

# WELCOME TO THE GOD-LODING & GOD-PROTECTED PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL'S!

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"Each one shall give what he has decided in his own mind, not Grudgingly or because he is made to - for God loves a cheerful giver." - II Cor. 9:7

December 3, 2023

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

**Sunday, Dec. 3: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Forefeast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple – FAST** 

Tone 1 / Epistle: Eph. 5:8-19; Gospel: Lk. 12:16-21

9:00AM Divine Liturgy – Live video broadcast on our Facebook

page: page: https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelUOC/

## WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

## **NATIVITY FAST**

Mon., Dec. 4: THE ENTRY OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

INTO THE TEMPLE - FAST

Epistle: Heb. 9:1-7; Gospel: Lk. 10:38-42; 11:27-28

#### 10:30AM Moleben to the Mother of God

Tues, Dec. 5: St. Yaropolk-Peter, prince of Volodymyr in

Volyn - FAST

Epistle: 1 Tim. 5:11-21; Gospel: Lk. 17:26-37

Wed., Dec. 6: St. Amphilochius, bishop of Iconium – FAST

Epistle: 1 Tim. 5:22-6:11; Gospel: Lk. 18:15-17, 26-30

Thur, Dec. 7: Great-martyr Catherine - FAST

Epistle: 1 Tim. 6:17-21; Gospel: Lk. 18:31-34

Fri., Dec. 8: Leave-taking of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos /

**Hieromartyr Clement, pope of Rome – FAST** 

Epistle: 2 Tim. 1:1-2, 8-18; Gospel: Lk. 19:12-28

Sat., Dec. 9: St. Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis -- FAST

Epistle: Gal. 5:22-6:2; Gospel: Lk. 10:19-21

Sunday, Dec. 10: 27th Sunday after Pentecost / Great-martyr

James the Persian – FAST

Tone 2 / Epistle: Eph. 6:10-17; Gospel: Lk. 13:10-17

9:00AM Obidna/Typica will be celebrated, as Fr. Boris will be

in Boston for St. Andrew's patronal feast day with

Metropolitan Antony. – Live video broadcast on our Facebook

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Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue

## SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, DEC. 3, 2023

### Ephesians 5:8-19 (Epistle)

BRETHREN, for once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

#### Luke 12:16-21 (Gospel)

And Jesus he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

## PARISH NEWS

-WE EXTEND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO: MaryAnn Grintchenko (Nov. 28), Susan Chase (Nov. 30), and Janice Meschisen (Dec. 2) WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO: William & Sandra Bucci (Nov. 30), may God grant you, Many Happy Years! Многая літа!

**--2024 LITURGICAL CALENDARS ARE IN!** They are available in the vestibule. Suggested donation of \$3.00.

**--SPECIAL MEETING: TODAY!!!** December 3, 2023, During Coffee Hour

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael,

On December 3, 2023, there will be a Special Meeting in the church hall regarding the request of some of the parishioners to change from the from the Julian ("old") calendar to the Revised Julian ("new") calendar.

I have asked Father Boris to speak regarding this requested change and to report on what our Hierarchs in South Bound Brook have spoken about the calendar change at the annual Clergy Conference held in October 2023. There will be opportunity for questions and we also encourage anyone who would like to speak on the matter to please do so at this meeting.

This is a very important meeting and we want to keep everyone aware of the discussions on this topic in order to discern our parish's interest. A vote would need to take place (possibly at the next annual meeting in June 2024) before any change to the calendar would take place. Please note, only those parishioners in good standing (have paid their yearly dues/diocese fee of \$105 per person) will be able to participate in this vote to change the parish calendar. We need everyone's input regarding this topic and more importantly your support of the Church. The \$105 fee per parishioner is money we take out of our parish treasury and send to the Consistory to support the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States of America.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this Special Meeting. Your servant in Christ, Irene Shewchuk, Parish Board President

