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## An Important Update on COVID-19 Restrictions for St. Mary's:

# We are Increasing Service Capacity

Recently, Governor Ralph Northam announced welcome easing of restrictions on public gatherings in the Commonwealth of Virginia that go into effect on April 1st, 2021 (read the full text at [tinyurl.com/ecnu55yb](https://www.tinyurl.com/ecnu55yb)). This has some immediate effects on our community as well. In addition, with the rise of vaccinations, antibodies from previous infections, and an increased demand in attendance for our Sunday services, we are pleased to announce that **we are offering expanded capacity by using the fellowship hall for overflow**. Let me address each item in order.

Under the April 1st guidelines, religious services of 50 people or less indoors no longer need to strictly adhere to all the guidelines for large group gatherings, other than mask-wearing, except where it would interfere with the free exercise of religion or participation in religious ritual. In our case, this exception primarily means receiving Communion, but includes preaching and singing by clergy. Gatherings for religious services of over 50 persons need to follow the full guidelines, including physical distancing. In our case, we cannot normally fit more than 50 people in the sanctuary under those guidelines due to spacing requirements, so we will continue to follow them as required.

Since our weekday and Saturday services do not normally exceed 50 people indoors (including up to 32 attendees in the pews), except during Holy Week and Vespers with Group Confession, **we will no longer require registration for all services**, though registration will still be available to help us track attendance and let visitors understand our procedures. Ushers and

door wardens may or may not be assigned, and participants may be asked to seat themselves using the existing spacing markings on the pews. Wearing masks and sanitizing hands will still be required.

On Sundays, when there is a demand for attendance in excess of 32 attendees in the pews, we will still require registration, and make use of ushers and door wardens. The first 30-32 attendees to arrive will be able to be seated in the sanctuary. In addition, up to 6 altar spaces for servers (including the priest and deacon), up to 8 spaces for the choir, and 4 for door wardens and ushers will be reserved in the sanctuary. This has been our weekly configuration since June 2020.

To accommodate demand in excess of our 50-person sanctuary capacity, up to an additional 30 spots will be available in the fellowship hall. Once the sanctuary meets capacity, further arrivals will be directed by our greeters to the overflow area. Those in the fellowship hall will view the service on the monitor and be able to receive Communion during the service when either the priest or deacon brings the Chalice downstairs. We highly encourage those who attend to do so in parties of two or more when possible to improve our capacity. Our priority is providing as many people as possible with the life-giving Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As the weather improves, we also welcome those who wish to receive Communion, but could not secure a spot indoors, to be with us outdoors. We will provide you with an opportunity for Communion as well, as you watch the service on your own device or (*cont'd on p.4*)



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# Commemorations

Don't see your name? Join us on Realm and fill out your profile. If you include your birthday and nameday, you'll see them here.

*God grant you many years!*

## BIRTHDAYS

Svantje S.	Alec D.	David D.
James W.	April M.	Calla E.
Tatiana S.	Anna L.	James T.
Barbara A.	Cindy S.	
David F.	Antonia P.	
Robert H.	Jon C.	

## NAMES DAYS

Jeanie C.
George W.
April M.
Jason L.
James T.



*Stay Connected to St. Mary's through **Realm***

Realm is the way we've chosen to keep in touch with the community through the COVID-19 quarantine. Through Realm, you'll be able to receive news from St. Mary's, sign up to attend services in person, participate in interest groups, and get other updates from St. Mary's.

To sign up, email [UnderTheVeilOfHerProtection@gmail.com](mailto:UnderTheVeilOfHerProtection@gmail.com) with your name and birthday.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Sunday, May 9 @ 2pm**  
**Resurrection**  
**Retreat**  
**with Fr. Bogdan Bucur**

ST. MARY'S IS FOLLOWING VIRGINIA GUIDELINES FOR THE 4TH AMENDED

## Executive Order 72

(EFFECTIVE 4/1/2021)

St. Mary's is currently open with limited attendance. We appreciate your patience and loving-kindness as we do our best to comply with state guidelines and practice obedience to our synod of bishops. We pray that this phase will go smoothly and safely, and that we return to less restricted practices soon!

