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Masjid Nasir Newsletter

Quran:

﴿وَأَذِّنْ فِي النَّاسِ بِالْحَجِّ يَا تُوكَ رَجَالًا وَعَلَىٰ كُلِّ ضَامِرٍ يَأْتِينَ مِنْ كُلِّ فَجٍّ عَمِيقٍ﴾ (٢٢:٢٨)

And proclaim unto mankind the Pilgrimage. They will come to thee on foot, and on every lean camel, coming by every distant, deep track. (22:28)

Hadith:

عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ سَلِيمٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ قَالَ نَحْنُ وَقُوفُ مَعَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ بِعَرَفَاتٍ ، قَالَ قَالَ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ ! إِنَّ عَلَىٰ أَهْلِ كُلِّ بَيْتٍ فِي كُلِّ عَامٍ إِضْحِيَّةً -

Mukhnaf ibn Salim, may Allah be pleased with him, relates: We were stationed with the Holy Prophet ﷺ in the field of Arafat, when the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, said:

“Offering sacrifice every year is obligatory on every household (when one can afford it).”

(Abu Da'ud)

Words of the Promised Messiah ^{as}:

Another form of worship is Hajj—the Pilgrimage; which does not mean that a person should carry out the formality of the Pilgrimage by providing for his journey across the ocean with money lawfully or unlawfully acquired, and having repeated the prayers and formulas according to the directions of the servitors of the Ka'bah,

“They go round the Ka'ba as if they have no will of their own left and they are devoted wholly to Him.”

should come back and boast that he has performed the Pilgrimage. The purpose that God Almighty has appointed for the Pilgrimage is not achieved in this manner. The truth is that the last stage of the seeker's journey is that withdrawing himself altogether from the demands and desires of self he should be completely engulfed by the love of God and complete devotion to Him. A true lover sacrifices his soul and heart; and the circuit of the House of Allah is a visible sign of such a sacrifice. As there is a House of Allah here below on the earth, so there is one in heaven. Until a person performs the circuit of the House above, his circuit of the House below is not truly performed. One who performs the circuit of the House below puts aside all garments, retaining only one of them to cover his body, but he who performs the circuit of the House above discards all garments altogether and becomes naked for the sake of God. The circuit is a sign of the lovers of God. They go round the Ka'ba as if they have no will of their own left and they are devoted wholly to Him.

Abstracts from Huzur's Friday Sermon of November 9th, 2007

Qualities of believing men and women

Huzur said a body of people that truly personifies these qualities (from Surah Al-Taubah, verse 71) is one having true belief. Explaining the seven qualities described therein Huzur said the first distinction of these people is that they are friends with each other and share sincere mutual love and are ever ready to help each other. These people bid others to do good and disseminate what is virtuous. While they wish good for themselves they also have similar feelings for others with the objective that a community of sincere people is brought together. They also prevent others from doing what is wrong and anything that negates the commandments of Allah. They stop the persecutor and are ever ready to help the persecuted.

These people are those who establish their Salat, a pillar of Islam; they observe it regularly and understand that without its observance the claim to be a true believer is meaningless. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said Salat is essential and the zenith of a true believer, he said it is the best way to supplicate to God, it constitutes of Hamd (glorification of Allah), Istaghfar (seeking forgiveness) and Durood (invoking blessings on the Prophet), and that is the reason it is the most excellent incantation/invocation.

The fifth quality of these people is that they pay the Zakat and spend in the way of Allah. Huzur said he would explain this point later. They

also obey God and His Messenger and in order to pay the dues of Allah and the dues of mankind they endeavor to put all the commandments of Allah in practice.

It is such people on whom Allah has mercy and these people are deserving of His mercy. Huzur said this has been stated

by the God Who is Wise so that by putting all these attributes in practice we too can inculcate wisdom and astuteness in ourselves which in turn generates communal strength, fairness and justice.

Huzur said Allah sent the true and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), the Imam of the age to spread this message to every human being. It is our task to take this message to everyone so that we may witness the fulfilment of the Divine promise of triumph of Islam. By giving true believers these qualities Allah has made them the recipients of His promises. Each one of us needs to understand this objective with the perspective of the pledge of allegiance (bai'at) we have made to sacrifice our life, property, time etc.

