheed, and More...



New Releases

On the occasion of the Blessed Month of Ramadan, we are glad to announce that our Imam, Dr. Khalid Shahu has published the first book of the "Series of Virtues". The book contains 40 Hadith (sayings) of the Prophet (prayer and peace be upon him) about the virtues, etiquettes and deeds of Ramadan and is aimed to assist people in exploring the guidance of our great Prophet during this unique month. Other books about the virtues of other crucial acts of worship are in progress. So, ask for your copy of this new publication. Another series called "Series of Ahadith Minhajiyah" is in progress and will see light soon, with the grace of Allah.

WEEKDAY & WEEKEND PROGRAMS

These Gatherings will begin after Ramadan

MONDAY: PRAYER UPON THE PROPHET

Every Monday after Isha Prayer, we read a hadith about the merits of sending prayers upon the prophet (prayer & peace be upon him) and we hold a 20 minutes session to send prayers upon him. If Allah the Almighty and His Angels send permanent prayers upon him, what you and I are waiting for?! Let us all join this blessed gathering of light. Visit www.apexmosque.org to learn more about it

WEDNESDAY: DIKHR GATHERING

Every Wednesday after Isha Prayer, we read a hadith about the merits of Dikhr (Allah's Remembrance) and we hold a 20 minutes session to say "Laa-Ilaha-Illa-Lah" as this word revives and refreshes Iman (Faith) in our hearts, and as saying it sincerely from the heart is a token to Paradise. So, join this blessed gathering. Visit www.apexmosque.org to learn more about it.

FRIDAY: HADITH GATHERING

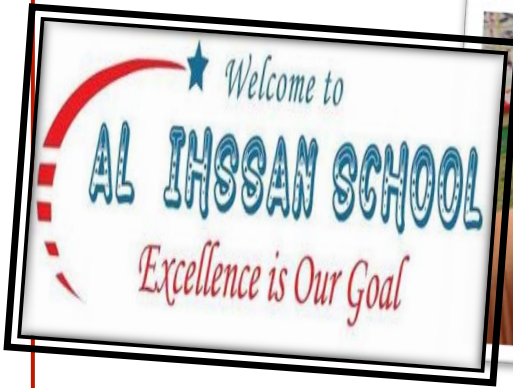
Every Friday after Isha Prayer, we spend 30-45 minutes to reconnect ourselves with the Messenger's Legacy. This year, we are going to finish a 40-Hadiths Book compiled by our Imam, about "How the Prophet (prayer & peace be upon him) could build a strong community of believers?" Not only we understand the hadith, but also we memorize it and agree upon how to put it on practice in our personal, family & community life.

SATURDAY: QURAN GATHERING

Every Saturday after Isha prayer we read and explain a Hadith about the merits of Quran, then we hold a session of 20 minutes to read Allah's Book and we conclude with Duaa (Supplication).

Every session we dedicate Dua to certain people (i.e. parents, children, the Muslim Ummah, etc.). It's an opportunity to reconnect ourselves with Quran and not leave it on the shelves. Our objective is to make Quran a daily practice in our lives. Visit www.apexmosque.org to learn more about it





APEX MOSQUE SCHOOLS

AL-IHSSANE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Al-Ihssane School accommodates around 110-120 students every year. Students learn Arabic, Islamic values and Quran, in an atmosphere of love and fun. Registration for the school year 2016-2017 is now open. Applications are in the lobby or can be downloaded from www.apexmosque.org. For any questions, you may contact: sundayschool.alihssan@gmail.com

