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Upcoming Events

Fri-Sun, Jun. 29-Jul. 1 - Jalsa Sālāna, USA

Fri-Sun, Jul. 6-8 - Jalsa Sālāna, Canada

Sat, Jul. 21 - 1st of Ramaḍān-ul-Mubārak

Sun, Aug. 19 - 'Īd-ul-Fiṭr

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Message from Şadr Anşārullāh, USA

Dear Anşār: السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Muslims have been enjoined to be particularly careful about the obligatory Friday Prayer. As soon as the call for Prayer is made, all business is to cease and the faithful should hasten to the Mosque to join the Friday Prayer, including listening to the sermon, since the sermon is an integral part of the service. Almighty Allāh reminds us about this obligation in the Holy Qur'ān (Chapter 62, [Al-Jumu'ah] Verse 10) in these words:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا نُودِيَ لِلصَّلَاةِ
 مِنْ يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ فَاسْعَوْا إِلَىٰ ذِكْرِ
 اللَّهِ وَذَرُوا الْبَيْعَ ۗ ذَٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ
 إِن كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾

O ye who believe! When the call is made for Prayer on Friday, hasten to the remembrance of Allāh, and leave off all business. That is better for you, if you only knew.

Ḥaḍrat Abū Hurairah (may Allāh be pleased with him) relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) said: "He who makes his ablution carefully and comes to the Friday service and listens to the sermon in silence is forgiven his sins since the previous Friday and three days more. He who occupies himself with pebbles during the sermon behaves ill." (Muslim)

In another Ḥadīth Ḥaḍrat Abū Hurairah

(may Allāh be pleased with him) relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) said: "There is on that day [Friday] a brief space of time during the service when whatever supplication a Muslim servant of Allāh makes is granted." (Bukhārī and Muslim)

These Aḥadīth clearly show the importance of attending Friday prayer as well as the importance of listening to the Friday sermon attentively, in complete silence. The sermon is considered as important as the Prayer (Salāt) during the Jumu'ah service; indeed, it takes the place of two obligatory Raka'āt of what is normally offered as Zuhr Prayer at that time on the other six days of the week.

In his Friday sermon of November 12th, 2004, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīh Al-Khāmis (may Allāh be his support) expounded upon the above mentioned verse of the Holy Qur'ān and said that this verse informs us of the importance of Friday—each Friday—and not any particular Friday. He said whenever one is called to attend the Friday Prayer one ought to come without making any excuse, without giving any importance to one's job or one's business. Leave everything else and hasten to Friday Prayer. Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his support) reminded us to always be mindful of the benefits of Friday and the acceptance of prayers during Friday Prayer. This way, he said, one could avoid being

Şadr's message (continued)

entrapped by Satan. Friday helps us to stay on the path of virtues and do good and righteous deeds. The aim is for us to try and maintain this from one Friday to the next.

In his Friday sermon of April 23rd 2010, Huḍūr (may Allāh be his support) said the Aḥmadīs who look out for the call of the Khalīfah of the time, *[are the ones who]* obey it, and reform themselves. They eagerly listen to his advice *[through his Friday sermons]* and consider themselves as the addressee of his words, but some do not.

We should all realize that each of us, wherever we are, is the Aḥmadī Muslim being addressed every week, not only those Aḥmadī Muslims who are part of the congregation where the sermon is being delivered directly.

In a recent communication to me, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīh Al-Khāmis (may Allāh be his support) issued the following directive: "This year, try to ascertain how many Anṣār are listening to the Friday Sermon and, if necessary, motivate and help families who miss out." In order to comply with Huḍūr's instructions, all Zu'amā have been advised to start collecting and reporting, on a monthly basis, how many Anṣār are listening to Huḍūr's Friday sermon. Therefore, I request every member to provide this vital information to their Za'im in a timely manner.

I strongly urge all Anṣār members to resolve sincerely to listen to the Friday sermons of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīh Al-Khāmis (may Allāh be his support) on a regular basis and also to encourage every member of their family to do so. May Almighty Allāh enable all of us to do our utmost in this regard, *Āmīn*.

وَالسَّلَامُ

Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa
Şadr

Essay Writing Competition

Department of Ta'līm, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA is holding an essay writing competition. All Anṣār are encouraged to participate in this competition. The deadline for submitting essays is **June 30, 2012**.

