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Ramadan at MCGP



2026

اللهم بلغنا رمضان

Allahumma ballighna Ramadhan

Oh Allah, allow us to reach the month of Ramadan

Ramadan Mubarak

Ramadan 1447 Hijri / February & March 2026

“Oh believers! Fasting was written upon you, as it was written upon those before you, so perhaps with effort, you will become thoughtful ‘of Allah’.”

The Sublime Quran: Chapter 2:Verse 183

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

New Iqama Times



Prayer Iqama Timings

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Date	Fajr	Duhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
March 1 - 7	5:30 am	1:15 pm	4:30 pm	10 min after	8:00 pm
March 8 - 19	6:15 am	1:15 pm	5:30 pm	sunset	9:00 pm

Shuttles will be operating every 15 minutes starting at 8:30 PM.

- Ramadan 2026 Calendar: mcgp.link/Ramadan2026

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Taraweeh Quran Schedule

1st night of Ramadan	Tuesday, February 17	Surat Al-Baqara (1-141)
1 Ramadan	Wednesday, February 18	Surat Al-Baqara (142-252)
2 Ramadan	Thursday, February 19	Surat Al-Baqara 253 - Surat Al-Imran 92
3 Ramadan	Friday, February 20	Surat Al-Imran 93 - Surat Al-Nisa (1-24)
4 Ramadan	Saturday, February 21	Surat Al-Nisa (25 - 147)
5 Ramadan	Sunday, February 22	Surat Al-Nisa 148 - Surat Al-Mae'da (1-86)
6 Ramadan	Monday, February 23	Surat Al-Mae'da 87 - Surat Al-An'am (1-111)
7 Ramadan	Tuesday, February 24	Surat Al-An'am 112 - Surat Al-A'raf (1-84)
8 Ramadan	Wednesday, February 25	Surat Al-A'raf 85 - Al-Anfal (1-40)
9 Ramadan	Thursday, February 26	Al-Anfal 41 - Al-Tawba (1-93)
10 Ramadan	Friday, February 27	Surat Al-Tawba 94 - Surat Yunus
11 Ramadan	Saturday, February 28	Surat Hud & Surat Yusuf (1-53)
12 Ramadan	Sunday, March 1	Surat Yusuf 54 - Surat Ibrahim
13 Ramadan	Monday, March 2	Surat Al-Hijr and Surat Al-Nahl
14 Ramadan	Tuesday, March 3	Surat Al-Isra' and Surat Al-Kahf 82
15 Ramadan	Wednesday, March 4	Al-Kahf 83, Maryam and Taha
16 Ramadan	Thursday, March 5	Surat Al-Anbya' and Surat Al-Hajj
17 Ramadan	Friday, March 6	Al-Mu'mnoon, An-Noor and Al-Furqan 34
18 Ramadan	Saturday, March 7	Al-Furqan 35, Al-Shu'ara and Al-Naml 75
19 Ramadan	Sunday, March 8	Al-Naml 76, Al-Qasas & Al-A'nkboot
20 Ramadan	Monday, March 9	Ar-Room, Luqman, As-Sajda and Al-Ahzab
21 Ramadan	Tuesday March 10	Saba, Fatir, Ya-sin and As-Saffat 74
22 Ramadan	Wednesday, March 11	As-Saffat 75, Sad, Az-Zumar, and Ghafir 22
23 Ramadan	Thursday, March 12	Ghafir 23, Fussilat, Ash-shura, Az-Zukhruf 25
24 Ramadan	Friday, March 13	From Surat Az-Zukhruf 26 - Surat Al-Fath
25 Ramadan	Saturday, March 14	From Surat Al-Hujurat - Surat Al-Qamar
26 Ramadan	Sunday, March 15	From Surat Al-Rahman - Surat At-Tahrim
27 Ramadan	Monday, March 16	From Surat Al-Mulk - Surat Al-Mursalat
28 Ramadan	Tuesday, March 17	From Surat An-Naba - Surat Al-Nas

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Ramadan Intention & Duaa of Breaking Fast

From opening the fast to closing the fast, make sure to
nourish the soul with beautiful dua and intentions!