- **-SEEKING COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS:** We are seeking volunteers to sponsor a coffee hour. There will be a white board setup in the Hall with the dates. Simply, write your name for the Sunday you wish to sponsor. Usually the coffee pot and water kettle are ready to go upon your arrival. The coffee pot needs to be plugged in by 8:30 am. You are responsible for purchasing milk and half & half for the coffee. There are presently packaged goods in the kitchen. There also may be frozen items in the freezer designated for coffee hour. Feel free to bring your own items as well. At the end of coffee hour, you are responsible for washing the coffee pot, utensils, plates, etc., wrapping any leftovers, cleaning the food tables and kitchen counter. Please ask if you have any questions or need help with your coffee hour. Thank you for volunteering. Thanks, Eleanor
- -ST. MICHAEL CEMETERY ACCESS: Polish National Cemetery has a contract to excavate and to remove gravel from their cemetery. The operation will take place Monday thru Friday between 7am − 5pm and Saturday 9am − 12 pm. Be aware that you may encounter quite a bit of activity involved on the shared road. Excavation and removal of the sand has begun, so please be careful entering and leaving the cemetery.
- **--ADOPT-A-FAMILY:** A special Thank you too all for your participation in making this holiday a little brighter for at least one local family! "God Bless Us, Everyone"!
- **-2ND COLLECTION:** The Special Collection will be to help with the expenses of repairing the front steps of the Church. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you!
- **--COOKIE WALK:** "Now that our festival is over, we need to turn to our next largest fund raiser of the year, the annual Cookie Walk! It is not too early to begin baking and freezing your favorite cookies! Bins will be available for freezing and storage. And you can bring them here to freeze. We need at least six dozen cookies of each variety."

Thank you all in advance for your participation. If any questions, (or you need a recipe), see Cindy!

- **--TIME TO TRIM THE TREE:** Children of all ages are invited to submit handmade ornaments to be hung on the official tree located in the Rotunda of the Metropolitan Center of the UOCofUSA. His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel eagerly awaits the ornaments, which he will hang on the Christmas tree himself. *Ornaments must be received by Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>*.
- **--ST. ANDREW, BOSTON:** St. Andrew's Day Celebration! Sunday, December 10, 2023 @ 10 A.M. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy Celebrated by

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony. In honor of the 65th anniversary of St. Andrew's and especially in honor of Very Reverend Father Roman Tarnavsky on the 45th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood Join us for dinner and a concert after the Liturgy. Tickets - \$25 for adults Please make a reservation by email to: standrewukrainianboston@gmail.com

All events at St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Boston / 24 Orchardhill Road, Boston, MA 02130

### KITCHEN SESSIONS

**Tuesday, Dec. 5 – 8:00AM –** prepare potato filling.

Wednesday, Dec.6 – 8:00AM – make Potato Varenyky.

## UPCOMING PARISH & INTER-PARISH EVENTS

**—2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month** — Akathist to the Mother of God, Healer of Cancer @ 7PM / Followed by Adult Religious Education class. Please submit the names of those you want to have remembered to Fr. Boris.

-Saturday, December 16 - Annual Cookie Walk. 9 - 11AM

### **UOL CORNER**

**--UOL'S MISSION STATEMENT:** "The Ukrainian Orthodox League is a national volunteer organization of members in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, who are committed to promoting the Orthodox Faith, supporting the Church, developing the potential of our youth and their active participation in the life of the Church, and preserving Ukrainian heritage and culture."

-- UOL MOTTO: "Dedicated to our Church, Devoted to Its Youth"

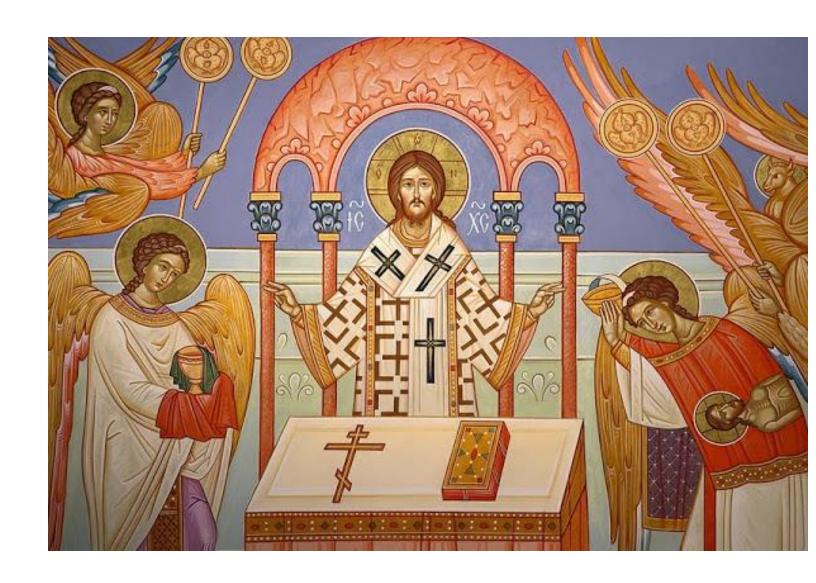
#### -GOALS OF THE UOL:

- Promoting active participation in all aspects of the Orthodox faith and supporting the Church.
- Developing and maintaining programs and projects which educate members and promote dedication and commitment to the Church, Her teachings, traditions, and missions.

