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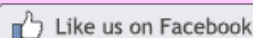
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## Good Shepherd E-News (30 November 2017)

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: 3 December 2017



### First Sunday of Advent

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

**Celebrant:** The Rev.  
Leslie Flemming

**9:00 a.m. Conversation:**  
Practicing Wonder

**10:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist  
Rite II-D

**Celebrant:** The Rev.  
Deborah Woolsey

## This Sunday (December 3) is also INGATHERING Sunday.

Don't forget your pledge card (extras will be available in the Narthex)! Help support the Church of the Good Shepherd with your pledge!

## Welcome to a New Church Year

Because the Church is in the world, but not necessarily a part of the world, it has its own way of telling time, of beginning and ending, and moving through time. The different calendar isn't intended to be in competition with the other calendars like academic calendars and fiscal calendars; along with the standard annual calendar, it is just another facet of Christian life lived to its fullest. The new church year means the

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**"José's Weekly  
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lectionary and Daily Office Readings change. Starting today we are in Lectionary Year B, Daily Office Year 2.

The first season of the Church year is always Advent. The Church tells time with colors, and the color for Advent is purple (or blue). There is a special wreath of candles used to mark how far along we are in the season. These changes, like all the changes of life, are meant to help us pay attention to where we are in our journey, and help us learn to recognize God With Us along the way. Happy First Day of Advent and Happy New Church Year!

[Altar Flowers  
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## Upcoming Church Events

Advent Conversations: Practicing Wonder, Dec. 3 - 9:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent and In-Gathering - Sunday, Dec. 3

Advent Festival & Holiday House - Dec. 3, 4:30 p.m.

Free Lunch - Wednesday, December 6, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.

Second Sunday Brunch - December 10, 12:00 noon

Prayer Shawl Meeting - Tuesday, Dec. 12, Bob Evans

Free Lunch - Wednesday, December 13, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 p.m.

Vestry Meeting - Thursday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.

Free Lunch - Wednesday, December 20, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, December 20, 7:00 p.m.

Last Sunday of Advent - Sunday, December 24, 10:30 a.m. (no 8:00 a.m. service)

Christmas Eve Services - Sunday, December 24, 4:00 and 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Service - Monday, Dec. 25, 11:00 a.m.

Free Lunch - Wednesday, December 27, 12:00 noon

## Upcoming Community Events

November 28-30 - *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot*, Forum Theater-RTV Building, 8:00 p.m.; December 1, 7:00 p.m. Free admission.

December 8 - Readings and Carols, University Singers, First United Methodist Church, 8:00 p.m.

December 10 - Holiday Concert to Benefit the Athens County Food Pantry, Arts West, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

December 15 - Messiah Sing-along, Good Shepherd, 6:00 p.m.

December 17 - Communiversy Band Holiday Concert and ACMS Children's Chorus, Memorial Auditorium, 4:00 p.m.

## Season of Advent

For the Church, the days leading up to Christmas are called Advent, from a word that means "arrival." More than a time of preparing for the celebration of Christmas, the season of Advent is a time for practicing awareness of the distractions that prohibit us from recognizing when Jesus is in our midst. It reminds us that Christmas is about more than the birth of a baby; it is about the arrival of Jesus - Emmanuel, God With Us - not just once in history, but every day. Therefore the Church invites you to practice awareness during this season, to learn to recognize distractions for what they are, and to look past those distractions for the Holy Presence of Jesus.

### Practicing Advent

There are several ways we invite you to participate in the Season of Advent at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

### Sunday Services

Will include the Lighting of the Advent Wreath, a prayer and practice we do together as part of our corporate worship to tell the time of the season, and to practice seeing the Light of Jesus in the darkest parts of life. We encourage you to light a similar wreath or candles in your home during the week as part of your personal or family devotions.

