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Masjid Nasir Newsletter

Quran:

﴿وَأَذِّنْ فِي النَّاسِ بِالْحَجِّ يَأْتُوكَ رِجَالًا 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.

Essence of Islam, Vol 2, p 317 (3rd Edition)

Abstracts from Huzur's Friday Sermon of November 28th, 2008

Purpose of our creation is to worship Allah

After reciting, Surah Al Fatiha, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba), Khalifatul Massih V, opened the sermon by expressing his gratitude to God Almighty who enabled him to visit the State of Kerala in India during this special time in the Jamaat's history. This visit had not been possible in his previous trip to India in 2005 despite the intense desire of the residents of this State. Huzoor (aba) said that it is sometimes not possible to comprehend the extent of devotion and loyalty of Ahmadis unless and until it is witnessed first hand. Although Huzoor (aba) has previously met some Ahmadis from this part of India in Qadian and in London, but meeting so many Ahmadis in their home state has indeed provided a unique opportunity to see this devotion and the blessings of Allah that have been bestowed upon the Jamaat here personally. Some amongst Huzoor (aba)'s entourage have expressed that the Ahmadis of Kerala remind them of the discipline exhibited by the Indonesian Ahmadis; others said that their devotion and loyalty is comparable to that of the African Jamaats; but I feel that an Ahmadi, no matter where he resides, possesses the same degree of utmost devotion and loyalty, however the style of expression may be distinct. Huzoor (aba) said that there are many members who are probably

meeting a Khalifa for the first time in their life, but the expression of love and sincere devotion in their eyes is apparent. This is due only because of the blessings of the belief in the Imam of the present age. It is a pity that despite this fervor and devoutness, non-Ahmadis doubt the truth of the Messiah's advent. It is this devotion to Khilafat indeed that will take the Jamaat to unparalleled heights, finally reaching its desired destination.

Huzoor (aba) then explained that the desired destination for each Ahmadi is to achieve nearness of Allah Almighty and gain His pleasure, and

Therefore, make every effort to become the bearers of spiritual light as opposed to darkness, so that you are protected against the evil machinations of Satan.

we must strive to attain this state till the last breath of our life through our actions, by obeying the teachings of the Holy Prophet (saw) and by achieving the standards the Promised Messiah (as) wanted to see instilled in us. Remember that after Bai'at of the Promised Messiah (as), one's goal should be to attain the standards described by him. If this is not our goal, then reciting poems in praise of Khilafat is of no significance. Many a people form emotional bonds with worldly leaders and make many sacrifices to achieve material goals, but how many make sacrifices for Allah and His Prophet (saw)? These sacrifices for worldly leaders have no significance whatsoever because they do not follow the Islamic teachings. The only true leader of this day and age is the Promised Messiah (as)

whose advent is to revive the true teachings of Islam. Therefore, every Ahmadi should implement and practice the Quranic teachings as have been explained by the Promised Messiah (as), and only then can we become true Ahmadis. Huzoor (aba) quoted a passage from the writings of the Promised Messiah (as) in which he has emphasized that each Ahmadi should form a pure and unique relationship with Allah Almighty by shunning all sorts of evil (greed, dishonesty, deceit, arrogance, pride, self-indulgence, etc.). Unless and until such a bond is developed with God, one is extremely weak and is confined to spiritual obscurity and incapable of facing any adversities. Therefore, make every effort to become the bearers of spiritual light as opposed to darkness, so that you are protected against the evil machinations of Satan.

Huzoor (aba) expounded that the target given to us by the Promised Messiah (as) is to constantly seek help from Allah and develop a direct relationship with Him. This can only be done if we put forth the purpose of our creation before us, as described in the Holy Quran "I have not created the Jinn and men but that they may worship Me" (51:57).

If we bear this in mind at all times, then our efforts to shun the vices and adopt the virtues described by Allah will be fruitful. These actions will further enhance our relationship with Allah Almighty. Remember, Khilafat is only promised to those who are righteous and free of any form of idolatry, so if we want this

Continued: Abstracts from Huzur's Friday Sermon of November 28th, 2008

bleasing to stay with us, then we must always keep the purpose of our creation in mind.

