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Your Quarterly Update on the Muslim Community of Knoxville

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So that you may be mindful of God...

IMAM KHALID SHAHU

In the name of God, the All-Gracious, the All-Merciful, and peace and blessings be upon our beloved prophet, his family, his offspring, his companions, his brothers and all his followers to the Day of Resurrection.

od the Almighty says in Surah Al-Baqarah:
"You who Believe!
Fasting has been prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may develop consciousness of God." (2:183)

It is very clear from these divine words that the purpose of fasting is to help develop self-restraint, self-purification, God-mindfulness, and love. Indeed, Ramadan is just the perfect time to achieve all of that, and fasting is just a great act of worship that helps us forget about the hundreds of worries and stresses we are constantly bombarded with daily and focus on that which prepares us for our meeting with our Loving-Lord.

Furthermore, fasting indoctrinates us in patience, unselfishness, gratitude, caring and sharing, and loving others.

When we fast the entire month of Ramadan, we feel the pains of deprivation and hunger, and learn how to endure it patiently. It is the month to visit the poor, the sick, and the needy to share their sorrows. The outcome of this powerful experience, in a social and humanitarian context, should make us much quicker than anybody else in sympathizing with the oppressed and needy around the world and responding to their needs. It is during such a blessed time that we can reflect on the condition of those in this world who may not be as fortunate as we are.

Imam Abu Hamid Al-Ghazali (may God shower him with His mercy) suggests three grades of fasting: ordinary, special, and extra-special. So, while ordinary fasting means abstaining from food, drink, and sexual satisfaction, special fasting means keeping one's ears, eyes,

tongue, hands and feet, and all other organs free from sin. As for the extra-special fasting, it refers to the fasting of the heart from unworthy concerns and worldly thoughts, in total disregard of everything but God.

We should all wonder what type of fasting is ours during this month of Ramadan? Do we want our fasting to be ordinary, special, or extra special? How will fasting improve our character? How can we preserve and maintain the spirituality of the month after it is gone?

We are all invited to reflect upon these questions. I ask God the Almighty to make this Ramadan the best Ramadan we ever had. Ramadan Mubarak to you all and I look forward to seeing you in Taraweeh, Iftars, I'tikaf, and many other blessed opportunities that this month brings to us.



Ramadan Iftars will be provided in-person at Masjid Annoor again, every night, free for all!

- Sponsor Iftars this Ramadan: \$12 per meal
- Cooked meals are also welcome!

To donate or cook for Iftar, register at: mckramadan.org/iftar. Have questions? Email admin@muslimknoxville.org or call 865-637-8172.



This Ramadan, memorize surahs and win prizes at various participation levels.

We are accepting ages 6 and up. We also have a new category for New Muslims and Converts. Registration is open now and closes April 14. Testing will be held April 17 followed by Award ceremony on April 30.

Get all the details at mckramadan.org/qurancontest.





