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Good Shepherd E-News (17 November 2016)

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio--Seeking to know and serve Christ in loving service to the campus, the community, and the world.

This Sunday: 20 November 2016 Last Sunday after Pentecost



8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

9:00 Adult Education; 9:30 Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist, Rite II-C

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Christ The King Sunday
In-Gathering Sunday
Discretionary Sunday

Upcoming Church Events

Vestry Meeting: Thursday, November 17, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday School: Sunday, November 20, 9:30 a.m.

In-Gathering, November 20 (pledge cards collected)

Orchestra & Chamber Music Recital, Nov. 22, 7:00 p.m., Nave

Wednesday Free Lunch, Wednesday, November 23, 12:00 noon

Thanksgiving Day Service: Thursday, Nov. 24, 10:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Day potluck: Thursday, Nov. 24

First Sunday of Advent: Sunday, Nov. 27

Advent Festival/Holiday House: Sunday, Dec. 4, 4:30 p.m.

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Gospel



Last Sunday After Pentecost (Christ the King)

Luke 23: 33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was

Prayer Shawl Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 13, Bob Evans

Participants scheduled for This Sunday - Last Sunday after Pentecost, Christ the King (Nov. 20)

Altar Guild: David Burton and Zelma Coleman

Coffee Hour: Joanne Worstall and Don Frazier

8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector/Prayers: Doris Green/Joanne Larson

10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: David Burton

Eucharistic Ministers: Jack Flemming (Prayer leader) and Dana Carlson

Ushers: Anne Braxton and Bruce Martin

First Cross: Bella Martin

Second Cross: Ana Martin

Gospel Book: Ella Cottrill

Lessons: Jeremiah 23: 1-6, Canticle 4 or 16, Colossians 1: 11-20, Luke 23:33-43.

<http://www.lectionarypage.net/>

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS

In our world,

we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; we pray for peace with justice throughout the Middle East. We pray for all people affected by natural and environmental disasters. We pray also for the people who are suffering from war, especially the Syrian refugees. We pray for Barack, our President, and John, our Governor, the members of the Supreme Court, and the members of the U.S. Congress.

In our diocese,

we pray for Thomas, our Diocesan Bishop, and Nedi, our Assisting Bishop. We pray also for St. Alban's, Bexley, and St. Paul's, Chillicothe.

In our parish, we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Priest-in-charge, the Rev. Deborah Woolsey, for the Rev. Katharin Foster, for the Rev. David McCoy, and for our ministry to students, the university, and the community. We pray also for our music ministry and choir and for Ted Foster, our Junior Warden.

Those for whom our prayers are requested: *

also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Ed and Mary Lou; Pam, Bill, the D'Andrea family, Elizabeth, Gifford, Sally, Patricia, Ann, Jan, Pat, Sharon, Bill, William, Roxie, Patricia, Richard, Robert, Don, Nancy, Arvin, Suzan, Bill, and Sister Emmanuel, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Jason Hillard (11/23), Penny Karageorge (11/23), Molly Dickelman (11/24), Allyn Reilly (11/26), Terrie Sherman (11/26)

The Altar Flowers are given in memory of Jeanne L. Wells' first anniversary in heaven by her loving family: her husband Arvin, daughter Leslie, son Douglas and her grandchildren. We miss you very much!!

* Full names for this section are not published online but are in the Sunday bulletin and will be read at the 10:30 service.

If you have a name to be added to the prayer list, Lynn Graham maintains this information. Lynn may be reached at 740-593-5098 or grahammowery@aol.com.



Vestry Tonight

Reminder--the November Vestry meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, November 17, at 7:00 PM in Hobson Lounge.

Christ the King Sunday

This Sunday is the last Sunday in the Church Year. As the Church Year draws to a close we celebrate (you can tell it is a celebratory day because of the white vestments, frontal, and falls) and remember that Jesus Christ is our Lord and king. We also remember that Jesus is a different kind of king than a typical monarch and that our celebration of Christ's kingship is theological rather than political-his kingdom is God's. The readings, collect, music, and sermon all help us understand what it means for Jesus to be our king. This celebration also looks to the season of Advent, which starts next Sunday. It is the season when we reflect on the eschatological belief that Jesus will return to bring all creation under God's reign.

Adult Education

From now until Christmas, on Sunday mornings we are exploring the brief hymns known as "O Antiphons," which celebrate the approaching incarnation of Christ, using such different names as Wisdom, Root of Jesse, and King. During the Advent Festival on Dec. 4, these antiphons will punctuate the longer hymns sung by the choir, so these Sunday morning discussions will allow us all to familiarize ourselves with them. This Sunday, Nov. 20, Marsha Reilly will meet with us to discuss the

idea of a 7-week Advent, which is partially defined by these antiphons. We meet from 9 to 10 on Sunday mornings in Hobson Lounge.

