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## Message from Şadr Anşārullāh, USA

Dear Anşār: السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

The blessed month of Ramaḍān will be starting shortly and we should work hard to adopt *Taqwā* (righteousness), avoiding spiritual as well as moral pitfalls, and to inculcate love and fear of Almighty Allāh. We should reflect and turn to Almighty Allāh seeking from His grace the capacity to adhere to *Taqwā*. Almighty Allāh Says in the Holy Qur’ān:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا  
كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

“O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may guard against evil” (Chapter 2 [Al-Baqarah], Verse 184)

Ḥaḍrat Abū Hurairah (may Allāh be pleased with him) relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) said: “Allāh, the Lord of honor and glory says: All other deeds of man are for himself, but his fasting is purely for Me and I shall reward him for it. The fast is a shield. When any of you is fasting he should eschew loose talk and noisy exchanges. Should anyone revile him or seek to pick a quarrel with him, he should respond with: I am observing a fast. By Him in Whose hands is the life of Muhammad, the breath of one who is fasting is purer in the sight of Allāh than the fragrance

of musk. One who fasts experiences two joys: he is joyful when he breaks his fast, and he is joyful by virtue of his fast when he meets his Lord” (Bukhārī and Muslim). Bukhārī adds: “Allāh says: He abstains from food and drink and from indulging his passion for My sake. A fast is undertaken for My sake and I shall bestow the reward for it. Other good works are rewarded only ten times.” Muslim’s version adds: “A man’s good works carry a multiple reward, from ten times to seven hundred times. Allāh says: A fast is an exception, for it is observed for My sake and I shall bestow the reward for it. He who observes a fast gives up his passion and his food for My sake. For such a one there are two joys; a joy when he breaks his fast and a joy when he meets his Lord. His breath is purer in the estimation of Allāh than the fragrance of musk.”

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ Al-Khāmis (may Allāh be his support) in his Friday sermon of September 5, 2008 recited verses 184 to 187 of Chapter 2 [Al-Baqarah] and explained that the ‘shield’ of fasting mentioned in these verses is beneficial when one while bringing one’s *nafs* (self) to accountability protects one’s ears and eyes from what is forbidden. Men are enjoined *ghaḍ al baṣr* (lowering/restraining of the eye) as are women. Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his support) said if these practices are inculcated in Ramaḍān it can be hoped that the beneficence attained in Ramaḍān

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### Upcoming Events

Sat, Jul. 21 - 1<sup>st</sup> of Ramaḍān-ul-Mubārak

Sun, Aug. 19 - ‘Īd-ul-Fiṭr

Fri-Sun, Sep. 7-9 - Jalsa Sālāna, UK

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## Şadr's message (continued)

would continue later on. The 'fasting of the tongue' would be to respond to any verbal aggression with the words of the Ḥadīth: 'I am fasting' and say no more. The 'fasting of the hand' would be not to do anything wrong with one's hands for oneself or for another. Fasting would be a shield when a person implements all the restrictions that Allāh has placed on a believer during fasting and would thus receive the 'training' that teaches one the use of the 'shield' that fasting is.

Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his support) in his Friday sermon of September 14, 2007 stated that the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) said: "one who makes a solemn endeavor to seek Almighty Allāh never fails. If we can feel compassion for a student who works hard for school exams how could God not have mercy and compassion to allow one who endeavors to seek Him and wishes to come near Him? Certainly not!"

May Almighty Allāh enable all of us to achieve nearness to Almighty Allāh by paying special attention to both quantity and quality of worship and recitation of the Holy Qur'ān during the month of Ramaḍān, Āmīn.

