



# ISOGS Newsletter

November  
2016

## Friday Khuthbas

**October 1, 2016**

Sheikh Hassan Mohamoud

*Salaat* is an important part of our responsibilities and obligations and good concentration is a requirement.

- Many times we fail to focus our attention when praying. This means that our reward could be much lower, such as 1/5<sup>th</sup> or 1/10<sup>th</sup> of what we could be earning because we are failing to pay attention in our prayers. Some people even forget which *rakat* of the prayer they are in or if they have performed one *ruku/sajda* or two.
- We should feel tranquility when praying and not hurry up our prayer.
- At the top of the list of factors that Allah (swt) has indicated He will consider when judging us is *salaat*, followed by being good to our parents.

**October 14, 2016**

Sheikh Hassan Mohamoud

Everyone who does good things will be rewarded on the earth. However, those who do not believe in Allah (swt) will only be rewarded on earth.

- When the non-believers arrive in the Hereafter, they will learn that their good deeds have already been rewarded on earth and there aren't any more rewards for them in the Hereafter.
- As for those who believe in Allah (swt), they will be provided their sustenance on earth for doing good deeds, and they will also be rewarded in the Hereafter where they will be given their true reward.
- It is best to not be consumed with the material world. Enjoy the *halal* things that Allah (swt) has bestowed upon you and avoid all else.
- Think of this world like it is a sea that you need to cross. You would probably just want a boat to cross the sea rather than want a luxury liner. Don't let this material world consume you.

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## Community News & Events

1. **Time Change.** Move your clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6, 2016, sometimes referred to as "Fall back" since we gain an hour (conversely, time change in Spring is referred to as "Spring forward" when we lose an hour).
2. **Construction.** The zoning for the An-Noor center was approved 10-0. ISOGS President **Ali Nizamuddin** said that "*We got the highest zoning possible (S2) and the dual purpose was also approved.*" Begin giving your donations and fulfilling your pledges to the ISOGS for construction.
3. **Friday School.** The Al-Noor Islamic School will be held on Friday nights instead of on Sunday mornings. This will allow families more time during weekends to take care of chores, errands, traveling, etc. **Sr. Aisha Ahmed** has been instrumental in leading these changes which will benefit students, teachers, and parents.
4. **Resignation.** **Br. Yahia Zeino** has resigned as the Treasurer of the Al-Noor School. Please contact the School Board to inquire how you can help.
5. **Job.** Sheikh Hassan announced that an unemployed Muslim Brother is looking for work. Please let the Sheikh know if he can help you or your business.
6. **Baby.** Congratulations to **Sr. Wakila** and **Br. Usman Ali Khan** on the birth of their second granddaughter **Zoha** to **Sr. Sidra** and **Br. Faisal**. May Allah bless them and guide them all.
7. **Parking.** Do not park your car behind other cars when you come for *jumma* prayers.
8. **ICNA.** The Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) will have its convention on March 15, 2017. Register early for a 15% discount:
  - Individual: \$105.00
  - Student: \$65.00
  - Family (up to 6): \$239.00
  - Extra person: \$20.00 per person

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**October 21, 2016**

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Allah (swt) does not need any of us for any reason and His Kingdom is not diminished in any way if we don't worship Him.

- The Qur'an says in Surah 31: *And indeed We bestowed upon Luqman Al-Hikmah (wisdom and religious understanding) saying: "Give thanks to Allah." And whoever gives thanks, he gives thanks for (the good of) his own self. And whoever is unthankful, then verily, Allah is All-Rich (Free of all needs), Worthy of all praise.*
- We worship Allah (swt) for our own benefit. Allah (swt) has said that we will be rewarded for any good we do. He has said that anyone who believes in Him will receive protection from Hellfire and earn Jannah.
- All the prophets were gentle men who were concerned about the well being of all people. The prophets spoke to people with love and respect, and referred to others with terms such as *My dear father*, or *My dear uncle*, or *My dear brother*.

**October 28, 2016**

Sheikh Hassan Mohamoud

Luqman said to his son not to enjoin others with Allah (swt) or to walk with pride. He told his son to be patient.

- The Qur'an notes that Luqman said: *"O my son! Join not others in worship with Allah, verily joining others in worship with Allah is a great wrong indeed"* (Luqman, 31:13).
- Another advice that Luqman gave his son and to mankind was to take care of their parents.
- The Qur'an also notes that Luqman said the following:
- *"O my son! Aqim-As-Salat (perform As-Salat), enjoin (on people) Al-Ma'ruf – (Islamic Monotheism and all that is good), and forbid (people) from Al-Munkar (i.e. disbelief in the Oneness of Allah, polytheism of all kinds and all that is evil and bad), and bear with patience whatever befalls you. Verily, these are some of the important commandments (ordered by Allah with no exemption)."*
- *"And turn not your face away from men with pride, nor walk in insolence through the earth. Verily, Allah likes not any arrogant boaster."*
- *"And be moderate (or show no insolence) in your walking, and lower your voice."*

## Community News & Events

9. **Groceries.** Gridley Meats will deliver meats – you can place an order now.
10. **Fall Leaf Pickup.** The City of Springfield's Fall Leaf Pickup program begins Monday, October 31 and will run through December 5, 2016, per **Sr. Nia Hassan**. Residents are asked to place their leaves in brown paper leaf bags or plastic containers that are no more than 30 gallons and weigh no more than 50 lbs.

### Positions Available.

Visit the State's web page to see positions available at various agencies where you could apply for a job:  
<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/illinois/default.cfm?&promotionaljobs=0&transfer=0>

### SPRINGFIELD PRAYER TIMINGS November 2016

	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
1	6:14	7:28	12:43	3:33	05:57	7:12
2	6:15	7:29	12:43	3:32	05:55	7:11
3	6:16	7:30	12:43	3:31	05:54	7:10
4	6:17	7:31	12:43	3:30	05:53	7:09
5	6:18	7:32	12:43	3:29	05:52	7:08
6	5:19	6:33	11:43	2:29	04:51	6:07
7	5:20	6:34	11:43	2:28	04:50	6:06
8	5:21	6:36	11:43	2:27	04:49	6:06
9	5:22	6:37	11:43	2:26	04:48	6:05
10	5:23	6:38	11:43	2:25	04:47	6:04
11	5:24	6:39	11:43	2:25	04:46	6:03
12	5:25	6:40	11:43	2:24	04:45	6:02
13	5:26	6:41	11:44	2:23	04:45	6:02
14	5:27	6:42	11:44	2:23	04:44	6:01
15	5:28	6:44	11:44	2:22	04:43	6:00
16	5:28	6:45	11:44	2:22	04:42	6:00
17	5:29	6:46	11:44	2:21	04:42	5:59
18	5:30	6:47	11:45	2:20	04:41	5:59
19	5:31	6:48	11:45	2:20	04:40	5:58
20	5:32	6:49	11:45	2:19	04:40	5:58
21	5:33	6:50	11:45	2:19	04:39	5:57
22	5:34	6:51	11:46	2:19	04:38	5:57
23	5:35	6:52	11:46	2:18	04:38	5:56
24	5:36	6:54	11:46	2:18	04:37	5:56
25	5:37	6:55	11:46	2:18	04:37	5:56
26	5:38	6:56	11:47	2:17	04:37	5:56
27	5:39	6:57	11:47	2:17	04:36	5:55
28	5:40	6:58	11:47	2:17	04:36	5:55
29	5:41	6:59	11:48	2:17	04:36	5:55
30	5:42	7:00	11:48	2:16	04:35	5:55