

- [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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Social Duties

Excerpt from Imam 'Abdallah Ibn 'Alawi Al-Haddad's text "The Book of Assistance" forwarded by Mikal Rasheed



"For God the Exalted created them only that by means of them you might obey Him"

Deal justly with those in your charge, whether 'public' or 'personal'. Be altogether protecting and solicitous for them, for God will call you to account in their regard, and 'every shepherd will be asked to account for his flock.'

By your 'personal charges' I mean your seven organs, which are your tongue, ears, eyes, stomach, genitals, hands and feet. These are your charges which God has given you and a trust with which He has entrusted you, which you should restrain from sin and use in His obedience. For God the Exalted created them only that by means of them you might obey Him; they are among the greatest of His favours, for which we should thank Him by using them to obey Him, and not in His disobedience. If you do not do this you will be turning God's favour into ingratitude. Had God the Exalted not made these organs to be your servants and made them to obey you by disposition, you would not have been able to use them to disobey Him at all. When you intend to use any of them sinfully it says in its own way: 'O servant of God! Fear God! Do not force me to commit that which God has forbidden me!' If you then commit a sin, it turns to God and says: 'I forbade him, O Lord, but he did not listen; I am innocent of what he did.' You will one day stand before God and these organs will testify to every good and evil in which you used them, on a day which cannot be averted, brought on by God, you will then have neither refuge nor denial [XLII:47], a day when wealth and children will be of no avail, and only those who come to God with a whole heart. [XXVI:89]

To be continued!

Essentials (Integrals) of Wudu' (Ablution)

Excerpt from A Brief Explanation of the Summary of 'Abdullah Al-Harariyy by Staff

According to the Shafi'i Madhhab (School of Islamic Law), The essentials of wudu' are 6:

1. Have the intention of purification (taharah) for prayer—or any equivalent intention—when the water first touches the face.
2. To wash the whole face, from the normal hairline to the chin and from one ear to the other including the hair and skin, but not the inner part of the man's thick beard.
3. To wash the hands and the forearms up to and including the elbows and what is on them.
4. To wet wipe the head or part of it—even if it is only one hair—within the boundary of the head.
5. To wash the feet, including the ankles, or else wet wipe the footgear (khuff) when the conditions of the footgear are fulfilled
6. To observe the aforementioned order

(F.O.I.) Friends of Islam in Atlantic City

By Kaleem Shabazz



"The foremost supporter and aid to Islam in Atlantic City was the late Rev. I.S. Cole"

Just as the Christian King Negus aided and assisted Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and the early followers as they fled from repression, Muslims in Atlantic City had Christian friends and supporters who gave them assistance and aid.

The foremost supporter and aid to Islam in Atlantic City was the late Rev. I.S. Cole, the long time pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Atlantic City.

After the believers had to move from a location on Atlantic Avenue and moved to various locations to have our meetings, Rev. Cole provided the community with a stable location. Responding to our need for a more permanent place of worship, Rev. Cole rented his office building to us, that was directly across from his church.

Rev. Cole was an extremely considerate and fair landlord giving the community a very acceptable rent. In addition to providing the Muslims with a stable place of worship in the community, Rev. Cole also held the mortgage enabling the building to be purchased by the believers at a great savings.

Being a developer of housing Rev. Cole also provided many Muslim families with modern, affordable housing in his family development (Barlinvis) named after his wife and two daughters in the Venice Park section of Atlantic City.

I am proud to have called Rev. Cole my good friend and to relate how he was a giant in the stabilization and development of Masjid Muhammad thru his sense of fairness, social justice and his implementation of his religious beliefs.

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Prayer Times

***Estimated Prayer Times for October 2014

Prayer Schedule October / 2014							
Date	Day	<u>Fajr</u>	<u>Sunrise</u>	<u>Dhuhr</u>	<u>Asr</u>	<u>Maghrib</u>	<u>Isha</u>
1	Wed	5:42	6:54	12:48	4:07	6:41	7:55
2	Thu	5:43	6:55	12:48	4:06	6:40	7:53
3	Fri	5:44	6:56	12:48	4:05	6:38	7:51
4	Sat	5:45	6:57	12:48	4:04	6:37	7:50
5	Sun	5:46	6:58	12:47	4:03	6:35	7:48
6	Mon	5:47	6:59	12:47	4:01	6:33	7:47
7	Tue	5:48	7:00	12:47	4:00	6:32	7:45
8	Wed	5:49	7:01	12:46	3:59	6:30	7:44
9	Thu	5:50	7:02	12:46	3:58	6:29	7:42
10	Fri	5:51	7:03	12:46	3:57	6:27	7:41
11	Sat	5:52	7:04	12:46	3:56	6:26	7:39
12	Sun	5:53	7:05	12:45	3:55	6:24	7:38
13	Mon	5:54	7:06	12:45	3:53	6:23	7:36
14	Tue	5:55	7:07	12:45	3:52	6:21	7:35
15	Wed	5:56	7:08	12:45	3:51	6:20	7:33
16	Thu	5:57	7:09	12:44	3:50	6:18	7:32
17	Fri	5:58	7:10	12:44	3:49	6:17	7:31
18	Sat	5:59	7:11	12:44	3:48	6:16	7:29
19	Sun	6:00	7:12	12:44	3:47	6:14	7:28
20	Mon	6:01	7:13	12:44	3:46	6:13	7:27
21	Tue	6:02	7:14	12:43	3:45	6:11	7:25
22	Wed	6:03	7:15	12:43	3:44	6:10	7:24
23	Thu	6:04	7:16	12:43	3:43	6:09	7:23
24	Fri	6:05	7:17	12:43	3:41	6:07	7:22
25	Sat	6:06	7:18	12:43	3:40	6:06	7:20
26	Sun	6:07	7:19	12:43	3:39	6:05	7:19
27	Mon	6:07	7:20	12:43	3:38	6:03	7:18
28	Tue	6:08	7:22	12:43	3:37	6:02	7:17
29	Wed	6:09	7:23	12:43	3:36	6:01	7:16
30	Thu	6:10	7:24	12:43	3:36	6:00	7:15
31	Fri	6:11	7:25	12:42	3:35	5:59	7:14

***These prayer times are simply estimates and should
only be used as a guide and not exact times to pray



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Hadith of the Month



The Prophet (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, “None makes the religion difficult except that it overcomes him. So, aim for what is right, stick to the moderate way...”

[Bukhari, Sahih]