Discretionary Sunday

This Sunday (Nov. 20) the loose plate offering (non-designated cash and checks) will go into the Priest-in-Charge's discretionary fund. Thanks to your generosity, Mother Deborah has been able to help several people with energy bills, rent, and medical bills, to help people here in Athens feel a little less alone and find a little much-needed relief. Thank you for enabling and empowering your priest-in-charge to serve the community in this way and for making a difference together.

A Day for Giving Thanks

Please join us on Thursday, November 24, at 10:00 am in the sanctuary for a service of Thanksgiving that will include Holy Communion. This service is a way to offer thanks and express gratitude to God.

Following the service, all are invited to join Mother Deborah, Michael, and Hailey in continuing to celebrate the day with a Thanksgiving dinner at 1:30 in Nehls Hall. As an expression of their gratitude for this parish, Mother Deborah and her family invite you to join them for their Thanksgiving meal. They will provide a turkey. Please sign up and bring a dish to share so that together we can make a beautiful day. A sign-up sheet will be in Nehls Hall.

Temporary Sunday-Morning Schedule Change (Nov 27)

There will be no 8:00 am service on Sunday, November 27. The 8:00 am Rite I Service will resume on Sunday, December 4. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.

New Church Year (begins Nov 27)

Sunday, November 27, is a day for new beginnings. It is the beginning of the new Church Year and the beginning of the season of Advent. Calendars are ways of keeping track of time; academic calendars keep track of school years, and fiscal calendars keep track of the tax year, for example. The Church has its own calendar with its own seasons as a way to help us move through time in a way that connects us to the Church, to God, and to each other. The new Church Year begins with Advent; as with many beginnings, it means a few things will change. These are changes we have every new year.

The Lectionary will change to Year A

We have a 3 year lectionary with selected readings for every Sunday of the Church year, Years A, B, and C. You can find the Lectionary online at the

The Daily Office will change to Year 1

We have a 2 year rotation for readings selected for the Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer services, Year 1 and Year 2. You can find these readings online at episcopalchurch.org and lectionarypage.net.

Parish Address: Stewardship, November 13, 2016

Today, in addition to bidding you welcome and making announcements, I want to take a little time to talk about this church and the future. But the future, and our future prospects, are always bound up in our past, so I wish to remind you briefly about our recent history. In March of 2012 the Rev. Bill Carroll resigned to take a parish in Oklahoma; we relied on supply priests until late December of that year, when the Rev. Wes Hills was called on a part-time basis, a post he occupied for only six months. From the summer of 2013 until January 2015 we relied again on supply priests, meaning that again we had no permanent ordained leadership during that period. Again, I must extend thanks to our two retired clergy, the Rev. Katharin Foster and the Rev. David McCoy, for their considerable contribution to our stability and sense of direction, and their wise and careful counsel to our lay leadership during that period. The parish, vestry, and lay leadership also maintained a careful and steady course. We went through a period of discernment and, significantly, raised our pledge income for 2015 by a considerable amount. This, together with a generous diocesan grant for campus ministry, enabled us to call Mother Deborah as our Priest-in-Charge beginning in January 2015. That call was not without the help of the Holy Spirit: there was a palpable feeling among the members of the discernment committee as well as many members of the parish that this call-to the first female priest in Good Shepherd's history-was somehow "right," that it was a good fit for all of us.

Fast forward to the present day, almost two years later. We have seen a decrease in pledges between 2015 and 2016 of about 27%, due entirely to parishioners moving or life circumstances vastly reducing their ability to pledge. Some have passed away.

In the meantime, Mother Deborah has accepted a quarter-time position as Convener of Campus Ministry with the diocese, which while it will take a little time away from us will still enable her to serve ably as our Priest-in-Charge. It will enable us to continue pretty much as we have been, to our benefit, and it will mean we are no longer dependent on the much softer money gained by applying annually for supplemental grants, as we have done the past 2-3 years. However, nothing is permanent in this world, and so we do not have a guarantee that this agreement will continue for more than a couple of years. However, every indication is that this experiment by the diocese-and it is an experiment, since no other campus ministry leader in this diocese has had such a position previously-will be a success and will enable us to have the stability we need to move forward in the

years ahead. Mother Deborah, I assure you, is working hard to make this a success, and we in the parish have a considerable stake in making it work here in the parish. In fact, it must work, and that is my central message to you today. It does us no good whatsoever to grumble about the diocese making promises it can't keep, or that the diocese doesn't care about our little church, or whatever. The diocese is giving us a chance, in fact, to survive and flourish, but only if we meet the challenge.

