



# ISOGS Newsletter

March 2017

## Friday Khuthbas

**February 3, 2017**

Professor Ali Nizamuddin

**Professor Ali** gave his *Khuthba* at a time that included his college students, along with visitors from the Grace Lutheran Church. He told us various stories in *hadith*:

- The Prophet (saw) himself became a refugee when he had to migrate from Mecca to Medina.
- The Prophet (saw) was an eminently gentle person who was concerned about all people. For example, when a poor woman who cleaned the masjid regularly died suddenly, his companions buried her. Some days later the Prophet (saw) learned about her death and immediately had a proper prayer performed for her, regardless of the fact that she was poor.
- A second example was of a Jewish boy who became ill. The Prophet (saw) with his companions traveled a considerable distance to visit him.
- A third example was of two men – one rich and one poor. The Prophet (saw) said that in the eyes of Allah (swt) the poor man's value was more than the rich man.
- There are insects that are of great value. For example, honeybee produces delicious honey; spiders produce beautiful silk; and ants are like engineers who have a specialized language.

**February 10 and 17, 2017**

Sheikh Hassan Mahmood

Being fair and just is very important in Islam. Allah (swt) has said that He will not help anyone who is not equitable. The Qur'an emphasizes equity very clearly.

- For example, once a man asked the Prophet (saw) about giving a gift to one of his sons.
- The Prophet (saw) replied that it could be considered to favor one child over the others and could cause discord among his children so he did not want to support the man's choice.

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## Community News & Events

1. **CONDOLENCES.** **Br. Abbas**, who used to live in Springfield for more than 20 years and moved back to Thailand, had a brother (also in Springfield) who passed away recently in Thailand. May Allah (swt) grant him *Jannat-ul-firdose*.
2. **MEMBERSHIP.** If you haven't already paid your membership dues, please do so by March 30 in order to become an Active Member who is eligible to run for election in December. Membership dues help to pay for the operations of the masjid.
3. **AN-NUR.** Our planned community center on the west side of town has received further approval from the city to move forward towards development. Funds are needed to cover the expenses to pay for this step. Also, please review what you pledged for its construction so that you are prepared to make the full donation.
4. **IMAD.** This year the Illinois Muslim Action Day (IMAD) will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2017. Contact **Sr. Nia Hassan** for further details.
5. **GARBAGE.** There was an article in the local paper that was offensive to Muslims. You may read it at: SJ-R: Local waste hauler removes inflammatory posters after complaints: <http://www.sj-r.com/news/20170215/local-waste-hauler-removes-inflammatory-posters-after-complaints>. ISOGS President Ali Nizamuddin has invited the owners of Lake Area waste for a meal to the masjid to resolve this matter in the true way of Islam.
6. **SCOUTS.** **Dr. Abbas Meigooni** suggested that the ISOGS establish a boy scouts program to benefit our youth. Please contact him for more information about the program.
7. **TIME CHANGE.** On Sunday March 12, 2017, time will change. The clock will spring forward one hour so all prayers will be an hour later.
8. **GROCERIES.** Gridley Meats will be delivering groceries directly to your home from the Chicago area. Contact Br. Sayer Abbed at [gridleymeats@gmail.com](mailto:gridleymeats@gmail.com).

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**February 24, 2017**  
 Sheikh Hassan Mahmoud

On the Day of Judgment, Allah (swt) will ask all the truthful people to come forward and receive their reward – *jannah*. People who fear Allah (swt) are truthful.

- Such individuals will be rewarded in the Hereafter, including those who are trustworthy, who keep their promises, and who protect their modesty.
- Jannah has gardens under which rivers flow. It is for those who have earned Allah’s (swt) pleasure.

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- BURIAL PLOT.** The Oak Ridge Cemetery has a limited number of burial plots still available where burial is permitted in the Muslim way. These plots may be purchased from the masjid. Please contact a Board member to purchase plots for your family.
- GFS.** When you purchase food for the masjid or for related uses, such as the Homeless Shelter, consider buying from GFS Foods as the masjid gets a portion of the funds.

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

**Immigrant Defense Project**

From Br. Nesar Uddin

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents usually go to homes, courthouses, shelters, and workplaces to look for predetermined people. Sometimes they wait on the street to make an arrest. Please see [www.ImmDefense.org](http://www.ImmDefense.org) or contact [KYR@immdefense.org](mailto:KYR@immdefense.org)

**What should I do if ICE agents approach me on the street or in public?** When ICE agents arrest someone in public, it typically happens quickly. They may call your name and detain you.

- Before you say your name or anything else, ask, “Am I free to go?” If they say YES, say “I’d rather not speak with you right now.” Walk away.
- If they say NO, say “I want to use my right not to answer questions” and “I want to speak to a lawyer.”
- If ICE starts to search your pockets or belongings, say, “I do not consent to a search.” DON’T LIE or show false documents. Don’t resist arrest.
- Don’t answer questions about your immigration status or where you were born. They will use any information you provide against you.
- If you are in Criminal Court for a court date, ask to speak to your defender before they take you away.

**Can ICE agents enter my home to arrest me?**

- If ICE agents do not have a warrant signed by a judge, they cannot enter the home without permission from an adult.
- Opening the door when they knock does not give them permission to enter your home.

**What do I do if officers are at my door?**

- Try to stay calm. Be polite. Don’t lie. Say “I don’t want to talk to you right now.”
- Politely ask to see a warrant signed by a judge and to slip it under the door. If they don’t have one, decline to let them in.
- If they are looking for someone else, ask them to leave their contact information. You don’t have to tell them where to find the person and should **not** lie.

**What can I do if ICE is inside my home to make an arrest?**

- Tell them if there are children or other vulnerable residents at home.
- Ask them to step outside unless they have a warrant signed by a judge. If they came inside without your permission, tell them “I do not consent to you being in my home. Please leave.” If they start to search rooms or items in your home, tell them “I do not consent to your search”.
- If ICE is arresting you, tell them if you have medical issues or need to arrange for childcare.

**What are my rights if ICE is arresting me?**

You have the right to **remain silent**. You have the **right to speak to a lawyer**. **DO NOT LIE**.

- You do NOT have to give them your consular documents or passport unless they have a warrant from a judge.
- You do **not have to sign anything**.