



Philadelphia Jamaat Newsletter

Holy Quran– Chapter 9, Verse 17-19

17. It is not for the idolaters to maintain the Mosques of Allah while they bear witness against themselves to disbelief. It is they whose works shall be vain, and in the Fire shall they abide forever.

18. He alone can maintain the Mosques of Allah who believes in Allah, and the Last Day, and observes Prayer, and pays the Zakat and fears none but Allah; so these it is who may be rightly guided.

19. Do you consider the giving of drink to the pilgrims, and the maintenance of the Sacred Mosque as equal to the works of him who believes in Allah and the Last Day and strives in the path of Allah? They are not at all equal in the sight of Allah and Allah guides not the unjust people.

مَا كَانَ لِلْمُشْرِكِينَ أَنْ يَعْمُرُوا مَسْجِدَ اللَّهِ شَاهِدِينَ عَلَيْهِ
أَنْفُسِهِمْ بِالْكَفْرِ أُولَئِكَ حِطَّتْ أَعْمَالُهُمْ فِي النَّارِ هُمْ

خَالِدُونَ ﴿١٧﴾

إِنَّمَا يَعْمُرُ مَسْجِدَ اللَّهِ مَنْ ءَامَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ
وَأَقَامَ الصَّلَاةَ وَءَاتَى الزَّكَاةَ وَلَمْ يَخْشَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ فَعَسَىٰ

أُولَئِكَ أَنْ يَكُونُوا مِنَ الْمُهْتَدِينَ ﴿١٨﴾

أَجْعَلْتُمْ سِقَايَةَ الْحَاجِّ وَعِمَارَةَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ كَمَنْ ءَامَنَ
بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَجَاهِدَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ لَا يَسْتَوُونَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ

لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١٩﴾

Hadith

Narrated by Uthman ibn Affan

“I heard the Messenger of Allah (saw) say: ‘Whoever builds a masjid (mosque) for the sake of Allah, Allah will build something similar for him in Paradise.’” (Bukhari, Muslim).

من بنى مسجدا يبتغي به وجه الله، بنى الله له مثله في الجنة

Messages from Local Jamaat President

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1. Eid-ul-Adha will Inshallah be on October 16th at 10 A.M. It will be at 1 Wisteria Lane, Bensalem, PA 19020. Try to be on time.
2. Tahrik-e-Jadid fiscal year will be ending on October 31st. Make sure that every member in the family is a participant. Try to increase your level of sacrifice and upgrade your chanda, if you can. Jazakallah.
3. Mosque is open for all five daily prayers. Please try to make at least one weekly visit besides Jumma prayer.
4. Muslims for Life is in full swing. Please volunteer your services for the blood drives. Contact Safeer Bhatti at (610) 564-2165 or at safeer@amcmiami.info.

Messages from Local Lajna President

1. Twenty-two Lajna members volunteered at Philabundance in August. We worked sorting and packing boxes and sorting produce. At the end of our shift, we were told that the volunteers who sorted produce packed 8,262 pounds. One pound is food for one person. Those of us who sorted & packed boxes packed a little under 6,000 pounds.
2. The National Lajna Shura will be held in Willingboro October 25-27th. Philadelphia Lajna will assist with housing, transportation and volunteer support. All Lajna are requested to assist.

Upcoming Jamaat Events

- 10/13 - Khuddam Picnic at Fort Washington State Park from 11 A.M to 3 P.M.
- 10/16 - Eid-ul-Adha at County Downe Banquet Hall in Bensalem, PA at 10 A.M.
- 10/17 - National Fasting Day
- 10/19 - Walk-a-Thon 11 A.M. at Thompson Park, NJ (<http://fundly.com/mka-eastern-pa>)
- 10/25 - Local Khuddam Amila Meeting via conference call at 9 P.M.
- 10/25 - 10/27 - National Lajna Shura at Willingboro, NJ
- 10/26 - Khuddam Blood drive at St. Luke's Episcopal Church - Parish Hall from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.
- 10/29 - Lajna Blood drive at Chestnut Hill College - Redmond Room in St. Joseph's Hall from 10 A.M to 5 P.M.
- 11/10 - Cleanup of New Mosque Site area
- 11/16 - Lajna Blood drive at Canaan Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall from 8 A.M. to 1 P.M.
- 11/21 - National Fasting Day
- 11/21 - Khuddam Blood drive at Zion Mennonite Church - Fellowship Hall from 12 P.M. to 7 P.M.

