



NEWSLETTER :: Sunday , January 1st, 2017 / 3 Rabi Al-Akhar 1438 A.H.

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**ISGVF Connections – December 2016 Edition**

السلامة عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

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 Activities**

**Monday and Thursday:**

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.

**Friday:**

Friday Halaqa held after Maghrib prayer. Different topics of interest are covered by different speakers every week. Halaqa ends with potluck snacks and tea.

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

**Pray daily at masjid**

Make your intention and plan to pray daily at masjid at least one Salah in congregation. If you are already praying one Salah a day in congregation plan to do it two and so on .... We pray to Allah (SWT) to reward us all for good intentions and frequently visiting His house.



**IQAMAH TIMES**

January 2017

DATES	FAJR* (AM)	ZUHR** (PM)	ASR (PM)	MAGHREB (PM)	ISHA (PM)
01/01 – 01/07	6:30*	12:30**	3:45	5 Min. After Sunset	8:00
01/08 – 01/14	6:30*	12:30**	3:45	5 Min. After Sunset	8:00
01/15 – 01/21	6:30*	12:30**	3:45	5 Min. After Sunset	8:00
01/22 – 01/28	6:30*	12:30**	3:45	5 Min. After Sunset	8:00
01/29 – 02/04	6:00*	12:30**	4:30	5 Min. After Sunset	8:00

\* Fajr Iqamah on Weekends – 30 Min. before Sunrise

1<sup>st</sup> Jumma Salah 12:30 - 1 PM

\*\* Zuhr Iqamah on Weekends – 1:30 PM

2<sup>nd</sup> Jumma Salah 1:30 - 2 PM

**ISGVF Updates**

**ISGVF Annual General Body Meeting & Elections**

Alhamdulillah, ISGVF Annual General Body Meeting & Elections of the Society was held on Sunday, December 4, 2016. ISGVF management for 2017 will be

## December Month Events

### Sr. Suzy Ismail Seminar

On Dec 10th, ISGVF and Young Muslims of Devon has hosted an event with Sr. Suzy Ismail on the topic "Reconnecting with Allah (swt). Alhamdulillah we had a huge turn out the community members for this event



### Adopt A Highway

Due to cold weather, Adopt A Highway cleanup event was canceled, Insha'Allah new date will be announced at appropriate time.

For any further question or information, please contact the ISGVF coordinator Br. Murat Odemis at [muratli@hotmail.com](mailto:muratli@hotmail.com) or (610) 350 – 8998

### Executive Council

President - Br. Ejaz Khan  
Vice President - Sr. Andrea Matter  
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### ISGVF Board

Board Chair - Br. Rizwan Khan  
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Member - Br. Vali-ur Rehman  
Member - Br. Murat Odemis  
President Ex-officio Member - Br. Ejaz Khan

### Quranic Arabic Class

Alhamdulillah Quran Arabic Learning class (18+ years only) has been started, all interested community members should fill out registration form and send to [weekendschool@isgvf.com](mailto:weekendschool@isgvf.com) (or) handover in person to school admin office. Registration forms are available at the ISGVF Masjid. We request you to kindly read and familiarized with the procedures and guidelines for this class noted in the form. Please feel free to contact ISGVF at [council@isgvf.com](mailto:council@isgvf.com) for any further questions or info for new class

### Program With Imam Azeemuddin Ahmed at ISGVF

Insha'Allah program will be held at ISGVF on Sunday January 29, 2017 at 2pm

This is a potluck event. Please bring a snack to share.

A poster for an event titled "SIGNS OF THE HOUR & THE COMING OF DAJJAL". The text is in white and orange on a dark background. It features the "Lantern Initiative" logo in the top right corner. The event is by Imam Azeemuddin Ahmed (Darussalam Foundation, Chicago) on Sunday, January 29th, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Admission is free. A small bio of the imam is provided at the bottom. The background of the poster shows a sunset over a horizon.

**SIGNS OF THE HOUR & THE COMING OF DAJJAL**

**Lantern INITIATIVE**

IMAM AZEEMUDDIN AHMED (DARUSSALAM FOUNDATION, CHICAGO)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH**  
2:00PM TO 6:00PM

FREE ADMISSION

Imam Azeemuddin Ahmed is a visiting scholar from Chicago. He is a graduate of the eight-year 'alim and ifta course at Darul 'Uloom Zakariyyah in South Africa. He currently serves as imam and principal of DarusSalam Academy, located in the western suburbs of Chicago - [www.MasjidDS.org](http://www.MasjidDS.org)

ISGVF MASJID 958 N VALLEY FORGE RD, DEVON, PA 19333

## ISGVF Food Distribution

The Food Distribution Program that provides food to low-income households. ISGVF will distribute food every Wednesday between 5:30 pm and 8:00 pm, Insha'Allah.



Your donation are important to support the program.

## Contact Us

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## UPF Film Coming To Philadelphia on Jan 14, 2017

Next UPF Docu-drama the Sultan and the Saint the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia on January 14 @ 6PM.

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## Donations By Self Service Credit / Debit card Machine at ISGVF

Make your donation through credit or debit card at ISGVF Alahmdolillah, now community can make donations via self-service credit /debit card machine installed in the main building's lobby.