The most fundamental way of worshipping God is through offering the five daily prayers. Every man, woman, young and old should remember that if they are lagging in observing Salat, then they will not be able to meet the standards prescribed to achieve the state of the righteous people. After reading another extract from the writings of the Promised Messiah (as), Huzoor (aba) stated that after the belief in One God, Salat is the most important tenet and therefore, you should perform it as if you see God before you. When one presents himself before a great leader, a type of fear prevails over him. God Almighty is the Most Supreme, therefore, visualizing God during Salat will eventually make us devoted worshippers. The Holy Prophet (saw) said that one should offer Salat as if you see God before you. But if you are unable to do so, at least recognize the fact that God, Who has

power over all things and is aware of the condition of every heart, sees you. If we practice this, then our

attention will be directed to improving our standards of worship, freeing them of worldly thoughts. Those who feel that they do not and/or cannot meet these standards should not despair. Remember, these are the standards you should strive

for as this is the only way to make progress and attain additional blessings of Allah.

Allah Almighty says "My mercy encompasses all things" (7:157).

Since we receive everything with Allah's blessings,

He will strengthen our efforts if we advance towards Him. When individuals will strive in this way, the entire Jamaat will benefit. By the Grace of God, there are many in the Jama'at who offer prayers during the night and are far advanced in their love for God, but the Promised Messiah (as) desired to see the majority of the Jamaat members to reach these standards, and as the numbers of those who improve in Taqwa increase, we shall witness the dominance of the Jama'at. Our good actions will also attract others towards us and become a source of "Dawat Ilallah" (propagation of Islam).

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Huzoor (aba) said that by God's grace, many Ahmadis he met during his visit to Kerala were filled with

devotion to the cause of faith and believe in the acceptance of prayer and make every effort to achieve nearness of Allah. This was evident by their request to pray for their children that they may tread the right path. Huzoor (aba) advised not

to let this devotion fade away but make the most of it to make spiritual

progress and discard any type of idolatry that tries to creep into your lives. Since many living in India have

contacts with non-Ahmadis, it is possible that "biddaat" (innovations) become part of your practices, so protect yourself against them because they can take you towards Shirk. The Ahmadis in Kerala reflect the 100% literacy rate of their home state, therefore you should use this education to protect your faith and also to acquire religious knowledge so that your religious conviction is strengthened and your future generations are safeguarded. Islam came to this part of the world in the very early period, and similarly, God enabled many to believe in the Promised Messiah (as) early on. Therefore, you should make every effort to propagate this message and bring people under the banner of the Holy Prophet (saw) as this is the only way to true salvation. The world around us is directing its attention towards Ahmadiyyat, whether it is in the form of hostility or curiosity. By bringing about a pure change in ourselves, and by turning towards Allah more than ever before, and by supplicating to God Almighty, we will meet with victory, InshaAllah.

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

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Announcements from Sadr (President) Philadelphia Jamaat

- Waqfe Jadid fiscal year is coming to a close by December 20th. All Jamaat members are urged to complete their pledges. Please work hard towards the payment of this blessed scheme and pray that US Jamaat is able to maintain first place position worldwide in this charity. It is anticipated that Huzoor may announce the results during his visit to Qadian.
- Volunteers are needed to assist the Jamaat program of feeding homeless at the 63rd and Market Street shelter. Please contact Sadat Abdullah sahib.
- 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.



Waqf-e-nau Department Report

Classes:

Alhamdulillah, Waqf-e-nau classes now take place every Friday night from 7-9pm at Nasir Mosque. We have averaged an attendance of 13 local Waqfeen and 3 non Waqfeen children at the classes; for a total average of 16 children coming to classes regularly every Friday night. Classes are divided into two segments. In the first segment, the children are taught the Urdu language. Children are currently

working on reading and writing Urdu under the care of Owais Syed Sahib. The second segment is Hifzul Quran. In this segment the majority of the children are working with Naeem Ullah Sahib in memorizing Sura 83. Those too young to work on Hifzul Quran use the time to work on their syllabus.

