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ISGVF Connections – March 2017 Edition



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السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

All praise and thanks are due to Allah (SWT) for His Mercy and endless Blessing. We pray that ISGVF Connections always finds you and your family in the best of health and Imaan, (Ameen)

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Weekly Events

Monday and Thursday:



IQAMAH TIMES

APR 2017

Table with 6 columns: DATES, FAJR* (AM), ZUHR (PM), ASR (PM), MAGHREB (PM), ISHA (PM). Rows show prayer times for various dates in April 2017.

* Fajr Iqamah on Weekends – 30 Min. before Sunrise

1st Jumma Salah 1 – 1:30 PM

2nd Jumma Salah 2 – 2:30 PM

ISGVF Updates

General Body Meeting

ISGVF General Body meeting was held on Saturday, April 1st at 2:00 pm after zuhr prayers. The main topic in the agenda was to discuss some proposed amendments to the Society's by-laws which included changes to the Executive Council structure, Weekend School structure (including increase in weekend school fees to get paid teachers in the absence of sufficient volunteer teachers) and updates around ISGVF membership/accounting. These changes were sent to the ISGVF community about 3 weeks in advance to review and provide feedback.

Hifz (Quran Memorization) Classes every Monday and Thursday in School Bldg. from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Wednesday:

Quran Learning (Reading) Classes every Wednesday in School Bldg. from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Sisters' Halaqa is held every Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the school building.

Fiqh classes every Wednesday at 7:45 pm in Activity Hall.

Friday:

Friday Halaqa held at 8:00 pm before isha prayer. Different topics of interest are covered by different speakers every week. Halaqa ends with potluck snacks and tea.

Saturday:

Tajweed class is held every Saturday between 12:30 pm and 1:15 pm in main masjid building.

Visit our website at <http://www.isgvf.com/> for an updated list of all events and activities.

March Month Events

Prophets Series - Then & Now - Prophet Nuh (AS)

Imam Ahmad Abadalla explained the story of Prophet Seth (AS) and Prophet Idris(AS) in details. And then followed it up with the introduction of Prophet Nuh (AS). The event was very interactive which the community enjoyed. This was wrapped up by potluck dinner and isha prayers.

Upcoming Events:

Adopt A Highway



Due to extreme cold weather, we had to cancel this program in March. The Adopt-A-Highway road cleanup program has been rescheduled this month to **Sunday April 9, 2017** early in the morning.

The updated amendments were reviewed in the meeting and the Board sought approval from the General Assembly for the same. All amendments require 75% approval of the members present in the meeting. All amendments were approved except weekend school fee increase to get paid teachers in the absence of sufficient volunteer teachers. This amendment got 72% in favor of the school fee increase versus 28% who were not in favor. This did not meet 75% approval criteria. The Board also updated the General Assembly with some activities that occurred during this year and some planned activities for the future. The meeting ended with a dua by Imam Ahmad Abadalla.

ISGVF Annual Fundraiser - Save The Date

The ISGVF Annual Fundraiser will be held Insha'Allah, on **Saturday, June 3rd**. Please save this date and be sure to attend. More details will be provided soon.

Juma Prayer

If you are able to and can, please come for the second salat as much as possible. This will help alleviate parking issues. We would like to remind everyone to follow the parking guidelines during juma prayers. You need to park on designated parking spots only at ISGVF and neighboring church and synagogue parking lots. Absolutely no parking on grass at any time. ISGVF is also looking for volunteers to help in parking during both juma prayers every week for about 1.5 hours. You can either volunteer during first salah or second salah. Those who can and willing to volunteer can send email to council@isgvf.com. We pray to Allah (SWT) to reward all volunteers, Ameen!

Weekend School Updates



On behalf of ISGVF, thirty high school students participated in MIST (The Muslim Inter-Scholastic Tournament) Philadelphia competitions this year including Quran recitation, Basketball, Math Olympics, Photography, Spoken word, Culinary arts etc. The boys team was led by Br. Ahmad Hamid and the girls team by Sr. Kashaf Zaman. Alhamdulillah, the ISGVF team won first prize in Basketball and Math Olympics, and third place in the overall competition as well as many other positions. Congratulations to all participants and their parents. May Allah (SWT) reward them for their efforts and participation.

Insha'Allah the event will start at **7:30 AM** sharp. All volunteers are expected to be at the Masjid in the ISGVF activity hall by 7:00 AM for a brief informational session and supplies pickup including pick sticks, vest, gloves, etc. Insha'Allah light breakfast will be served.

Community members, friends and families and Islamic School children from grade 7 and above with parents are invited to participate in this event irrespective of the religion and gender. There will be daycare volunteers available to take care of small children during the event.

For signup, please contact the ISGVF coordinator, Br Murat Odemis at (610)350-8998 or send email to council@isgvf.com.

Prophets Series - A monthly Program With Imam Ahmad.

Insha'Allah, Imam Ahmad Abadalla will continue this month's program of Prophets Series - Then & Now with Prophet Nuh(AS). This will be held on **April 29, 2017 at 7:45 PM.**

On Saturday, March 25th the annual Quran Competition was held at ISGVF. A big congratulations to all of the winners:

Elementary Beginners: 1st place Rida Fathima; 2nd place Saad Moghal; 3rd place Ayesha Hamid

Elementary Intermediate: 1st place Noor Anaim; 2nd place Haris Asad; 3rd place Taha El Mahdaoui

Elementary Advanced: 1st place Ifrah Bilal; 2nd place Zunayrah Shahid; 3rd place Taha Asad

Mid High Beginners: 1st place Samya Badi; 2nd place Waliyullah Fazili; 3rd place Nazahah Ahmed

Mid High Intermediate: 1st place Hafsah Bhatti; 2nd place Shiza Moghal; 3rd place Malaika Hamid

Mid High Advanced: 1st place Ahmad Hamid; 2nd place Maaz Zaman; 3rd place Omar Ibrahim

We would like to sincerely thank all the judges and volunteers for giving their time for such an important event. May Allah (SWT) reward everyone for their time.

Please note there will be no school on April 15th and 16th for Spring Break.

ISGVF Food Distribution

Food was distributed to at least 30 needy families this month in the Norristown, Coatesville and Lancaster areas.





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Food distribution program to help needy & families

we rely on the generosity of the community to donate
DRY SEALED FOOD, RICE, FLOUR, OIL, ETC.,

Share what you can
Please drop your donations : Everyday during Isha Salah,
Friday Jumma Salah.



Your donations are important to support the program.

ISGVF Reflection

Aishah (May Allah be pleased with her) reported that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

"The one who is proficient in the recitation of the Qur'an will be with the honorable and obedient scribes (angels) and he who recites the Qur'an and finds it difficult to recite, doing his best to recite it in the best way possible, will have a double reward."

(Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

Commentary

Proficient here means one who reads the Qur'an in accordance with the rules of 'Ilm At-Tajwid (the science of the recitation of the Qur'an) as is evidenced from the words of Imam Bukhari's narration and the title given to the chapter.

This Hadith also highlights the merit of the reader of the Qur'an who does not know 'Ilm At-Tajwid, and for that reason cannot read it fluently. But in spite of this, he reads it with great effort. He will be given double reward, one for the difficulty encountered in reciting it, and another for reading it. Safratun translated in the Hadith as scribes (angels) means the angels that convey the Wahy (Revelation) to the Messenger of Allah. Imam Bukhari has taken it to mean: one who makes reconciliation. The angels who bring Wahy and chastisement from Allah

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