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Tuesday, April 13, 2021
Odd Nights of Last Ten Days:
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Thursday, May 06
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Monday, May 10



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Eid ul-Fitr:
Thursday, May 13, 2021



Taraweeh at ISM

This has been a challenging year at our Masjid due to COVID closures. However, Alhamdulillah, for the past few months, the ISM has been able to offer all five daily prayers at our Masjid and we have also been able to offer Jum'ah prayers. Due to City of Milwaukee restrictions, we could only accommodate 200 brothers and sisters in the Masjid at one time. To resolve this problem, the ISM put in a great deal of work and effort to hold four Jum'ah prayers, allowing us to serve about 800 people each Friday.

Alhamdulillah, this year we will be holding Two sets of Isha and Taraweeh prayers. Over 600 people have registered! Each prayer will serve about 300 people. **There will be social distancing and masks will be required. Isha and eight rakaat of taraweeh will be quick, about 35 minutes. Those who register will be getting an entry card before Ramadan.**

These are the prayer times. (You must be registered to attend).

START TIME FOR FIRST ISHA PRAYER (Isha+Taraweeh will take about 35 minutes):

Ramadan 1-10 - Isha starts at 9:15

Ramadan 11-20 - Isha starts at 9:30

Ramadan 21-30 - Isha starts at 9:45

START TIME FOR SECOND ISHA AND TARAWEEH PRAYER (Isha+Taraweeh will take about 35 minutes):