Regional Ijtema:

On November 1, 2008 14 Waqfeen from Philadelphia attended the Regional Ijtema in Mechanicsburg, PA. Our Waqfeen received 13 awards (1st to 3rd place). We took all of the 1st place awards at the Regional Ijtema. Mashallah it was a very good showing from Philadelphia. Please pray for all of the Waqfeen and the parents of the Waqfeen who continue to make sacrifices for this divine scheme.

Greet a brother/sister – Urdu basic conversation

How are you?

I am fine.

What is your name?

My name is _____

Aap ka kiya haal hai?

Mein theek hoon.

Aap ka kiya naam hai?

Meraa naam _____ hai.

Lajna/Nasirat News

LETTER FROM HUZUR^(aba)

*In the following letter, Huzur^(aba) expresses his concern regarding:
 Low attendance of Lajna at halqa & Lajna meetings
 Less than ½ of the USA Lajna listening to Friday sermons*

MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD HEAD OF THE AHMADIYYA COMMUNITY

LONDON LS:

Dear Sadr Lajna Imaillah USA,
 Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahe Wa Barakatohu
 I have received and read your report for the month of July 2008, Lajna Matters publication and a special report on children's Khidmat-e-Khalq collection. Jazakamullah.
 Your report highlights the various activities held during the month, Mashallah. It is pleasing to read that steady progress is being made in all shobas
 According to your overall progress, statistics show that attention needs to be bought on conduction of Halqa meetings and meeting attendance. This is a vital structural part of your spiritual growth and needs to be improved. Your report also indicates that less than half of your Tajneed watch Friday sermon on MTA, it is hoped members attention is drawn upon this aspect and the next report will be more encouraging, Inshallah.
 It is pleasing to see the enthusiasm of the Nasirat in the collection of chanda donations for Khidmat-e-Khalq. May Allah bless the hard work gone into this noble cause and increase the Nasirat in their financial and spiritual rewards.
 May Allah enable you to strive further in the service of the Jamaat. Inshallah.
 Please convey my Salaam to all Lajna and Nasirat in USA.
MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD KHALIFATUL MASIH V
 Wasalaam.

Philadelphia Lajna Amila/Halqa Presidents Amila:

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| President | Nusrat Jahan Bashir |
| Vice Pres. | Nusrat Jahan Rashid |
| Gen. Sec'y | Sabahat Abdullah |
| Asst. GS | Nazahat Dhurriya |
| Talim | Bushra Abaidullah |
| Tarbiyyat | Mujahida Bhatti |
| Khidmat-e-Khalq | Hasina Rafiq |
| Finance | Zahida Bhatti |
| Nasirat | Shazia Ahmad |
| Nasirat Asst. | Naema Bhatti |
| Handicraft | Mansura Karim |
| Tabligh | Nusrat Jahan Rashid |
| Tabligh Asst. | Wajeeda Choudhary |
| Publications | Saba Malik |
| Tajnid | Huda Ahmad |
| Ziafat | Nasira Abdullah |
| Tehrik-e-Jadid | Saliha Bhatti |
| Waqf-e-Jadid | Sadaf Ahmed |
| Sihat-e-Jismani | Jameela Hamid |
| Tarb. (new Ahmadies) | Salma Ghani |
| Tarb (n.a.) asst | Amtul Mateen Ahmad |

Halqa Presidents:

- | | |
|-------------|--------------------|
| Lansdale | Bushra Rajayki |
| North East | Amtul Hamid Munira |
| Upper Darby | Azra Zafar |
| Masjid | Hassanah Ahmad |

Additional Halqa Presidents to be announced soon!

All sisters should heed the concerns of Huzur^(aba) and try their best to attend Lajna/Halqa meetings and listen to Friday sermons!!