Everything you need to know about how to attend a service in person is kept up to date at [stmaryorthodox.org/covid19](http://stmaryorthodox.org/covid19).

You can view Virginia's guidelines at [virginia.gov/coronavirus](http://virginia.gov/coronavirus).

**These updates are subject to change according to what's working best for our community, but here's what we're trying:**

Capacity for Sunday Divine Liturgy is expanded with overflow seating in the fellowship hall and the invitation to join us outdoors

Registration no longer required for weekday services

Read Fr. David's front-page article for full details.



Events are subject to change. Please check the calendar at [stmaryorthodox.org/calendar](http://stmaryorthodox.org/calendar) for the most up-to-date event listings, service texts, and links to the services. Most services and events are streamed online. Zoom links and passwords can be found on Realm.

# APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9am-11:30am Matins &amp; Divine Liturgy</p> <p>6pm-8pm Men's Group</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>7:15-8am Lenten Hours (ONLINE)</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>7:15-8am Lenten Hours (ONLINE)</p> <p>7pm-8:30pm Women's Bible Study (ONLINE)</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>7:15-8am Lenten Hours (ONLINE)</p> <p>7pm-8:30pm Presanctified Liturgy</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>7:15-8am Lenten Hours (ONLINE)</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>7:15-8am Lenten Hours (ONLINE)</p> <p>11:45am-12:45pm Book Study</p> <p>6pm-7pm Akathist</p>	<p><b>3 MEMORIAL SATURDAY</b></p> <p>3pm-4:30pm Adult Catechism</p> <p>5pm-6pm Great Vespers</p>
<p><b>4 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b></p> <p>9am-11:30am Matins &amp; Divine Liturgy</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>7:15-8am Lenten Hours (ONLINE)</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>7:15-8am Lenten Hours (ONLINE)</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>7:15-8am Lenten Hours (ONLINE)</p> <p>7pm-8:30pm Presanctified Liturgy</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>7:15-8am Lenten Hours (ONLINE)</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>7:15-8am Lenten Hours (ONLINE)</p> <p>11:45am-12:45pm Book Study</p> <p>6pm-7pm Akathist</p>	<p><b>10 MEMORIAL SATURDAY</b></p> <p>9am-2pm St. Andrew's Ground-breaking</p> <p>3:pm-4:30pm Adult Catechism</p> <p>5pm-6pm Great Vespers</p>
<p><b>11 ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER</b></p> <p>9am-11:30am Matins &amp; Divine Liturgy</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7:15-7:45am Lenten Hours (ONLINE)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>7:15-7:45am Lenten Hours (ONLINE)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>7:15-7:45am Lenten Hours (ONLINE)</p> <p>7pm-8:30pm Presanctified Liturgy</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>7:15-7:45am Lenten Hours (ONLINE)</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>7:15-7:45am Lenten Hours (ONLINE)</p> <p>11:45am-12:45pm Book Study</p> <p>6pm-7pm Akathist</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>5pm-6pm Great Vespers</p>
<p><b>18 ST. MARY OF EGYPT</b></p> <p>9am-11:30am Matins &amp; Divine Liturgy</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>7:15-8am Lenten Hours (ONLINE)</p> <p>7pm-8:30pm Parish Council</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>7:15-8am Lenten Hours (ONLINE)</p> <p>7pm-8:30pm Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>7:15-8am Lenten Hours (ONLINE)</p> <p>7pm-8:30pm Presanctified Liturgy</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>7:15-8am Lenten Hours (ONLINE)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>7:15-8am Lenten Hours (ONLINE)</p> <p>11:45am-12:45pm Book Study</p>	<p><b>24 LAZARUS SATURDAY</b></p> <p>10am-11am Baptism</p> <p>11am-12pm Divine Liturgy</p> <p>12pm-3pm Parish Cleanup</p> <p>5pm-6pm Great Vespers</p>
<p><b>25 PALM SUNDAY</b></p> <p>9am-11:30am Matins &amp; Divine Liturgy</p> <p>7pm-8:30pm Bridegroom Matins</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>7am-8:30am Presanctified Liturgy</p> <p>7pm-8:30pm Bridegroom Matins</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>7am-8:30am Presanctified Liturgy</p> <p>7pm-8:30pm Bridegroom Matins</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>7am-8:30am Presanctified Liturgy</p> <p>7pm-8:30pm Holy Unction</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>11am-12:30am Vespertal Liturgy</p> <p>7pm-10pm Passion Gospels</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>10am-11:30am Royal Hours</p> <p>6pm-7pm Vespers</p> <p>7pm-10pm Matins with Procession</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>10am-12pm Vespertal Liturgy of Pascha</p> <p>11:30pm-1:30am Nocturn, Matins, Paschal Liturgy</p>
<p><b>2 PASCHA</b></p> <p>12pm-1pm Agape Vespers</p> <p>1pm-3pm Lamb Roast</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>10am-11am Bright Liturgy</p> <p>7pm-8pm Bright Vespers</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>7am-8am Bright Liturgy</p> <p>7pm-8pm Bright Vespers</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>7am-8am Bright Liturgy</p> <p>7pm-8pm Bright Vespers</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>7am-8am Bright Liturgy</p> <p>7pm-8pm Bright Vespers</p>	<p><b>7 ST. ALEXIS OF WILKES-BARRE</b></p> <p>7am-8am Bright Liturgy</p> <p>11:45am-12:45pm Book Study</p> <p>7pm-8pm Bright Vespers</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9am-11am Mission Liturgy: Fairfax Station</p> <p>5pm-6pm Great Vespers</p>