Next Huzur recapped the quality of the true believers to spend in the way of Allah, to pay Zakat. Explaining Huzur said paying the Zakat signifies taking out a portion of one's wealth to purify that wealth in obedience with the commandment of Allah so

that that wealth is blessed, that it is used to help the brothers and sisters who are in need, is used in the propagation of faith. Huzur said it is making a 'deal' with Allah to further

absorb His grace, he said this is an act in which there is no loss, where the output far out weighs the input. Huzur

said in industry where raw material is used for production there is always some wastage of the raw material, however, Allah has given guarantee to those who spend in His way that their wealth would only increase and has thus brought it to the notice of the believers that although they earn this wealth through worldly means when they spend it in the way of Allah not only do they gain spiritually they also preserve their commercial ventures.

Huzur said this trust in Allah and indeed the capacity to spend in the way of Allah has been granted to an Ahmadi because he/she has entered into the bai'at of the Promised Messiah and has been granted the perception and insight to have certainty of the Divine promise. He/she has compelling faith that Allah gives a tremendous reward for an act that is done purely for His sake and that He turns each fear into peace and each grief into happiness.

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

“And the believers, men and women, are friends one of another. They enjoin good and forbid evil and observe Prayer and pay the Zakat and obey Allah and His Messenger. It is these on whom Allah will have mercy. Surely, Allah is Mighty, Wise.” (9:71)

Announcements from Sadr (President) Philadelphia Jamaat

- I would like to call your attention towards taking part in the blessed scheme of Waqfe Jadid. Brief introduction to this scheme is provided in an article below. The fiscal year for Waqfe Jadid ends on December 31st. To take part please contact Naveed Malik sahib or Rashid Bhatti sahib.
- Since the date of Khilafat Centenary is only months 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. Philadelphia Jamaat has been given the target of collecting \$37,000. Many projects are depending on the collection of these funds, as Ameer sahib explained at the

Jalsa Salana.

- Jamaat has made arrangements to offer Eid-ul-Adhia sacrifices overseas. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Rashid Bhatti sahib for payment ASAP. Cost is \$120 per sacrifice. Members can also contact Malik's Mini Mart to offer their sacrifice locally.

The Blessed Waqf-e-Jadid Scheme

On December 27th, 1957 Hadhrat Khalifat al-Masih II started the blessed project called The New Dedication (Tehrike Waqfe Jadeed). The primary objective of this project was to look after the spiritual upbringing of the members living in the rural communities. Up to 1986 the project was intended mainly for the rural communities of Pakistan. However Hadhrat Khalifat al-Masih the Fourth broadened the scope of this project and now all the countries of the world are within the scope of this plan.

Hadhrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmood Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih II, ra, who founded the Blessed Waqf-e-Jadid Scheme says:

... I again draw the attention of friends to this new Waqf (dedication) Our Jama'at must remember that if it wishes to make progress then it will have to produce such devotees and will have to lay down in all directions these kinds of networks capable of providing for

the needs of reformation, education and training in the spiritual truths ...now is not the time that one murabbee should be going around the whole state visiting from place to place spending an hour here and an hour there.. NO!...Now, the time



has come that our murabbee will have to reach every home and hut and this can only happen when you act upon this, my Scheme, and from one end of the country to the other, in every place, such people should be appointed who should live among the people of that area and who, by their pious example, should impress the people of their assigned area

and should teach them also and should carry out also the works of reformation and training....And this web should be so large that through it our voice should be capable of reaching every village and place of habitation ...indeed every dwelling of every village...so until we can put in place such an all-encompassing web we will not be able to succeed in our assigned responsibility.. [Alfazal, January 11, 1958]

Clearly, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II, ra, had been guided by Allah to establish an all encompassing, world-wide-web, so that a spiritual guide should be available to each and every person, a saintly person appointed by, and working under the Khalifa's watchful eye, to provide for the reformation, education and training of everyone... this is a huge task and demands from each of us a huge sacrifice.

May Allah enable us all to respond in the measure needed. Aameen!

Impression of the “Refresher Course for Jama’at Office Holders”

By: Ata-ul-Aleem Choudhary

From November 30th to Dec 2nd, local Jama’at Presidents and Amila members were invited to Bait-ur-Rehman for a refresher course. This being my first year in the local Amila, Sadar Sahib encouraged me attend and learn the workings of the Jama’at.

Our training started right from Friday night, when we were invited to attend the National Amila Meeting. I had a chance to experience first-hand how an Amila meeting is conducted and how members conduct themselves in the presence of Amir Sahib. Most national Amila members briefly presented their accomplishments, hurdles, and future goals to Amir Sahib and fellow Amila members. I tried hard to focus on everything that was relayed and struggled to absorb all of the information being disseminated. In that hour and a half, we were given a snapshot of where the Jama’at USA is and where it is going.