Friday sermons (print & audio) available at:
<http://www.alislam.org/archives/>

Tajnid Update – we are working on updating our tajnid. If you receive a survey in the mail, please complete & return ASAP. Once the tajnid list is updated, all sisters will receive a copy.

Health/Handicraft Retreat for Lajna/Nasirat

Sunday, December 14th (11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. followed by lunch & salat)

Want to feel better & improve your health? Want to make something that recycles, can be enjoyed all winter long and will benefit Allah's creation? Then join us on Sunday, December 14th for lots of fun!! (Bring an empty 2 liter soda bottle or plastic gallon milk/water container with you)

Yearend Review of Events and Activities of Philadelphia Jamaat

By: Saleem Boykin-Mustaqim
- Reporter, Philly Newsletter Team

Through the Grace of Allah, the Philadelphia Jamaat has been very busy for the year 2008!

As a prelude to the arrival of 2008, from **December 29th 2007 to December 30th 2007** the Philly Jamaat initiated and participated in The Majlis Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya Philadelphia Video Game Weekend, in which Tarbiyyat was strategically inserted into a weekend filled with fun and games in order to foster and encourage Brotherhood among the Atfal and Khuddam.

On **December 31st 2007** some brothers slept at the mosque to welcome the

New Year. On January 1st 2008, Tahajjud prayers started at 5:15 a.m. Attendance was 45 men and 18 women. Fajr Prayer followed at 6:15 a.m. with Dars-e-Quran afterwards. Our respected Amir Sahib Ahsanullah Zafar blessed us with a visit later in the day.

In early **February** the Jamaat was successful in the purchase of a two

acre plot of land near Broad Street.

On **February 24th** The Jamaat celebrated Musleh Maud Day. On this day we celebrated the prophecy given by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (a.s.) about his son before he was born. The Prophecy matches the ancient Jewish Scripture and the Talmud in that He was to be a great reformer. Alhajji Bashir-ud-din Mahmud Ahmad (r.a.) initiated a series of schemes and programs to



organize the Jamaat as well as spread Islam around the world.

On **February 29th**, Philadelphia Khuddam participated in the MKA Regional Itjema which was held at Willingboro NJ. By the Grace of Allah 30 Khuddam and 13 Atfal took part.

On **March 16th**, the Jamaat held

Seeratun Nabi Day, a program which was open to the public and flyers were distributed inviting the public to come to learn about the Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w.). The event was held at The First District Plaza at 3801 Market Street in Philadelphia and attended by 250 including about 50 guests.

On **March 23rd** the Jamaat celebrated Promised Messiah Day in memory of the events that took place 119 years ago, some forty persons performed the Bai'at and thus was laid the foundation of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

On **April 19th** Philly Jamaat participated in Adopt-a-Highway, a program in which nationally our Jamaat has adopted 51 Highways. As part of the program, Jamaat members were responsible for picking up trash and removing debris along a two mile stretch of Roosevelt Blvd. Highway starting 9th Street.

Philadelphia Jamaat held its annual cookout on **May 20th**. It was a successful event where we reached out to the community through flyers which were distributed as well as verbal invitations. The purpose of the cookout was to acquaint ourselves with our neighbors and to introduce the Jamaat to them.

Continued: Yearend Review of Events and Activities of Philadelphia Jamaat

On **June 1st**, Jamaat held a Khilafat Centenary Celebration event which was open to the public in order to better inform the people of Philadelphia of the need for Khilafat in this day and age. By the grace of Allah, a number of guests participated and enjoyed the event.

Also in **June** we participated in a citywide Islamic Day Festival which was held at Penns Landing in Philadelphia. Before the starting of the event, Khuddam, Atfal, and Ansar marched in the parade to Penns Landing, wearing uniform colors and displaying a large banner of "Love for All, Hatred for None". Jamaat members took active part in distributing pamphlets and information pertaining to Islam and Ahmadiyyat. We also spoke on our Community's mission as well as our History in this country.

