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Newsletter

SPECIAL EDITION: EID-UL-FITR - Oct. 2008/Shawwal 1429

ICN wishes you a happy Eid! The day of Eid in Islam is one of great joy. On this day, we praise Allah (swt) and thank Him for His bounties and favors. May Allah accept our Ramadan and grant us Laylat-ul-Qadr.

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Salat-ul-Eid

- ✧ The Eid Salah is prayed before the Khutbah (Bukhari 963).
- ✧ There is no Adhaan or Iqamah for the Eid Salah.
- ✧ Seven Takbeerat are said in the first Rak'ah and six in the second (Abu-Dawood 1151).
- ✧ RasulAllah (S) would read Surah Al 'Ala and Al-Ghashiyah in Salat-ul-Eid (An-Nasai 1422).

Adaab-ul-Eid:

Eid Practices & Manners

Please observe the following Ahkaam (jurisprudence), Sunnan and Adaab (manners) for the day of Eid:

1. Prepare for Salat-ul-Eid

Salat-ul-Eid is wajib (must) according to Imam Abu Hanifa, Sunnah Mu`akada (strongly recommended) according to Imams Malik and Shafi, and Fard-`Ayn (mandatory for everyone) according to Imam Ahmed. May Allah bless them.

2. Stay Fresh & Clean

It is Mustahab (preferred) to perform Ghusl before going to Salat-ul-Eid as Abdullah bin Umar (R) used to do (Mu`watta 428).

3. Women are Encouraged to Dress Modestly

Women must observe Hijab as defined by Islam along with no perfume or make-up. (Imam Ahmed 4508). Men and women should have proper Islamic etiquette and are required not to mingle.

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Register to Vote

To vote in the upcoming November elections, you have only until Tuesday, October 7, 2008 to register or re-register to vote! You can register to vote in person at your county clerk's office, at a designated voter registration station, or you can print the form out online and mail it in to your local clerk.

Adaab-ul-Eid

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4. Nourish With a Date

It is Sunnah to eat an odd number of dates before going to Eid-al-Fitr Salah (Bukhari 953), unlike Eid-al-Adha, where it is sunnah to eat after Salah (Tirmidhi 542).

5. On the First & Every Step Praise Allah

With the first step out the door, the Takbeer should be said, and one should continue reciting the Takbeer until the Eid prayer begins. Saying Takbeer out loud on the day of Eid is one of the greatest Sunnahs on this day (Irwa' al-Ghaleel, 3/122).

6. Bring the Whole Family

All the family should witness the day of Eid. Even women in their menstrual period should witness the day of Eid by standing aside the prayer hall in order to listen to the sermon and du'a (Bukhari 324).

7. Congratulate Each Other Warmly

Congratulations and good wishes should be exchanged by people such as saying "Taqabbala Allah minna wa minkum": "May Allaah accept (good deeds) from us and from you." (Al-Fath, 2/446).

8. Return From a Different Route

RasulAllah (S) would go to the Musallah on Eid via one route and return from another (Bukhari 986).

by Sheikh Omar AlKurdi,
ICN Religious Director

ICN Update

Major Milestone on 95th St Property

Alhamdulillah, on September 12, ICN signed a contract with Macom Corporation to purchase 19.52 acres on the NW corner of 95th St. and Wolf's Crossing Road for \$3.03 million. The next steps are due diligence, financing and zoning. We will need to close on the property in March 2009, InshaAllah.

Eid Announcement

InshaAllah, as soon as the Eid date is confirmed, ICN will send a voice message to all community members signed up in our database – similar to the message that was sent at the beginning of Ramadan. We will also send out an e-mail and update our website accordingly. If you would like to sign up for our voice mail list, please send your name, phone number and e-mail address to: ICN.Membership@icnnet.org.

Qiyam Al-Layl

The Ogden and Olesen Masajid will be open all night during the last 10 nights of Ramadan. InshaAllah, there will be a special Qiyam Al-Layl program at the Ogden Masjid on the night of Saturday, Sept. 27.

Khatam Al-Qur'an

Completion of the Qur'an will be, InshaAllah, on the 29th night of Ramadan this year (Monday, Sept. 29) at the Ogden and Olesen Masajid. There will be no Khatam Al-Qur'an at the Musallah on 83rd st.

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