

Message from Şadr Majlis Anşārullāh, USA

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Ḥadīth about Truthfulness

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) said: "Truth guides to virtue and virtue guides to Paradise. A person persists in telling the truth till in the sight of Allāh he is named Truthful. Lying leads to vice and vice leads to the Fire; and a person goes on lying till in the sight of Allāh he is named a liar." (Bukhārī and Muslim)

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Dear Anşār: *السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ*

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his support) has approved a recommendation by Majlis Shūrā of Majlis Anşārullāh USA held in October 2012, that enables each and every member of Majlis Anşārullāh to participate in financial sacrifices. However, before I give details of this approval, I wish to draw your attention to the significance of financial sacrifices. Almighty Allāh says in the Holy Qur'ān: "They spend their wealth for the cause of Allāh, then follow not up what they have spent with taunt or injury, for them is their reward with their Lord, and they shall have no fear, nor shall they grieve." (The Holy Qur'ān, 2 [Al-Baqarah]: 263).

Allāh also says: "Never shall you attain to righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love." (The Holy Qur'ān, 3 [Āl 'Imrān]: 93)

Allāh also says: "Behold, you are those who are called upon to spend in the way of Allāh; but of you there are some who are niggardly. And whoso is niggardly, is niggardly only against his own soul. And Allāh is Self-Sufficient, and it is you that are needy. And if you turn your backs, He will bring in your stead a people other than you, then they will not be like you." (The Holy Qur'ān, 47 [Muhammad]: 39)

Abdullah ibn Shikhkhir relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) said: "I came to the

Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) while he was reciting Surah Al-Takathur (Chapter 102) of the Qur'ān. He said: Man says 'My property, my property;' while out of his property only that is his which he eats and consumes, and wears and wears out, and spends in charity and sends ahead." (Muslim)

Ibn Umar relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) said: "Only two are to be envied: he upon whom Allāh bestows the Qur'ān and he conforms to it through the hours of the night and the day; and he upon whom Allāh bestows wealth and he spends it in the cause of Allāh, through the hours of the night and the day." (Bukhārī and Muslim)

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) writes: "Is there any organization in the world, whether temporal or spiritual, which can run without money? Almighty Allāh has created a system of means appropriate for achieving proper results. Then how mean and stingy is the person who cannot sacrifice a paltry thing like a few pennies for such a grand objective as the victory of Islām. There was a time when men sacrificed their lives like goats for this objective." (Malfūzāt, Volume 3, pp. 359-360 [Speech on July 5, 1903])

As you have read in the quotes provided, the sacrifices that are made out of our obedience and gratitude to

Şadr's message (continued)

Almighty Allāh and out of our sincerity of purpose that indicate the measure of a man and of a true believer.

The Shūrā recommendation approved by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his support) states that every member should pay membership dues for Majlis Anşārullāh. **The rate of membership dues (Chanda) for earning members of Majlis Anşārullāh, USA remains the same, which is 1% of the take home income. Non-earning members are now required to pay Anşār dues at \$36/year.**

Details of Majlis Anşārullāh dues are:

Earning Status	Anşār Membership Dues Per year	Ijtimā' Dues Per year	Publication Dues Per year
Non-Earning	\$24	\$12	None
Earning	1% of yearly take home income	0.00125% of yearly take home income	\$10

Please note that Majlis Anşārullāh's fiscal year starts on January 1st. It is essential for each and every member to take care of his financial obligation as soon as possible.

All those who are currently unemployed or who have no income are required to pay the minimum approved amount which is \$36/year. Those members who cannot pay membership dues, in full or in part, must write to Şadr Majlis through Za'im Majlis to obtain permission for exemption from paying membership dues presenting their reasons for not being able to pay, how much they can or cannot pay, and duration of this exemption.

I humbly request every member to pay their membership dues sooner rather than later. Our goal is to have 100% participation, *Inshā'allāh*.

وَالسَّلَامُ

Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa
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Ta'limul Qur'ān: Assigned Verses for Memorization

As prescribed in Ta'limul Qur'ān syllabus of Majlis Anşārullāh, USA, verses 36-41 and 52-58 of Sūrah Al-Nūr (Chapter 24) are to be memorized with split meaning during the year 2013. The following two verses are assigned to be memorized with split meaning during the month of February.