From **June 20th to June 22nd**, The USA Jamaat celebrated and participated in the USA Jalsa Salaana which was held in Harrisburg, PA. Ahmadies in the U.S. were graced by the presence of our beloved Khalifa, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (a.b.a.) in this auspicious event.

The Khuddam National Itjema was held **August 17th through the 20th** in New York, NY.

The month of **September** brought

the Blessing of Ramadan and Eid -ul -Fitr was celebrated on **October 1st**. The event was held at 3801 Market

Ahmadiyya Philadelphia held it's Tarbiyyat Sleepover at Nasir Mosque. This event by blessed by a



Street in Philadelphia where we were blessed by a large turnout of members and guests.

The National Ansarullah Itjema was held on **October 17th, 18th and 19th** at Bait-ul- Rahman in Maryland.

On **November 17th** some of the Philadelphia Khuddam Amila members participated in the Qaideen Refresher Course which was held in Detroit MI. This event was attended by over 200 Khuddam leaders from across the country. The participants returned refreshed and inspired ready to energize the Jamaat through the wonderful experience and exchange of knowledge gained.

On the weekend of **November 29th and 30th**, the Majlis Atfal-ul

visit of National Mohtamim Majlis Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya. The agenda included time for video games and karate excersises interwoven with Tarbiyyat aspects including learning a new Dua and offering Salat in congregation. It was indeed a success!

Alhamdullilah, Allah (SWA) has given us the good health and mercy to participate in the wonderful events of this past year. We pray that He allows us to continue to participate in these glorious events and continue to strengthen our Taqwa so that we can continue to spread His message to our families, our communities, our city and the world!

Poem on Khilafat by a Khadim

In a world filled with so much confusion,
So much chaos and moral pollution,
Terrorism and hate all around,
Everywhere you look there's no peace to be found.
Don't you wonder about this world you live in?
Don't you see how it is immersed in sin?
What is right and what is wrong?
You keep asking these questions, but for how long?
Just stop for a minute and open your eyes.
The answer you seek is not in the skies.
The answer lies in unity. The answer lies in faith.
The answer is right here. Don't let it escape.
What you need is a leader today.
One that is not afraid to show you the way.
One who knows what he is talking about.
Not one who will leave you in doubt.
One who has God as his friend.
One who can show you a better end.
One who cares for you, genuinely.
Not humor you mockingly.
One who does not judge you for what you are.
One who loves you no matter how far.
So where to find one such as this?
Does such a person really exist?
He is the Khalifa, the successor of the Messiah.
He has come to help us through his prayer.
He stays up late in the night,
Praying for God's eternal light.

Khilafat to me means...

By: Abdullah Ahmad

When I joined Ahmadiyyat some time back, I didn't know anything about Khilafat in Islam. So I asked, what does the Holy Qur'an say about Khilafat? The Holy Qur'an mentions three types of Khilafat; they uphold all values of the true religion and lead their followers to higher spiritual grounds. My understanding of the Khilafat is to impart the teachings of the Holy Qur'an, Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w.) and the Promised Messiah (a.s.). I see non-Ahmadis saying "we need a Khalifa, we want a Khilafat." The non-Ahmadis do not understand or reflect on the bond that Ahmadis enjoy through the Promised Messiah (a.s.) and Khilafat. I thank Allah for Khilafat and the true Islam Ahmadiyyat.

My Love for Khilafat

By: Aimen Khan (Age 8)

Khilafat is a blessing from God Almighty. After the death of a prophet, God makes one of his companions a Khilafa and thus establishes his Khilafathood. The name of our present Khalifa is Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (atba). He lives in England. I met him with my parents at this year's Jalsa Salana. One day, I hope, I will visit him in England. Inshallah!

