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Upcoming Events

Apr. 23-25 - National Majlis-e -Shura

Jul. 2-4 - Jalsa Sālāna, Canada

Jul. 16-18 - Jalsa Sālāna, USA

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Message from Sadr Ansārullāh, USA

Dear Ansār: اَلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَ رَحْمَةُ الله وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

"Who is your role model?" This question is asked at every level in our lives. A role model is someone who serves as an example for us, someone we can look up to and aspire to follow.

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) is the perfect example for every Muslim to follow. Allah says in the Holy Qur'ān:

كَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِيْ رَسُوْلِ اللّهِ أَسْوَةً حَسَنَةً لِتَمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُوا اللّهَ وَ الْيَوْمَالْأَخِرَرَدَ كَرَاللّهَ كَثِيرًا إِلَّ

"Verily you have in the Prophet of Allah an excellent model, for him who fears Allah and the Last Day and who remembers Allah much." (Chapter 33, Verse: 22)

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) says: "The man who in his being and his attributes and his actions and through his spiritual and holy faculties sets an example of perfection, in knowledge and action and in sincerity and steadfastness, and was called the perfect man was Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). The man who was most perfect as a man and as a Prophet, who came with an abundance of blessings, and who through a spiritual revival and resurrection manifested the first judgment in the world and revived the dead world, that blessed Prophet, the Seal of the Prophets, the leader of the

righteous ones, the pride of the Prophets, was Muhammad, the chosen one (peace and blessings of All be on him). Our Lord, send down on that beloved Prophet that mercy and blessing that Thou hast not sent down on anyone since the beginning of the world. Had that grand Prophet not appeared in the world then we would have no proof of the truth of lesser Prophets like Jonah, Job, Jesus son of Mary, Malachi, John, Zakaria, etc. Though they were favorites and honored and were beloved ones of Almighty God. thev are obligation to this Prophet that they were accepted in the world as true Prophets. O Allah, send down Thy blessings on him and on his people and on his companions, all of them. Our last word is that all praise belongs to Allah, Lord of the worlds." [Itmāmul Hujjah, (Lahore, Gulzār Muhammadi Press, 1311 A.H); Now printed in Ruhāni Khazā'in (London, 1984), Vol. 8, p. 361

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) also says: "How shall we express our gratitude to God who bestowed upon us the good fortune to follow the Prophet who is a sun for the souls of the righteous as there is a sun for the bodies. He appeared in a time of darkness and illumined the world with his light. He was neither tired nor fatigued till he purified all parts of Arabia from associating partners with God. He is the proof of his own truth for his light is present in every age and true obedience to him purifies a

Sadr's message continued...

person as the clear and transparent water of a river cleanses dirty linen. Who has come to us with a sincere heart and has not witnessed that light, and who has knocked honestly on that door for whom it has not been opened? But the pity is that most people prefer the lower life and do not desire that higher light should our all

enter into them." [Chashma Maʻrifat, (Qādian, Anwar Ahmadiyyah Press, 1908); Now published in Ruhāni Khazā'in (London, 1984), Vol. 23, p. 288-289]

May we always strive to the best of our ability to emulate the life of our blessed Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) in our lives, Amīn.

وَالسَّلَام

Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa Sadr

Bikes for Africa

Majlis Ansārullāh, USA is planning to collect bikes from Great Lakes, Midwest, and Gulf Sates regions. Collected bikes will be shipped to Africa. Hudur (may Allah be his support) has graciously approved this project. Ansār can take part in this project by donating personal bikes or by buying bikes to donate. Used bikes in good condition can be bought at reasonable prices from local Craig List, classified ads,

university/college students (usually at the end of semester), police stations, flea markets, etc. Ansār can also give cash donations which will be used to buy bikes from Wal-Mart or similar discount stores. Cash donations are also accepted regions other than the aforementioned regions. Cash donations for each bike should be about \$150-\$200. Checks should be made to Majlis Ansārullāh and sent to 65 Canebrake Blvd., Hattiesburg, MS 39402. This scheme is already underway and many members have already pledged/donated. The target completion date for this project is June/July of this year. Ansār are urged to actively take part in this scheme. For further information, please contact Bashir Shams, Regional Nāzim Gulf States region, at bshams@aol.com or 601-307-4612.

