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The Purifier Has Come to You!

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 Rajab, 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 Allah 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 in the mosque in the last 10 days of Ramadan) 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. Ramadan is an entire-month opportunity to do so. So, let as not miss it.

Imam Khalid

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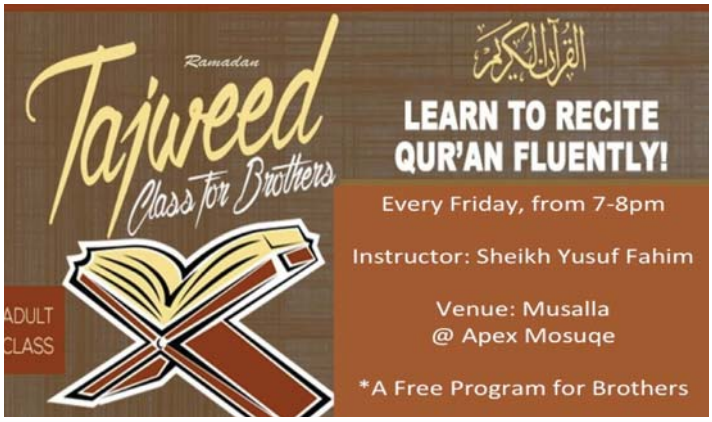
Day	May/June	Ramad	Fajr	Iq.	Sunr	Duhr	Iq.	Asr	Iq.	Magri	Isha	Iq.
Frid	26	Taraweh Begin	4:39	5:00	6:03	1:13	1:30	5:02	5:30	8:23	9:48	10:05
Sat	27	Ramadan 1	4:38	5:00	6:02	1:13	1:30	5:02	5:30	8:24	9:48	10:05
Sun	28	2	4:38	5:00	6:02	1:13	1:30	5:02	5:30	8:24	9:49	10:05
Mon	29	3	4:37	5:00	6:01	1:14	1:30	5:02	5:30	8:25	9:50	10:05
Tue	30	4	4:36	5:00	6:01	1:14	1:30	5:03	5:30	8:26	9:51	10:05
Wed	31	5	4:36	5:00	6:01	1:14	1:30	5:03	5:30	8:26	9:52	10:05
Thu	1 June	6	4:35	5:00	6:00	1:14	1:30	5:03	5:30	8:27	9:53	10:05
Fri	2	7	4:35	5:00	6:00	1:14	1:30	5:03	5:30	8:28	9:54	10:05
Sat	3	8	4:34	5:00	6:00	1:14	1:30	5:03	5:30	8:28	9:54	10:05
Sun	4	9	4:34	5:00	5:59	1:15	1:30	5:04	5:30	8:29	9:55	10:05
Mon	5	10	4:34	5:00	5:59	1:15	1:30	5:04	5:30	8:29	9:56	10:05
Tue	6	11	4:33	5:00	5:59	1:15	1:30	5:04	5:30	8:30	9:56	10:05
Wed	7	12	4:33	5:00	5:59	1:15	1:30	5:04	5:30	8:30	9:57	10:05
Thu	8	13	4:33	5:00	5:59	1:15	1:30	5:04	5:30	8:31	9:58	10:05
Fri	9	14	4:33	5:00	5:59	1:15	1:30	5:05	5:30	8:31	9:58	10:05
Sat	10	15	4:32	5:00	5:59	1:16	1:30	5:05	5:30	8:32	9:59	10:05
Sun	11	16	4:32	4:45	5:59	1:16	1:30	5:05	5:30	8:32	10:00	10:05
Mon	12	17	4:32	4:45	5:59	1:16	1:30	5:05	5:30	8:33	10:00	10:05
Tue	13	18	4:32	4:45	5:59	1:16	1:30	5:05	5:30	8:33	10:00	10:05
Wed	14	19	4:32	4:45	5:59	1:17	1:30	5:06	5:30	8:34	10:01	10:05
Thu	15	20	4:32	4:45	5:59	1:17	1:30	5:06	5:30	8:34	10:01	10:05
Fri	16	21	4:32	4:45	5:59	1:17	1:30	5:06	5:30	8:34	10:02	10:05
Sat	17	22	4:32	4:45	5:59	1:17	1:30	5:06	5:30	8:35	10:02	10:05
Sun	18	23	4:32	4:45	5:59	1:17	1:30	5:07	5:30	8:35	10:02	10:05
Mon	19	24	4:33	4:45	5:59	1:18	1:30	5:07	5:30	8:35	10:03	10:05
Tue	20	25	4:33	4:45	5:59	1:18	1:30	5:07	5:30	8:35	10:03	10:05
Wed	21	26	4:33	4:45	6:00	1:18	1:30	5:07	5:30	8:35	10:03	10:05
Thur	22	27	4:33	4:45	6:00	1:18	1:30	5:07	5:30	8:36	10:03	10:05
Fri	23	28	4:34	4:45	6:00	1:18	1:30	5:08	5:30	8:36	10:03	10:05
Sat	24	No Taraweh	4:34	4:45	6:00	1:19	1:30	5:08	5:30	8:36	10:03	10:05