AL-MANARA PRESCHOOL

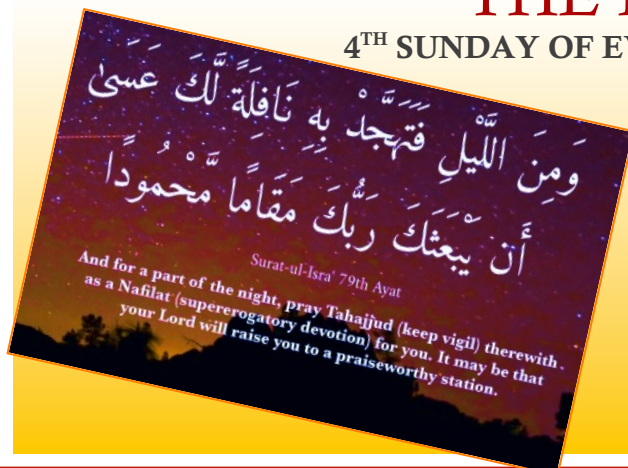
Al-Manara Preschool is a part time school with an after school program. Kids 3-5 learn Arabic letter and sounds, Quran, Math, Science and English. Registration for the school year 2016-2017 is now open. Applications are in the lobby or can be downloaded from: almanarapreschool.com For any questions, you may contact the school's director, sister Fatiha, at: 919-971-9699

CROSS-GENERATIONS QURAN SCHOOL

The Cross-Generations Quran School offers Quran classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 6:30-7:30pm, and on Saturdays from 10:30am-1:30pm. We offer classes of memorization, reading and understanding (Tafsir), for both children and adults. Registration for the school year 2016-2017 is now open. Applications are in the lobby or can be downloaded from: www.cgquranschool.org. For any questions, you may contact the Imam at: 919-971-9703

THE MONTHLY TAHAJJUD

4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH – 1 HOUR BEFORE FAJR PRAYER



Come join a great time of Ibadah (Worship), Love, Brotherhood, and Spirituality. The Program includes:

- The prophetic Qiyyam (11 Raka'at, including withr),
- Duaa Al-Qunut
- Spiritual Talk
- Dihkr Session Until Sunrise
- Stretching & Recreation
- Get-Together Breakfast

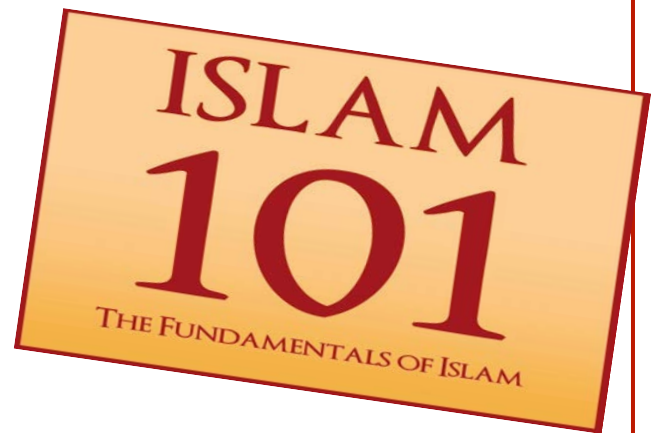
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NEW PROGRAMS AT APEX MOSQUE

Registration is open, but Programs will start the 1st Week of Sept.

NEW MUSLIMS SUPPORT PROGRAM

Islam 101 is class tailored to the needs of those Muslims who recently embraced Islam. We will journey with our Imam through the basics of the faith (i.e. the five pillars of Islam, misconceptions about Islam, etc.). Registration for the class is open. Applications are online at: www.apexmosque.org. For any questions, please contact Imam Khalid at: apexmosqueimam@gmail.com



ARABIC LANGUAGE 101

Arabic 101 is an Introduction to Modern Standard Arabic, including the Arabic script, basic grammar, and vocabulary, and developing skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Registration is open. Applications are online at: www.apexmsque.org. For questions, please contact Imam Khalid at: apexmosqueimam@gmail.com



VOYAGE PROGRAM

For its third year, the Voyage Program has been offering learning and training for children 9-12 & 13-16 years old. More than 100 participants have benefited from the program, which shaped their understanding and practice of the attributes of faith. Every year, participants explore a number of branches of faith (i.e. 19-20) in a practical way. The program has become a success as it combines leaning with practice (field trips, outings, volunteering, sleepovers, etc). Registration is open. Applications are online. For more info, contact Imam Khalid Khalid at: apexmosqueimam@gmail.com



TAZKIYYAH PROGRAM

Sessions on Tazkiyyah are offered twice a year: in the Fall and Spring. Participants explore the foundations of journeying to Allah through Islam-Iman-Ihssan. The sessions are held once a week for 2 hours and combine both learning and practice. Registration for the program is required. Visit www.apexmosque.org to learn more about the program.