(*Expanded Services, cont'd*) listen through the windows (this is an ancient penitential practice for the humble!). We also hope to provide more opportunities for outdoor fellowship after services now that the outdoor limits on group size have been increased (see our announcement for the Pascha Lamb Roast in this issue.)

Lastly, we will be sending out an anonymous survey later

this month to all of you asking about your vaccination status, previous infections, risk factors, comfort levels, etc. so that we may have a better idea of what the level of risk continues to be as our nation approaches “herd immunity.” We would like to have a better idea of our own “flock immunity,” in order to better serve you, and prepare for Pascha.✝

— FR. DAVID

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE  
**PASCHAL**  
*Lamb Roast*

**Pascha**  
**Sunday, May 2**  
**Following Agape Vespers**

**Pre-purchase:**  
**\$15 Lamb Dinner**  
**\$5 Child's Hot Dog Meal**

Save the date to celebrate the Lord's Holy Resurrection with roasted lamb and the egg hunt! Assuming the COVID-19 restrictions hold, we'll only need a few tweaks to make our annual Paschal celebration possible within lawful safety parameters

**We need your help to make this event a success!**

- **Help set up!** Set up the tables, organize the utensils, and more! Contact Sophia P. on Realm to get connected.
- **Help roast the lamb!** Contact Sdn. Nick on Realm to chop garlic, grate cheese, boil macaroni, turn the spit, and chat about the spiritual life all night until Agape Vespers!
- **Help prepare the egg hunt for the kids!** Contact Betsy Berry on Realm to assist in the assembly and hiding of eggs.
- **Help with clean up afterwards!** Sweep, pack away, and tidy up after a great day! Contact Sophia P. on Realm to get connected.

Please remember that facial-masking and social-distancing will be required (even while outdoors) to keep the celebration safe and lawful!

*The details of this event will solidify as Pascha gets closer. Keep an eye out for updates through Realm!*





## CAPITAL RENOVATION PROJECT

# Our Epic Journey to Special Permit Application

## PARISH NEWS | ANNA C.

Who knew how instrumental a civil engineer would be to the current phase of the Capital Renovation Project, to even be able to prepare a special permit application to Fairfax County!

