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Masjid Nasir Newsletter

Quran: الَّذِينَ آتَيْنَاهُمُ الْكِتَابَ يَتْلُونَهُ حَقَّ تِلَاوَتِهِ ط أُولَئِكَ ﴿٢٠١﴾
يُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ ط وَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِهِ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٢٠٢﴾

They, to whom We have given the Book, follow it as it ought to be followed; it is these that believe therein. And whoso believes not therein, these are they who are the losers. (2 : 122)

Hadith: Hadhrat Ibn 'Abbas رضي الله عنه relates that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said:
"One who does not know any portion of the Holy Qur'an by heart is like a house in ruin" (Tirmidhi)

Words of the Promised Messiah *as*:

Knowledge of Holy Qur'an and Promised Messiah

This is the wealth concerning which it had been prophesied that the Messiah would distribute it so much that people will have their fill of it. The prophecy does not mean that the Messiah would collect together material wealth concerning which it has been said: 'Your possessions and children are but a trial.' (Quran, 64:16) and that he would deliberately put people on trial by distributing wealth among them. In his first advent also, the Messiah felt no attraction towards worldly wealth. He has stated in the Gospel that the property of a believer are not gold and silver, but are the jewels of verities and understanding. This is the property that is bestowed by God Almighty on the Prophets, which they distribute. It is concerning this property that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said: 'I am a distributor and Allah is the Bestower.'

It is stated clearly in the Ahadith that the Promised Messiah would come into the world when knowledge of the Qur'an will be lost and ignorance will prevail. That is the time which is referred to in the Hadith: 'If faith ascends to the Pleiades it will be brought down by a man of Persia.' It has been revealed to me in a vision that the climax of that age will begin in the Hijri year which corresponds to the value of the letters of the verse: 'It is We who determine its taking away.' (Quran, 23:19) which amounts to 1274.

Consider this well and do not pass over it in haste and supplicate God that He should open your minds to it. A little reflection will make you understand the prophecy contained in the Hadith that in the latter days the Qur'an will be taken away from the world, its knowledge will be lost, ignorance will prevail and the eagerness and sweetness of faith will depart from the hearts. Among them is the Hadith that if faith will ascend to the Pleiades and will disappear from the earth, a man of the Persians will extend his hand and will bring it down. This Hadith shows clearly that when ignorance, faithlessness and error, which are described as smoke in the other Ahadith, will become widespread and true faith will become so rare as if it had been drawn up to the skies, and the Holy Qur'an will be abandoned as if it had been raised towards God Almighty, at that time, a man of Persia will take hold of the faith from the Pleiades and will descend with it to the earth. Be sure, therefore, that he is the son of Mary who was to descend.

Izala-e-Auham, Ruhani Khaza'in, Vol. 3, pp. 452-456

Abstracts from Huzur's Friday Sermon of March 7th, 2008

Practicing the beautiful teaching of Holy Qur'an

Huzur cited verse 122 of Surah Al Baqarah (2:122) and gave a discourse on putting the beautiful teaching of the Holy Qur'an in practice.

Huzur said in his last Friday Sermon he had spoken with reference to the Holy Qur'an and why there is such animosity prevalent against Islam in the West and he had mentioned the Divinely promised triumph of Islam and the Divine promise of safeguarding of the Holy Qur'an. Huzur said those who are set to overtly or covertly attack Islam are going to continue doing so, however what is it that is required of us in such a situation?

What are the qualities that an Ahmadi Muslim needs to inculcate to prepare himself/herself to refute these attacks and partake in the defense of Islam for which he/she has made a pledge with the Imam of the age and be the recipient of the blessings which Allah has destined for those who put the Quranic teachings in practice. What exactly is required of a true believer? Huzur said he would elucidate this in light of the sayings of the Holy Prophet (saw) and the expectations that his true and ardent devotee has from us having further expounded the Prophet's message to us.