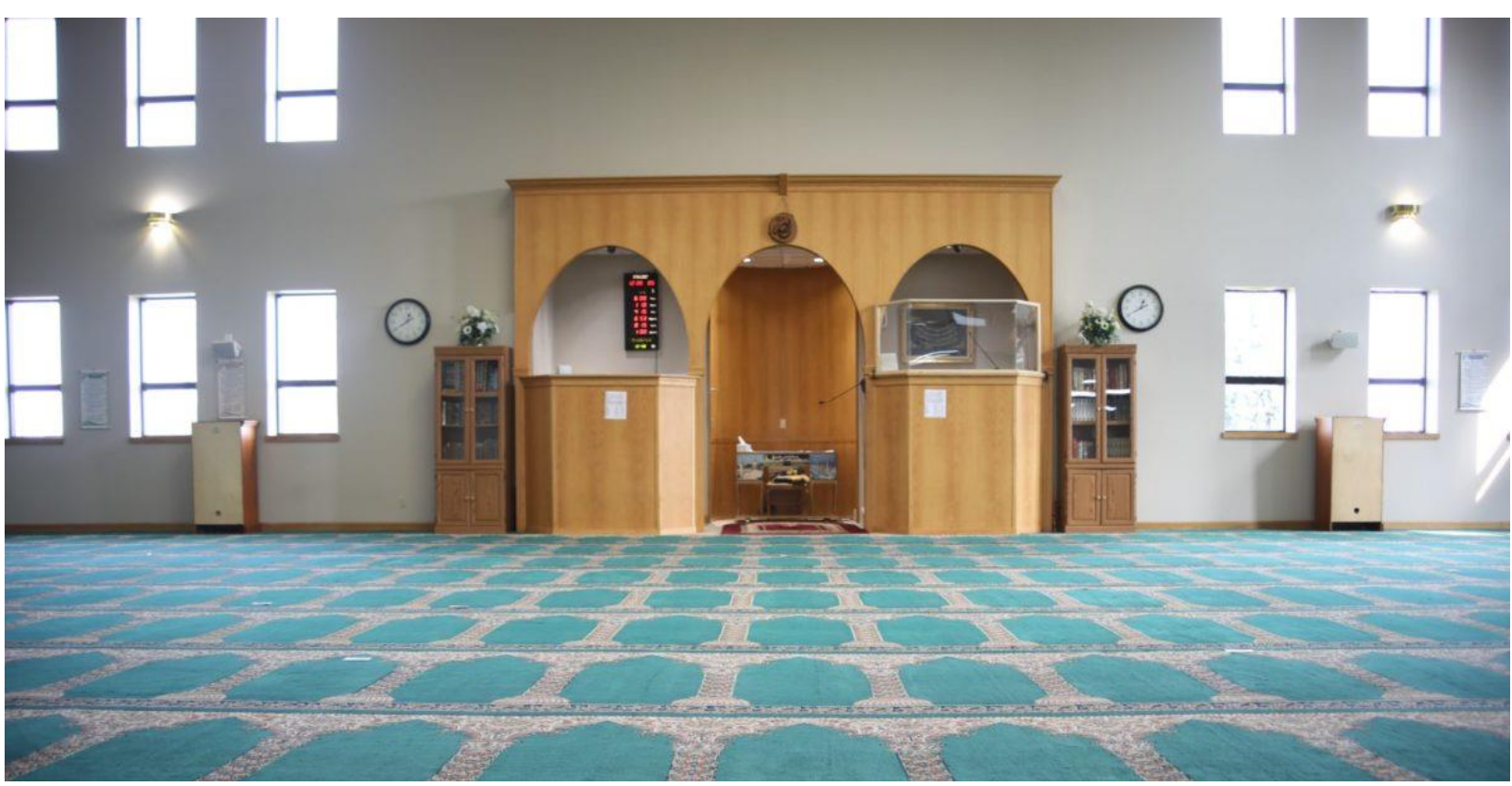
Ramadan 1-10 - Isha starts at 10:15

Ramadan 11-20 - Isha starts at 10:30

Ramadan 21-30 - Isha starts at 10:45

If you have not yet registered, you can do so here:

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Black History Month and Muslim Anti-Racism

By Dr. Zulfiqar Shah

“Black history month was properly observed the ISM Imams. To raise awareness and stand in solidarity with our black brothers and sisters, imams highlighted the struggles, challenges, sacrifices and accomplishments of black Muslims in their Khutbahs and special community programs.”

Over 12 million Africans were enslaved between 1619 and 1865 and over two million were thrown to the bottom of Atlantic Ocean. They were used and abused to build the American Republic. African slaves contributed greatly to the American Revolution, Civil War, World War I and World War II. President Abraham Lincoln abolished slavery in 1865 as a token of appreciation for their contributions. The abolition of slavery was not the end of systems of exploitation, however. Discriminatory Jim Crow laws between 1876 and 1965 mandated *de jure* segregation in all public facilities limiting black access to transportation, schools, restaurants and other public facilities. Consequently, between 1890 and 1940, millions of African Americans were disfranchised, killed, lynched, tortured and brutalized.

Enslaved peoples did not give up their struggle for freedom and equality. They established schools, churches, social welfare institutions, banks, newspapers and small businesses to serve the needs of their communi-

ties. In November 1918, over 350,000 African Americans served with the American Expeditionary Force on the Western Front. Over 1.5 million blacks served in uniform during World War II. They served in segregated units and segregation was abolished only after a long and bloody struggle against it.

The Civil Rights Movement led to Civil Rights Act of 1964 banning discrimination in public accommodations, employment, and labor unions. It also opened the doors for non-white immigration. The migrant Muslim community owes their citizenship, freedom, equality and prosperity to the sacrifices of those early Muslims that paved the path.

Allah SWT commands us to appreciate, love and honor our benefactors. We shall fully support the Black Lives Matter movement and the struggles of the oppressed for equality in the justice system, housing and education. Active engagement in matters of social justice is part of our Islamic responsibility. White supremacists are as much Islamophobic as they are xenophobic, which is why building alliances with minorities and engaging in the civic arena is an Islamic imperative. We can learn a great deal from African American history and transport their egalitarian social ideology to the racially divided Muslim World. That is the essence of Islamic faith. This is the time of inward reflection to cast out our inner demons and replace them with proper Islamic spirituality and moral ethos. May Allah SWT help us in our struggles. Ameen.



Anti-Racism and Spiritual Communities
March 25th | 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Speakers: Sh. Noman Hussein, Dr. Sharon Chubbuck, Rhonda Hill, Will Perry

To attend this panel discussion, register at:
<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/958290974075/false#invitation>
or send an email to amandaharris@marquette.edu

Logos: Soup with Substance, Marquette University Center for Peacemaking and Department of English, Black & Faith



Youth Programming

Core Calendar

PRE-RAMADAN EVENTS

APRIL 2ND-11TH



FRIDAY APRIL 2: COALESCE TO DECOMPRESS: RAMADAN PREP
for Sisterly, 6:30pm via Zoom