The dua for opening the fast:
وَبِصَوْمِ غَدٍ نَّوَيْتُ مِنْ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ

[Abu Dawud]

Wa bisawmi ghadin nawaiytu min
shahri ramadan.

"I intend to keep the fast for tomorrow in the month of Ramadan."

The dua for breaking your fast
ذهب الظمأ وابتلت العروق وثبت الأجر إن شاء الله

[Abu Dawud]

Dhahaba adh-Dhama' wabtallatil-urooq wa
thabatal-ajr inshaa'Allah.

"Thirst is gone, the body is nourished, and the reward is
confirmed by the will of God."



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Donations & Zakat

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“Never will you attain the good [reward] until you spend [in the way of Allāh] from that which you love. And whatever you spend, indeed, Allāh is Knowing of it.” Chapter 3:Verse 92



Masjid
Operations



Zakat



\$15 Fitra

For more information

- **Ramadan 2026 Calendar: mcgp.link/Ramadan2026**

RAMADAN 2026

1447 Hijri

Dates

- **First Taraweh**
Tuesday, February 17
- **First Fast**
Wednesday, Feb 18
- **Eid Ul Fitr**
Friday, March 20

Programs

- **NIGHTLY**
Taraweh Juz Summary
- **WEEKENDS**
Post-Fajr Khatera
- **SELECT WEEKENDS**
Youth Qiyam
Sisters' Qiyam
- **LAST 10 NIGHTS**
Tahajjud
Laylatul Qadr Program



Shaykh
Ismael



Shaykh
Mendes



Shaykh
Ali



Shaykh
Bakeer



Shaykh
Yusuf



Ustadh
Ameen



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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday
February

17

First Taraweh

Wednesday
February

18

First Fast

Friday
March

13

Jumu'atul Wida

Sunday
March

15

Last 10 Nights

Tuesday
March

17

Khatam Al-Quran

Friday
March

20

Eid Ul Fitr



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Taraweeh Live Stream

Watch live: mcgp.link/live

Join us nightly for Taraweeh from wherever you are.

Whether you are traveling, unable to attend in person, or supporting from home, we hope this livestream helps you stay connected to the masjid throughout Ramadan.

Please share the link with family and friends who may benefit.





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Quiet Areas Guide



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Letter from the Imam and Chairman

Dear Respected MCGP Community Members,

As we prepare to welcome the blessed month of Ramadan, we are pleased to share that the guidelines implemented last year to enhance the Taraweeh experience were very successful, alhamdulillah. Due to the positive response and cooperation from our community, we will be re-establishing these guidelines again this Ramadan, inshallah.

The Main Musalla, MP1, and the Upstairs Women's Musalla will once again be designated as **Quiet Areas**, fostering an atmosphere of tranquility, focus, and khushu. We sincerely thank our community for respecting and supporting this initiative last year, and we kindly ask for the same cooperation moving forward. If you believe an exception may be needed, please reach out and we will do our best to accommodate, inshallah.

While we have always encouraged families to bring their children to Taraweeh to nurture a connection with the House of Allah, as in previous Ramadan, we kindly request that parents take advantage of other programs for children offered by MCGP. For any parents bringing children under 7, MP2 will be the only available space designated for parents to pray alongside their children.



Letter from the Imam and Chairman cont...

We will have security and volunteers ensuring no children enter the Quiet Areas mentioned above. There will be no dropoff areas or babysitting provided. **We kindly ask that children remain by their parents' side at all times**, calm and respectful, avoiding any disruptive behavior.

If your child is of an understanding age and can pray quietly alongside you, they are welcome to join you in the main prayer areas. However, it is vital that we all strive to maintain a serene environment, allowing everyone to focus on their worship. While brief noise is natural, prolonged disturbances can impact the concentration of those in prayer, and we encourage everyone to be mindful of this responsibility.

We are grateful for the patience and understanding shown last year, which played a major role in creating a peaceful and uplifting Ramadan. We look forward to continuing this positive experience together.

