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- [Allah praises] those who convey the messages of Allah and fear Him and do not fear anyone but Allah. And sufficient is Allah as Accountant. (Translation of the meaning of 33:39, Qur'an)



Masjid Muhammad of Atlantic City

Masjid Muhammad is a multi-cultural religious community established in the city of Atlantic City, New Jersey. Our mission is to spread the beautiful teachings of Al Islam to the citizens of Atlantic County and the surrounding areas. We serve our community by providing many needed services such as a Food Pantry, Interfaith activities, Social and Marital counseling, and much more. We hold the five daily prayers in our 10,000 Sq ft facility. In addition, we conduct daily classes in the various Islamic disciplines.

Our educational approach is based on the famous hadith of the angel Jibril which mentions three divisions of our religion: Islam (Religious Practice), Iman (Religious Faith), and Ihsan (Spiritual Perfection). These three aspects are represented in the Islamic sciences of 'Aqidah (Creed), Fiqh (Jurisprudence), and Tasawwuf (Sufism). We believe that mastery of these three essential sciences are extremely important toward developing a complete believer and a healthy Islamic community.

We adhere to the traditional school of Ahlus Sunnah wal Jama'ah (The People of the Prophetic Way and The Majority of the Islamic Nation). In Aqidah, we are following the methodology of the knowledgeable scholars of Islamic Theology. In Fiqh, we are following the teachings of the famous Imams of Islamic Jurisprudence as conveyed by a continuous chain of narrators until our time. In Tasawwuf, we are following the traditional spiritual paths which were expounded upon by the pious scholars of the science of Islamic Spirituality. This is the way of Ahlus Sunnah wal Jama'ah, which is the way of the majority of the Muslim nation, past and present.

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You Want to Know Why I Love the Sisterhood

By Turiya Abdur-Raheem



"They embraced me"

They embraced me
Gave me my shahadah
Told me to shower, begin life anew, how to pray and make wudu
They embraced me

Taught me the Fatiha
My first Arabic letters and words
Gave me long skirts, and helped shield me from hurts
They embraced me

Stood by my side when my faith was then tested
Through the men and abuses, they made no excuses
They embraced me

Wiped tears from my face, gave me shelter and care
Brought food and clothing when the babies did bear
They embraced me

Cleaned my house, cooked my meals, prayed when I was sick
Held my hands through the washings of baby and friends
Shroudings and janazahs, my soul they helped cleanse
They embraced me

I sat at the feet of the knowledgeable ones
As they tutored and taught and pushed me to grow
Close to Al-Haqq, Al-Wadud, Al-Wakeel, a true living God they
helped me to feel
They embraced me

Their voices in dhikr, I loved to hear
The good works in charity, shared year after year
Through husbands and children, they were still there
They embraced me

If they ate my flesh, I did not know
I pray for myself and for them I pray too, wherever we fell short, no
intentions to do
Because.....
They embraced me

By: Turiya Abdur-Raheem

Significance of Ramadan

By Mikal Rasheed

The importance of fasting (siyam) in Ramadan is clearly expressed in several ahadith (sayings) of the Prophet (pbuh). It is reported by Abu Hurairah (ra), a companion of the Prophet (pbuh), that the Prophet (pbuh) said: "He who fasts during Ramadan with faith and seeks his reward from Allah will have his past sins forgiven; he who prays during the night in Ramadan with faith and seeks his reward from Allah will have his past sins forgiven; and he who passes Lailat al-qadr (the night of power) in prayer with faith and seeks his reward from Allah will have his past sins forgiven." (Bukhari and Muslim).



Besides creating Allah-consciousness (taqwa), fasting in Ramadan helps in developing an Islamic personality. The fasting in Ramadan is practiced by the Muslims practically in every corner of the world. Collective-sharing, in this experience creates a sense of belonging to a universal and global community (ummah) in the heart of every participating Muslim. The experience is, in a sense, unique because it does not result in any kind of self-mortification. On the contrary, it develops a sense of regulating and re-orienting one's understanding of life and basic needs, such as food and sex. A Muslim who practices fasting abstains from food or sex because Allah has commanded him or her to do so. Not for a fraction of time does he think that abstention from food had to do with his health or appearance. Achieving pleasures of Allah is the sole objective of fasting in Ramadan. While one shares in experiencing Allah's presence very close to one's self during fasting, breaking of fast brings its own blessings. Sharing, whatever simple and small food one may have to offer others, helps in building brotherhood of hearts, minds and bodies of all participants. However, the most significant aspect of fasting (siyam) remains the creation of Allah-consciousness (taqwa).