## Birth Announcement

On December 19th 2016, Br Osman Miftah Khan & Leila Abu Hawa were blessed with baby boy named Rayan Osman Khan. Congratulations to their family. May Allah (SWT) provide the new born with best of Iman and Health (AMEEN)

## Weekend School Updates

The Weekend School welcomes back all students after such a long break and we pray that everyone returns to school well rested. Now we need to get back into the swing of things! Elementary sessions had their first trimester exams and should be receiving their results soon. The Mid High midterm exams will be held on Saturday, January 28th and Sunday, January

29th. Please make any necessary arrangements with your teachers and principals in case of any conflicts. Also, parent teacher conferences will be held in February. The exact dates will be communicated as the time comes closer.

## **ISGVF Reflection**

### **How the Muslim should Respect towards his Parents - Respecting Parents, in the light of Quran**

Our life is a gift from Allah (SWT) and is enhanced by sacrifices and hard work of our parents. They nurtured, fed, clothed, protected and cared for us. This is why Allah gave them the honorable status. The position of parents, and the mutual obligation and responsibilities has been mention in Quran and sayings of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). Reference to parents has been made at least 15 times in the Holy Quran some of the references are as follows:

1. "Your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him, and that you be kind to parents whenever one or both of them attain old age in your life, say not to them of contempt, nor repel them, but address them of honor and lower to them the wing of humility, out of mercy and say, 'My Lord, bestow on them your mercy, as they brought me up (dearly) during my childhood'" Sura17. Al – Isra, verse: 23-24

2."And we have commanded man (to be good) to his parents: In weakness and hardship his mother bore him, and in two years (after) was his weaning (So the command of Allah is ), Show thankfulness to Me and to your parents: To Me is (your final) Destination"  
Sura 31,verse: 14

3.Say "Come, I will tell you what Allah (SWT) has commanded for you". Do not make partners with Him. Be good to your parents. Sura 6 Al- An'am verse, 151

4.Prophet Nuh prayed to Allah, "My Lord forgive me, my parents, all who enter my house in faith, and (all) believing men, and believing women." Sura 71 Nuh, verse, 28

### **Respecting Parents, in the light of Hadith**

Hazrat Abu Abdur Rehman Abdullah Bin Mas'ud(R.A.A) says that he asked the Holly Prophet(pbuh) which action is most favorite with Allah the Almighty, He (pbuh) answered: "Performing the salat (offering Prayer) in time. I asked : Thereafter? He (pbuh) said Good treatment of parents. I Submitted then which next? He (pbuh) said: Fighting or struggling in the way of Allah. (Bukhari and Muslim).

Hazrat Abu Hurairah (R.A.A) Relates that a man came to the Holy Prophet (S.A.S) and asked: "O Messenger of Allah which person of all the people is best entitled to kind treatment and the good companionship from me? He (pbuh) answered your mother. The man asked: And then your mother. And after her? He (pbuh) your mother. And after her? The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said your

father.” (Bukhari and Muslim) This obviously shows that where care and kind treatment are concerned, the claim of mother is greater than that of the father, at childbirth and in the bring-up of children she plays a vital role in their lives. In one Hadith the Holy Prophet (pbuh) has clearly stated that “Paradise lies under the feet of the mother”. In reference to Father in another Hadith is mention “God’s pleasure is in the pleasure of the father, and God’s displeasure is in the displeasure of the father”.

Hazrat Abu Hurairah (R.A.A) relates that the Holy Prophet (pbuh) said: ‘May his nose be rubbed in dust, May his nose be rubbed in dust ,may his nose be rubbed in dust i.e May he be humiliated,( He (pbuh) said this thrice), who found his parents , one or both, approaching old age, but did not enter Paradise,(by serving them). (Muslim)

#### **When Parents should not be obeyed:**

“And we have enjoined kindness to parents from men: But if they (either one) try hard to make you join (anything) with me (others for worship) anything about which you have no knowledge, do not obey them.(All of) you have to return to Me(Allah), and I will tell you (the truth) of all that you did”. Sura 29 .Al-Ankabut, verse 8. If anyone’s parents are polytheists, and they want him to follow their faith he or she should refuse, but he or she should continue to be kind and respectful to them as mention in following Hadith

Hazrat Asma’s bint Abu Baker Siddiq (R.A.A) relate: My mother came to Medina from Mecca to see me ,while she was still an unbeliever. She had come to demand something from me. I enquired from the Holy Prophet (S.A.S): ‘My mother has come to me to see me and she is expecting something from me. May I oblige her? He(pbuh) said : ‘Yes be kind to your mother’. (Bukhari and Muslim)

#### **Parent’s Rights after their Death**

We should pray to Allah(SWT) to have mercy on them after their death which brings comfort in their grave and will be a source of elevation and forgiveness for them. It is a religious obligation for the children to fulfill them as mention in the following Hadith:

“When a person dies, all his deeds come to an end except three things (1) ongoing charity. (2) beneficial knowledge(which he has left behind). (3) or a righteous child who pray for him. (Reported by at-tirmidhi with good chain of transmission).

We pray to Allah (SWT) that he guide us to be respectful, kind, and obedient to our parents (Ameen).Let us also make dua that we be patient, kind, and show our love to our children and guide them their lives according to Quran and sunnah (Ameen).May Allah (SWT) accept our efforts and reward us, both in this world and in the Hereafter (Ameen).

**Miftah A Khan**