	Salat		Fa	ajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr		'Asr		Maghrib	ʻlshā	
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Sat	2	1	6:10	6:30	7:22	1:40	1:45	5:15	5:30	7:59	9:11	9:30
Sun	3	2	6:08	6:30	7:20	1:40	1:45	5:15	5:30	8:00	9:12	9:30
Mon	4	3	6:07	6:30	7:19	1:40	1:45	5:15	5:30	8:00	9:13	9:30
Tue	5	4	6:05	6:30	7:17	1:39	1:45	5:15	5:30	8:01	9:13	9:30
Wed	6	5	6:04	6:30	7:16	1:39	1:45	5:15	5:30	8:02	9:14	9:30
Thu	7	6	6:02	6:30	7:15	1:39	1:45	5:16	5:30	8:03	9:15	9:30
Fri	8	7	6:01	6:30	7:13	1:39	1:45	5:16	5:30	8:04	9:16	9:30
Sat	9	8	5:59	6:30	7:12	1:38	1:45	5:16	5:30	8:04	9:17	9:30
Sun	10	9	5:58	6:30	7:10	1:38	1:45	5:16	5:30	8:05	9:18	9:30
Mon	11	10	5:56	6:30	7:09	1:38	1:45	5:16	5:30	8:06	9:19	9:30
Tues	12	11	5:55	6:15	7:08	1:38	1:45	5:16	5:30	8:07	9:20	9:30
Wed	13	12	5:53	6:15	7:06	1:37	1:45	5:17	5:30	8:08	9:22	9:30
Thu	14	13	5:51	6:15	7:05	1:37	1:45	5:17	5:30	8:09	9:23	9:30
Fri	15	14	5:50	6:15	7:04	1:37	1:45	5:17	5:30	8:10	9:24	9:30
Sat	16	15	5:48	6:15	7:02	1:37	1:45	5:17	5:30	8:10	9:25	9:30
Sun	17	16	5:47	6:15	7:01	1:36	1:45	5:17	5:30	8:11	9:26	9:45
Mon	18	17	5:45	6:15	7:00	1:36	1:45	5:17	5:30	8:12	9:27	9:45
Tues	19	18	5:44	6:15	6:58	1:36	1:45	5:17	5:30	8:13	9:28	9:45
Wed	20	19	5:42	6:15	6:57	1:36	1:45	5:18	5:30	8:14	9:29	9:45
Thu	21	20	5:41	6:15	6:56	1:35	1:45	5:18	5:30	8:15	9:30	9:45
Fri	22	21	5:39	6:00	6:55	1:35	1:45	5:18	5:30	8:15	9:31	9:45
Sat	23	22	5:38	6:00	6:53	1:35	1:45	5:18	5:30	8:16	9:32	9:45
Sun	24	23	5:37	6:00	6:52	1:35	1:45	5:18	5:30	8:17	9:33	9:45
Mon	25	24	5:35	6:00	6:51	1:35	1:45	5:18	5:30	8:18	9:34	9:45
Tues	26	25	5:34	6:00	6:50	1:34	1:45	5:18	5:30	8:19	9:35	9:45
Wed	27	26	5:32	6:00	6:49	1:34	1:45	5:18	5:30	8:20	9:36	9:45
Thu	28	27	5:31	6:00	6:47	1:34	1:45	5:19	5:30	8:20	9:37	9:45
Fri	29	28	5:29	6:00	6:46	1:34	1:45	5:19	5:30	8:21	9:39	9:45
Sat	30	29	5:28	6:00	6:45	1:34	1:45	5:19	5:30	8:22	9:40	9:45
Sun	1	30	5:27	6:00	6:44	1:34	1:45	5:19	5:30	8:23	9:41	9:45
Mon	2	1	5:25	5:45	6:43	1:34	1:45	5:19	5:30	8:24	9:42	10:00







Masjid Annoor 100 13th St

- Shift One
 - → Starts at 9:30pm/9:45pm
 - 8 Raka't. Followed by Shaf' and Witr
 - → Tarawih Talk for 5 minutes

Shift Two

- → Starts at 10:30pm/10:45pm
- → 12 Raka't after Shaf' and Witr

Annoor Academy

724 Foxvue Road

Qur'an Center

1645 Downtown West Blvd, Suite 1

Masjid Ar-Rahmah

131 Houston Town St, Maryville, TN

One Shift

- → Starts at 9:30pm/9:45pm
- → 8 Raka't followed by Shaf' and Witr
- → Tarawih Talk for 5 minutes

Ramadan Moon

By Sumaya Blevins

A girl on a hilltop stands.