### ***Practicing Wonder With All Your Heart, Mind, Soul, Strength, and Mind***

A FREE gift to you, this little book contains brief readings for each day in Advent intended to help you practice letting go of distractions and re-connecting with the gift of wonder. Featured contributors include the Rev. Canon Scott Gunn, Executive

Director of Forward Movement, the Rt. Rev. Gregory Rickel, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, and others.

### **Conversations of Wonder**

Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in Hobson Room you are invited to join Mother Deborah to discuss the day's readings and reflection in the Advent book, *Practicing Wonder*. No need to read the reflection beforehand.

## **Participants scheduled for**

This Sunday, Dec. 3 - First Sunday of Advent

**Altar Guild:** David Burton and Zelma Coleman

**Altar Flowers:** Lynn Graham

**Coffee Hour:** Marsha Dutton and Martha Hansgen

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

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Leslie Flemming

**Lector:** Joanne Larson

**Prayer Leader:** Earl Stump

**10:30 a.m. Service:** Holy Eucharist Rite II-D

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Lector:** Alex Buckley

**Eucharistic Ministers:** David Burton (Prayer Leader) and Gregory Proctor

**Ushers:** Bruce Martin and Julie Nehls

**First Crucifer:** Bella Martin

**Second Crucifer:** Ana Martin

**Lessons:** for the First Sunday of Advent - Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18; (sung), I Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37. <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 all refugees. We pray for Donald, our president, and John, our Governor, the Supreme Court, and the members of Congress.

**In our diocese**, we pray for Thomas, our Diocesan Bishop, and Nedi, our Assisting Bishop. We pray also for Ascension and Holy Trinity, Wyoming.

**In our parish,** we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Deborah Woolsey, for our Associate Priests, the Rev. Leslie Flemming, the Rev. Katharin Foster, and the Rev. David McCoy, and for our ministry to students, the university, and the community. We pray for our friends at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Mérida, Mexico. We pray also for the Parish Life Committee.

**Those Whom our Prayers are Requested:** Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Paul, Jackie, Pam, Annette, Jill and family, Jane, David, Louise, Dot, Ann and Bill, Stephen, Mary, the D'Andrea family, Julie, Chris, Sally, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, Alejandro, Candace, Emma, Sharon, Bill, Ron, Jones family, Clif, William, Lyle, Ernst, Patricia, Paul, David, Joanne, Holly, Robert, Don, the Sheets family, Ann, Elliot, John, Eleanor, Nancy, Arvin, Sandi, June, and Sister Emmanuel, and we pray for all who care for them.

**In thanksgiving** for the birth of Sara Posner, grandparents Preston and Suellen Denton.

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and for a blessed Advent season.

**For those who have Died:** Ovalee Jones

## Gospel

## First Sunday of Advent

Mark 13:24-37



Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake-for you do not know when the master of the house

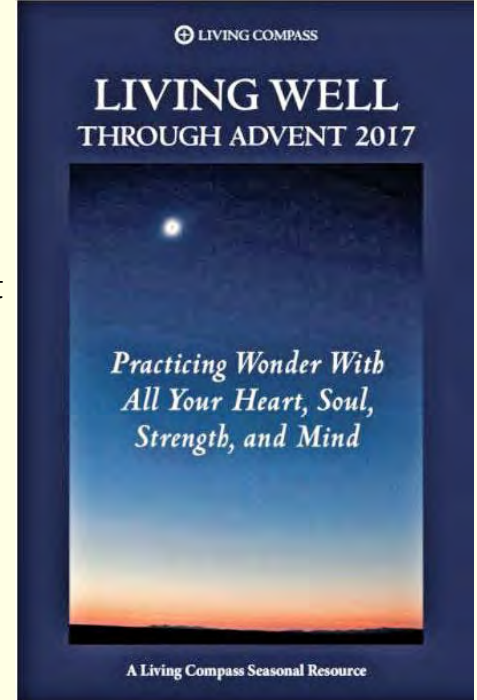
will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

## Advent Conversations: Practicing Wonder 9:00 a.m.

You are invited to join Mother Deborah Sunday mornings this Advent at 9:00 a.m. in the Hobson Room to discuss and share reflections inspired the new Advent resource, ***Practicing Wonder with All Your Heart, Mind, Soul, Strength and Mind***.