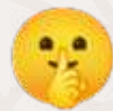
Jazakum Allahu Khairan for your understanding and support.
With gratitude,
Shaykh Ismael Essa and Murad Lodhi (Chairman)



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Quiet Area Rules



Maintain Silence



Mute Electronic Devices



Take Phone Calls Outside



Supervise Children



Use Soft Footsteps



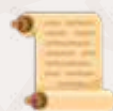
Close Doors Slowly



Gather Outside



Follow Staff Instructions



Respect Mosque Etiquette

Rules for Quiet Areas (Children 7+ yrs)

To ensure a peaceful and respectful environment, please observe the following guidelines when in the designated Quiet Areas of the mosque:

1. **Maintain Silence** – Refrain from talking or engaging in unnecessary conversation to allow others to focus on prayer and reflection.
2. **Mute Electronic Devices** – Switch mobile phones and other electronic devices to silent or turn them off to avoid disturbances.
3. **Take Phone Calls Outside** – Taking or making phone calls in quiet areas is strictly prohibited. Please step outside if you need to speak on the phone.
4. **Supervise Children** – If accompanied by children, ensure they remain quiet and do not run or play in designated Quiet Areas.
5. **Use Soft Footsteps** – Walk gently and avoid making loud noises with shoes, bags, or other belongings.
6. **Close Doors Softly** – When entering or leaving, close doors gently to avoid disturbing others.
7. **Gather Outside** – Avoid group discussions or social interactions within Quiet Areas; these should be held in designated areas outside the prayer space.
8. **Minimize Distractions** – Refrain from eating, drinking, or engaging in any activity that may cause noise or disturbance.
9. **Follow Staff Instructions** – Comply with guidance from mosque staff and volunteers to help maintain a respectful and serene environment.
10. **Respect Mosque Etiquette** – Always adhere to the general rules of the mosque and respect the sanctity of the space.



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Parent-and-Me Rules



Maintain a Respectful Environment



Supervise Your Children



Use Quiet Voices



Limit Cell Phone Use



No Running or Rough Play



Be Mindful of Others



No Food or Drinks



Follow Staff Instructions



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Rules for Parent-and-Me Area, MP2 (Children 0-6 yrs)

