

FROM THE IMAM

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Upcoming activities and Highlights



'Eid Al Adha
Friday, September 1st
8:30 am



The Day of Arafat
Thursday, August
31st



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'Eid Al Adha



'Eid Al Adha Mubarak to you and your family and loved ones. InshAllah this year 'Eid Al Adha will begin on the night of Friday September 1st. **The takbiraat for 'Eid al Adha will begin Friday at 8:30 am** followed by **'Eid prayers at 9:00 am.** I hope to see you all there InshAllah. Our Gym is spacious and it usually accommodates everyone, but we have extra space ready for overflow and sisters who choose to pray in a separate room. Please come on time, and we appreciate it if you bring your prayer rugs, and keep your children just until the prayer and khutbah are over.

Remember, it is highly recommended and generously reward, by Allah, to take a ritual shower (ghusl) and wear something clean (preferably white and/or new). Returning home from a different route than the one you came from is also recommended (mandub).

The Day of Arafat



Hajj's greatest ritual is standing on the mountain of Arafat and raising our hands with supplication. Showing utmost dedication and submission to God. For those are not performing Hajj, they can participate the joy and dedication by fasting on the day of Arafat. In fact, fasting the first 9 days of *Dull Hijjah* (the month of pilgrimage) is highly recommended act of devotion.

If you are not able to **fast the whole 9 days (August 23rd—31st)**, at least make sure to try and **fast the day of Arafat (August 31st)**. "I seek from Allah that **fasting on the day of 'Arafat may atone for the sins of the preceding and the coming years**" ~ Narrated in Muslim Book 13, Hadith 252

Understanding the Quran



The Quran is the final revelation from God to humanity. Its core message is guidance to all humanity. As the scholars of Quranic commentary explain, this guidance is multifaceted and takes on different forms. In the Quran is guidance for the believers, the God-mindful people, and simply guidance to the entire humanity, including those who do not believe. Every Ramadan, many Muslims race to finish reading the entire book, cover to cover. The Question is: how much of what we read do we actually understand?

Come join us for **Maghreb prayers every Friday night** and stay for 15 minutes of reflections on the meanings of the Quran. We try to look at each of the Quran's 30 parts and attempt to understand the meaning and main themes behind them. No prior knowledge of Arabic is required. We do encourage people to read a full part (Juz) before coming to class, it will make the experience much more meaningful.

Arabic for Beginners



Arabic is the language of the Quran and the Sunnah (the prophetic tradition). Learning Arabic enable Muslims to appreciate and understand more the words of the final revelation, the Quran. It also brings our daily prayers to a whole different level and enable us to connect more deeply with Allah.

Arabic for beginners is a class designed to enable people with no prior knowledge to Arabic to learn the alphabet, the vowels, and introduces them to some Quranic and Islamic terminology. This class is designed for adult learners, we encourage young ones to enroll in our Salaam school program. **The class will take place Sundays between Maghreb and Isha prayers.** To join the class, please email me at hmhmselim@gmail.com

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