SATURDAY APRIL 3: BUILDING A PROPHETIC COMMUNITY
for Young Adults & Professionals, 6pm @ISM Community Center



SUNDAY APRIL 4: RAMADAN THROUGH QURAN
for Core Academy, 11am-1:30pm via Zoom



SUNDAY APRIL 10: LATE NIGHT REFLECTIONS
for Brotherly, 8pm @Greenbelt Clubhouse



SUNDAY APRIL 11: RAMADAN THROUGH QURAN
for Core Academy, 11am-1:30pm via Zoom



Core

Ramadan Comeback

YOUTH TARAWEEH | SKITS & COMPETITIONS | TEAM BUILDING
SOUL FOOD | SUHBAH



4-WEEK RAMADAN SERIES | AGES 14-18 | ISM CENTER HALL
STARTS APR 16 AT 9:30PM | EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

LIMITED SPOTS. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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HOW DO WE PREPARE FOR RAMADAN?

GUEST

Ramadan knocks on your door. How have you prepared to welcome your honored guest? One should center the reading and recitation of the holy text during the fleeting month of Ramadan, describes Ustadh Ameer. This connection to the Qur'an is not a mere ritual but is a way of bringing about a spiritual detoxification that is an active "taqarub," or intimate closeness to divine guidance. This intimacy with the Qur'an will bring about ethical interaction with the self through fortifying the body, with others through sculpting the morals, and with the spirit through strengthening resolve. Only in this way can one welcome the month with hospitality.

HARVEST

The entire year is sacred to Allah, instructs Dr. Shah, but the holiness of four of its months is divine wisdom. A Muslim begins the year with enthusiasm, making promises and committing to change, but what of these promises remain after six months have passed? The month of Rajab, the seventh month, is a reminder to root ourselves spiritually once more, so that in the month of Ramadan, we may reap the rewards. We begin this spiritual preparation with self-reflection and dua, looking inward at our heart that is our garden and asking how we have maintained it. To harvest the bounties of Allah's forgiveness and mercy in the month of Ramadan, we must begin sewing the spiritual seeds in the month of Rajab.

FAMILY ENVIRONMENT

Ramadan is a month of connection and strengthening of relationships. It is more important than ever to use the time of Ramadan to sit with children and spouses on the iftar table. Ibadah of Ramadan is not only an individual worship; it is a communal and familial form of centering that is expressed through celebration and the fortification of Muslim ways of life, Sh. Ziad discusses. Focusing on relationships during the holy month can serve as an investment in younger generations, an investment that will prepare them to embrace and celebrate their Muslim identities.





Salam School

Message from Principal Wanis Shalaby

As one of ISM's central initiatives, we continue to support Salam School and its work toward faith-based scholastic and social excellence for Milwaukee's youth.

This year, Salam School engaged in a rigorous, dual accreditation process to maintain its Wisconsin Religious and Independent School Association (WRISA) and North Central Association (NCA) accreditations.

To give you an idea about what accreditation is and why it is necessary for our school, not to mention all educational institutes, I would like to refer you to Cognia's definition. (Cognia is the umbrella organization of NCA.): "Accreditation is an international protocol for institutions committed to systematic and sustainable improvement. It builds capacity for learning institutions to improve and sustain student learning and stimulates and furthers effectiveness and efficiency throughout said institutions."



According to Cognia, Salam School displayed strength in many areas such as:

- embracing the institution's purpose
- building a school culture of professional learning and improvement among staff and administrators providing the students with the support and skills they need to improve and grow academically, socially, and spiritually
- basing instruction on monitoring and adjusting curriculum by using assessment data, observations, and stakeholders' feedback (which provides a specialized and personal well-rounded, quality education for all students)
- attracting and retaining highly qualified and committed staff some of whom are alumni
- managing resources effectively (which is demonstrated through long-range planning and a comprehensive needs assessment of identified impact to student learning).

The accreditation process included rigorous administrative data gathering and presentations to the accreditors who corroborated the veracity of the data through interviewing teachers, students, parents and school board members. I would like to thank everyone who played a role in this milestone achievement.

Salam School students are currently sitting for their standardized tests. This includes FORWARD and MAP. We wish them the best as they continue to achieve their learning goals. Shortly, Salam High School students will be sitting for their AP and final exams. I am certain that they will do well. God willing, every student will have advanced a grade forward as Salam School opens its doors for its students in August 2021.