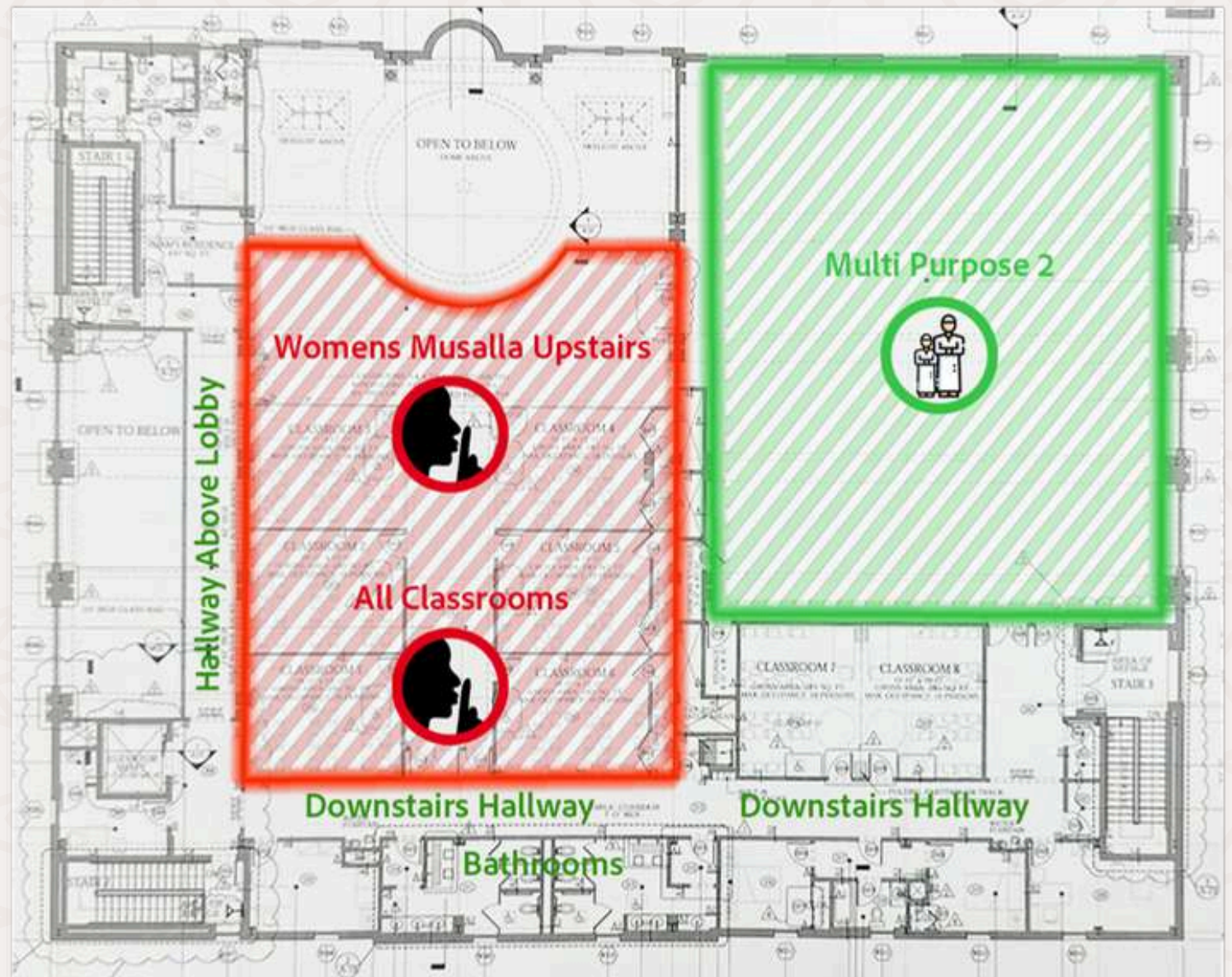
To ensure a peaceful and respectful environment, please observe the following guidelines when in the designated Parent-and-Me Area of the mosque (MP2):

1. **Maintain a Respectful Environment** – Please maintain a calm and quiet atmosphere to ensure everyone can focus on worship and reflection.
2. **Supervise Your Children** – Parents are responsible for watching their children at all times to ensure safety and minimize disruptions.
3. **Use Quiet Voices** – While conversations and comforting children are allowed, please keep voices low to maintain a peaceful setting.
4. **Cleanup After Use** – Please tidy up after yourself and your child. Dispose of diapers properly, and put away toys, books, or any other items.
5. **No Running or Rough Play** – This is a sacred space; children should be encouraged to play quietly and respectfully.
6. **Be Mindful of Others** – If your child is crying for an extended period, consider stepping outside briefly to soothe them.
7. **Limit Cell Phone Use** – Please keep phones on silent and use them only when necessary. Avoid loud conversations, videos, or music to maintain a peaceful atmosphere.
8. **No Food or Drinks** – To keep the space clean and safe, please avoid bringing food or drinks into the room (except for baby bottles or necessary feeding).
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Designated Quiet Areas Upstairs



1. Womens Musulla Upstairs
2. All Classroom Areas



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Designated Quiet Areas Downstairs



1. Main Lobby
2. Mens Main Musalla Area
3. Womens Main Musalla Area
4. Multi Purpose Room 1



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Sisters' Quiet Dhikr Room

To help create space and accommodate our growing congregation this Ramadan, a dedicated Sisters Quiet Dhikr Room will be available throughout the month.

📍 **Located in the Women's Musalla — Classroom 1**
(the first classroom to the right, normally used as the Kindergarten classroom for Weekend School).

This space is intended for sisters who would like a quiet area for dhikr, reflection, or personal worship.

Our goal is to be inclusive and ensure there is room for everyone to benefit spiritually during these blessed nights.