Conversely speaking, if someone does not consciously abstain from unbecoming immoral behavior, fasting does not bring any blessings to such a person. The Prophet of Allah (pbuh) is reported to have said: "If one does not abandon falsehood in words and deeds, Allah has no need for his abandoning of his food and drink." (Al-Bukhari).

Hasiba's Kitchen

By Hasiba Al-Khattab

Beet Smoothie



Ingredients: Milk, Banana, Vanilla Yogurt, Beets

Directions: Add 17 oz. of milk + 1 banana + 1 vanilla yogurt + 3 medium/ small beets that are boiled, peeled and cut into squares into your blender. Once blended, your smoothie should look something like this.....



Enjoy!!! :)

Prayer Times

**Prayer Schedule July / 2014

Date	Day	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
1	Tue	4:01	5:35	1:03	5:00	8:30	10:05
2	Wed	4:01	5:35	1:03	5:00	8:30	10:05
3	Thu	4:02	5:36	1:03	5:00	8:29	10:04
4	Fri	4:03	5:36	1:03	5:00	8:29	10:04
5	Sat	4:04	5:37	1:03	5:00	8:29	10:03
6	Sun	4:04	5:37	1:04	5:01	8:29	10:03
7	Mon	4:05	5:38	1:04	5:01	8:28	10:02
8	Tue	4:06	5:39	1:04	5:01	8:28	10:02
9	Wed	4:07	5:39	1:04	5:01	8:28	10:01
10	Thu	4:08	5:40	1:04	5:01	8:27	10:01
11	Fri	4:09	5:40	1:04	5:01	8:27	10:00
12	Sat	4:10	5:41	1:05	5:01	8:27	9:59
13	Sun	4:11	5:42	1:05	5:01	8:26	9:58
14	Mon	4:12	5:43	1:05	5:01	8:26	9:58
15	Tue	4:13	5:43	1:05	5:01	8:25	9:57
16	Wed	4:14	5:44	1:05	5:01	8:24	9:56
17	Thu	4:15	5:45	1:05	5:01	8:24	9:55
18	Fri	4:16	5:46	1:05	5:01	8:23	9:54
19	Sat	4:17	5:46	1:05	5:00	8:22	9:53
20	Sun	4:19	5:47	1:05	5:00	8:22	9:52
21	Mon	4:20	5:48	1:05	5:00	8:21	9:51
22	Tue	4:21	5:49	1:05	5:00	8:20	9:50
23	Wed	4:22	5:50	1:05	5:00	8:19	9:49
24	Thu	4:23	5:51	1:05	5:00	8:19	9:47
25	Fri	4:25	5:51	1:05	5:00	8:18	9:46
26	Sat	4:26	5:52	1:05	4:59	8:17	9:45
27	Sun	4:27	5:53	1:05	4:59	8:16	9:44
28	Mon	4:28	5:54	1:05	4:59	8:15	9:43
29	Tue	4:29	5:55	1:05	4:59	8:14	9:41
30	Wed	4:31	5:56	1:05	4:58	8:13	9:40
31	Thu	4:32	5:57	1:05	4:58	8:12	9:39

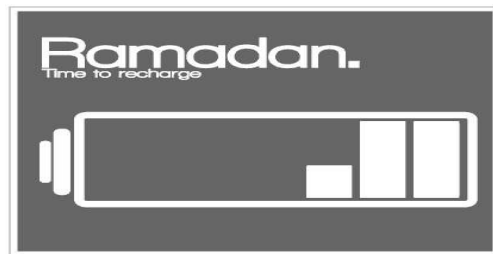
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Hadith of the Month



The Prophet peace and blessings of Allah upon him, said, “When Ramadan enters the doors of the Heavens are opened, the doors of Hell are closed, and the shayateen are chained.” (Bukhari, Muslim, and others)