The next day started off early with Fajr and shortly after breakfast we were all back in our seats readily bracing ourselves for the daylong bombardment of valuable information. We learned of the Khilafat Centenary Celebrations, new Tabligh initiatives, internet based Quran classes, what to do when opening a bank account, how to fill-out the “Monthly Family Tarbiyyat Report,” and the comprehensive plan

the Waqfe-nau Department has put together. Between learning about the Scholarship Committee and a new Job Portal, a presentation by Zahir M. Ahmad sahib caught my attention. Zahir Sahib’s presentation was on Nizam-e-Jama’at. At home, I had always heard terms like Nazir-e-A’la, Sadar Anjuman, Islahu Irshad, Vakalat-i-Ziraat, and Majlis Kar Pardaz, but I never could remember what was what, or who was who. Zahir Sahib presented a comprehensive but brief look at the Jama’at organizational structure, a complete who’s who of the different departments.

Taking breaks for food and Salat, we were continuously glued to our seats, as one speaker after another came and imparted their knowledge of the intricate workings of the Jama’at. As if the Nizam-e-Jama’at presentation wasn’t enough to make my head spin, we received a crash course in Qaza system and again came the barrage of terms: Qaza, Qazi, Kullha, Talaq, Darul Qaza and so forth. For those not familiar Qaza is a court system and a Qazi is the Judge, though it might be easier for some if it was equated with an arbitration system and arbitrators, as any matter that comes before the Jama’at’s Qaza board cannot concurrently go to the US court system and if it does then it not longer stays in the Qaza system. And right when I thought I could take no more, the final session for Saturday started, the Q&A session.

In the Q&A session, the local presidents were given an open forum in which to ask questions on any topic they need further clarification. It was at this time that I realized just how hard it is to be a President. Not only are Presidents expected to preside over their Amila and local chapter, but they also serve as the local marriage counselor, mediator, and if any department is not performing, it’s ultimately their responsibility. Somehow the Q&A session ended and we were all adjourned and allowed to sleep.

When the third and final day started, looking around, I could see many of the Presidents were reflecting the weather outside: overcast and gloomy. With all of these responsibilities thrust upon them, can you blame them? It seems the organizers had anticipated this and had planned a most interesting closing session. The closing session was one ray of sunlight after another that worked wonders on all the participants. In this final session, the six to eight Murrabian shared their success stories and showed everyone that a little hard work and struggle does bear sweet fruit.

Though the whirlwind adventures of that weekend are over now, everyday I remember a moment from it and realize just how much I have learned about the Jama’at in less than 48 hours. I look forward to attending more refresher courses and increasing my knowledge of the Jama’at.

Khilafat Centenary Celebration Plans

May 26, 2008 will mark the completion of the first glorious century of the Institution of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya. Insha-Allah. To express our deep gratitude to Almighty Allah for this unique and invaluable gift and to commemorate His countless favors and blessings on the beloved Jama'at of Hadrat Ahmad^{as}, through this Institution, Hadrat Kalifatul Masih V^{aba} kindly declared 2008 as the year of Centenary Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya. Also, Hadur^{aba} graciously approved a Scheme of Celebrations for the worldwide Jam'ats with the following two major objectives:

A. Express our deep gratitude to Almighty Allah through humble prayers for the continuity and success of the blessed institution of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya till the Day of Judgment.

B. Educate the world, especially our younger generation, about the necessity, importance and blessings of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya and personal relationship with Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih.

In keeping with this historic global Scheme of Celebrations, following is an overview of Khilafat Centenary Celebration (KCCs) that are being planned by the US Jama'at:

1. Observe voluntary monthly fasts as prescribed by Hadur^{aba}.
2. Memorize/Recite selected prayers as prescribed by Hadur^{aba}.
3. Study The Will (Al Wasiyyat) and join the blessed Nizam-e-Wasiyyat.

4. Establish more Grave Sites for Moosian (Maqbaratul Moosian) as feasible.

5. Extend the Baitur Rahman Mosque by building multi-level, multi-purpose Halls.

6. Generously contribute towards the Khilafat Centenary Celebration Fund (KCCF).

7. Offer special prayers/nawafil in 2008 starting with Salat-ut-Tahajjud on January 1.

8. Offer special sacrifices (qurbani) to feed the poor and the hungry on May 27, 2008.

9. Offer congregational Salat-ut-Tahajjud on May 26 and 27, 2008 in every Mosque/mission house.

10. Offer collective supplication (dua) on May 27, 2008, the first day of second century of Khilafa-e-Ahmadiyya, after Salat-ul-Fajr in every Mosque/mission house and distribute sweets.