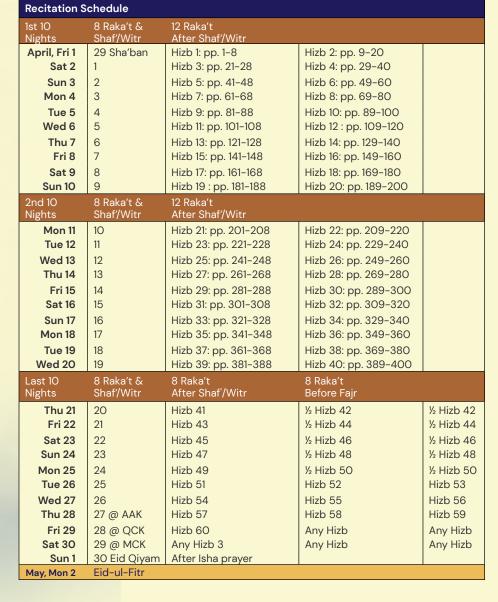
Brow covered with an unwavering hand Searching, searching, for any sign That it's nearly there, it's nearly time.

Suddenly a cloud passes by Revealing the moon, in the sky.

So small it can be barely seen,

Yet glowing with a silver sheen.

She cries before the waking dawn "Everyone! It's Ramadan!"









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Youth Farawih Talk		Imam Khalid Tarawih Talk		Dr. Dann Tarawih Talk		Imam Khalid Tarawih Talk		Sh. Hassan Tarawih Talk		Imam Khalio Tarawih Talk	t	Imam Khali Tarawih Talk	
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Itikaf Ends (Mag	ghrib)	Eid-ul-Fitr Praye	r										









Ramadan Du'as

What to say when you see the new moon of Ramadan?

Talha Ibn Ubaid Allah (May God be pleased with him) reported that God's Messenger (peace and blessings be upon him) used to say when he sees the crescent of Ramadan:

"Allahumma ahillahu 'alaina bil-amni wal-iman, was-salamati wal-Islam, Rabbi wa Rabbuk-Allah, Hilalu rushdin wa khairin."

"My Loving-God, let this moon appear on us with security, full faith in you, safety and Islam. O moon! Your Lord and mine is Allah."

(Narrated by At-Tirmidhi)

عن طلحة بن عبيد الله رضي الله عنه أن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم كان إذا رأى الهلال قال:

«اللَّهُمَّ أَهْلِلْهُ عَلَيْنَا بِاليُمْنِ وَالإِيمَان وَالسَّلَامَةِ وَالإِسْلَام. رَبِّي وَرَبُّكَ اللَّه» رواه الترمذي

What to say when you break your fast?

Mu'adh Ibn Zuhra (May God be pleased be with him) reported that when the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) broke his fast, he used to say:

"My Loving-God, I have fasted for You and I have broken my fast with Your provision."

(Narrated by Abu Dawud)

Ibn 'Umar (May God be pleased with him) reported the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) as saying at the time of breaking his fast:

"Thirst has gone, the arteries are moist, and the reward is assured, God willing."

(Narrated by Abu Dawud)

عَنْ مُعَاذٍ بْنِ زُهْرَةَ قَال: إِنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ كَانَ إِذَا أَفْطَرَ قَال:

﴿اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ صَمْتُ وَعَلَى رِزْقِكَ أَفْطَرْتُ››

رَوَاهُ أَبُو دَاؤُد

:عَنِ ابْنِ عُمَرَ قَال: كَانَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِذَا أَفْطَرَ قَال

«ذَهَبَ الظَّمَأُ وَابْتَلَّتِ الْعُرُوقُ وَثَبَتَ الْأَجْرُ إِنْ شَاءَ الله» رَوْهُ أَبُو دَاوُد

What to say in the last ten days of Ramadan?

Lady Aisha (May God be pleased with her) said: "Messenger of God, what do you think I should say in my

supplication, if it's Laylatul-Qadr? He (peace and blessings be upon him) said: Say:

"Allahumma innaka 'afuwwun tuhibbul-'afwa, fa'fu 'anni"

"My Loving-God, certainly You are the All-Forgiving and You love forgiveness, so forgive me." عَنْ عَائِشَةَ أَنَّهَا قَالَت: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ أَرَّائِتَ إِنْ وَافَقْتُ لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ مَا أَدْعُو! قَالَ تَقُولِين:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوٌّ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي



Zakat-ul-Fitr is \$12 per person in the family. Zakat-ul-Mal is 2.5% of your annual savings.