The challenge that we must meet is a very simple and direct one: it is to sustain ourselves within this structure; that is, of a three-quarter-time appointment of our priest-in-charge and one-quarter for the larger cause of campus ministry. Of the other two traditional college parishes set up by Bishop Hobson long ago, we are the logical choice: we are the only parish of the three that is literally in the midst of the campus we serve. We are surrounded by campus activity on all sides. With much talk at the Diocesan level of the "neighborhood" church, our neighborhood is this campus and the entire community it sustains. To make this 3/4-1/4 arrangement work, we must simply survive, flourish, and pursue our mission as we seek "to know and serve Christ in loving service to the Campus, the Community, and the world."

As a result, I come to you this morning with a simple request: we must increase our financial solvency little by little over the next several years so that we are no longer drawing down our endowment. I am asking you to increase your pledge. Not by an enormous amount-five percent per annum will keep us increasing, and seven percent will enable us very probably to avoid drawing down the endowment beyond sustainable levels. But I ask you to prayerfully consider giving what you can, remembering the challenge we are facing. If you do not currently pledge, I ask you to prayerfully consider a pledge. It enables us to plan rationally and prudently and ensures that this wonderful and sacred place will remain for generations.

Last week you heard our treasurer, Gregory Proctor, explain how our budgetary process, and the budget itself, is transparently clear. What I have intended to do today is to make sure that all of us understand that our past history of being set up as a campus parish, our recent history of destabilization, settling, finally, on stability, and our present circumstance of finding ourselves challenged to maintain ourselves and even grow, as is what I believe God wants us to do. Together, we can move forward, with God's help.

Blessings,

Allyn Reilly, Senior Warden

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report

On November 16th, 2016, Wednesday Lunch group III provided 56 people 63 servings. The meat dish was beans



and franks over rice, and the vegetarian dish was beans, corn, and tomatoes over rice. Veggie salad, fresh fruit salad, dessert, and beverages rounded out the menu. The volunteers were April Almond, Lynn Graham, Lia Knox,

Joanne Larson, Lois Wagner, and Joanne Worstall.

Please remember the hungry in our community in your prayers. To become involved in one or more of the four lunch teams, please speak to Phyllis Dean, Zelma Coleman, Joanne Larson, or David Burton.

Pre-Order Christmas poinsettias now through December 11

Anyone wishing to pre-order a poinsettia to decorate Good Shepherd for the Christmas season may do so by completing an order form along with a check or cash. Checks should be made payable to Church of the Good Shepherd. Order forms and envelopes are available in the Narthex. Each poinsettia will cost \$18 and need to be paid for in advance. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Hugel at hugel@ohio.edu or 740-592-5178.



Mozart's "Requiem" (Nov. 20)

The OU Choral Union and Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Paul Mayhew, will present Mozart's "Requiem" this Sunday, Nov. 20, at 4 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium. The performance is free. Soloists are faculty members of the School of Music.

Campus Orchestra & Chamber Music Recital (Nov. 22)

The OU School of Music presents its fall Campus Orchestra & Chamber Music Recital Tuesday, November 22, 2016, at 7 p.m., in the Nave. The recital is expected to last about one hour and will feature three string groups performing chamber music as well as OU's Campus Orchestra, led by Steven Huang. We will be featuring holiday music, including a sing-along of traditional Christmas carols!

Holiday Bazaar & Barn Sale (Dec 2-4)

The Dairy Barn Art Center: our annual Holiday Bazaar & Barn Sale.

Join us for a weekend of holiday fun, including a barn sale upstairs in the AEP Wing, over 40 local vendors, children's art activities, a raffle drawing, and a toy trade. As always, the Bazaar is FREE to the public.

When: Fri. Dec. 2, 3-8 p.m., and Sat. Dec. 3, 10-5 p.m.; Toy Trade on Sun. Dec. 4, 1-4 p.m.

Click [here](#) to view the event on our website.

Celebrating 175 Years !! (Dec 10)

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church, 541 Second Ave., Gallipolis, Ohio cordially invites you to share with us in celebrating 175 years of ministry in the community on Saturday, December 10, 2016. Holy Eucharist at 11:00 AM with the Rt. Rev. Thomas Breidenthal, Bishop of Southern Ohio, followed by a festive luncheon. Please RSVP for the luncheon by November 21 (740-446-2483 or stpeter541@sbcglobal.net).