امام سلسلہء عالیہ احمدیہ

ہماری فکر میں رہتا ہے کوئی سرگرداں
ہمارے غم میں کوئی بیقرار رہتا ہے

ہمارے درد کا درماں ہے وہ ہمارے گرد
اُسی کے لطف و عطا کا حصار رہتا ہے

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اُسی کو زیب ہے تاجِ خلافتِ نبوی

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رگِ حیات میں صہبائے آرزو ہے وہ

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اسی سے بدلے گی تقدیر یاں زمانے کی

سمیٹتے ہیں قدم جس کے جاوہء منزل
اُسی کی جُہدِ مسلسل سے ہوں مُسخرِ دل

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مٹا سکے گا اُسے کیا عداوتوں کا خروش

اُسی کی دولتِ ہستی اُسی کی کشورِ دل
وہی ہے قبلہِ ہمت وہی ہے محورِ دل

خاکسار

محمد ظفر اللہ خان

Meeting the Khalifa

By: Jameela Hamid

When I was a child, I would hear my parents talking about Hazrat Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad (r.a.) and the books he wrote. A small picture of him was always displayed in our home: he wore a white turban, a long coat, white shalwar, a white beard, and held a cane. I would always stare at the picture. I had no plans to see him in my lifetime, but my parents of him with such love and devotion. My mother would always write and request prayers from the Khalifa for my sister and me, and he would write back.

Then one day, Rashid Ahmad, who is my brother in-law, arrived from Rabwah, Pakistan and told us stories of his years with the second Khalifa. These stories help to develop a connection with the Khalifa of the time.

In 1975, I had the blessing from Allah to visit Rabwah, and meet the third Khalifa who just lit my heart with the love for the Khalifa all over again. A light shone from his face; he was a man of God.

We walked through the streets of Rabwah with our guide for the day, a man wearing a black coat, black jennah hat, and white shalwar. I asked him if I could take his picture; he turned and, with a smile, said yes. I never knew he would one day be the fourth Khalifa.

I am very blessed by Allah to have been able to see and love four Khalifas in my lifetime. May Allah protect our Khalifa and strengthen his hand.

Love for All, Hatred for None.

Khilafat-a Sheltering Tree

By: Muhammad Sharif Khan

It was fine summer April morning last year. My wife (Rashida) with our daughter-in-law and little granddaughter (Saman) went for a walk in nearby park. They enjoyed the fresh spring air. Running after the little girl, Rashida climbed an elevation; to prevent from falling she bent down to support herself from falling.

Next morning Rashida developed a swelling under her left armpit. It became reddish by the evening and the next morning it pained. We were all very worried. The family doctor said it was a strained muscle and an emergency examination revealed a capsular thickening with fluid inside. Rashida was operated to remove the "capsule." It was found to be malignant! We were all stunned by the lab findings. We prayed and supplicated for Rashida's recovery.



I emailed following request for prayer to Hazoor (a.b.a.) through the email service provided by Alislam.org:

Piaray Hazoor may Allah strengthen your hands

Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rhematullah wa Barakatuhu.

Hazoor, my wife Rashida Tasnim has recently been diagnosed to be suffering from Lymphoma (malignancy of lymph glands). Hazoor, we are all worried about her health and are praying that may Allah Ta'ala guide the doctors to the correct treatment.

Hazoor, I humbly request you to pray for her complete health. Also please, remember me and our children in your kind prayers.

Jazakmullah Ta'ala.

Wassalamo alaikum wa rhematullah.

Hazoor's humble servant,

The moment I pressed "SEND" button, I felt sense of solace and reassurance, for all of my apprehension vanished. I felt as if the heavy burden which has been bothering me for the last 15 days was no longer present. That night I slept well.

Alhamdolliah, Allah Ta'ala has given us an umbrella, a caring heart who weeps out of love for us, becomes restless when we are in pain. There are thousands of reports scattered throughout Ahmadiyya literature with commonality that as soon a letter with request for prayer was dropped in mail box to Khalifa-a-Waqat, the illness started to disappear. Alhamdolliah, it also happened in Rashida case.

Now MashAllah she is healthier and taking active part in household chores.

