



Ramadan 2016 Edition | In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful

## MESSAGE FROM THE IMAM

As Salamu Alaikum wa Rahmatul Allahi wa Barakatuhu.

Dear brothers and sisters.

I greet you all with the peaceful greetings of Islam, a greeting full of peace, mercy, and blessings from Allah the Almighty.

The word Ramadan comes from the Arabic word *ramiḍa*, which means severe or extreme heat. That is because fasting during this month burns away our sins. The Arabs say, *Armadahul Harr* or the heat has burned him, or gave him sunburn. The point is, Ramadan and fasting is time of extreme spiritual heat and energy that burns away our sins. To help us do just this, doors for heavens are wide opened, day and night, while doors to hellfire are locked. According to the authentic Hadith, Prophet Muhammad, may Allah's peace and blessings shower him, said;

**"When the month of Ramadan begins, the gates of Paradise are opened and the gates of Hell are shut, and the devils are fettered." Sunan an-Nasa'i**

أَخْبَرَنَا عَلِيُّ بْنُ حُجْرٍ، قَالَ حَدَّثَنَا إِسْمَاعِيلُ، قَالَ حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو سَهْلٍ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " إِذَا دَخَلَ شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ فَتُحْتَأَبُ أَبْوَابُ الْجَنَّةِ وَتُغْلَقُ أَبْوَابُ النَّارِ وَصُوِّدَتِ الشَّيَاطِينُ " .

Humans are forgetful by nature, no wonder the word for human in Arabic share the same root with the word for forgetting. This is why Allah has placed and signs or Ayat for us to remember. To remember Allah, which gives us tranquility.

**Remembrance of God certainly brings comfort to all hearts.**  
(13:28)

(الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَتَطْمَئِنُّ قُلُوبُهُمْ بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ أَلَا بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ تَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ) [الرعد: 28]

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*Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying: "Allah the Exalted and Majestic said: Every act of the son of Adam is for him, except fasting. It is (exclusively) meant for Me and I (alone) will reward it. Fasting is a shield. When any one of you is fasting on a day, he should neither indulge in obscene language, nor raise the voice; or if anyone reviles him or tries to quarrel with him he should say: I am a person fasting. By Him, in Whose Hand is the life of Muhammad, the breath of the observer of fast is sweeter to Allah on the Day of judgment than the fragrance of musk. The one who fasts has two (occasions) of joy, one when he breaks the fast he is glad with the breaking of (the fast) and one when he meets his Lord he is glad with his fast".*  
(Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

## IMPORTANT DATES

### RAMADAN

- Ramadan begins Sunday night, **June 5** at Maghrib with the first day of fasting Monday **June 6**
- The first Taraweh prayers begin after Isha prayer on Sunday **June 5** and after Isha prayer every night there-after and last for 45 minutes. Isha will be at 10:30 pm the whole month of Ramadan.
- Fajr will be at 4:15 am for the entire month of Ramadan.
- Education: Short khatirah every day after Fajr followed by Qur'an reading. Halaqahs/workshops every Saturday after Dhuh.
- Iftar will be held every night at the ICCR except on the very last night of Ramadan.
- Sign up to host or sponsor an Iftar by signing up outside the Imam's office
- The ICCR Board will host a community Iftar on 27<sup>th</sup> night of Ramadan, **July 1**
- Eid Ul Fitr is expected to be Wednesday, **July 6** with Takbir at 8:30am and Salat Al Eid and Khutba at 9:00am
- A breakfast will follow the Khutba. Breakfast food or beverage item donations will be appreciated.
- Wonderful Children's Eid Outdoor Activities will be available as in years past!

### Summer Camp 2016

#### The Companions of the Prophet (pbuh)

Summer Camp will be held for three weeks beginning on Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and ending on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Program will be held Monday through Thursday, 12 to 4 pm. All children who are going into Kindergarten through Eighth grade are invited to join a fun filled three week program. Quran memorization, tajweed (for students who can read from the Quran), Arabic and Islamic Studies will be offered. The theme of this Summer Camp is "The Companions of the Prophet (pbuh)". Children will engage in age appropriate activities relating to the companions and their lives. Schedule also includes daily outdoor activities, field trips, guest speakers and much, much more!!!

Please email [iccrsundayschool@gmail.com](mailto:iccrsundayschool@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer.

Registration will be held after jumaa on July 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> as well as Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Cost:	\$40/Week members of ICCR	\$50/Non-members ICCR
Second Child:	\$30/Week members of ICCR	\$40/Non-members ICCR
Third Child:	\$20/Week members of ICCR	\$30/Non-members ICCR

#### Maximum per family for three weeks:

\$250/ members of ICCR

\$340/Non-members ICCR

The signs Allah placed around us also help us remember two important realities, the reality of this world, which is temporal and terminal, and equally important, is the reality of the hereafter, which is permanent and ever-lasting.

