



# Islamic Center of Reseda

Ramadan/Shawwal 1435 June/July 2014

## WHY DO WE FAST?

It is the nature of the human to ask and wonder why we do things. Muslims do things to please Allah (SWT), and they please Allah (SWT) only by obeying him and practicing His religion. Thus, in an answer to the question of “why we fast?” We respond that it is a commandment and a clear order from Allah (SWT) upon us. We have no other choice but to obey Allah (SWT) and please him simultaneously out of love and fear.

Allah (SWT) says: “O you who believe, fasting has been prescribed for people before you so that you will learn how to attain Taqwa.”

(Qur’an, al-Baqarah 2:183)

Allah’s Messenger (SWS) said Islam is based of the following five principles:

1. To testify that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah (SWT) and His Messenger Mohammed (SWS).
2. To offer the compulsory congregational prayers dutifully and perfectly.
3. To pay capital Zakat (i.e. portion of one’s wealth to those in need).
4. To fast during the month of Ramadan with the intent to please Allah (SWT)
5. To make a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in one’s lifetime.

It is from the mercy of Allah (SWT) towards us that while He prescribed on us fasting he also showed us the greatness of fasting he also showed the greatness of fasting in this world and the hereafter to make it beloved to us.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

INSHA'ALLAH

### Ramadan Begins

Saturday, June 28, 2014

### Programs

Taraweeh Prayer  
& Recitation of Qur'an  
Begins Friday, June 27, 2014  
9:30 P.M.

### Iftar

Provided Daily  
First come first serve

### Lailat-ul-Qadr

“Night of Power”

Program starts at 9:00 PM  
Date: Wednesday, July 23, 2014  
Special Speaker & Du'a  
11:00 PM- Salat-ul-Tasbeeh

### Eid-UI-Fitr Prayer

Eid is expected to be on  
Monday, July 28, 2014  
At 7:30 AM Sharp  
Marriott- Woodland Hills  
21850 Oxnard St.  
Woodland Hills, Ca 91367

### Zakat

Zakat-ul-Mal 2.5%  
Fitra Zakat is \$10 per person to be paid before end of Ramadan

Please send Zakat & Donations to:  
Islamic Center of Reseda  
P.O. Box 371986  
Reseda, CA 91337  
Tax ID: 95-4622662

## ISLAMIC CENTER OF RESEDA DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

Assalaam’alaikum,

On behalf of the Islamic Center of Reseda, I would like to thank all of the Brothers and Sisters for your generous donations in support of your Islamic Center throughout the year.

Our thanks are also extended to the families and individuals

supporting the Iftar program during the holy month of Ramadan.

May Allah (SWT) reward you for your good deeds.

At the Islamic Center of Reseda our goal is to please Allah (SWT) and serve the Muslim Ummah.

**Ramadan Mubarak!**



# QUR'AN

*The month of Ramadan in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for mankind and clear proofs for the criterion (between right and wrong). So whoever of you sights (the crescent on the first night of) the month ( of Ramadan i.e. is present at his home), he must observe Saum (fasts) that month, and whoever is ill or on journey, the same number (of days which he did not observe Saum, fasts, must be made up) from other days. Allah intends for you ease, and He does not want to make things difficult for you. (He wants you) to complete the same number (of days), and that you must magnify Allah (i.e. to say Takbir, Allahu Akbar: Allah is the most great). For having guided you so that you may be grateful to Him.*

*Surah Al-Baqarah, Ayah 185*

## HOW TO SEEK LAILAT-UL-QADR

Shaykh Muhammad Nasir-ud-Deen al-Albani

Adapted from "The Night Prayers: Qiyam & Taraweh" from works by Muhammad Nasir-ud-Deen al-Albani (and other scholars)

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Lailat-ul-Qadr is the most blessed night. A person who misses it has indeed missed a great amount of good. If a believing person is zealous to obey his Lord and increase the good deeds in his record, he should strive to encounter this night and to pass it in worship and obedience. If this is facilitated for him, all of his previous sins will be forgiven.

### PRAYING QIYAAM

It is recommended to make a long Qiyaam prayer during the nights on which Lailat-ul-Qadr could fall. This is indicated in many hadeeths, such as the following:

Abu Tharr (radiallahu'anhu) relates:

"We fasted with Allah's Messenger (SAW) in Ramadan. He did not lead us (in qiyaam) at all until there were seven (nights of Ramadan) left. Then he stood with us (that night in prayer) until one-third of the night had passed. He did not pray with us on the sixth. On the fifth night, he prayed with us until half of the night had passed. So we said, 'Allah's Messenger! Would not you pray with us the whole night?' He replied: ' whoever stands in prayer with the Imam until he (the Imam) concludes the prayer, it is recorded for him that he prayed the whole night.'...[Recorded by Ibn Abi Shayban, Abu Dawud, at-Tirmithi (who authenticated it), an-Nasa'I, Ibn Majah, at-Tahawi ( in Sharhu Ma'an il-Athar, Ibn Nasr, al-Faryabi, and al-Bayhaqi. Their isnad is authentic.]

[Point of benefit: Abu Dawud

mentioned: "I heard Ahmad being asked, 'Do you like for a man to pray with the people or by himself during Ramadan?' He replied, 'Pray with the people.' I also heard him say, 'I would prefer for one to pray (qiyaam) with the Imam and to pray with him as well, for the Prophet (SAW) said: " When a man prays with the Imam until he concludes, it is recorded that he prayed the rest of that night." (Masaa'il)

Abuurayrah (radhiallahu'anhu) narrated the Messenger (SAW) said:

"Whoever stands (in qiyaam) in Lailat-ul-Qadr [and it is facilitated for him] out of faith and expectation (of Allah's reward), will have all of his previous sins forgiven." [Al-Bulhari and Muslim: the addition" and it is facilitated for him" is recorded by Ahmad from the report of Ubaadah Bin as-Samit; he is permitted to be among the sincere worshippers during that blessed night.]

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## **IFTAR PROGRAM**

MY CHECK IS ENCLOSED TO SPONSOR THE IFTAR ON \_\_\_\_\_ (DAY)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (DATE) FOR \_\_\_\_\_ (# OF PERSONS)

\_\_\_\_\_ (# OF PERSONS) X \$8.00 EACH = TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

P.O. BOX 371986

# ZAKAT AND DONATIONS

Please forward your donations and Zakat to Islamic Center of Reseda:

P.O. Box 371986

Reseda, CA 91337



*“Whoever Pays the Zakat on his wealth will have its evil removed from him.”*

*(Hasan: Ibn Khuzaima and at-Tabarani*

### **Lailat-ul-Qadr**

#### **“Night of Power”**

Date: To Be Announced

Program will start at 9:00pm

11:00 pm Salat-ul-Tasbeh

Centre will close at 12:00 AM

### **Iftar Program**

Special thanks to those who send food to the masjid for iftar.

We have posted a list for those families who would like to provide food for iftar for approximately 120 Muslims. We appreciate you sending plates, napkins, and forks along with your food.

### **Eid-ul-Fitr**

Monday, July 28, 2014

Prayer begins at

7:30 AM

(One Prayer Only)

Marriott- Woodland Hills

21850 Oxnard St

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