Photos



Super Moon Rise (Ted Foster)
Eaton)



Mother Deborah & Rev. Jason Leo (Chris

Repeated Information Below

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"Intersections"

Check out - -

["Intersections: Where the Holy Meets Us,"](#)

a blog through the Church of the Good

Shepherd started by Mother Deborah.

It is still a work in progress in terms of functionality, but take a look: [click the link above](#).



The Day After

The day before the election I heard a lot of people say they couldn't wait for the election to be over so things could get back to "normal." The day of the election I saw a lot of people express positive experiences casting their ballot. The day after the election felt quiet as I drove in to the church office. It didn't look like scenes from the television that either showed young women in tears or exuberantly cheering crowds. The day after the election there is not only both sadness and celebration; there is the honest truth that perhaps was easier to avoid before the election. The truth that there are deepening divisions between people in America that eat away at our common humanity and replace it with anger, fear, and distrust. While many have cheered the progress made in the past several years, each change has left others feeling alienated, unheard, and disenfranchised. Perhaps this election shows us that when we refuse to acknowledge the pain of others, we pay the price of neglecting to respect the dignity of another human being. Perhaps being "right" at the cost of honoring the loss another feels is contributing to this divide.

Believe it or not, there is good news for us, and these events seem very familiar to me; I've been here before. Many times. The day after the election those memories are surfacing like holy life rafts, reminding me God is in the midst of this, and there is a place for me in this, although it may not be a place that is to my liking.

One time I stood in the midst of the divide was when I was seminary and a group of dioceses voted to leave The Episcopal Church (TEC). These dioceses were very conservative; they disagreed with decisions like the ordination of women, the ordination of homosexual and transgender people, changing the name of The Episcopal Church of the USA to The Episcopal Church, among other progressive changes. Although these dioceses had the same voice and vote as all other dioceses, they grew frustrated and tired of losing. They were feeling like they were not heard, respected, or taken seriously, so they banded together and left TEC. The day the decision was made I was in class at seminary, and a good number of my fellow classmates were from the dioceses that left. When these seminarians received the news, they began to boisterously celebrate: cheering, shouting, running up and down the cloister expressing joy at being free from the rest of the church they felt was "wrong." As they celebrated, a friend of mine spoke up and reminded them that the cause of their celebration was the cause of other's grief as

many of us saw that day as a sad one, a day the Episcopal Church lost something. I remember watching my classmates celebrate and feeling that sense of loss my friend spoke of. It was disheartening watching that divide open wider and challenge the belief that there is room for all in The Episcopal Church.

But my story is not over. On graduation day, I graduated with these same classmates, and while they were no longer part of TEC, they had stayed at seminary, and so had I. While we continued to disagree on many issues, there had been some significant, holy, and Kingdom-of-God changes that happened between the day the dioceses left and our class graduation. The biggest change was that the classmates who left recognized and respected my ordination, and I had grown more understanding of their theology and conservatism. In fact it was these classmates who gave me a great gift: they called me "Mother," honoring my priesthood. And they meant it. This touched me so deeply, I still prefer to be called Mother Deborah. It reminds me of their gift and the way we who were very different grew closer together and hat today we respect our differences and honor our what we have in common: our seminary, our friendship, our faith in God, and our priesthood.

That is why I still have hope that the divides in our country can be healed. It can be done, and we can't let anyone else do it for us; even if we don't like it, we all have to be the ones to do it. We all have to learn to give up the necessity of being "right" in order to rediscover our common ground and shared humanity. We can learn to make room for those we disagree with. This does not mean we stop doing the work of the Kingdom of God, it means doing that work with respect for everyone. It means recognizing such work is rich, complex, and full of holy opportunity, like the beatitudes we read in Luke's Gospel last Sunday.

I do not know if you are celebrating or grieving or feeling confused or shocked or afraid these days after the election. Whatever you are feeling, know that God is with you, and remember someone else might be feeling differently, and respect that. Perhaps if you share your feelings, as I saw so many people of all walks of life doing during Wednesday Lunch this week, it might help you process your feelings so you can face the truth this election showed us and then reflect on what you can do to help bring us all closer to our common humanity. Please remember that in addition to God's Presence, you have each other, and you have me. Together we have everything we need to continue to live into God's Kingdom.

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah

Young Adult Gathering 2016 (December 16-17)

God's Glory Shines Through Us "We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone." - Marrienne Williamson

Location: Procter Center

Join us for our annual young adult gathering--a space for reconnecting with God, friends, and your own story. This year, we will explore creativity as an expression of God's glory in our midst. We will have opportunities to engage in the art of improv, visual art, music making, poetry, and whatever creative gifts you have to share. We invite you to join us and bring your playful and creative spirit with you. We will be joined by artists, musicians, and improv actors who will lead us in a variety of workshops and help us explore our own creative gifts. We will also spend time in prayer and reflection on how God is made manifest in us. Come ready to play!

