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*Shaykh Ninowy Visits Flint

*Eid Al-Adha

* 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Soccer Tournament

*Greater Detroit Eid Carnival

A New Year Approaches

December 18th marks the Islamic New Year, celebrated by Muslims in the remembrance of important events in Islam: the first day of Muharram (the first day of the new Hijri year), and the Hijrah, the migration of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) from Mecca to Yathrib (presently called Madinah) in 622 AD. The reason this Hijrah took place was because of the stress, and the persecution the Muslims faced at the time. After the death of the Prophet's uncle and protector, Abu Talib, the Quraysh council collectively agreed to kill the Prophet (PBUH). Thus, a protection was placed on him as mentioned in Chapter 36, Verse 9. "And We have made before them a barrier and a barrier behind them, then We have covered them over so that they do not see." The Prophet was able to escape Mecca safely with the help of his companions, and begin his journey towards Yathrib with his companion Abu Bakr.

Hijrah was one of the most important events in the history of Islam. It is for this reason `Umar (may God be pleased with him), with the help of his counselors adopted Hijrah date to begin the Muslim calendar. In physical terms, the Hijrah was a journey between two cities, about 300 miles apart. However in its grand significance it marked the beginning of an era, a civilization, a culture and a history for Muslims all over the world for the rest of humanity.

"Those who believe, and migrate and strive in God's cause, with their goods

and their persons, have the highest rank in the sight of God: they are indeed the successful people," (9:20). The people of Yathrib welcomed the Prophet (PBUH) and his companions with great hospitality. The route was lined with merry multitudes of the people who were wearing their best clothes, singing songs of welcome to the newcomers.

Although not wealthy, every citizen of Yathrib was eager to become the host of the Prophet (PBUH). Not wishing to disappoint even the humblest citizen, he dropped the reins of his she-camel, and declared that he would stay wherever she would halt. The she-camel ambled past many houses, and then halted in front of the house of Abu Ayyub, whereupon he became the proud host. Because most of the Muhajireen (companions of the Prophet who took part in the hijrah) had left everything behind in Mecca, the Ansar (people of Yathrib) adopted them into their homes and their families. They divided all that they had in order to make the Muhajireen more comfortable. They did so for the sake of Allah, and hoped to be rewarded accordingly. In this action, the Prophet (PBUH) promoted true brotherhood between the Ansar and the Muhajireen, and they became an example for generations to come. The city now became known as Madinatul-Nabi, the City of the Prophet, or Madinah for short.

In summary, many lessons can be learned from the hijrah, among them the importance of true brotherhood, personal sacrifice for the benefit of the collective, and patience. InshAllah we are able to adopt these lessons and apply them to our own lives.



A Message From the President

Eid Mubarak Everyone!

As 2009 is coming to a close, one cannot help but to reflect on the year's events and be grateful for the bounties and blessings God has given us. Allhamdulillah. In 2009 we were able to hold three open houses, and numerous guest imams and workshops. We also had another successful Ramadan with community members coming together in ibada (worship), iftar (breaking fast) and sharing the blessings given to us and supporting orphans through Islamic Relief, who visited our mosque towards the end of the holy month. It is important to keep up these efforts through out the year and continue to donate and support organizations that work to help those in need. We were also fortunate to meet Ms. Alison Weir, Executive Director of IfAmericansKnew.org. She brought to us first hand experiences of the troubles Palestinians, Muslim and Non-Muslim. We must do our part in remembering, and supporting those who face injustice around the world. Their struggles continue as we go on in our daily lives, and we must continue to be a voice for the voiceless, even after these wonderful speakers leave us.

On another note, in 2009, the FIC board approved a major expansion of our community center, a project that will more than double the size of our facility. This project includes many new services, including an Islamic high school. The projected cost is \$4 million and is to be 100% funded by our sincere brothers and sisters in the community. We will keep you updated as events unfold.

With the blessings of God, reflecting on the year, our Management team has done a superb job this year and I'm proud to be surrounded by such dedicated, hardworking individuals. Jazakum Allahu Khairan for all who contributed, even in the smallest way. On behalf of the Management committee and our families, I would like to thank you for being a part of and supporting this community. Please continue to do so in the 2010 year. Renew your memberships, and join if you have not done so yet. Please make any suggestions for growth and improvement by emailing us at flintislamiccenter@gmail.com, and remember to include us in your dua!

Abdalkhaleq Khirfan
Flint Islamic Center Management Committee President

Announcements

MARRIAGES/KITAB

Sr. Samia Baig to Asim Iftekhar

Sr. Rana Al-Dabagh to Moin Khan

BIRTHS

Omar Mohamad Tarakji
(Lama and Nael Tarakji)

CONDOLENCES

Thoryea Abuukoush
(Um-Faris Awad's mother)

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Coming Soon

GENESEE ACADEMY EID BENEFIT

December 5 at 6PM

(Women Only) in New Gym

See GA Office for more information

FIC YOUTH GROUP EID BASH

December 6 at 10:30 AM

Roll Haven in Grand Blanc

See Youth Group members for Tickets

ISLAMIC NEW YEAR

December 18

SEERAH COMPETITION

Papers due: February 1, 2010

www.ga-rocks.com for topic information

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FIC Logo Competition!

Requirements: Clear representation of the words "Flint Islamic Center" with an emphasis on the "F I C"

PRIZE \$50 GIFT CARD & AN FIC T-SHIRT!

Submit your logo (high quality) in a PDF, or JPEG format to flintislamiccenter@gmail.com

Deadline: December 15