Huzur said an Ahmadi declares in the pledge of allegiance (bai'at) the intention for spiritual development, this necessitates to work towards becoming an abd (servant) of God and to draw one's attention to the

teaching of the Holy Qur'an. Just as the Quranic verse recited at the beginning mentions 'following the Book', Huzur asked what exactly does this entail? Indeed it means to reflect on what the Book enjoins and what it forbids. Huzur said the Jews and the Christians would say to the Holy Prophet (saw) that they too had their books, however, the Prophet told them that as they did not act on their books any more therefore their books could not give guidance anymore and that after the Shariah brought by the Holy Prophet (saw) it is only the Qur'an that guides to the right path. The lives of the Companions of the Prophet were a living testimony of this and they fulfilled all the rights of 'recitation of the Qur'an'. Huzur said only those can fulfill the right of 'recitation of Qur'an' who do good works and indeed those who have joined the community of the Mahdi of this age and strive to act upon the commandments of this Book. Huzur said each Ahmadi should self-examine as to how much do they act upon the teachings of the Holy Qur'an.

Reading from the writings of the Promised Messiah (as) Huzur said reading the Qur'an in a parrot-like fashion is pointless, unless one reflects on the way it is arranged and compiled one does not do justice to its objectives. Huzur said Hadhrat Khalifa tul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) had drawn attention to correct pronunciation of the

Qur'an and with the grace of Allah much was done to address this matter. Huzur said now there is a need to draw attention to translations of the Qur'an. The auxiliary organizations as well as the main Jama'ats should work on this. Ansarullah UK have started work on this via the internet, it should be made use of.

Huzur said once the Promised Messiah (as) was asked how should the Qur'an be read and he replied that it should be read while reflecting and pondering over its message. When verses of Divine blessings are

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read one should seek blessing from Allah and when verses of Divine chastisement to earlier people are read one should seek refuge with

Allah.

Huzur said now this is only possible when one is aware of the translation of what is being read. Huzur said many people have melodious voices and recite the Qur'an most beautifully, however the quality of their voice is of no advantage to them, indeed it is of advantage to one who is listening to their recitation and knows the meanings of what is being said.

Further elaborating the beauty of the Qur'an Huzur said it carries scientific facts which are being discovered hundreds of years later, indeed this fills one's heart with praise and glorification of Allah. The Qur'an also speaks of ancient people

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who rejected the messengers of Allah and received the recompense for it. Huzur said a person who has awe of Allah and who understands the words of the Qur'an seeks Istaghfar on reading about these people and is grateful at being protected from this category of people and prays for protection in the future.

Citing a few Ahadith Huzur said the Holy Prophet (saw) enjoined not to go to sleep without reading the Qur'an and to read it in a manner that is worthy of it and to reflect on its words so as to attain prosperity. He also said that on the Day of Judgment the parents of one who has read the Qur'an and has acted upon it will have two crowns the luminosity of which will be more brilliant than the sun. The Holy Prophet (saw) also said that one who reads the Qur'an and one who is a hafiz (has memorized the Qur'an) will be among those who are very noble and eminent and one who reads the Qur'an and puts its teachings in practice with great intensity will be doubly rewarded. He also said the cleaning of one's heart entails being abundantly heedful of death and to read the Qur'an.

Huzur said some people consider reading the Qur'an with speed as some sort of expertise whereas the Holy Prophet (saw) used to read the Qur'an slowly and unhurriedly. Huzur said no one could have as great and more profound understanding of the deep treasures of the Qur'an as the Prophet did. He read it slowly, comprehending the

highest and most profound points of the words as he read them.

With reference to a Hadith Huzur explained the minimum time one is required to finish one reading of the Qur'an is a week, any quicker would not do justice to the message of the Qur'an.

The Holy Prophet (saw) enjoined to read the Qur'an in a pleasant and melodious voice. The Promised Messiah (as) also encouraged recitation of the Qur'an in this manner. Huzur said this can be a form of Tabligh as some people are impressed by pleasant voice, they should be later explained the message of the recitation.

Huzur said it is conditional for each believer to honor the right of the Holy Qur'an not just limiting it one's own self but to carry it on to the next generation.