11. Hold special Khilafat Day Meetings (Jalsa Yaum-e-Khilafat) at the local, regional and national levels on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 (Ahmadis should take the day off from work/business/school).

12. Send KCC Gifts/Souvenirs to Non-Ahmadi friends and dignitaries, personally and at the Jama'at level, on May 27, 2008 (KCC Gifts/Souvenirs will be available for purchase from the Jama'at).

13. Hold special KCC Receptions at the local, regional, and national levels for Ahmadis and Non-Ahmadi friends and dignitaries, as and when feasible.

14. Distribute/Study selected Ahmadiyya Literature as prescribed by Hadhur(aba) (this literature can be procured from the Local Jama'at or the National headquarter)

15. Dedicate all 2008 Local, Regional, and National Jama'at and Auxiliary programs (Jalsas, Ijtemas, Educational/Sports Competitions, etc.) to the Institution of Khilafat.

16. Dedicate all 2008 Jama'at and Auxiliary periodicals (Gazette, Al-Nahl, Aisha, Mujahid, etc.) to the Institution of Khilafat and publish special souvenir magazine and pictorials.

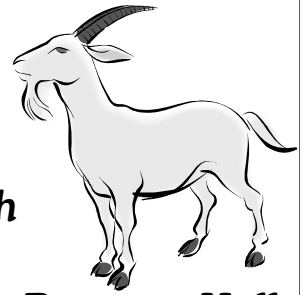
17. Publicize Ahmadiyyat and the Institution of Khilafat to Non-Ahmadis through commemorative postage stamps, advertisements, public speeches, panel discussions, and interfaith dialogue.

18. Arrange KCC Exhibitions at various regional and national events and Mosques/mission houses as feasible to recount the blessings of Allah as accomplishments of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya.

19. Hold Essay Writing Competition on various aspects of Khilafat in 2007 and recognize the winners in 2008 (being conducted by the auxiliaries under the auspices of Majlis Ansarullah, USA)

20. Organizing special Khidmate-e-Khaliq/Waqar-e-Amal projects at the local, regional, or national level to bring relief to the people in need (being planned by Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya)

Eid-ul-Adhia



When: December 20th
10:00 am

Where: County Downe Banquet Hall
1 Wisteria Ln
Bensalem, PA 19020

All are Welcome!
Come celebrate the Eid of sacrifice
Bring your Christian Friends

Special Report on Radio Talk Show

By: Syed Fazal Ahmad sahib

The 6th of November was a very blessed day for Philadelphia Jama'at. By the grace of Allah swt the Philadelphia Jam'at initiated their first live radio talk show broadcast of the recent times. This is on AM 900 WURD radio in Philadelphia; from 7-8 pm. The name of the show is "The Voice from The Heavens".

This radio station primarily caters to the Afro-American segment of all religious denominations within the county of Philadelphia. Inshallah this will be a weekly show on Tuesdays from 7-8PM. We already had 4 live broadcasts. The first broadcast went on air on Nov 6th 2007.

The hosts of the talk show comprise of two Ansar brothers and one Khadim: Ahmad Nuruddin Sahib the Vice president of Philadelphia Jamaat, Bilal Abdus Salaam Sahib our Imam and Mr. Willie Williams Sahib (aka Abu

Haroon), a very devoted new convert.

By the grace and mercy of Allah all four shows were a great success. On an average there had been 7 calls per show entertained and responded to by our panelist; however the average calls coming in per show were 10-12.

The show took off with the few verses of Masih e Maud's Arabic Qa`seedah "Ya `ayena Faizel Lahe", which was a pre-recorded from MTA. This is followed by Nuruddin Sahib starting the program with the recitation from the Holy Qur'an, and commentary by Hadhrat Masih e Maud as.

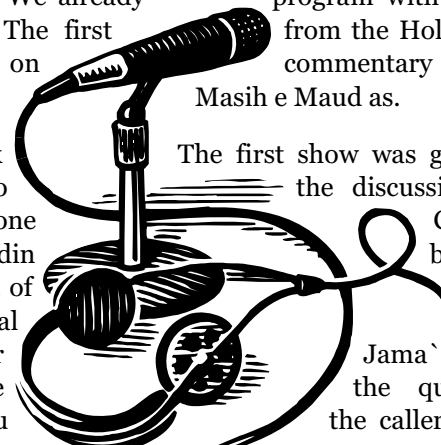
The first show was geared towards the discussion about the Creator and a brief note and introduction about our Jama'at. However the questions from the caller pertaining to

Ahmadiyya belief and its creation lead to discuss on the finality of Prophet Muhammad saw and Khatemun Nabieen. Our scholars had the opportunity to present Jamaat's belief and presented references from The Holy Qur'an and Hadith. For the callers were eager to understand the concept of Khatemun Nabieen, were directed to www.alislam.org, MTA and to the address of our local mission and Masjid.