**Sunday, Dec. 3**, features a reflection by the Rev. Scott Gunn of the Diocese of Southern Ohio. Scott is the Executive Director of Forward Movement, based in Cincinnati.

No prep work necessary. Please come and share what wonders you are seeing this season of Advent.



## FREE Advent Resource Now Available (see above)

### **Practicing Wonder with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind**

You are invited to join contributing authors The Rev. Scott Gunn (Executive Director of Forward Movement), Wendy Claire Barrie, the Rt. Rev. Gregory Rickel, and the Rev. Scott Stoner to consider and practice the spiritual art of wonder during the Advent season with a new daily devotional resource from Living Compass. This free devotional is a gift from a growing ministry in the Episcopal Church that Mother Deborah used to work for. Its brief daily readings are intended to give you the opportunity to set aside daily distractions in order to focus on the wonders around you. This can be a helpful way to practice resiliency and prepare to once again receive the wondrous gift of Jesus we celebrate at Christmas.

## **Christmas Services at Church of the Good Shepherd**

### **Christmas Eve December 24**

4:00 pm Family Service

This service for the whole family features an Interactive Gospel where all the children are invited to participate in telling the story of Jesus' birth, favorite Christmas carols, an intergenerational sermon, and Holy Communion. A joyful celebration full of Christmas Spirit.



10:30 pm Traditional Christmas

This service features the beautiful traditions of Christmas, including soaring Christmas hymns, candlelight, a sermon, and Holy Communion. A glorious celebration of the birth of Christ.

## Christmas Day December 25

11:00 am Said Service with Holy Eucharist

A simple, quieter celebration of the birth of Christ will feature the reading of John's Gospel instead of the birth narrative from the Gospel of Luke as we embrace the Mystery of Incarnation on this Christmas Day.

