



ISOGS Newsletter

January 2017

Friday Khuthbas

November 25, 2016

Sheikh Hassan Mohamoud

The people who are granted *jannah* will be the people who were thinking about the well-being of their family on earth and prayed for their parents and children to also be given a place in heaven.

- The people who will be put in hell-fire will be those who spent their time on earth on worldly matters. So take some time out of your busy schedule and worship on time.
- Children have some rights over their parents, such as a proper upbringing and being shown the way taught by Allah (swt). Right teachings are the most important gift that can be given to any child.

December 2, 2016

Sheikh Burhan Feli

Allah (swt) has given us guidance in the Qur'an and the Prophet (saw) has taught us what the guidance means, so follow the information that has been provided.

- Sheikh Burhan is from Albania and became a refugee 40 years ago so he moved here. Many others from Albania moved to Syria. The Sheikh said he was the first person from Albania since 1938 to go for Umra in the 1970s as the communist government had restricted religion in Albania.
- There were almost no masjids left in Albania but now that religion is permitted, there are many masjids and many people, including children, who attend prayers.
- History shows people of Sham (Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Jordan) were very generous and welcoming to refugees. Now many in Syria are suffering themselves and have become refugees. They need our help.
- Many of us moved to this country (America) and it is now our home. We must respect our country and conduct ourselves in a proper manner. Our life here has given us so much that we have to give back.

December 9, 2016

Sheikh Hassan Mohamoud

Allah (swt) has said that a person should take advantage of the time and health that he/she has been given before

becoming too old and weak. But people forget this until it is too late.

- Allah (swt) will ask us about everything that we did on earth, including little things like spending the money that He has given us, which we might have spent on things like TV and entertainment even though there were hungry people around us.
- Allah (swt) gives people innumerable blessings, which we can never count as He has given us so many things, such as food, clothing, money, luxury health, etc.
- We could be held responsible for all the time that we wasted when we could have been doing good things while we were young and strong.
- So don't delay doing good things for you and your family, and for those who are less fortunate.

News & Events

1. **Interfaith Association.** Congratulations to **Dr. Maryam Mostoufi** on being elected as President of the Greater Springfield Interfaith Association. Separately, **Sr. Maryam** and **Br. Siavash's** daughter **Leila** got a good teaching job and moved with her husband **Habib** and son **Sam** to Florida.
2. **Syrian Refugees.** ISOGS **President Ali Nizammuddin** announced that our community raised \$19,000 for the Syrian Refugees on December 2 and 3, 2016. **Sheikh Burhan Feli** of Mercy USA, himself a former Albanian refugee, had given the *Jumma* khuthba and collected the donations for the refugees.
3. **MLK Breakfast.** ISOGS **President Ali Nizammuddin** said the annual MLK breakfast will be on January 16, 2017. This is an opportunity to network with other organizations and civil rights leaders. The cost is \$25 per person and it will be held at the Wyndam City Center (the old Hilton hotel) at 7:30 a.m. Please make your checks payable to Frontiers International and write in the check's memo: *MLK Breakfast*. Give your check to an ISOGS Board member or to **Sr. Nia Hassan**. If you have any questions, contact Sr. Nia at yelverton1948@hotmail.com.
4. **Membership.** Remember to renew your ISOGS membership as you will need to be a member to vote and/or run for election later this year.
5. **Masjid Donation.** ISOGS **President Ali Nizammuddin** said to donate to the masjid. Please begin fulfilling your pledges to construct the new Al-Noor community center.



2017

JANUARY

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January 1 is New Year
January 16 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

FEBRUARY

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February 13 is Lincoln's Birthday
February 20 is Presidents' Day

MARCH

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March 12 is the beginning of Daylight Savings Time

APRIL

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May 26 Ramadan – Tentative
May 29 is Memorial Day

JUNE

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June 25 is Eid – Tentative

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July 4 is Independence Day

AUGUST

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September 2 is Eid-al-Adha – Tentative
September 4 is Labor Day
September 22 is Muharram – Tentative

OCTOBER

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October 1 is Ashura – Tentative
October 9 is Columbus Day
October 16 – National Bosses Day

NOVEMBER

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November 5 is end of Daylight Savings Time
November 11 is Veterans' Day
November 23 and 24 are Thanksgiving holidays

DECEMBER

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December 25 is Christmas