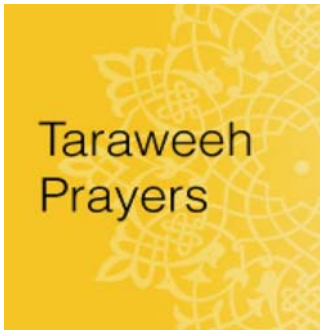
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*Between Taraweeh Talks & Other Activities ** Important Events Reminders					Imam 26 Tarawih Begin	Imam 27 1
Youth Talk 28 2	Saleh 29 3	Ihab 30 4	Imam 31 5	Asif 1 6	Imam 2 7	Mosque Report 3 8
Competition 4 9	Saleh 5 10	Ihab 6 11	Imam 7 12	Asif 8 13	Imam 9 14	Imam 10 Fundraising 15
Youth Talk 11 Quran Contest Test (10:30-1:30) 16	Saleh 12 17	Ihab 13 18	Imam 14 19	Imam 15 Itikaf Begins 20	Imam 16 After Jumua Fund 21	Imam 17 22
Competition 18 23	Saleh 19 24	Night of 27 Special Program 25	Imam 21 26	Asif 22 27	Imam 23 28	Imam 24 29
Eid Prayer 25 2 Shifts 7:30 & 9:30am	26	27	28	29	30	Eid Al-Fitr 1 Celebration

RAMADAN PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

QURAN HALAQAH FOR SISTERS

Sisters Quran Halaqa (For Arabic and English speakers) is every Friday from **6:00 - 7:30pm,** at Razan Conference Room, Apex mosque. For more details, contact **Sister Meriem at:** meriemyassine@ymail.com



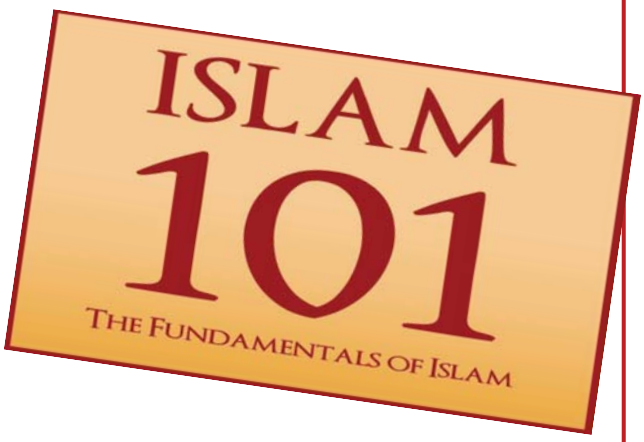


The Taraweeh Prayer at Apex Mosque are eleven Rakat, including Witr. Another 8 Rakat are offered immediately after Duaa Al-Kunut for those who would like to pray extra Nawafil.

FALL 2017 PROGRAMS AT APEX MOSQUE

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

NEW MUSLIMS SUPPORT PROGRAM



Islam 101 is a 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.

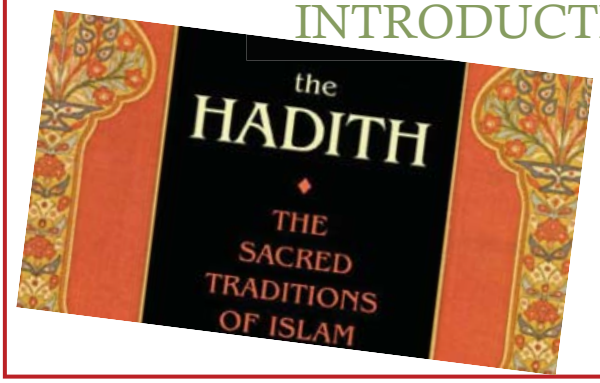
ANAS: ARABIC FOR NON-ARABIC SPEAKERS

This an Introductory course to Modern Standard Arabic, including the Arabic script, basic grammar, and vocabulary. The course helps in developing skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Registration is open. Applications are online at: www.apexmsque.org.