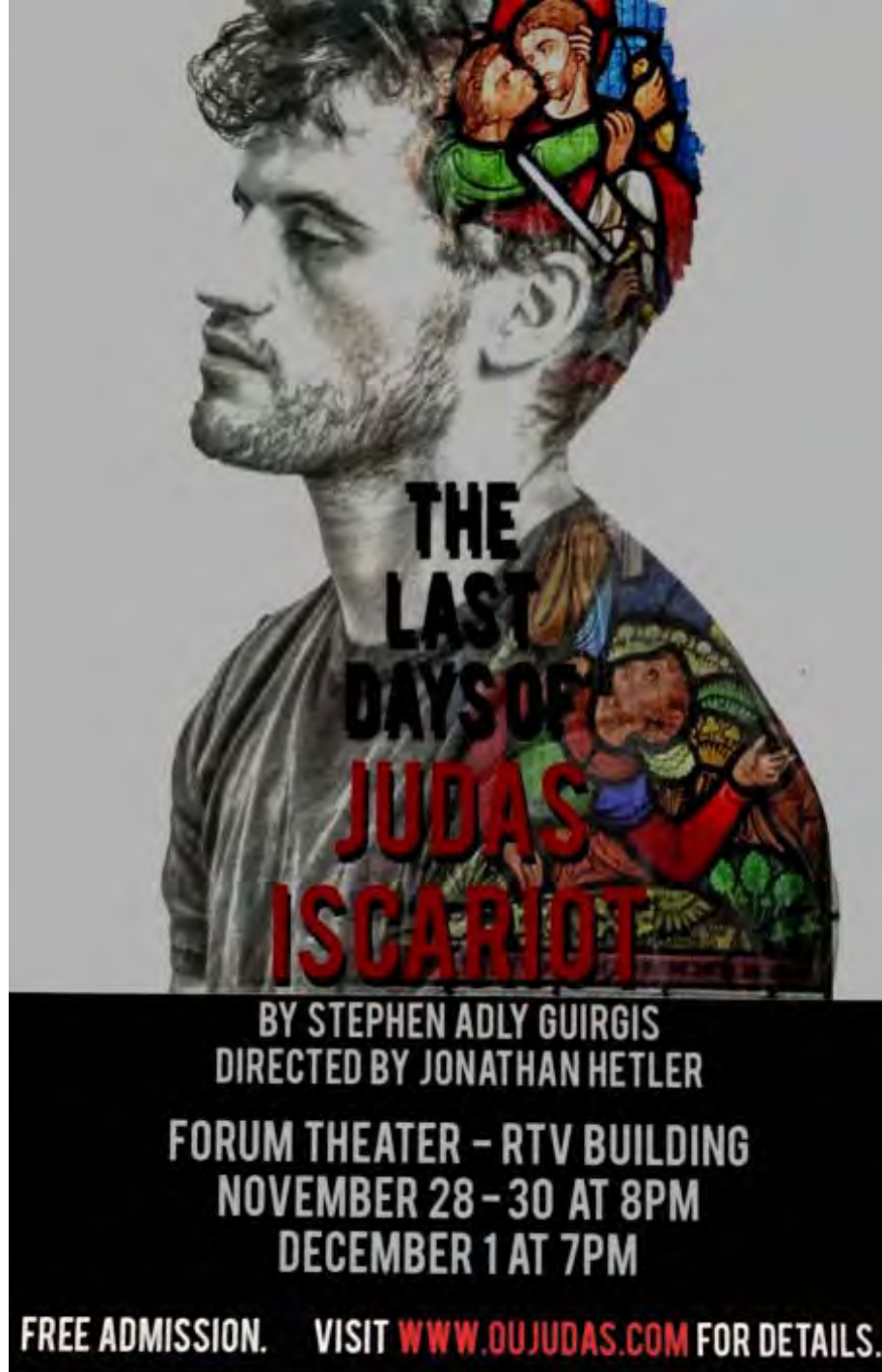
With each service distinctly different, it is possible to attend more than one to experience a deeper sense of Christ with Us. Whichever service or services you attend, it is our hope that you will come close to the Incarnate Christ this Christmas.

## Sale of Christmas Coffee Update

Our annual sale of Christmas coffee roasted by Silver Bridge Coffee has left the starting gate and is heading into the clubhouse turn. The price is \$11.00/bag, and I have introduced four new flavors. I am also extending the order deadline to **Sunday, December 3**. This coffee makes an excellent Christmas gift, and the profits earned will go into our Outreach program. All the coffee being offered is Fair Trade coffee. Thank you for your support. (Jack Flemming)



**The Last Days of Judas Iscariot**  
[www.oujudas.com](http://www.oujudas.com)



You don't want to miss this performance!  
Tonight at 8:00 pm and tomorrow at 7:00 pm.  
Tonight a "talkback" at the conclusion of the show.

ORDER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS NOW THROUGH DEC. 11

Anyone wishing to 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 payable to Church of the Good





Shepherd. Order forms and envelopes are available in the Narthex. Each poinsettia will cost \$18 and needs to be paid for in advance. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Huges at [huges@ohio.edu](mailto:huges@ohio.edu) or 740-592-5178. The deadline for orders is December 11.

## Disaster Relief (via ERD)



There are ways we can help those in the path of disaster. One way is to pray. Another is through Episcopal Relief and Development. ERD is one of the first relief organizations to arrive at locations hit by disaster and to stay to help with recovery. They have an excellent reputation for fund distribution and volunteer coordination.

Please visit their website, [episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org), to donate, volunteer, and learn more.