Support Your Islamic Organization

Assalamu Alaikum.

As the blessed month of Ramadan approaches, we would like to wish you Ramadan Mubarak. We ask Allah (SWT) to accept your fasting, praying, reading of Quran, and all other forms 'ibada. As we are all aware, one of the many benefits of Ramadan is that our deeds are multiplied manifold, including the rewards for your donations, zakat and sadaqa.

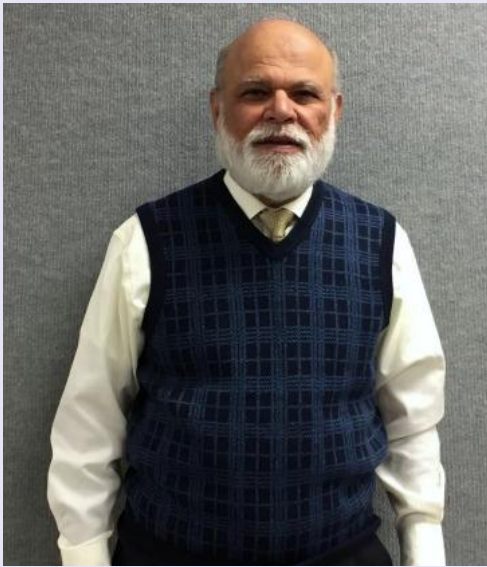
Each year, the Islamic Society of Milwaukee holds a fundraiser to cover the vast majority of the organization's operational budget. This includes faith-based and social programs that are geared toward the diverse needs of our community. **This year, the fundraiser will be held virtually on the first Saturday of Ramadan, April 17, 2021.** It is our honor to invite each of you to join us to help sustain the ISM, and its projects and programs.

We ask Allah (SWT) to reward you all for your contributions in this life and the next.

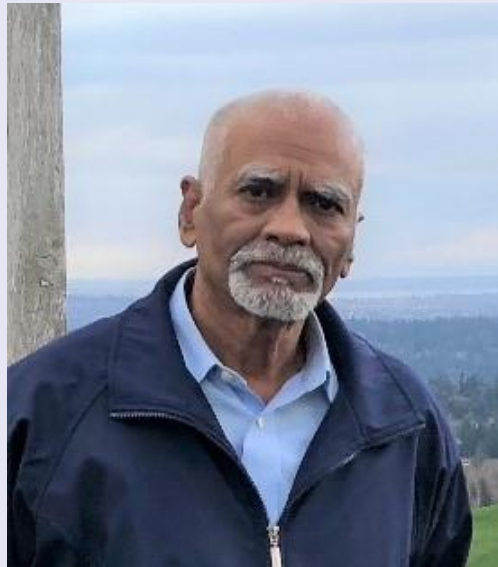


Thank You

The Islamic Society of Milwaukee would like to extend heartfelt appreciation to outgoing members of the Shura. They have invested time, energy, and care in serving the members of ISM and the community. They have done so without asking for anything in return, but only to seek the favors of Allah. We ask Allah to bless and reward them, and elevate their status.



Dr. Iftekhhar Khan



Br. Ashraf Iqbal



Sr. Zehra Tahir

"Dr. Iftekhhar Khan is sincerely a role model and leader. He is a mentor to all Muslims looking to serve their community."

"Br. Ashraf Iqbal has worked tirelessly in service of the community for 47 years, including the last three years in the Shura. His commitment is one to be emulated."

"Sr. Zehra Tahir has been a force of empowerment for our youth as an educator and her work with Shura has been equally as impactful for the community."