VOYAGE PROGRAM: FOR KIDS 9-16

For its third year, the Voyage Program has been offering learning and training for children 9-12 & 13-16 years old. More than 120 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

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCIENCE OF HADITH



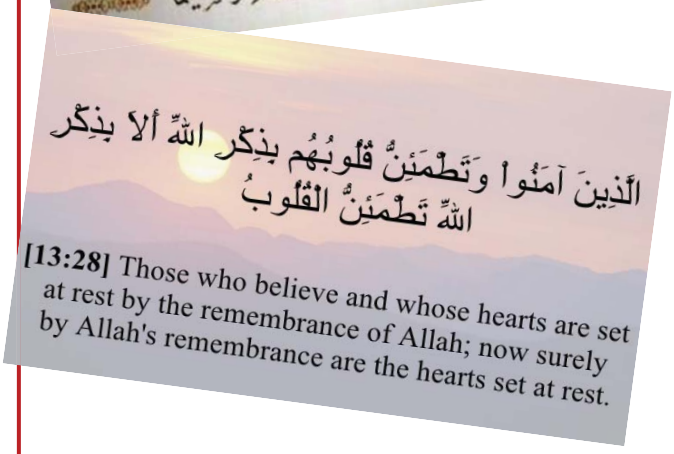
Participants will explore the foundations of the science of Hadith. The sessions are held once a week for 1 hour, starting the 2nd week of September. Registration for the program is required. Visit Apex Mosque's website to learn more about the program. Imam Khalid Shahu will lead the program. The stating date will be announced later on.

WEEKDAY & WEEKEND PROGRAMS

*These Gatherings will resume after Ramadan

MONDAYS: 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



WEDNESDAYS: 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.

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS
Series of Virtues, by our Imam

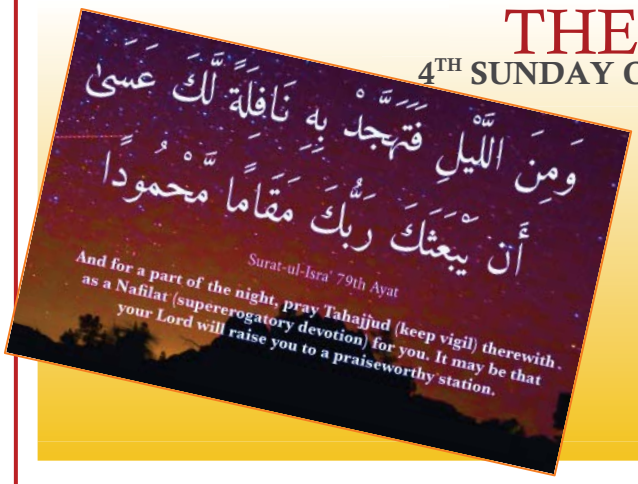
Every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday after Isha Prayer, we spend 20-30 minutes to reconnect ourselves with the Messenger's Legacy, through the reading, interpretation and contextualization of the Prophetic Sayings, Practices and Confirmations. Every season (fall, spring), we aim to finish a 40-Hidiths Book compiled by our Imam, about certain aspects of the prophetic life, in a way that makes the Messenger's model of life more relevant to ours.

SATURDAYS: QURAN GATHERING

Every Saturday, after Isha prayer, we gather to read and ponder upon Allah's Words. The Prophet (prayer & peace be upon him said: "Whenever some people gather in one of Allah's houses (mosques) to recite the book of Allah and study it among themselves, except that tranquility descends upon them, angels surround them, mercy covers them, and Allah mentions them to those who are with him" [Muslim]. This gathering is an opportunity to reconnect ourselves with Quran and not leave it on the shelves. Visit www.apexmosque.org to learn more about it

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*

APEX MOSQUE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

AL-IHSSANE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Al-Ihssane School has 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 2017-2018 is now open. Applications are in the lobby or at Apex Mosque website. 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 2017-2018 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 Zeinab, at: 919-579-0383

CROSS-GENERATIONS QURAN SCHOOL

The 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 2017-2018 is now open. Applications are in the lobby or can be downloaded from: www.apexmosque.org

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Youth

Youth Activities in Ramadan

Every Friday & Saturday Discussion Halaqah

When: Immediately after the 4 first Rakat of Taraweeh
Where: Deah Library

Join the Youth Night

When: Saturday, June 3rd / Where: Musalla

THE BELOVED SEERAH CONFERENCE 2017

FRIDAY - SUNDAY / OCTOBER 20-22, 2017

Confirmed Guest & Speakers

Dr Hassan Lachheb

Dr Ihab Saad

Ustatha Zaynab Ansari

Imam M. Yahya Naynawi

Dr M. Abu-Salha

Imam M. Mendes

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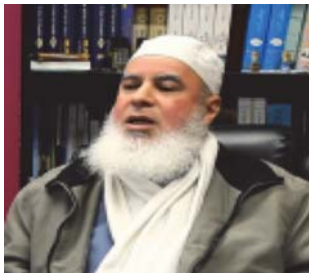

Imam A. Zouhri

Muslema Purmul

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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

To Sponsor an Iftar, call:

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