Well, maybe most of you knew, but others, like me, were surprised by the degree of the complexity involved. It is tempting to focus on the big vision and concept design thinking that, somehow, once these were in place, the rest—such as getting precise estimates and starting to build—would flow naturally.

Not by a long shot.

The thing is that lacking expertise in architecture and engineering, and any experience in construction, has some benefits. Every step of the process becomes an exciting learning adventure, an epic journey of sorts. The more you learn, the more pride succumbs to humility as you gradually descend from the heights of the vision to the clarity of reality.

Our present stop on the journey is dealing with the nitty gritty of preparing

an application for special permit.

When Father David, Maria, and I met with Fairfax County representatives on Feb. 11 to get their advice on preparing our application, we learned about **the four priority concerns** they had after reviewing our plans. Accordingly, to be ready to apply, we must:

1. Demonstrate that the required number of **parking spaces** can be accommodated within the church's property, without spilling into the street.
2. Figure out how to **increase screening**—the buffer between adjoining properties—on the north side.
3. Submit a plan for **storm water management**.
4. Create and implement an extensive plan of **neighborhood outreach**.

The first three items are the province of a civil engineer. A civil engineer, as an engineering site summarizes, analyzes the best options to take to comply with regulations and minimize construction costs. He or she deals with the structural framework and foundations, “makes provisions for the various utility services, storm water management and

flood protection, sanitary sewerage and waste disposal, performance of building materials and components, and access to transportation networks.”

Our next task became crystal clear. The steering committee issued an RFP and is now nearing the end of the process for recommending a candidate to the parish council.

The next, and possibly most exciting, task ahead is putting in place and executing an outreach plan. For years, we have talked about getting to know and serving our neighbors and made some inroads. What a wonderful opportunity we now have for connecting with our neighbors in ways that are more effective and sustainable!

More on outreach in a later issue! For now, please know that we are looking for parishioners who live in or near the neighborhood or have an interest in building relationships between St. Mary and its neighbors, who can serve on the outreach team. If interested, please e-mail me at [caraveli.anna3@gmail.com](mailto:caraveli.anna3@gmail.com). ✕

## Care for Body and Soul with Rita Madden

## FEATURE | ILEANA C.

We are now full swing in the middle of Lent, and for those of you looking for some extra encouragement or guidance on how to keep the fast during this time period, I recommend that you check out fellow Orthodox Christian Rita Madden's website on food, faith, and fasting, available at [foodfaithfasting.gumroad.com](http://foodfaithfasting.gumroad.com), which I discovered earlier this year, and which I want to share with my fellow parishioners because I am so excited about it. Rita, who describes all Orthodox Christians as being one true family in Christ, has a Master of Public Health and is a Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist, with more than 20 years of experience. Her website reveals a plethora of upcoming virtual and previously recorded workshops using the Eastern Orthodox tradition to aid us in caring for body and soul alike. Through these humorous and fun, but also scientifically- and faith-based programs, participants attain practical tools to care for health in a spiritually-minded manner, to which I can personally attest. Most importantly, Rita explains

in these programs how following Eastern Orthodox tradition, including the periodic fasts on the Church calendar, will keep us healthy without having to worry about what to eat each day. Proceeds from these workshops go directly toward operating expenses for her work, as well as funding Orthodox Christian mission projects, such as International Orthodox Christian Charities, Orthodox Christian Mission Center, Focus America, the Neighborhood Resilience Project, and the Orthodox Hawaii Iveron Icon Association, which supports those in need and is also building a permanent home for the Holy Mother of God Iveron icon. They say you cannot eat your cake and have it too, but when you support Rita, you learn how to make your Lenten-friendly cake, while also supporting Orthodox Christian mission projects at the same time: Bon appétit for charities! ✕



A shot of Rita Madden



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An exploration of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a new curriculum for our 3- to 6-year-olds in Sunday School



## Contemplating Psalm 23

COLUMN | MCKENSIE K.