- Proving opportunities for the development of leadership skills and responsibility among the youth of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.
- Providing and promoting information on Ukrainian heritage and history to the general public and establishing means which ensure the continuation of cultural awareness and pride within our membership.
- -DEC. 31<sup>ST</sup>: UOL Soup Sale \$5 for a bowl/container
- -JAN. 14, 2024: UOL Meeting during the coffee hour.
- -- FEB. 11, 2024: Souperbowl Sunday
- --MAR. 31<sup>ST</sup>: UOL Soup Sale \$5 for a bowl/container

### CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER

- -15 MINUTES WITH FATHER -- Last Sunday of the month.
- -SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 St. Nicholas Day Children's Celebration



## Holiday Cookie Walk 2023 December 16, 2023 9-11AM

We're back! But we have competition! And we **NEED** your help!!! We are trying to make this Cookie walk something special for us all! We want to offer new items and wonder if you have an idea??????

This year we will offer pre-scooped, frozen ready to bake chocolate chip cookies. And also quart sized jars of ready to mix cookies adding a few fresh ingredients. We are considering offering a fresh frozen home made cheeseball for an appetizer table. But we need to think of, and do MORE! You may know that Wright's Dairy Farm is now using the Cookie walk concept, as is Mount St. Charles, Blackstone Library, North Smithfield Library and many more! Some charge more than we do (yes, some less), but frankly, we think our cookies can't be beat! What you can offer us as ideas to help offer NEW products???

The MOST important part of this sale will be a firm commitment from YOU!!! Your promise to bake lots of cookies will be the key to our success (and sanity).

Please let us know ASAP how you will help, by completing this form and returning to Donna or Cindy. And remember....you can team up! It eases the work and doubles the profit...er product!

White bins will be available for freezing and are our preferred form of delivery as they pack nicely in our freezers. Yes, you can bring your cookies as soon as they're baked. We'll take good care of them (nom, nom)! And if you're a last minute Suzy, all cookies need to be delivered and trayed by 7AM the morning of the walk. Please don't make us more anxious by not being prepared. Organization is a key and is extremely important to us. This is one of our largest fund raisers and lots of fun!!!

#### Please return to Cindy or Donna ASAP

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orry, no, I can't be there with you all. 😊
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## THE NATIVITY FAST NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>

During the Nativity Fast the Church encourages us to intensify our spiritual lives in order to ready our souls and bodies for the Feast. We do this through fasting, prayer, alms-giving, confession and increased attention given to "preparing for His coming", to make sure we've done what we can to make a "fit dwelling place for Him" in our hearts and lives.

"increase your prayer life, read more scripture and spiritual books, especially lives of the saints. A little less television, no anger, no gossiping, no laziness and let's try to avoid the Christmas parties. If we prepare in this way, God will bless us and we will find the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord to be far more spiritually rewarding than ever before. May God help us to struggle courageously." Bishop Joseph

#### The Purpose of Fasting

The purpose of fasting is to focus on the things that are above, the Kingdom of God. It is a means of putting on virtue in reality, here and now. Through it we are freed from dependence on worldly things. We fast faithfully and in secret, not judging others, and not holding ourselves up as an example.

- Fasting in itself is not a means of pleasing God. Fasting is not a punishment for our sins. Nor is fasting a means of suffering and pain to be undertaken as some kind of atonement. Christ already redeemed us on His Cross. Salvation is a gift from God that is not bought by our hunger or thirst.
- We fast to be delivered from carnal passions so that God's gift of Salvation may bear fruit in us.
- We fast and turn our eyes toward God in His Holy Church. Fasting and prayer go together.
- Fasting is not irrelevant. Fasting is not obsolete, and it is not something for someone else. Fasting is from God, for us, right here and right now.
- Most of all, we should not devour each other. We ask God to "set a watch and keep the door of our lips."