It should be the concern of each believer that they and their next generation put the Quranic teaching in practice and are thus worthy to be the recipient of Divine blessings. Huzur said if each Ahmadi does not comprehend this point and is simply proud to be a believer of the Holy Qur'an then the Qur'an curses such an attitude.

Huzur read a few extracts from the noble writings of the Promised Messiah (as) expounding the beauty of the Holy Qur'an. He advised to

value the blessing that the Qur'an is and which has been given to us, he said Qur'an is a Book compared to which all other instructions and guidance is naught.

Huzur said these are the expectations of the Promised Messiah (as) therefore we should make an effort with singular devotion and eagerness. Indeed we have to silence those who speak against Islam by virtue of putting the teachings of Qur'an in practice. Alluding to what Huzur had observed earlier he said the 'research' into Islam that is claimed to be underway is not to find any positive aspects – it is being carried out to alert certain powers and governments to take overt or covert actions.

... enjoined not to go to sleep without reading the Qur'an and to read it in a manner that is worthy of it and to reflect on its words so as to attain prosperity.

It is the obligation of an Ahmadi to fulfil the right of 'recitation of the Qur'an' and to save themselves as well as the world.

Those who have come into the fold of Islam will eventually come to Ahmadiyyat and for this each Ahmadi should be prepared.

While absurdities abound, it is our task to reflect and ponder over the Holy Qur'an more than before and to turn to God more than before; the God Who has granted us His Word. May Allah enable us all to do this.

Abstracts obtained from summary of khutba on alislam.org. Readers are encouraged to listen to the complete sermon for a thorough understanding.

Announcements from Sadr (President) Philadelphia Jamaat

- Since the date of Khilafat Centenary is only about a month away (May 26th, 2008), we need to make extra special prayers as outlined by our beloved Imam.
- All members need to give urgent importance to paying in the Khilafat Centenary Fund. We must finish paying our pledge by April 30th. Many projects are depending on the collection of these funds.
- Jamaat members are encouraged to take maximum benefit of the many Khilafat Centenary programs scheduled for this year. A program on Khalifatul Masih 5th will be held on Sunday, April 20th from 12:30pm to 4pm by Long Island Jamaat. This is a Regional event, all Philadelphia Jamaat members should attend.
- Philadelphia Jamaat will, inshallah, host a Regional Khilafat program on June 1st, 2008 in 1st District Plaza at 3801 Market Street. All Jamaat members are expected to help in the preparations for this event. You are encouraged to invite/bring guests. Further details will be announced soon.
- Jamaat's Radio program is actively being produced and broadcasted live every Tuesday from 7 to 8pm on 900 AM. You may also listen to it live online at: www.900amwurd.com. All members are encouraged to listen regularly. This is a great Tabligh opportunity to encourage our friends to listen or call-in to join the conversation.
- MTA dish is now available for \$225. If anyone would like to purchase the dish or their dish is not working properly, please contact audio video secretary – Affan Abdullah. Financial assistance is available to purchase the dish.
- US Annual Convention: Information for Jalsa, Registration process, and hotel booking are available online at WWW.AHMADIYYA.US. Please register and book your hotel as soon as possible.
- Highway cleaning by Khuddam: on April 19th Khuddam will be cleaning highway on Route 1 from 9th to Wyoming. All Jamaat members are requested to support the Khuddam in this project. Please contact Qaid Khuddam for details.



MAJLIS ANSARULLAH PHILADELPHIA, IJTEMA -2008

APRIL 12TH SATURDAY – 13TH SUNDAY

The Program will start with Isha Prayer and sleepover

Individual Competitions:

- Recitation of Holy Qur'an (2:31- memorized). Commentary on Hadith (*Prophecy about Khilafat, Musnad Ahmad, Vol. 5 page 404*).
- Impromptu Speech (3 min.). Observation & Recall. English Poem Recitation (*self-written or translated*).
- Prepared Speech (5 min.) Topics are: Ahmadi Khulafa and concept of Islamic State, Objectives of Khilafat, Khilafat and our responsibilities, Khilafat as means of unity of Nations

Team Competitions*: Message Relay, Religious & General Knowledge

Individual Sports Competitions Two Groups (40-54 and 55 & older groups):

- One Mile Walk. Arm Wrestling. Musical Chairs. Horse Shoe.