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Logistics Guide



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What's New This Ramadan?

- Carpet shampooing has been completed. A strict no food/drink and no shoes policy is now in effect.
- Ramadan volunteer and staff training has been completed. (You may still sign up for upcoming needs and Eid events: mcgp.link/MCGPVolunteer)
- Two 13-seater vans have been rented for Ramadan.
- Clear road signage will be in place.
- Fresh painting and hallway heating upgrades are complete.
- Automatic fragrance machines have been installed.
- Parking staff has been hired and trained for Ramadan.
- Police presence has been arranged for Ramadan.
- Six additional staff members will be assisting with setup and cleanup.



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Parking Reminders

- Please arrive at the MCGP parking lot 30 minutes before Taraweeh to ensure entry.
- For the first 30 minutes after Taraweeh begins, only vehicles with 2 or more occupants will be permitted to enter the MCGP parking lot.
- After parking, please ensure headlights are turned off if facing neighboring homes as a courtesy to our neighbors.
- Follow directions from parking volunteers at all times.
- Do not block fire lanes, driveways, or handicap ramps.
- Do not double park.
- Do not park in reserved or restricted areas without proper authorization. Handicap parking is strictly for vehicles with valid permits.
- When the main parking lot is full, please proceed to the 379/MP3 lot for overflow parking.



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Live Parking Status

mcgjp.link/Parking

Real-time parking updates each night of Taraweeh.

This page will be updated live with main lot status and 379/MP-3 overflow status.

We strongly encourage everyone to check the link before leaving home to help reduce congestion and delays.





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Shuttle Service Information



SHUTTLE SERVICE

13-seater vans will be used for shuttle service to and from 379/MP-3 and MCGP

- **Operating Hours**
 - Runs every **15 mins**
 - Starts at **8:30PM**
 - Ends 30mins after Witr Salah
- Please allow a few extra minutes for loading and traffic during peak nights.
- We strongly encourage families and individuals parking at 379/MP-3 to utilize the shuttle for safe and convenient transport.



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Crescent Café Ramadan Hours

Crescent Café will be open the first 2 nights of Taraweeh, then every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday throughout Ramadan.

During the last 10 nights, café service will be take-away only.

Service will begin after the 8th rakah of Taraweeh.

📍 Location: Behind the bar in MP2

💳 Payment Accepted: Venmo, Zelle, and Cash

☕ Menu: Hot & cold coffee plus specialty drinks (available while supplies last)

Crescent Café is proudly run by our community youth

Come support and enjoy! 🌙



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CRESCENT CAFE

FIRST TWO NIGHTS, EVERY FRI-SUN, AND THE LAST
TEN NIGHTS, AFTER 8TH RAKAT, IN MP2



Coffee

MENU



HOT DRINKS

HOT COFFEE
HOT CHOCOLATE
HOT LATTE
GOLDEN MILK

ICED DRINKS

ICED LATTE
ICED COFFEE

SPECIALTY DRINKS*

NOT OFFERED EVERY NIGHT*

ICED REFRESHER
ICED MATCHA

ADD-ONS

- CARAMEL
- VANILLA
- HAZELNUT
- COLD FOAM



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Mutual Respect: Community & Volunteers

As we enter Ramadan, we kindly ask for mutual respect and cooperation between our community and volunteers.

We ask our community members to please follow volunteer guidance with patience and understanding. Our volunteers are serving to maintain safety, organization, and a peaceful environment for worship.

At the same time, our volunteers are reminded to always speak with gentleness, respect, and good character. Every interaction should reflect the dignity of our masjid.

Ramadan is a month of patience and mercy. Let us treat one another with kindness and uphold the best of our character.

Jazakallah Khairan for helping us create a safe and spiritually uplifting space for all.



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Ramadan Survey

mcgp.link/RamadanSurvey

Your feedback matters to us. We are always striving to improve our programs, services, and overall experience at the masjid.

Please take a few minutes to complete our community survey and share your thoughts. Your input helps guide future planning and ensures we continue serving you in the best way possible.