MCK starts collecting Zakat-ul-Fitr by Mid-Ramadan at mckramadan.org/zakat.

If you have any questions about Zakat-ul-Fitr rulings in Islam, read here: muslimknoxville.org/zakat or email our imam at: imam@muslimknoxville.org.

To benefit from Zakat-ul-Fitr or Zakat-ul-Mal, you need to fill out an Online Zakat Application Form as early as mid-Ramadan or place it in the box at the masjid.

Fidyah is \$12 per missed day of fasting.

MCK collects Fidyah during Ramadan at mckramadan.org/fidyah.

If you miss one or more days of Ramadan, due to illness, traveling, or menstruation, you can make it up:

- Fast that missed day as soon as possible.
- If for health reasons, you are unable to make it up, then you are required feed a poor or needy individual (\$12 meal) for every day you missed.
- If you can't identify a poor or needy individual, pay to the Masjid where you usually pray, a fidyah of \$12 for every day you missed. The Masjid will use that money to feed poor people, as the need for it arises.



Lady Aisha (May Allah be pleased with her) said that:

"The Prophet (peace be upon him) used to spend the last ten days of Ramadan in l'tikaf until he died, then his wives continued to do l'tikaf after he died."

At MCK, we believe that the Sunna of I'tikaf is a very unique and needed spiritual experience, especially in a time that humanity is destroyed by materialistic and worldly lifestyles.

The l'tikaf this year will begin on April 22nd, by Maghrib time will continue until May 1st, after Maghrib. Visit mckramadan.org/itikaf to register.

Individuals 15+ and older are welcome to join.
Registration is required and is first-come, first-serve. Capacity for Mu'takifeen is to be determined.
Questions? Email imam@muslimknoxville.org.

Summer 2022 Calendar of Events

May 2022

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	MAY 1	Eid-ul-Fitr Prayer & Celebration
	MAY 6	Youth Social Night
	MAY 6	Exploring the Prophetic Method
	MAY 7	Sisters Halaqah @ 12 pm
	MAY 7	Eid-ul-Fitr Picnic
	MAY 8	Tayseer Graduation
	MAY 7	Tahajjud @ Masjid Annoor
	MAY 8	Mother's Day
	MAY 12	Youth Service Project
	MAY 13	Injima' Gathering
	MAY 14	Tahajjud @ Annoor Academy
	MAY 14	Youth Hiking
	MAY 14	Quran Khatm
	MAY 19	MCK Open House 7pm
	MAY 20	Exploring the Prophetic Method
	MAY 21	Health Fair Mental Health Workshop
	MAY 21	Tahajjud at Quran Center
	MAY 24	Christian Muslim Dialogue
	MAY 27	Exploring the Prophetic Method
	MAY 29	Summer Kick Off Picnic

July 2022

JUL 1	Youth Social Night
JUL 1	Exploring the Prophetic Method
JUL 2	Sisters Halaqah @ 12 pm
JUL 2	Tahajjud @ Masjid Annoor
JUL 4	Independence Day
JUL 8	Day of Arafah Community Iftar
JUL 9	Eid-ul-Adha Prayer @ 9 am
JUL 14	Youth Service Project
JUL 14	MCK Open House 7pm
JUL 15	Exploring the Prophetic Method
JUL 16	Tahajjud @ Annoor Academy
JUL 16	Hajj Return Party
JUL 21	MCK Open House 7pm
JUL 22	Exploring the Prophetic Method
JUL 23	Tahajjud @ Quran Center
JUL 26	Christian Muslim Dialogue
JUL 29	Panel about New Hijri Year
JUL 31	Community Picnic
JUL 27-AUG 1	Appalachian Retreat (Tentative)