Br. Asif Ansari

REPORT & MESSAGE FROM THE MEDIA & OUTREACH CHAIR

The Outreach Department has participated in a number of activities recently and is planning similar activities moving forward. Members have hosted and also visited a number of different faith organizations to discuss topics such as the basics of Islam and aspects of prayer and family in each other's faith.

The masjid has partnered with St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Raleigh, Peak Methodist Church in Apex and Fellowship of Christ Church (FOC) in Cary for these exchanges. The discussions have always been engaging and exciting, and feedback has been extremely positive. St Michael's Episcopal Church went so far as to include a three-page article in their church newsletter regarding the ongoing discussion between Apex Mosque and church members. Monthly dinners have also been ongoing now for over a year between Apex Mosque and FOC members in different member's homes, and this combined group is now working on plans to sponsor a refugee family in partnership with the World Relief organization in Durham.

The Outreach Department has also partnered with local organizations for community service projects including Habitat for Humanity and the American Red Cross. For the third consecutive year, the Apex Mosque has worked with different faith organizations through Habitat's Interfaith Build in constructing a home for a qualified family and has also hosted its fourth blood drive in May providing at least 30 pints of blood. These efforts make a significant impact in the lives of others and show our involvement in the wider community. In maintaining communication with local law enforcement, a town hall meeting was recently held with the Apex Police Department, State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) and Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). This open forum ensures concerns from the community continue to be voiced to our community officers.



*Picture Taken During an Outreach Event
Apex Mosque Hosting Some Churches in the Area*

Moving forward, the Outreach Department would like to continue if not do more of these activities. As a start, with the upcoming national elections, we would like to ensure community members are appropriately engaged. In closing and as a reminder, Surah Al Maidah instructs to "cooperate in piety and righteousness." Through these efforts, we hope to become an engaged participant in the Apex and broader community. If anyone would like to participate in these activities or has ideas for new Outreach activities and would like to lead them through, please contact Br. Asif Ansari at apexmosque733@gmail.com.



Tell us how are we doing? (Your Feedback is Important to Us)

Cut off this portion and place it in Mosque's Drop Box

Check One: 1-5 (1 low – 5 high)	1	2	3	4	5
How is the Imam of Taraweeh?					
How is the Sound System Quality?					
How are the Short Talks Between Taraweeh?					
How are the Iftars?					
How is the Program of the 27 th Night of Ramadan?					
How is the Itikaf Program?					
How is Quality Time at Apex Mosque? (i.e. calm, welcoming)					
Additional Feedback:					

SPONSOR AN IFATR

One of the great acts of worship in Ramadan is to offer Iftar to fasting people. The Prophet prayer and peace be upon him said: "If someone gives one who has been fasting something with which to break his fast, it will provide forgiveness of his sins and save him from Hell, and he will have a reward equal to his without his reward being diminished in any respect."



To Sponsor an Iftar, call Br. Abdelkarim at: 919-906-4649



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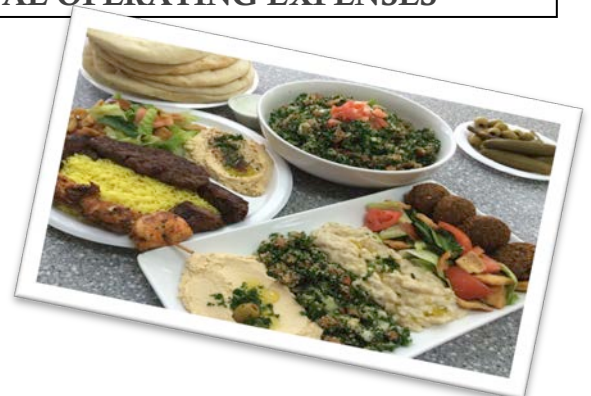
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