#### **Fasting Periods**

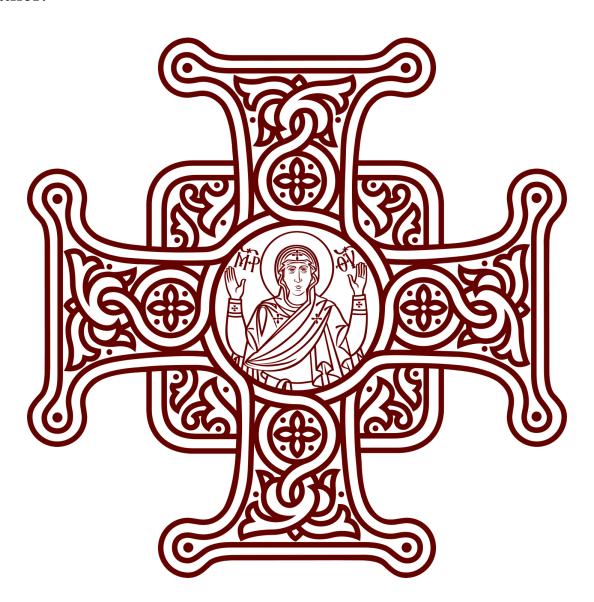
The Nativity Fast is one of the four Canonical Fasting Seasons in the Church year. This is a joyous fast in anticipation of the Nativity of Christ. That is the reason it is less strict than other fasting periods. The fast is divided into two periods.

- 1. **November 28<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>** the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, dairy, fish, wine, and oil) is observed. There is dispensation given for wine and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Similarly, fish, wine, and oil are permitted on Saturdays and Sundays.
- 2. **January 2<sup>nd</sup> through January 6<sup>th</sup>** traditional fasting discipline (no meat, dairy, fish, wine, and oil) is observed. There is dispensation given for wine and oil only on Saturday and Sunday during this period.

Please note that this is the letter of the tradition and certain allowances should be made for the occasional suspension of the severity of the fast, not as an excuse for laxity or indulgence, but when love requires. When in doubt, talk to your priest!

#### When Not to Fast

- between January 7 and January 18<sup>th</sup> (even on Wednesdays and Fridays);
- if you are pregnant or nursing a newborn;
- during serious illness;
- without prayer;
- without alms-giving;
- according to your own will without guidance from your spiritual father.



## Time to Trim the Tree Час Приграшати Ялинку!



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His Eminence Archbishop Daniel eagerly awaits the ornaments, which he will hang on the Christmas tree himself. Don't keep Vladyka waiting too long. Ornaments must be received by

#### **DECEMBER 18, 2023**

Запрошуємо усіх дітей незалежно від віку, зробити орнамент щоб прикрасити офіційну ялинку, що стоятиме в ротонді Центру Митрополії Української Православної Церкви С.Ш.А.

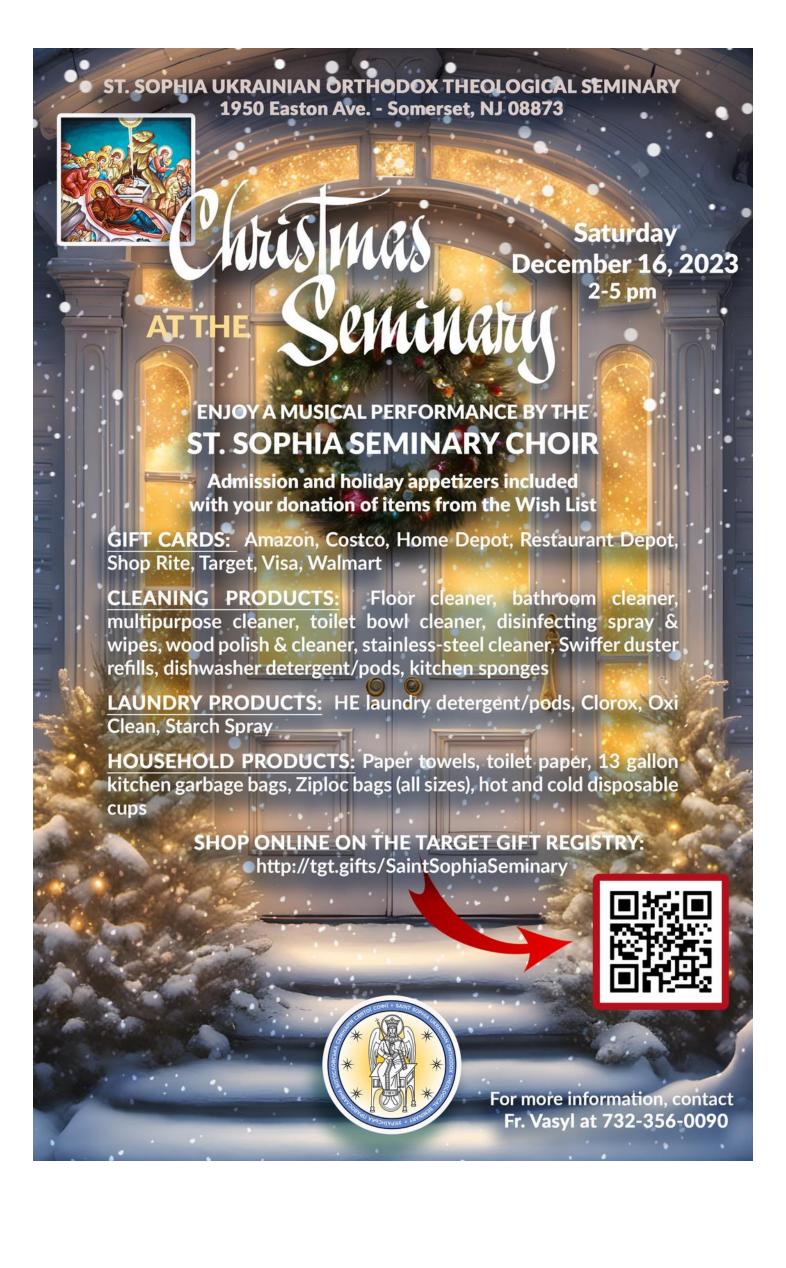
Його Високопреосвященство Архієпископ Даниїл особисто прикрашатиме Різдвяну ялинку. Не заставляйте Владику довго чекати, а висилайте Вашу ручну роботи до