فِي بُيُوتِ الَّذِينَ أُذِنَ لَهُمْ أَنْ يُذَكَّرَ فِيهَا اسْمُهُ ۗ يُسَبِّحُ لَهُ فِيهَا بِالْغُدُوِّ وَالْآصَالِ ﴿٣٦﴾

[24:37] *This light is now lit* in houses with regard to which Allāh has ordained that they be exalted and that His name be remembered in them. Therein is He glorified in the mornings and the evenings

ایسے گھروں میں جن کے متعلق اللہ نے اذن دیا ہے کہ انہیں بلند کیا جائے اور ان میں اس کے نام کا ذکر کیا جائے۔ ان میں صبح و شام اس کی تسبیح کرتے ہیں۔

رِجَالٌ لَا تُلْهِيهِمْ تِجَارَةٌ وَلَا بَيْعٌ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَإِقَامِ الصَّلَاةِ وَإِيتَاءِ الزَّكَاةِ ۗ يَخَافُونَ يَوْمًا تَتَقَلَّبُ فِيهِ الْقُلُوبُ وَالْأَبْصَارُ ﴿٣٨﴾

[24:38] *By men, whom neither merchandise nor traffic diverts from the remembrance of Allāh and the observance of Prayer, and the giving of the Zakāt. They fear a day in which hearts and eyes will be agitated,*

ایسے عظیم مرد جنہیں نہ کوئی تجارت اور نہ کوئی خرید و فروخت اللہ کے ذکر سے یا نماز کے قیام سے یا زکوٰۃ کی ادائیگی سے غافل کرتی ہے۔ وہ اس دن سے ڈرتے ہیں جس میں دل (خوف سے) الٹ پلٹ ہو رہے ہوں گے اور آنکھیں بھی۔

Dr. Basharat Munir Mirza Passes Away

Dr. Basharat Munir Mirza of Athens Majlis passed away on February 8, 2013 at the age of 78, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*. He served the Jamā'at in various capacities for a long time. Most notably his printing press, Fazl-i-Umar Press, in Athens, Ohio has been instrumental in printing and mailing various Jamā'at publications for almost five decades since early 1960s.



Dr. Mirza was a Professor of Nuclear Physics at Ohio University, conducting pioneering research at Brookhaven National Lab for eleven years. He also actively served the community he lived in. In 1990, Dr. Mirza started a food pantry for the town of Chauncey—a small municipality next to Athens, Ohio. In 1991, he helped the Athens County Adult Education program that was about to be eliminated and managed to keep it running. At that time, he received a letter of commendation from the Ohio House of Representatives commending him as a “remarkable individual, combining civic concern and commitment with selfless initiative to become a dynamic leader.” Noting his services in terms of giving of his time, energy, and resources, the letter said, “we commend you for your dedicated service to the community and salute you as one of Ohio’s finest citizens.”

In 2007, Dr. Mirza was elected to the town council for a four-year term. In 2008 and 2009, he was elected as the president of the town council for one-year terms for two consecutive years. On March 9, 2009, Dr. Mirza became the Mayor of Chauncey when the sitting mayor resigned. As such, Dr. Mirza became the first Aḥmadī to become a mayor of a U.S. town. Upon hearing from Dr. Mirza about his appointment, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his support) congratulated him and said “Alḥamdulillāh” and prayed that may Allāh empower him to discharge his duties efficiently and that may He be his Protector and Helper.

In the publication of March 4, 2009 of The Athens Messenger, a citizen recognized Dr. Mirza’s services for the town and referred to him as one of the “Champions of Chauncey.” In his letter to the paper’s Editor he writes: “Dr. Mirza, the president of Village Council, has donated his time as well as his money many times over the years to help out the village. Even before his elected position he bought spreaders for the village dump truck to help keep the streets and roads cleaned and safe. He has paid for blacktop out of his own pocket to fill and repair potholes in the village. He has run a food bank and helped with the homeless, among other things, all with very little or no thanks or recognition.”

Dr. Mirza is survived by his wife of 56 years, two sons, two daughters, thirteen grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Members are requested to pray that may Almighty Allāh accepts his services he offered in the cause of Aḥmadiyyat and humanity and that may He enable his offspring to follow in his footsteps. Āmīn.



Members at the weekly Tabligh stall held at a flea market by St. Louis Majlis

Request for Prayers

- Malik Mohammad Hussein, father of Iftikhar H. Tariq and Malik Altaf H. Qasim of South Virginia Majlis, passed away on January 13, 2013, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*.
- Luqman Fareed Ahmad of Long Island Majlis passed away on January 17, 2013, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*.
- Dr. Arshad Ahmad Qureshi of Faisal Town, Lahore, father of Arif Qureshi, Za'īm of Zion Majlis, passed away on January 27, 2013, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*.
- Sheikh Rifaqat of Houston North Majlis passed away on January 27, 2013, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*.
- Respected Razia Malik, mother-in-law of Dr. Abdul Mannan Malik of Willingboro Majlis, passed away on February 5, 2013, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*.
- Dr. Basharat Munir Mirza of Athens Majlis passed away on February 8, 2013 at the age of 78, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*. He served the U.S. and Canada Jamā'ats in the area of publishing with great zeal and devotion for many decades. 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.

- Naseem Ahmed Waseem, Mu'āwin Ṣadr (IT), was hit by a car while crossing a road and sustained injuries including a broken leg. Members are requested to pray for his complete health.
- Feroz Khan of Oakland Majlis is hospitalized due to heart problem. Members are requested to pray for his complete health.

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