## Wednesday Free-Lunch Reports (2)



**On November 22**, Group IV fed 19 people 22 servings. The menu was Taco Stew with Meat and Taco Stew without meat. Salad, fruit, desserts, and beverages were also served.

The volunteers were Jean Thomas, Anne Walker, Alex Buckley, Hailey Luelloff, Maryann Gunderson, and David Burton.

**On November 29**, Group III fed 59 people 70 servings. The menu was Beans and Franks over Rice and Beans, Corn, Tomatoes over Rice. Veggie Salad, Stuffed Celery, Fruit, Pie or Cake and beverages were also served.

The volunteers were Don Frazier, Lynn Graham, Joanne Larson, Zella Nisley, 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.

Advent Festival of Readings and Music (Dec. 3)



Episcopal Church of the  
Good Shepherd

presents

# Advent Festival of Readings and Music

Sunday, December 3, 2017

4:30pm

Director - Marsha Reilly

Organ - Jan Robison

Trumpet - Alex Herrera

A reception and Holiday House with  
handmade seasonal items will be for sale  
following the program.

A free-will offering will be taken to benefit  
the June Black Music Fund.

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Soul Biscuits

Handel's Messiah Sing-Along Dec 15



# Handel's Messiah

## Sing-Along

December 15, 2017

6:00 pm

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

**Come and Sing or Come and Listen!**



### DESCRIPTION

Come and celebrate the Holiday season with an audience favorite, a Messiah Sing-Along. The community of Athens, students and faculty are all encouraged to be part of this choral event. Soloists from Ohio University School of Music will join the community in a sing-along of the choral numbers in Part 1 of Handel's Messiah. No singing experience is required. All voices and ages are welcome!

### REHEARSAL

Recommended but NOT REQUIRED. Interested singers are encouraged to attend a choral rehearsal. This will give everyone an opportunity to sing through the choruses in Part 1 of the Messiah before the concert.

#### Rehearsals

- November 28th, 7pm-8pm, arrive by 6:45pm
- December 5th, 7pm-8pm, arrive by 6:45pm
- All rehearsals will take place in OU School of music, room 561

#### Sing-Along Concert

- December 15th, 6:00pm

Scores will be supplied or you may bring your own.

For more information contact Kyle Berkley, [berkleyk@ohio.edu](mailto:berkleyk@ohio.edu)

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Soul Biscuits and the Church of the Good Shepherd invite you to participate in--or just come and listen to--a community Messiah Sing-Along. There will be two optional rehearsals. Please see above poster. Join us after the Dec 15 performance for a reception with cookies and punch.

This event is free. Donations are gratefully accepted. Church of the Good Shepherd is located at the corner of University Terrace and Park Place.

Soul Biscuits is a non-profit, secular community series hosted by the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 64 University Terrace, as a way of promoting community connections, relaxation, and artistic and intellectual nurture. Please contact Elizabeth Thompson at [elizabeththompson1004@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeththompson1004@gmail.com) for more information.

## Thanksgiving Dinner

Mother Deborah is not really missing because she took the picture!



Arvin Wells with his daughter Leslie Peschke.

Both had hoped to make it to the Church Thanksgiving dinner, but transportation was not available that day



for Arvin.

Leslie celebrated with Arvin first at Lindley and then was able to join the dinner at the church for dessert.



## Repeat Material Below

### Diocesan Convention Recap

If you still want to get an idea of what happened at the Convention, here is a link: <https://dsoconvention.org/143rd-convention-recap/>

### 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.

**Make the Connection**



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](mailto:revdebwoolsey@gmail.com)>, and the email through the church is the Rev. Deborah Woolsey <[revdeborah@chogs.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:reillya@ohio.edu).

**For maintenance matters**, please leave a note at the office or contact Allyn Reilly, Senior Warden, at 740-818-5476 or by e-mail at [reillya@ohio.edu](mailto:reillya@ohio.edu).

**For emergencies**, please call The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895.

**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](mailto:barbara@chogs.org)).

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