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[In the name of Allah, Most Beneficent, Most Merciful]



MASJID AN-NUR

**“BY THE WILL OF ALLAH (SUBHANAHO WA TA’ALA),
MASJID AN-NUR IS EXTREMELY HONORED AND
PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR **25TH** ANNIVERSARY
YEAR OF OUR ESTABLISHMENT!” – MASJID AN-NUR PRESIDENT**

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF MASJID AN-NUR:

We first start by giving complete praise & thanks to Allah (subhanaho wa ta’ala) in making Masjid An-Nur Foundation a true reality. We sincerely thank the entire community for being the essence of making our foundation a true success.

As we celebrate our **25th anniversary year**, it is such a remarkable feat that our Masjid has grown leaps & bounds in the quarter century of its existence. Back in the mid 1990’s, the original pioneers & visionary group had an idea to open a Masjid and embarked on a journey to make another “House of Allah,” thus the origination and project of Masjid An-Nur began. Masjid An-Nur, and An-Nur Foundation of Maryland was formally established in 1995, followed by the purchase of a property on Harford Road that became our very first Masjid location. Our very first Jumaah prayer was established on February 16, 1996, followed on Saturday by Laylat al-Qadr prayer on the night of Ramadan 27th, 1416. Our next major milestone came in 2010, a purchase of two adjacent properties in the White Marsh area, which led to our relocation to our current location today: at the corner of Philadelphia and Ebenezer Roads.

For the past 25 years, we are extremely grateful to all the Imams, Khateeb, Sunday School teachers and teacher-assistants, guest speakers, various board members, our dedicated staff, our countless volunteers and so many more who assisted behind the scenes in making our Masjid a true pillar in the Baltimore Metropolitan area. We have been very blessed to have our beloved Imam Khalil & his exemplary wife onboard from the Masjid early days. They alongside many others who have been true anchors of the community and have paved the way for our Masjid to flourish over the years. We sincerely “Thank” everyone for making Masjid An-Nur a stronghold for the Maryland Muslim community and beyond.

Although last year was a difficult year for our community and humanity in general due to COVID-19, nonetheless we at Masjid An-Nur achieved two major milestones;

- **On March 25th 2020, Masjid An-Nur Foundation signed a contract with the Boulevard Contractors Corporation for a major construction project.** This contract is for a brand-new two-story building with complete renovation of one existing building for a total area of 29,106 square feet. This large construction will comprise, the men’s prayer hall, women’s prayer hall, a multi-purpose hall, classrooms, a lounge area, a conference room, admin offices, and other amenities. All design drawings were submitted to the Baltimore County Board of Approvals in October of 2020, with permit approvals expected in 2021. We expect to embark on ground-breaking-construction work this Spring, In Shaa Allah. We are extremely thrilled upon this development, as we hope you are as well.
- **On September 25th 2020, Masjid An-Nur Foundation hired Imam Dr. Abdulrahman Alhawsali as our full time Imam.** Not only is our lead Imam, but is our An-Nur Academy School Principal as well. Imam Abdulrahman has already created & established a daily virtual Seerah lecture series (Monday thru Friday) at 7 pm, can be watched on YouTube Live and Goggle Meet Apps. In addition to the two Friday Khutbahs at 12:15 and 1:15 pm he leads, Imam Abdulrahman offers additional programs to include teaching three levels of Nuraniyya, Hifth program, Ijaza programs and Arabic teaching. We are extremely fortunate to have him on board, leading all facets of Islamic learning.

As of today, (with 25 years of history) we are extremely thrilled to have a full functioning Masjid that provides a vast amount of services, we are proud to offer; *Five-Daily Congregational Prayers, Two-Jummah Khutbahs, Full-time Imam on premises, an Assistant-Imam, Quranic & Tafseer classes, Educational programs for children and adults, Weekly Islamic programs, Daily weeknight Halaqas, Tara'weeh & Eids prayers, Funeral services, Marriage counseling, Nikah ceremonies, all this and so much more to list*, all within our growth for the past 25 years. With Allah's blessings, we have been able to offer all these services to the Masjid An-Nur Community and our intentions are to continue, in sha Allah. We pride in the democratic Shura stance & transfer power to new councils as the years progress, leaving behind an establishment that we truly hope Allah (subhanaho wa ta'ala) will be pleased with us and Masjid An-Nur future teams who will carry-on this mission and lead this endeavor to fruition, In Shaa Allah.

As you are aware, since November 8th, 2020 our Masjid has been closed due to COVID-19. We are planning to re-open our doors in the very near future as soon as we feel that it is safe for our community to enter the Masjid grounds once again. In the meantime, we had to revamp our programs virtually and hold off some events from the previous year. But now-going forward, we are extremely optimistic that 2021, In Shaa Allah, will be a much better year for us and we can plan our year-long showcasing to commemorate our 25th Anniversary year.

Now turning to 2021 and fully commemorating our 25th Anniversary year, we formally invite the entire Masjid An-Nur community to an exciting year ahead to celebrate this great milestone. We will be unveiling great news about our Masjid's future throughout the year, alongside our Media and Event Teams who will be showcasing individual events.

As we celebrate our extraordinary 25th Anniversary year, our official theme will be: ***"Past, Present & the Future - Masjid An-Nur 25 Years Strong!"*** We truly hope you will be a part of this amazing year, In Shaa Allah.

Finally, we strongly urge the Masjid An-Nur community to financially support your Masjid in it's next project. Please note: during these challenging times our donations & financial support fell behind significantly, but with Allah's mercy & blessings we were able to cover the daily operating costs and upcoming construction costs but we are in dire need of your financial assistance. We are asking for you to please donate online using Masjid An-Nur's secure link: ***us.mohid.co/md/baltimore/anfm/masjid/online/donation***

May Allah (subhanaho wa ta'ala) keep us all safe, may this pandemic come to an end. May our center prosper in the years to come, In Shaa Allah. ***On behalf of Masjid An-Nur Foundation; we congratulate you on your center's 25th Anniversary year!!***

"PAST, PRESENT & THE FUTURE - MASJID AN-NUR 25 YEARS STRONG!!"

Regards,

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