We begin on Friday night, December 16th at 5 pm, and will conclude on Saturday, December 17th, around 3 pm. This retreat is free for young adults ages 18-35. For more information and to register please click [HERE](#) .

Many Ways to Give *

There is a new addition to the www.chogs.org website and to the E-News. Like many other parishes, our website now has an option labeled DONATE, which allows anyone to make a financial donation to Church of the Good Shepherd. We added this feature to make it easier for anyone who wants to give financially to the parish to do so.

Here are a few good things to know about this feature:

PayPal - This feature uses the PayPal program, which is a safe and secure method to make a financial donation. However, as we also have to pay for PayPal's services, approximately 6% of each donation goes to PayPal.

Tax benefit - People who give via the PayPal option will receive a receipt so they can claim their donation on their taxes.

Intention - The real intention in setting up this option is to make it easier to give financially for people who may not attend regularly and are interested in one-time or infrequent financial giving to Good Shepherd. It is not intended to be a means of regular giving for active members.

You Don't Have to Use It. You can continue to pay your pledge or make your financial contribution in the way that works best for you: direct deposit through your bank or credit union, personal check (mailed to the church or put into the offertory plate on Sunday), or cash (placed in offertory plate on Sunday).

If you have any questions or want to learn more about on-line giving, please talk to our Treasurer, Gregory Proctor.

* This announcement addresses financial giving only. We do not intend to diminish other types of giving, but we do want to bring attention to something new and explain it.

Sermons on the Website:

Miss a sermon? Out of town? Or maybe you just want to read it yourself? Thanks to our technological team, the sermons from Sunday are posted on the Church of the Good Shepherd website a few days after they are preached. Check out the ones you missed, go over a favorite, or share. <http://www.chogs.org/sermons.htm>

Pastoral Care

Because of health care privacy laws, hospitals are no longer able to call your priest or parish when you are in the hospital. That means that if you want a visit from Mother Deborah or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor (a parish member who has some training) you need to call and ask for a visit. For emergencies please call Mother Deborah's cell phone 937-689-8895. If you would prefer prayers instead of a visit, just call and ask for prayers.

Altar Flowers



To reserve flowers in memory of someone or in thanksgiving, please speak to or contact Sharon Huge (740-592-5178 or huge@ohio.edu).

Hyacinth Bean Florist provides our arrangements for the back altar on Sunday. A single arrangement in a triangular design is \$60 plus \$9 for delivery. Sharon Huge coordinates, providing our florist with the name and address of donors for billing purposes. If you wish to have special colors or specific flowers, you may call Polly at Hyacinth Bean (740-594-9302) to discuss your wishes. If you want to go to the shop to discuss special arrangements, Hyacinth Bean Florist is located at 540 W. Union St. in Athens. There is ample free parking in the lot outside the shop.



Mother Deborah's home phone is 740-249-4497, and her cell number is 937-689-8895, for emergencies.

Her personal email is the Rev. Deborah Woolsey <revdebwoolsey@gmail.com>, and the email through the church is the Rev. Deborah Woolsey <revdeborah@chogs.org>.

Mother Deborah has found that people like to communicate in many ways, so she is reachable on Facebook (<http://facebook.com/deborah.woolsey.12>) and on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/DeborahWoolsey>), and you can check out her blog at (<http://www.revvedupwoolsey.com/>).

Also, here is the link to the Church of Good Shepherd's **Facebook** page:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Episcopal-Church-of-the-Good-Shepherd-45701/554345594588086?fref=ts>. Once you get on the page, just LIKE it if you are already a Facebook person. Otherwise you will need to create a Facebook account first.

And the Church of Good Shepherd's Twitter account:
<https://twitter.com/CHOGSofAthens>.

Contact Information

For pastoral needs, please contact The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 740-249-4497 (H) or 937-689-8895 (C) or 740-593-6877 (church), or by e-mail at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com.

To find out more about Good Shepherd and other matters, please contact Allyn Reilly, Senior Warden, at 740-592-2596 or by e-mail at reillya@ohio.edu.

For building and maintenance matters, please leave a note at the office or call Ted Foster (Junior Warden) at 740-593-8615.

NOTE: NON-emergency messages can be left on the church answering machine (740-593-6877).

Office Hours:

10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday (closed Friday and Saturday).

The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877 or barbara@chogs.org).

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