June 2022

JUN I	Qur'an Program Registration Starts
JUN 3	Youth Social Night
JUN 3	Exploring the Prophetic Method
JUN 4	Sisters Halaqah @ 12 pm
JUN 4	Tahajjud @ Masjid Annoor
JUN 6	5 Week Qur'an Intensive Program Starts
JUN 9	Youth Service Project
JUN 9	MCK Open House @ 7 pm
JUN 10	Exploring the Prophetic Method
JUN 11	Tahajjud @ Annoor Academy
JUN 11	Quran Khatm
JUN 11	Youth Hiking
JUN 12-18	Tayseer Expedition to Wyoming
JUN 16	MCK Open House 7pm
JUN 17	Exploring the Prophetic Method
JUN 18	Tahajjud @ Quran Center
JUN 24	Exploring the Prophetic Method
JUN 26	Zoom Trivia
JUN 28	Christian Muslim Dialogue
JUN 30	Dull-Hijjah 1—Hajj and Fasting Begins

August 2022

AUG 5 Youth Social Night

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AUG 5	Exploring the Prophetic Method
AUG 6	Tahajjud @ Masjid Annoor
AUG 6	Sisters Halaqah @ 12 pm
AUG 7-8	Tasu'a & Ashura fasting and Iftar
AUG 11	Youth Service Project
AUG 11	MCK Open House 7pm
AUG 12	Exploring the Prophetic Method
AUG 13	Tahajjud @ Annoor Academy
AUG 13	Monthly Qur'an Khatm
AUG 13	Youth Hiking
AUG 18	MCK Open House 7pm
AUG 19	Hadith Contest Starts
AUG 19	Exploring the Prophetic Method
AUG 20	Tahajjud @ Quran Center
AUG 20	Fall Qur'an Program Registration Starts
AUG 23	Christian Muslim Dialogue
AUG 26	Exploring the Prophetic Method
AUG 27	Community Visit to the Cemetery

Weekly Events

Mon	Tafseer Halaqa	Fri	Exploring Prophetic Method Series
Tue	Seerah of the Prophet (S)	Sat	Memorization & Tajwid Halaqa
Tue	Youth Arabic Halaqa (After Isha)	Sat	After Isha Quran Reflections
Wed	New Muslim Halaqa & Youth Talk	Fajr	Talks on Mon, Wed, & Fri
Thu	Recitation of Surat Al-Kahf (After Isha)		





Ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that a man asked the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him): Which of the acts is the most virtuous? He replied: "Al-Haal-ul-Murtahil." The man inquired:

"O Messenger of Allah! What is 'Al-Haal-ul-

Murtahil?" He replied: "It is that particular reader of the Qur'an who starts reading from the beginning to the end and after finishing, he restarts from the beginning." (At-Tirmidhi)

Let Qur'an be your best companion this Ramadan. Compete in good works, making as many Khatamat during this noble month. Let us all come together as a community to make du'a for all the khatamat:

- ► 27th of Ramadan (April 28) @ Annoor Academy
- 28th of Ramadan (April 29) @ Qur'an Center
- 29th of Ramadan (April 30) @ Masjid Annoor



Your masjid needs your help! Come to Masjid Annoor and volunteer for the days you can give back to your community. We need help with food distribution, cleanup, and more. Register now at mckramadan.org/volunteer.

Eid Prayer: Monday, May 2, 2022 at 9 am InshaAllah, prayer will he held outdoors at the World's Fair Park Lawn. In the event of rain or other weather, the prayer will be relocated indoors to a nearby venue.

Bring a blanket or a tarp for your family to sit and pray on. Some chairs will be available for our members who sit for prayer, but lawn chairs are welcome.

Eid Celebration: After Prayer

After prayer, free coffee and tea will be provided, as well as donuts and water, InshaAllah. Other dessert and food trucks will be onsite to take orders. Eat treats with your family and friends!

Eid Picnic: Saturday, May 7, 2022

Get some delicious food and have fun for the whole family. MCK will bring drinks, desserts and family fun activities. More information to come!



Give Generously

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