Team Sports Competitions*: Volleyball

(* Subject to change)

Masih Maud Day in Philadelphia

By: Saleem Boykin-Mustaqim



For most this year's Masih Maud Day started on March 23rd, but for some of us , it started on the 22nd in the evening with a special treat of a class given by our Local Jamaat President Mujeebullah Chaudhary sahib. What was originally scheduled as a class with our Regional Missionary Imam Kauser turned out in the end to be a class presented by our President due to prior obligations by Imam Kauser which prevented his attendance Saturday evening.

The Class was an in depth study into the discrepancies of and between the Four Gospels in the Bible, Mathew, Mark Luke and John, pertaining to various testimonies about the so called resurrection of Isa (as) according to the Christians. For those who were not in attendance you missed an intellectually charged tasty dish for the mind! This class allowed the testimonies of the four

accepted Gospel writers to demonstrate clearly the inaccuracy as well as the difference of accounts of the sequence of events around the so called resurrection . It was indeed a first for this seeker of truth considering the detail at which Brother Mujeeb's class gave in further proving the fallacy of this aspect of the contemporary Christian dogma.

The next morning, our Official Celebration of Masih Maud Day began. The Community gathered to celebrate the Life and teachings of our Messiah and Mahdi, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as). The event was filled with participants who sacrificed their time and effort to share with us many facts and viewpoints about our Mahdi (as). Brother Hussain opened with a well researched lecture on the life of Masih Maud. This was followed by an in depth lecture by our brother Asadulla Chaudhary, which included video clips that demonstrated the Hypocrisy of some of the enemies of The Ahmaddiya Movement in Islam. It showed how they know the proofs and signs that are apparent in our community and in our founder's appearance and advent but yet they adamantly refuse to acknowledge Our Truth...The Truth, And their own words bear witness against them. Brother Safer came next



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covering a host of topics relating to the 73rd sect as prophesied by Rasullallah (saws). He reminded us of being steadfast in the face of adversity and hinted that humor can relieve stress which is excellent advice in this day and time when the world's pressures can make one weary.

A member of the Canada Jamaat Brother M u b a r a k I b n Muhammad Bashir stepped to the podium and sent salutations along with a message that Philly is headed in the right direction making a comment on our diversity. A guest came to speak afterward telling us of a dream along with an invitation by one of our Jamaat members, that led him to our



Masjid stating that "this place could save his Life". Our prayers are with him that this place will save his life

Life of Masih Maud. The Atfal competed against the Nasirat. The Nasirat won again! Will the Atfal

as it has saved all of our Lives. Ameen.

We had a quiz competition on the

ever take the Champion Title from the Nasirat? Or will the Nasirat emerge as the undefeated Champions next time? The saga continues...



After Prayer we ate Lunch which to me was one of the best yet. Our Brother Sadat and team seem to outdo themselves every time! Once I think I have tasted Their best I am always surprised again and again with the recipes that they put together, Truly a taste of Heaven! May Allah reward all who participated in This Years Masih Maud Day and give us Mercy and good health to participate in the years to come. Ameen.

MKA East Region Ijtema 2008

By: Safer Bhatti

Reaching for that person, I hugged the last person at the Khilafat Regional Ijtema who uttered “this was the best Ijtema of my life!” Many months ago, the organizers for this Ijtema e Khilafat had a goal “to make this Ijtema the best one of their lives.” As both the lives of our organizers and our participants came to an ending, our unity of brotherhood came to an opening. Our region should not be unfamiliar to you. We are the smallest region converged of faces from North Jersey and Willingboro, Central Jersey and Philadelphia; we are together as one kin and as one sailor. We are on sail on a ship as our Captain Anas Mirza Sahib leads us towards a nation with a reformation of the youth. We are East Region.