Topics

1. What are the ways in which careless use of social media can lead to societal harm and what solution Islām offers?
2. What are the major issues confronting Western societies today and how Islām can help resolve them?
3. Concepts for the parent-child relationship based on guiding principles from three major religions?

Rules & Regulations:

Essay must be:

- written on one of the above-mentioned topics in English
- of length between 3,000 and 5,000 words
- free of spelling and factual errors
- supported by bibliographic references
- submitted in MS Word format by the deadline via:
 - e-mail to qaid.talim@ansarusa.org
 - snail mail (on a CD) to Qā'id Ta'līm, 2859 E Stearns St, Brea, CA 92821-4710

Prizes: Three cash prizes will be awarded at Anṣār National Ijtimā': First: \$300; Second: \$200; Third: \$100

For further information please contact Qā'id Ta'līm, Monas Chaudry, at qaid.talim@ansarusa.org or 714-488-7407.

Ta'limul Qur'an: Assigned Verses for Memorization

As prescribed in Ta'limul Qur'an syllabus of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, Ruku' 1 and 20 of Sūrah Āl-i-'Imrān (Chapter 3) are to be memorized with split meaning during the year 2012. The following verse is assigned to be memorized with split meaning during the month of June.

رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ جَامِعُ النَّاسِ لِيَوْمٍ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ ﴿١٠﴾

[3:10] 'Our Lord, Thou wilt certainly assemble mankind together on the Day about which there is no doubt; surely, Allāh breaks not *His* promise.'

اے ہمارے رب! تو یقیناً لوگوں کو جمع کرنے والا ہے اس دن کے لئے جس میں کوئی شک نہیں۔ یقیناً اللہ وعدہ خلافی نہیں کرتا۔

Request for Prayers

Ijaz Ahmad Ghumman of Central Virginia Majlis passed away on March 11, 2012, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*. May Almighty Allāh elevate his status in paradise and grant his family strength to bear this loss with steadfastness, patience, and fortitude, *Āmīn*. Anṣār are requested to remember the deceased and his family in their prayers.

Impromptu Speech Topics

The following topics have been selected for Impromptu Speech Competitions held at local, regional, and National Ijtimā'āt during the year 2012.

- Inculcating love of Allāh in the whole family
- Importance of congregational Salāt
- Importance of gratitude towards Allāh
- Importance of listening to Ḥuḍūr's (may Allāh be his support) Friday Sermons
- Importance of watching MTA by the whole family
- Importance of calling towards Allāh and serving Mankind
- Importance of protecting the institution of Khilāfat
- Importance of placing collective interests above individual interests
- Importance of promoting and propagating the teachings of Islām
- Importance of practicing truth in all aspects of our life
- Importance of striving for real worship of Allāh
- Truth of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him)
- Achieving Peace through acceptance of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him)
- Significance of Friday in Islām
- Importance of Balanced Diet and Exercise
- Importance of paying obligatory Chanda
- Importance of populating mosques with Taqwā
- Importance of excelling one another in good works

A Correction

Please note that the date of start of Ramaḍān-ul-Mubārak for the U.S. Jamā'at has been changed to Saturday, July 21 from the originally announced date of Friday, July 20 which was the date that was published in the last month's Anṣār newsletter. There is no change in the date of 'Īd-ul-Fiṭr which will be observed on Sunday, August 19.



A group photo of Anşār of York Majlis

Ta'lim Test I for 2012

Ta'lim Test I for 2012 is now available online at <http://www.ansarusa.org/talim/>. Please make every effort to complete this test online. You will be informed about your grade immediately after the completion of the online version of the test. Another benefit of taking the test online is that you can attempt answering a question multiple times at the expense of losing 1 point each time you get an answer wrong.

Hard copy of the test is being mailed to every member. PDF versions of the test are available at the following links.

English: <http://ansarusa.org/sites/default/files/Talim%20Test%20I%202012%20Eng%20-Final.pdf>

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- E-mail: qaid.talim@ansarusa.org
- Snail Mail: Qā'id Ta'lim, 2859 E Stearns St, Brea, CA 92821-4710

The deadline to submit this test is June 28, 2012.

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