During this lenten and paschal season, I will be reflecting on the parable of the Good Shepherd. In the Atrium, this lesson is presented for the first time to the children during the lenten season. This lesson stands front and center in the Atrium and is where the entirety of the program gets the name "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd." The children hear the very beginning of Psalm 23 at Prayer Table: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." In the Atrium, we explain this to the children, saying, "This means the Lord is my Shepherd. I have everything I need."

This verse always strikes me as such a powerful and moving verse. Explaining it to children in such simple words causes me to contemplate the Good Shepherd at work in my life. We don't say, "the Lord is my Shepherd and I have mostly all I need;" we say, "the Lord is my Shepherd and I have *everything* I need". This means I need nothing else, when I truly come to know the Lord is my Shepherd.

I often look at the children with admiration in their ability to so fully understand this, to truly know what it means to not need to seek more, as we so often feel the need to as adults. As we enter into Lent, we have a unique opportunity to draw closer to our Good Shepherd and contemplate this verse in a new way. During Lent, I always see fasting as an opportunity to recognize just how much we have that we don't need, how I live in excess so much of the year even in something so basic as food. So as we begin another Lent, let us all seek to understand and embrace the words given to us in Psalm 23: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." ✠



## Church Mouse's Corner Sanctify Those Who Love the Beauty of Thy House

COLUMN | ECCL. KATHERINE MCCALLUM

When I ran the altar guild at an Episcopal church, decorating for services was strictly a matter of aesthetics. Everything was gorgeously done according color, harmony, line, balance. However, there was no thought of beauty as an attribute of God or as a prayerful response to this attribute. Then I converted to Orthodoxy and encountered that wonderful line in the post-communal prayer at Divine Liturgy:



*Sanctify those who love the beauty of your house  
Glorify them in return by your divine power.*

This line took all that I had learned on prepping for services and reformed it in the light of this prayer. Love of beauty, the use of aesthetics, is a response to who God is and, in return, He sanctifies us and the space.

*The Veil* articles for the past year have been my attempt to explain how lighting, color, candles, flowers, and paraments are not simply there to make the church look nice, but to draw us into worship of God. And in what can only be God's timing, Father starts a sermon series this Lent on the Orthodox understanding of beauty — and just as we are re-purposing the fellowship hall for overflow seating! It's not enough to just remove tables, place chairs six feet apart, and slap some random icons on the wall. We need to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the resources we have and what we can use to beautify the space and help those who will be there to worship of God.

Where do we start? Always, we start with prayer. Just as I say a prayer before I enter the church to get it ready for services and try to pray the Jesus Prayer while going



about my tasks, the first step in getting the fellowship hall ready is prayer. God — how can this space be made more beautiful for those who will worship You here? What can I do that will help them to worship You in beauty and truth?

Some of the answers are easy: clean up the junk that has accumulated in various areas; remove or cover things that, while fine in themselves, would be a distraction in space for worship (I'm looking at you, bookstore). We have an extra candle stand and an extra icon stand — we can make a place for people to light candles to Christ and the Theotokos. Easy.

Some issues are subtler. Does the clock over the icon of the Protection of the Mother of God belong there? Wouldn't it be better to have the TV screen positioned in such a way that the attendees are facing in the direction of the sanctuary? Which saints should be placed on the walls as part of our great cloud of witnesses? Where would the placement of plants and flowers help to remind us that all of creation sings of God's beauty?