As I loaded the last bag in the trunk, Mudassar, my brothers and I, drove to Bait ul Al Nasr for a Tarbiyyat Program. The Tarbiyyat Program covered ways to reach Him (Allah)



by Mir Maqbool Ahmad, taught us the reasons of prayer by Hammad

of sacrifice by Amir Rehman and showed us the principle of brotherhood by Sohail Malik. These workshops were supplemented by the beautiful Khilafat posters designed by Naveed Malik Sahib. While our Atfal continued their competitions, Fazal Syed Sahib told us the tricks of

Attended from Philadelphia:

30 Khuddam

13 Atfal

Malik, encouraged us the importance

interviewing with an employer. We played Jeopardy testing our knowledge of different occupations. Food was of course supplemented by the love of our Willingboro brothers. The words of God were recited so beautifully by Asadullah Chaudhary during Tahjud and Bilal Abdus Salaam Sahib led our Dars. Regional Qaid Anas Mirza Sahib later played cricket amongst the elderly Khuddam like myself in the bitter cold morning of March 30 2008. Sohail Malik led the Basketball teams as well. During opening session, we had a total of 128 Khuddam and Atfal. Murrabi Kauser Sahib was pleased. Our Khuddam



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video of his voice. The Best Qaid of East Region Award went to Qaid Willingboro Waqas Asghar and the Best Majlis Award went to



awards. As the day was over, the tears began to roll down the eyes of many Atfal who had to leave from their



participated in some educational competitions while our Atfal played sports towards our goal in life: peace. The Ansars also got to play Volleyball with the Khuddam.

Madeel



happiness. As the final results of the surveys asked about their

Khuddam finished the basketball games. Saad Tariq and Hammad Malik played Cricket



Abdullah, Qaid Philadelphia. As the registration team with Taseer Bhatti at its helm researched the final



thoughts of Khilafat Ijtema, the surveys responded, "it was very good."

very well. Madeel Abdullah Sahib however did much better in Volleyball. Usman Sheikh and our Chef Sheraz Syed ensured we got our well deserved food. In the closing session,

numbers, a total of 140 Khuddam and Atfal showed up with many more guests. Our guests were served by Umair Malik and our participants were protected by Niaz Butt of Crisis Management. Zaheer Choudhary recognized Judges and participants while Ataul Aleem Biye recognized Atfal for their Taleem

Adnan Malik recited a beautiful poem as Waqas Rana Sahib took images and



Glimpse from Seeratun Nabi on March 16th, 2008



**250 Attended
including
50 Guests**



Calendar of Events: April 2008

Post a copy of this calendar at your work and home.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Fajr 5:26 Zuhr 1:05 Asr 5:33 Maghrib 7:24 Isha 8:39	Every Sunday: Quran Class 10am	Every Tuesday: 900 AM Radio Show 7 to 8 pm	1	2 Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.	3	4	5 Waqf-e-nue Career Building at Willingboro
Fajr 5:14 Zuhr 1:03 Asr 5:38 Maghrib 7:31 Isha 8:48	6 Jamaat General Meeting & Atfal class at 11am Waqf-e-Nau Class at 2pm	7	8	9 Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.	10 Waqf-e-nue Jamia Trip April 10 to 13	11	12 Class with Imam Kausar: 4pm to 6:30pm Ansar Local Ijtema
Fajr 5:04 Zuhr 1:01 Asr 5:43 Maghrib 7:38 Isha 8:56	13 Auxiliary Meeting/Class at 11am Ansar Local Ijtema	14	15	16 Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.	17	18	19 Highway cleaning
Fajr 4:53 Zuhr 1:00 Asr 5:47 Maghrib 7:45 Isha 9:05	20 Khilafat Program 12:30pm to 4pm at Bait-ul-Huda, NY	21	22	23 Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.	24 Monthly Jamaat Fasting From 4:47 am To 7:49 pm	25	26 Class with Imam Kausar: 4pm to 6:30pm
Fajr 4:44 Zuhr 12:59 Asr 5:51 Maghrib 7:52 Isha 9:15	27 Atfal class at 11am Waqf-e-Nau Class at 2pm	28	29	30 Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.			