In the following three shows we initiated discussion on Jesus - being Son of God, God Himself or a Prophet. Thus the discussion was steered towards the concept of Life & Death of Jesus. This paved the way to explicitly elaborate upon Jama'at Ahmadiyya's belief and provided the opportunity to compare and contrast on the belief of other Muslims and the Christians.

It is earnestly requested to please pray for the ultimate success of this program, and may Allah bless and make it possible to achieve our objectives, Ameen.

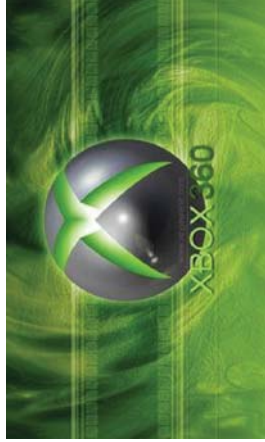
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WHAT TO EXPECT

Total time spent in the Mosque = 24hrs
 Total time spent sleeping and eating = 9.5hrs
 Total time spent awake = 14.5hrs
 Total time spent gaming = 9.5hrs.

**65 % OF THE WAKING
 NON-EATING TIME
 IS SPENT ON GAMING**

DAYONE 12-29-2007

S C H E D U L E

11:00-12:00pm	Arrival/Set-up
12:00-12:15pm	Zuhur Prayer
12:15-01:00pm	Light lunch/snacks
01:00-03:00pm	Round 1
03:00-03:15pm	Asar Prayer
03:15-04:45pm	Round 2
04:45-05:00pm	Magrib Prayer
05:00-06:30pm	Round 3
06:30-06:45pm	Isha Prayer
06:45-07:30pm	Dinner
07:30-08:30pm	Q&A Session
08:30-10:00pm	Games (pillow fight, chicken fight)
10:00pm	Lights out

DAYTWO 12-30-2007

S C H E D U L E

05:00-05:15am	Wake-up
05:30-06:00am	Tuhajjad Prayers
06:00-06:15am	Fajar Prayer
06:15-06:30am	Dars-ul-Quran
06:30-08:00am	Free time
08:00-09:00am	Breakfast
09:00-10:30am	Round 4 – Finals
10:30-11:00am	Closing Session

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Calendar of Events: **December 2007**

Post this calendar at your work & home.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Fajr 6:00 Zuhr 12:03 Asr 3:05 Maghrib 4:45 Isha 6:06	30 Waqf-e-Nau Class at 11am	31	Every Tuesday: 900 AM Radio Show 7 to 8 pm	Every Sunday: Quran Class 10am			1 Local & National Jama'at Officials' Refresher Course at Bait-ur-Rahman
Fajr 5:42 Zuhr 11:50 Asr 2:56 Maghrib 4:36 Isha 5:56	2	3	4 Talim ul Qur'an & Arabic class 6:30pm to 8:30pm	5 Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.	6	7	8 Class with Imam Kausar: 4pm to 6:30pm
Fajr 5:48 Zuhr 11:53 Asr 2:56 Maghrib 4:36 Isha 5:57	9 Jamaat General Meeting at 11am	10	11 Talim ul Qur'an & Arabic class 6:30pm to 8:30pm	12 Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.	13	14	15 Important Lajna Amila meeting at 12pm
Fajr 5:54 Zuhr 11:57 Asr 2:57 Maghrib 4:37 Isha 5:58	16 All Auxiliary Meetings & Classes at 11am Lajna Taleem Test Due	17	18 Talim ul Qur'an & Arabic class 6:30pm to 8:30pm	19 Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.	20 Eid-ul-Adhia	21	22 Class with Imam Kausar: 4pm to 6:30pm
Fajr 5:58 Zuhr 12:00 Asr 3:00 Maghrib 4:40 Isha 6:01	23	24	25 Talim ul Qur'an & Arabic class 6:30pm to 8:30pm	26 Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.	27 Monthly Jamaat Fasting	28	29 Attal & Khuddam Video Game Tournament & Sleepover