

Muslim Center of New York

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Newsletter

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“Invite with wisdom and beautiful preaching to the way of your Lord and convince them the best way” (Al-Qur’an 16:125)

The Islamic (Hijri) Calendar

The Islamic Calendar, which is based purely on lunar cycles, was first introduced in 638 C.E. by the close companion of the Prophet (SAW) and the second Caliph, `Umar ibn Al-Khattab (RA) (592-644 C.E.).

Umar(RA) consulted with his advisors on the starting date of the new Muslim chronology. It was finally agreed that the most appropriate reference point for the Islamic calendar was the Hijrah. The actual starting date for the Calendar was chosen (on the basis of purely lunar years, counting backwards) to be the first day of the first month (Muharram) of the year of the Hijrah. The Islamic calendar (with dates that fall within the Muslim Era) is usually abbreviated A.H. Muharram 1, 1 A.H. corresponds to July 16, 622 C.E.

The Hijrah, which chronicles the migration of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) from Makkah to Madinah in September 622 C.E., is the central historical event of early Islam. It led to the foundation of the first Muslim city-state, a turning point in Islamic and world history.

To Muslims, the Hijri calendar is not just a sentimental system of time reckoning and dating important religious events, e.g., Siyaam (fasting) and Hajj (pilgrimage to Makkah). It has a much deeper religious and historical significance.

“It (the advent of the 15th century) is indeed, a unique occasion to ponder that the Islamic Era did not start with the victories of Islamic wars, nor with the birth or death of the prophet (SAW) nor with the Revelation itself. It starts with Hijra, or the sacrifice for the cause of Truth and for the preservation of the Revelation. It was a divinely inspired selection. Allah wanted to teach man that struggle between Truth and Evil is eternal. “

The Islamic year consists of twelve (purely lunar) months. They are: (1) MuHarram; (2) Safar; (3) Rabi` al-awal; (4) Rabi` Ath-Thany; (5) Jumada al-awal; (6) Jumada at-Thani; (7) Rajab; (8) Sha`baan; (9) Ramadan; (10) Shawwal; (11) Dhu al-Qi`dah; and (12) Dhu al-Hijjah.

Since the Islamic calendar is purely lunar, as opposed to solar, the Muslim (Hijri) year is shorter than the Gregorian year by about 11 days, and months in the Islamic (Hijri) year are not related to seasons, which are fundamentally determined by the solar cycle. This means that important Muslim festivals, which always fall in the same Hijri month, may occur in different seasons. For example, the Hajj and Ramdan can take place in the summer as well as the winter. It is only over a 33 year cycle that lunar months take a complete turn and fall during the same season.

Muslim Center Of New York Sunday School 2020/2021

September 2020 Re-opening survey

- Are you planning to send your children to the Muslim Center Sunday school for the year 2020/2021.
Yes / No
- Please write the names of your children planning to join our Sunday school for the year 2020/2021.
A
B
C
- Below are two options for school in September 2020. Please pick only one option that you feel most comfortable with:
A. Remote learning only (Online learning)
B. On-site learning only
- We would like to know your intentions for the coming school year. Your answer will help us to make a final decision and make any necessary accommodations/modifications.

Please circle one of the 3 options:

- My child will attend the Sunday school with whichever plan is decided
- My child will only attend the Sunday school if fully remote learning is offered
- My child will only attend the Sunday school if on site is offered

Please email your survey to muslimcenter@gmail.com

Wishing you and your family a New Year of Peace, happiness and abundance of all.

Bulletin Board

Hadith Session

Everyday after Sala'tul Fajr

Islamic History and Figh of Ibadaat

Every Friday after Maghrib

Tafseer Study Session

Sunday 1:15 pm — 2:00 pm

Daily Qur'anic School

For Boys & Girls 5-18

Weekdays 3:30 pm –6:30 pm

Full Time Hifz Class

Weekdays 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Sunday Islamic School

9:45 A.M. to 1:15 P.M.

For Boys & Girls 5-18

Junior High School

KG to 8th Grade

718-460-2127

Muslim Center Book Service

917-704-9851

Funeral Services

Islamic Burial 718-296-4089

Paak Funeral 718-418-7225

Muslim Funeral 718-705-2073

Al-Rayaan 718-708-7925

Nikah Services

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718-460-3000

Hafiz Yusuf Mulla

YM: Youth Program

Every Friday after Asr

(Halaqah, Games, Debate.... Etc)

Annual General Body Meeting

The annual meeting of the general body will be held *In sha Allah*, on the Sunday, October 25, 2020 after Qur'anic session at the Center on the third floor. All members in good standing are requested to attend.

Registered Paid Members Only

The Islamic Calendar 1442 A. H. is in ~~Printing press and will be available on~~ the first or second week of Islamic New Year. In sha Allah! Please mail your generous to cover printing and mailing cost to receive 1442 AH Calendar.

For Salah Schedule

Please Turn Over