ISM RAMADAN SCHEDULE

JOIN US FOR OUR DAILY ONLINE SESSIONS DURING THE BLESSED MONTH OF RAMADAN

	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR
1:00-1:30	Jum'ah Reflections						
2:00		Ramadan with the Prophet ﷺ Shaykh Ziad Hamdan	Ramadan with the Prophet ﷺ Shaykh Ziad Hamdan	Ramadan with the Prophet ﷺ Shaykh Ziad Hamdan	Ramadan with the Prophet ﷺ Shaykh Ziad Hamdan	Ramadan with the Prophet ﷺ Shaykh Ziad Hamdan	Ramadan with the Prophet ﷺ Shaykh Ziad Hamdan
4:00-5:00		Maximizing our Ramadan Guest Speakers					
5:30				99 Names of Allah Shaykh Noman Hussain		Urdu Tafsir of Surah Hud Dr. Zulfikar Ali Shah	
6:00	Quran Recitation Local Huffadh	Quran Recitation Local Huffadh	Quran Recitation Local Huffadh	Quran Recitation Local Huffadh	Quran Recitation Local Huffadh	Quran Recitation Local Huffadh	Quran Recitation Local Huffadh
6:45	Daily Juz Summary Dr. Zulfikar Ali Shah	Daily Juz Summary Dr. Zulfikar Ali Shah	Daily Juz Summary Dr. Zulfikar Ali Shah	Daily Juz Summary Dr. Zulfikar Ali Shah	Daily Juz Summary Dr. Zulfikar Ali Shah	Daily Juz Summary Dr. Zulfikar Ali Shah	Daily Juz Summary Dr. Zulfikar Ali Shah
9:30-11:00	Ramadan Kickoff Imam Ameer Hamza						

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Wishing you
and your family
a blessed
Ramadan!



Ramadan 1442-2021



Ramadan	Day	Date	Fajr Imsak	Shuruq	Thuhr	Asr	Maghrib Iftar *	Isha
1	TUE	13-April	4:49	6:12	12:53	4:37	7:33	8:57
2	WED	14-April	4:47	6:10	12:52	4:37	7:34	8:58
3	THURS	15-April	4:45	6:09	12:52	4:38	7:35	9:00
4	FRI	16-April	4:43	6:07	12:52	4:38	7:36	9:01
5	SAT	17-April	4:41	6:06	12:52	4:38	7:37	9:02
ISM Virtual Fundraising Program—Please Join us! Facebook Live and Youtube Live								8:30pm
6	SUN	18-April	4:39	6:04	12:51	4:39	7:39	9:04
7	MON	19-April	4:37	6:02	12:51	4:39	7:40	9:05
8	TUES	20-April	4:35	6:01	12:51	4:40	7:41	9:07
9	WED	21-April	4:33	5:59	12:51	4:40	7:42	9:09
10	THURS	22-April	4:31	5:58	12:51	4:40	7:43	9:10
11	FRI	23-April	4:29	5:56	12:50	4:41	7:44	9:12
12	SAT	24-April	4:27	5:55	12:50	4:41	7:46	9:13
13	SUN	25-April	4:25	5:53	12:50	4:41	7:47	9:15
14	MON	26-April	4:24	5:52	12:50	4:42	7:48	9:16
15	TUES	27-April	4:22	5:50	12:50	4:42	7:49	9:18
16	WED	28-April	4:20	5:49	12:50	4:42	7:50	9:19
17	THURS	29-April	4:18	5:47	12:49	4:43	7:51	9:21
18	FRI	30-April	4:16	5:46	12:49	4:43	7:53	9:22
19	SAT	1-May	4:14	5:44	12:49	4:44	7:54	9:24
20	SUN	2-May	4:13	5:43	12:49	4:44	7:55	9:26
21	MON	3-May	4:11	5:42	12:49	4:44	7:56	9:27
22	TUES	4-May	4:09	5:40	12:49	4:45	7:57	9:29
23	WED	5-May	4:07	5:39	12:49	4:45	7:58	9:30
24	THURS	6-May	4:06	5:38	12:49	4:45	7:59	9:32
25	FRI	7-May	4:04	5:37	12:49	4:46	8:00	9:33
26	SAT	8-May	4:02	5:35	12:49	4:46	8:02	9:35
27	SUN	9-May	4:01	5:34	12:49	4:46	8:03	9:37
28	MON	10-May	3:59	5:33	12:49	4:47	8:04	9:38
29	TUES	11-May	3:57	5:32	12:49	4:47	8:05	9:40
30	WED	12-May	3:56	5:31	12:48	4:47	8:06	9:41
EID DAY	THURS	13-May	3:54	5:30	12:48	4:48	8:07	9:43



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* It is recommended that you add three minutes to Iftar/Maghrib time.

☾ Possible Laylat Al-Qadr

☾☾ 27th Night of Ramadan

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