***And this worldly life is not but diversion and amusement. And indeed, the home of the Hereafter - that is the [eternal] life, if only they knew. (29:64)***

وَمَا هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا لَهْوٌ وَلَعِبٌ وَإِنَّ الدَّارَ الْآخِرَةَ لَهِيَ الْحَيَوَانُ لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ (العنكبوت: ٦٤)

The signs of Allah are all over us, in nature, in our all the creation that Allah created. Seldom do we pay attention to many of Allah's signs, but one sign we almost certainly do not pay attention to is time. Time is the hidden blessings from Allah, we pay attention to when we run out of it. Time is more precious than any fortune one can acquire in life, because time is life itself. As far as physics concerned, one scientist has been able to answer the Question of time. As far as what our prophet has taught us, Abu Huraira reported that the prophet said:

***Do not abuse Time, for it is Allah Who is the Time. Sahih Muslim***

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " لَا تَسْتُؤُوا الدَّهْرَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الدَّهْرُ " .

***It was also reported that the prophet said:***

***'Two blessings which many people squander: Good health and free time.' Sunan Ibn Majah***

" نِعْمَتَانِ مَغْبُورٌ فِيهِمَا كَثِيرٌ مِنَ النَّاسِ الصِّحَّةُ وَالْفَرَاغُ " .

Our lives are units of time, with every year, month, day, and even second, a part of our lives goes, and it does not come back. Ramadan is the time to invest our lives in the hereafter in a trade that does not fail. We invest by reading the Quran everyday, by praying all night, and by giving charity without fear of poverty. Allah says in the Quran:

***Those who rehearse the Book of Allah, establish regular Prayer, and spend (in Charity) out of what We have provided for them, secretly and openly, hope for a commerce that will never fail. (35:29)***



إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَتْلُونَ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَنفَقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ سِرًّا وَعَلَانِيَةً يَرْجُونَ تِجَارَةً لَّنْ تَبُورَ (فاطر: ٢٩)

Brothers and sisters, Ramadan is just few days away, and every and each one of us should ask him or herself, how much are we going to invest this year? How do we want Ramadan to change us?

I recently lost my mother-in-law who was not a Muslim, but one of the so many wonderful things I remember her for is asking me after every Ramadan; what has this experience meant to you this year?

May Allah have mercy on her, and may your Ramadan be blessed this year.

Imam Hassan Selim

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## RAMADAN YOUTH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3 ICCR Youth Observatory Trip: leave Masjid 7 pm Sharp!	June 4
June 5 First night of Ramadan  First Taraweeh	June 6 Ramadan 1	June 7 Ramadan 2	June 8 Ramadan 3	June 9 Ramadan 4	June 10 Ramadan 5  ICCR Robotics 7-10:30 pm	June 11 Ramadan 6  Boys and Girls Qiyam ages 7- 13
June 12 Ramadan 7  Youth Sponsored Suhoor	June 13 Ramadan 8	June 14 Ramadan 9	June 15 Ramadan 10	June 16 Ramadan 11	June 17 Ramadan 12  ICCR Robotics 7-10:30 pm	June 18 Ramadan 13  Boys and Girls Qiyam ages 7- 13
June 19 Ramadan 14  Youth Sponsored Suhoor	June 20 Ramadan 15	June 21 Ramadan 16	June 22 Ramadan 17	June 23 Ramadan 18	June 24 Ramadan 19  ICCR Robotics 7-10:30 pm	June 25 Ramadan 20  Youth sponsored Iftar, prep starts at 3 pm
June 26 Ramadan 21	July 27 Ramadan 22	June 28 Ramadan 23	June 29 Ramadan 24	June 30 Ramadan 25	July 1 Ramadan 26  ICCR Board Dinner	July 2 Ramadan 27
July 3 Ramadan 28	July 4 Ramadan 29	July 5 Ramadan 30  Eid Party @ 9:30pm	July 6 Shawwal 1  Eid Al Fitr	July 7 Shawwal 1	July 8 Shawwal 2	July 9 Shawwal 3

*Keep in mind that extra activities and field trips will be announced periodically so keep an eye on the ICCR bulletin board, your email and the ICCR website & Facebook.*

**Congratulations to Mohamed Igram son of Omar Igram and Hanna Elsayed the recipient of the \$500 2016 High School Scholarship!**

### Imam Hassan Selim's Office Hours (including during Ramadan)

8:30-10:30am & 12:30-3:30pm

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