All this to say that the converting of the fellowship hall into a beautiful place of prayer is a work/prayer in progress. As we pray fervently and humbly in that space and our understanding of the role of beauty in worship is clarified, may God continue to sanctify the space. ✠



# Finding Interior Freedom During Lent 2021

## REFLECTION | ILEANA C.

This year, I learned about Her First Love — which started in 2011 and is normally a physical annual retreat during Lent for Orthodox Christian women to connect in love, fellowship, and hope through the bonds of Christ — but for this year is a 5-week virtual retreat. The theme for this year's retreat is *Interior Freedom: With God as our source and guarantee, we find a space of freedom within ourselves that no one can take from us.*

During this virtual retreat, attendees are reading Jacques Philippe's *Interior Freedom*. For those looking for another good Orthodox book to read during Lent, I highly recommend this one. While it densely packs a plethora of Orthodox wisdom for both men and women alike, I wanted to share with you some nuggets that particularly struck a chord with me during this unusual Lent-

en season where we remain shuttered at home awaiting our vaccinations. First, we gain possession of our interior freedom in exact proportion to our growth in faith, hope, and love. Second, what often blocks the action of God's grace in our lives is not so much our sins or failings, but more so our failure to accept who we really are, including all our weaknesses. We must accept ourselves just as we are in order for the Holy Spirit to change us for the better. Similarly, if we do not accept others, we are not allowing the Holy Spirit to improve our relationships with others. Finally, disappointments in other people's faults can be good for us because they invite us to go deeper in our relationship with God, looking to Him for fullness, peace, and security that only His infinite love can guarantee. So, bottom line, with God, you are always guaranteed a great big bear hug regardless of circumstances! ✕

## Landscape of Thought

*The fisherman's wife,  
standing in the grey fishing boat  
as it leaves the harbor,  
holding the yellow scarf  
tight on her hair  
so the breeze won't blow it away —  
we will never know what she is thinking.  
Is she thinking of the ocean, or the mountains,  
the ocean which accepts the kisses  
of her boat,  
the mountains which are almost blue?  
Is she thinking of both?  
Or are her thoughts like those outlines  
of mountains drawn in sand  
by ocean foam  
as it reaches its highest limit on the beach,  
its final exhalation of salty breath,  
and then rests,  
accepts the pull of ocean behind it,  
returns to its origin in the depths  
among the fish and squid?  
Those mountains last for seconds of time,  
and then are replaced by new ones,  
different ranges of sandy particles,  
always forming the same landscape.  
Perhaps it is this landscape she enters now  
alone with her husband  
and her thoughts.*

— JONATHAN C.



# Donate to the Falls Church Pantry



Thank you to all of you who have stepped up to help the community by donating goods to the Falls Church Service Council (FCS) Pantry! Please continue to drop off your donations in the shelves downstairs by the restrooms. Here's a list of the FCS April needs:



## PANTRY:

- Canned chicken
- Canned fruits & apple sauce (**no single serving sizes**)
- Diced tomatoes 16 oz
- Dish liquid
- Disinfecting household cleaners
- Fruit jam: grape, raspberry, strawberry
- Hand sanitizer
- Instant coffee, 8-12 oz
- Laundry detergent
- Liquid hand soap
- Maseca (yellow corn flour)
- Mayo, 20 oz max
- Pancake mix & syrup
- Paper towels (**singles or 2-packs**)
- Refried beans 16 oz
- Rice, 1# bags
- Shampoo
- Stews, quick meals & sides (canned or microwavable)
- Sugar, 32 oz max
- Tea (small boxes)
- Toilet tissue (**singles or 4-packs**)
- Toothpaste (no travel sizes)
- UHT dairy milk, 32 oz, e.g., Parmalat or Natrel
- Vegetable oil, 24 oz

## FURNITURE:

Only basic home furnishings listed below are accepted; no upholstered furniture or mattresses.

- bed frames – twin, double, or queen
- dressers / chests of drawers
- kitchen / dining room tables and chairs

**Low sodium and no-sugar-added items are always appreciated!**

**Expired or opened goods cannot be accepted.**

**Please, no "industrial" size packs – clients have limited storage!**

*You can also make financial donations on the Falls Church Service Council website at [fcsweicare.org/donate](http://fcsweicare.org/donate).*

## Write for the Veil!

Participate in the parish thought-life. Share an event. Make change. To get involved, email the communications manager **Sophia** at

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