Philadelphia Mosque Project Update

The groundbreaking ceremony for our new local mosque took place on July 7th. Various respected Jamaat members were present at this blessed event. An additional one acre plot next to the mosque site was recently purchased. Alhumdohlillah.

Ground breaking ceremony of Sadiq Mosque in Philadelphia

By Maudood Bhatti

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Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's Philadelphia chapter held a ground breaking ceremony for the first purpose built mosque in the city of brotherly love.

This was an historic event for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community as its first missionary arrived in this very city nearly a century ago on February 15, 1920.

The ceremony had a large guest presence not only from the neighboring communities but also from neighboring states.

National President and National Vice Presidents of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA also attended the ceremony.



Mujeeb Chaudhry, local president of Philadelphia chapter, welcomed and thanked the guests for coming to the event and spoke about "freedom of speech" and "freedom of conscience" in the United States.

Mr. Chaudhry talked about Philadelphia and the historic and spiritual linkage with the founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian (1835-1908).

Mr. Chaudhry described about Dr Anthony George Baker who lived in this city and is known to be the first person who accepted Islam Ahmadiyya in 1902 in the United States of America. Dr. Baker was born in 1835 in Pittsburgh but lived at 414 Susquehanna Avenue in the city of Philadelphia and is mentioned in part 5 of Brahmin-e-Ahmadiyya, a book by the Ahmadiyya Founder, Hadhrat Ahmad.

Mr Baker passed away in 1918 and is buried in Philadelphia, it has been recorded.

The ceremony was broadcast live on a local radio station and Muslim TV Ahmadiyya (MTA) and a local affiliate of NBC were among the TV stations covering the event.

Dr Ihsanullah Zafar, National President of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, placed the first brick followed by Mr Nadeem Mahdi, National Vice President and Missionary In-Charge; and Imam Azhar Haneef, who placed the second and third bricks respectively.

Several people of other faiths also laid the foundation stones of the mosque including persons of the Jewish, Hindu and Sikh faiths.

Also many people from the local neighborhood, imams of other mosques, women, children, the oldest and the youngest and the converts were also among the bricklayers.

The ceremony concluded with the collective prayer followed by dinner which included rice with chicken, salad, samosa and pizza which kids loved. For drinks the choices were water and soda and for sweets, Jalebi was served.

My Experience at the Groundbreaking Ceremony and My Wishes for the New Mosque, By Omar Ahmad Khan

The Groundbreaking ceremony for the new mosque in Philadelphia was a very blessed occasion and I was very happy to be there. After a few words spoken to us by members of our jamaat, they began to call out names of the people who had been chosen to put down the first bricks for the new Mosque. My younger brother, Ayaan, was one of those people. He was the youngest member of our mosque, being only 5 months old at the time. My father held him and placed the bricks for him, because he was too young to do so. My Grandfather also had the privilege of the placing a few bricks down. After all of bricks had been placed we began silent prayer. I prayed for the construction for the new mosque to be successful and for Allah to shower his blessings upon the foundation of the mosque. After we had done so, they began to serve food, so I joined the line that had accumulated around the food tables. After I had finished eating, another Tifal and I began to collect the trash that was lying on the ground and that other people were holding. After that everyone began to leave in their respective modes of transportation as did my family. May Allah bless the construction of the new mosque and may Allah bless and have mercy on us. Ameen.