Ta'līmul Qur'ān: Assigned Verses for Memorization

As prescribed in Ta'līmul Qur'ān syllabus of Majlis Ansārullāh, USA, Surah Al-Infitār (Chapter 82) is to be memorized during the first half of the year. The following four verses are assigned to be memorized during the month of April.

Nay, but you deny the Judgment.

But there are guardians over you

Honored recorders,

Who know all that you do.

كُلَّ بَكُ تُكَدِّ بُوْنَ بِالدِّيْنِ الَّ وَانَّ عَلَيْكُمْ لَلْفِظِيْنَ اللَّ كِرَامًا كَاتِبِيْنَ اللَّ يَعْلَمُوْنَ مَا تَفْعَلُوْنَ اللَّ

Request for Prayers

- Mother of Zinda Mahmood Bajwa, Nā'ib Amīr USA, passed away on March 24, 2010, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*.
- Shahab Ihtesham Jnajua, son of Dr. Ihtesham Janjua of Philadelphia Majlis, passed away on April 2, 2010 at the age of 8 in a car accident, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*.
- Father of Ghayyur Mannan, Muntazim Tablīgh of GA/SC Majlis, passed away on April 10, 2010, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*.

May Allah grant peace to the souls of the deceased and grant patience and steadfastness to their families, Āmīn. Ansār are requested to remember the deceased and their families in their prayers.

Instructions about Wedding Ceremonies

Hadrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (may Allah be his support) has reminded Jamā'at members and office holders once again about the proper observances at the time of marriage. These observances are listed below.

- Observance of *Mehndi* should be in the four walls of the house and only close family members and friends are to be invited.
- Feast is only limited to the marriage day and Mehndi, not made a daily event beyond that.
- Any singing should not be audible outside the four walls of the house.
- Instrumental music, professional singing, or any dancing are not allowed under any circumstance, at either marriage ceremonies or Mehndi.
- Superstitious customs such as feeding milk to the groom, hiding of shoe, etc., are not to be observed.
- Photography—non family members should be excluded by prior, and again immediate, notifications.
- If unexpectedly faced with such a violation, one should walk out of the function (particularly, but not exclusively, this applies to officeholders of the Jamā'at).

Members are reminded to observe wedding ceremonies in accordance with these instructions. Members are also encouraged to listen to Hudur's (may Allah be his support) Friday Sermon of Jan. 15, 2010.

Ta'lim Test II of 2009

Ta'līm Test II of 2009 is due on April 30, 2010. Members are encouraged to submit the completed test by this deadline. Please contact your Za'īm Majlis if you have not received the test. Study material is available online at: www.ansarusa.org and www.alislam.org. Completed test can be submitted in one of the following ways:

- online: go to http://ansarusa.org/phpQ/fillsurvey.php?sid=3 (preferred method)
- through Za'īm Majlis
- fax: 281-733-2084
- e-mail: dawood@sndtaxservices.com
- snail mail: M. Dawood Munir, 11106 Brandon Gate, Houston, TX 77095-6603



Ansār of Dallas Majlis at their annual local Ijtemā' held at Bait-ul-Ikrām Mosque on April 4-5

Ansar of Dallas Majlis attending the Son-to-Father workshop held at Bait-ul-Ikrām Mosque on April 5

Steadfastness

Abu Mālik Ash'ari relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said: "Cleanliness is half of faith; the utterance of: All praise belongs to Allah; fills the scales of good works; the utterance of: Holy is Allah and worthy of all praise; fills the space between the heavens and earth; Prayer is light; charity is proof of faith; steadfastness is a glow and the Qur'ān is a plea in your favor or against you. Everyone begins the morning ready to bargain with his soul as a stake and ransoms it or ruins it." (*Tirmidhi*)



Members with Amīr Jamā'at Ghana during his visit to Detroit.

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