وَالسَّلَام

Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa  
Şadr

## Request for Prayers

- Seleem N. Mahdi (aka Bruce Price) of Bay Point Majlis passed away on December 29, 2011 at the age of 73, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*. He accepted Aḥmadiyyat in 1993. He is survived by his 12 children and many grandchildren. He actively participated in Tablīgh activities alongside Khadim Shah of Bay Point Majlis. His daughter, Rene Flaggs—along with his son and daughter—accepted Aḥmadiyyat after his demise.
- Abdul Basit, father of Shoaib Basit, Muntazim Finance of Central Virginia Majlis, passed away on May 22, 2012, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*. In the 1974 riots against Aḥmadīs, his house was burned down in Haripur Hazara, Pakistan where he had worked as a teacher and vice principal at T&T High School. Having lost everything including his job, he subsequently moved to Dubai and then in 1986 to the U.S. He is survived by two sons, Shoaib Basit and Noman Basit, and two daughters Bushra Anwer and Azra Ahmad.
- Saeed Ahmad Chawdary of Willingboro Majlis passed away on June 7, 2012 at the age of 80, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*. He was the older brother of Mubasher Chaudhry of Silicon Valley, father of Rashid Ahmad, and father-in-law of Munawar Saqib, Qā'id Finance. He was born in Burma (now Myanmar), spent early years in India and Pakistan, and migrated to U.K. in the 1960s. Having retired from British Airways in London and relocated to the U.S. he joined the Willingboro Jamā'at in mid-1990s. He leaves behind four children and seven grandchildren.
- Raja Shehzad Hyder of Miami Majlis passed away on June 9, 2012, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*. He was a Mūṣī.

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

- Inam Agha, Za'īm of Kansas Majlis, has recently had a stent placed for his heart problem. Members are requested to pray for his complete health.

## Deadline Extension for Ta'lim Test and Essay Writing Competition

Taking into consideration that many Anṣār are busy carrying out tasks for the 2012 U.S. Jalsa Sālāna, the deadline for Ta'lim Test as well as Essay Writing Competition has been extended to **July 20, 2012**. The submissions must be completed by the new deadline.

For further information please contact Qā'id Ta'lim, Monas Chaudry, at [qaid.talim@ansarusa.org](mailto:qaid.talim@ansarusa.org) or 714-488-7407.



Group photo of Anṣār at Dallas Majlis' local Ijtimā' held on March 4, 2012



Group photo of Anṣār at Baltimore Majlis' local Ijtimā' held on April 1, 2012



Anṣār of L.A. East and L.A. Inland Majālis at their Jamā'ats' picnic held on March 3, 2012



Anṣār serving at "Feeding the Homeless/Hungry" drive held on March 10, 2012 by L.A. East Majlis



Anṣār of L.A. East Majlis gather for a morning walk after Tahajjud and Fajr Prayers on March 24, 2012



Group photo of Majlis-i-Āmilah of York Majlis

## 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 two verses are assigned to be memorized with split meaning during the month of July.

إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ وَاٰخِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ لَآٰيٰتٍ لِّاُولٰٓئِىَ الْاَلْبَابِ ﴿١٩١﴾

[3:191] In the creation of the heavens and the earth and in the alternation of the night and the day there are indeed Signs for men of understanding;

یقیناً آسمانوں اور زمین کی پیدائش میں اور رات اور دن کے بدلنے بدلنے میں صاحب عقل لوگوں کے لئے نشانیاں ہیں۔

الَّذِينَ يَذْكُرُونَ اللّٰهَ قِيَامًا وَّ قُعُوْدًا وَّ عَلٰى جُنُوْبِهِمْ وَاَيُّكُمْ رُوٰى فِي خَلْقِ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ رَبَّنَا مَا خَلَقْتَ هٰذَا بَاطِلًا ۗ سُبْحٰنَكَ قَوْمًا عٰذَابُ النَّارِ ﴿١٩٢﴾

[3:192] Those who remember Allāh while standing, sitting, and *lying* on their sides, and ponder over the creation of the heavens and the earth: "Our Lord, Thou hast not created this in vain; nay, Holy art Thou; save us, then, from the punishment of the Fire.

وہ لوگ جو اللہ کو یاد کرتے ہیں کھڑے ہوئے بھی اور بیٹھے ہوئے بھی اور اپنے پہلوؤں کے بل بھی اور آسمانوں اور زمین کی پیدائش میں غور و فکر کرتے رہتے ہیں۔ (اور بے ساختہ کہتے ہیں) اے ہمارے رب! تُو نے ہرگز یہ بے مقصد پیدا نہیں کیا۔ پاک ہے تُو۔ پس ہمیں آگ کے عذاب سے بچا۔

Information about members who pass away is published in the newsletter with request for prayers for the departed souls and their families. Members are requested to provide information about deceased members at <http://ansarusa.org/content/information-about-deceased-members>.

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