We Ahmadies are the luckiest people on the face of earth today. Our beloved Khalifa is so kind that he wishes us to ask him for prayer. Let us share with him our worries and problems and invite God's Grace and Kindness.

Poem: Inni maaka ya Masroor!

By: Wajeaha Choudhary

Home of the Sahara, bleak and parched,
 Watered by a sea of the faithful clad in white.
 They carry but one weapon,
 Concealed in hearts but released fervently.
 White flags in hand, they wave feverishly,
 Demonstrating the weapon once hidden
 For all the world to see:
Inni maaka ya Masroor!
 Their voices penetrate the heavens,
 Releasing a rain to cleanse even the darkest heart.



Khilafat.



Home of Lady Liberty, rusted and grimed,
 Rinsed by the spiritually awed children in white.
 They hold high banners professing a love
 So complete, so irrevocable, belonging to
 One man, one faith, one God.
 Singing with gleeful hearts
 And eyes brimmed with tears:
Inni maaka ya Masroor!
 Their voices penetrate the heavens,
 Releasing a rain to cleanse even the darkest heart.

Khilafat.

Home of the Tiger, vicious and arrogant,
 Appeased by thousands surrounding the white Minaret.
 They bear the face of humble obedience,
 Dwellers of this once unknown town East of Damascus.
 Boldly declaring the words
 Prophesized by a man whom God raised
 From a particle of dust to a shimmering star:
Inni maaka ya Masroor!
 Their voices penetrate the heavens,
 Releasing a rain to cleanse even the darkest heart.



Atfal Tarbiyyat Sleepover November 29 & 30: A Pictorial Journey



As we wait for the participants to arrive, a friendly arm-wrestling match between Talal and Tanveer transpires.



The event officially starts with Magrib Prayer followed by a few pointers on Salat.



Atfal learn a new Dua. Dua upon entering the Mosque.



Learning a new Dua. Each group had its own method.



No Sleepover is complete without games.



Atfal Tarbiyyat Sleepover November 29 & 30: A Pictorial Journey



Special guest Hadi Ahmed (Hadi Bhai), National Muhtamim Atfal, graced the event with his presence.

All Atfal promised to make their beds every morning and signed a pledge to place their shoes on the racks whenever they come into the Mosque.



Everyone woke-up at 5am for Tahujat lead by Owais Bhai, followed by Fajr lead by Asad Bhai, and finally Dars-ul-Quran by Affan Syed Bhai.



The highlight of the event: Martial Arts Lessons by our very own Black Belt, Niaz Bhai.



No Tarbiyyat event is complete without some chicken fighting.

1st Quarterly

Atfal Tarbiyyat Sleepover

8 Atfal

2 Pre-Atfal

1 Guest

16 Khuddam

See you at the next one.

Calendar of Events: December 2008

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Fajr 5:43 Zuhr 11:50 Asr 2:56 Maghrib 4:37 Isha 5:57	1 Every Sunday: Quran Class 10am	2	3 Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.	4	5	6	
Fajr 5:49 Zuhr 11:53 Asr 2:56 Maghrib 4:36 Isha 5:56	7	8 Eid ul Adhia @ First District Plaza 9:30am	9	10 Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.	11	12	13
Fajr 5:54 Zuhr 11:56 Asr 2:57 Maghrib 4:37 Isha 5:58	14 Health/ Handicraft Retreat (Lajna/ Nasirat) 11am	15	16	17 Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.	18	19	20
Fajr 5:58 Zuhr 11:59 Asr 2:59 Maghrib 4:40 Isha 6:01	21 Khuddam, Atfal, Ansar Meeting/ Class at 11am	22	23	24 Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.	25 Monthly Jamaat Fasting From 6:00 am To 4:42 pm	26	27
Fajr 6:01 Zuhr 12:03 Asr 3:04 Maghrib 4:44 Isha 6:05	28	29	30	31 Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.	Every Tuesday: 900 AM Radio Show 7 to 8 pm	Every Friday: Waqf-e- Nau Class to 9 pm	

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