#### 18 ГРУДНЯ, 2023

BONUS: Deliver your ornaments in person at the Consistory Offices, and get a photo taken with Vladyka. Please call in advance to schedule appointment: 732-356-0090

БОНУС: Доставте свої орнаменти особисто до консисторії та сфотографуйтеся з Владикою. Будь ласка, призначте зустріч заздалегідь: 732-356-0090







JOIN US AT A MONTHLY LIVE STREAMED CELEBRATION OF AN AKAPHIST TO

ПРИЄДНУЙТЕСЯ ДО ЩОМІСЯЧНОЇ ПРЯМОЇ ТРАНСЛЯЦІЇ СЛУЖІННЯ АКАФІСТА

## ТНЕ МОТНЕК ОГ GOD - QUEEN OF ALL КОГОРОДИЦІ ВСЕЦАРИЦЯ

BESEECHING HER INTERCESSION FOR THE HEALING OF ALL THOSE SUFFERING FROM CANCER AND OTHER DISEASES MONTH II BACTYPHULTBA AND SUINEHHE BIA PAKY TA IHWIX XBOPOB

First Thursday of each month 5 January 2023 at 7:00pm

Перший четвер кожного місяця 5 січня 2023 року о 19:00 год

Please submit the names of those you wish to pray for to: uocofusa@aol.com with the subject - PRAYERS

Будь ласка, надішліть імена тих, за кого ви бажаєте молитися: uocofusa@aol.com з темою - МОЛИТВИ

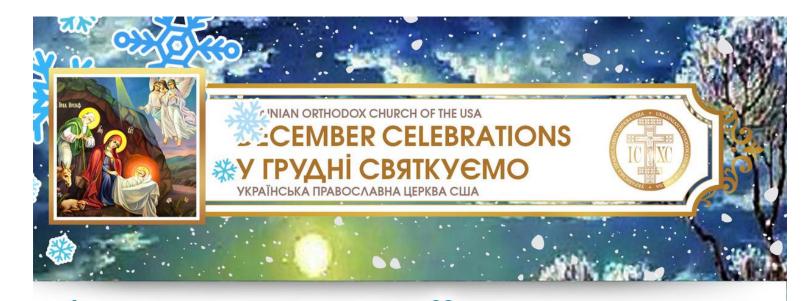
Future dates: 5 Jan, 2 Feb, 2 Mar, 6 April, 4 May, 1 June, 6 July, 3 Aug...

Майбутні дати: 5 січня, 2 лютого, 2 березня, 6 квітня, 4 травня, 1 червня, 6 липня, 3 серпня...









THE ENTRY OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE

ВВЕДЕННЯ В ХРАМ ПРЕСВЯТОЇ ВЛАДИЧИЦІ НАШОЇ БОГОРОДИЦІ І ВСЕДІВИ МАРІЇ

7 GREAT-MARTYR CATHERINE ВЕЛИКОМУЧИНЕЦІ КАТЕРИНИ

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(ACCORDING TO THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR)
ST. SPYRIDON THE WONDERWORKER
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