



# THE VINE

ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, 57 BROWN STREET, WESTON, MA 02493

## Fr. Nick's Message

### PENTECOST

On Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate one of the major liturgical feasts of the Church year, the Feast of Pentecost. On this day we recall the day the Apostles received the Holy Spirit and, under the guidance and inspiration of the Spirit, courageously left the safety of the upper room to go into the world to preach the Gospel of Christ.

It took courage to preach the gospel to the crowds first assembled in Jerusalem because, as St. Peter told them, he wanted to talk to them about Jesus whom they had crucified. People do not like to be reminded of their transgressions and they could have reacted by doing to His disciples what they had done to Jesus. St. Peter went on however to tell them that the Apostles, in obedience to Christ's command, came to the crowds not in spirit of condemnation for their past actions but to offer them forgiveness and to become one with Christ through Baptism.

While Peter's first proclamation was met with great success, he soon realized that as time went, on his imitation of Christ would bring rejection and finally even death to him and to almost all of the Apostles.

As baptized Christians, as Chrismated Christians, we too have received the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit, and we too are called to be courageous in living and spreading the Faith.

As we seek to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, our pulpit will be our home, our places of work and recreation. Our "crowds" will be members of our families, our neighbors, and our fellow workers. We must not condemn, but by our personal example following that of Jesus, must manifest love and forgiveness. We may not be required to give our lives, as did the first apostles and martyrs that followed them but we will be asked to sacrifice our pride. We may not be required to suffer physical pain but we will be asked to make other sacrifices by striving to obtain humility and show unconditional love.

Let us not forget that we, who call ourselves Christians, are often guilty of similar offences and injustices that we so casually judge and see in others. Too often we seek to justify our anger and resentment, claiming our response is normal if not human.

The Apostles became more and more courageous as they recognized God dwelling within them because of their Pentecost experience which filled them with the Holy Spirit. May all of us who call ourselves Christians become more and more aware of the presence of God through the Holy Spirit in this world and courageously live as Jesus would have us live and not as the world dictates.

With love in the Lord,  
Fr. Nick

Jesus said,  
"I am the vine;  
you are the  
branches.  
If a man remains  
in me and I in him,  
he will bear  
much fruit."  
(John 15:5)

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# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

## SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**ORTHOS, 8:30; DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30**

May 6- *Sunday of the Samaritan Woman*

May 13- *Sunday of the Blind Man, Mother's Day*

May 20- *Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council*

May 27- *Holy Pentecost*

### MIDWEEK SERVICES

**Orthros, 9 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am**

May 17- *Holy Ascension*

May 21- *Sts. Constantine & Helen*

May 26- *Saturday of Souls*

In case you were wondering how others from around the world say Christ is Risen:

Albanian: Krishti u Ungjall Vertet Unjal!

Arabic: Al Massih Qam! Haken Qam!

Armenian: Krisdos haryav ee merelotz! Orhnyal eh harootiunun Krisdosee!

Bulgarian: Hristos Voskresel! Vo Istina Voskresel!

Cantonese: Gaydolk folkwoot leew! Ta koksut folkwoot leew!

English: Christ Is Risen! Truly He Is Risen!

French: Le Christ est Ressuscite! En Verite Il est Ressuscite!

German: Christus ist Erstanden! Er ist Wahrhaftig Erstanden!

Greek: Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

Italian: Cristo 'e Risorto! Veramente 'e Risorto!

Japanese: Harisutosu fukkatsu! Jitsu ni fukkatsu!

Latin: Christus Resurrexit! Vere Resurrexit!

Mandarin: Jidu fuhuo-le! Ta qeshi fuhuo-le!

Romanian: Hristos a Inviat! Adevarat a Inviat!

Russian: Khristos Voskresel! Voistinu Voskresel!

Serbian: Hristos Voskresel! Vaistinu Voskresel!

Spanish: ¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado!

Swahili: Kristo Amefufukka! Kweli Amefufukka!

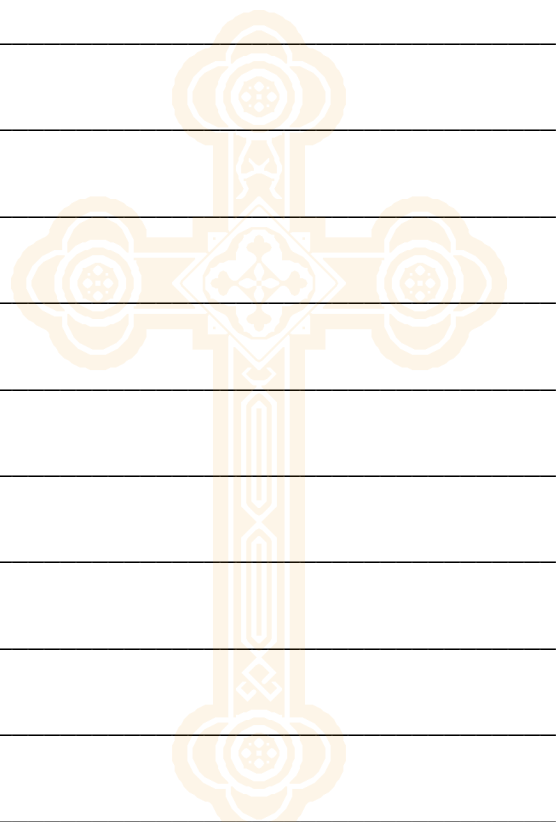
Turkish: Hristos Diril-di! Hakikaten Diril-di!

Ukranian: Khristos Voskresel! Voistinu Voskresel!

## NAMES OF DECEASED

### ONOMATA AΠΟΘΑΝΟΝΤΩΝ

*These names will be read at the Saturday of the Souls Service on May 26, 2018. Please PRINT clearly the first names of departed family and friends that you wish to be remembered at these services.*




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## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Lent and Holy Week are the climax of our ecclesiastical year, ending with the joyous celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We would be remiss not to say thank you to all who made this joyous season more meaningful through their participation and generous gift of time and talent. Ushers, choir members, chanters, readers, youth, decorating committees, servers, mailing committee, cleaning crews and so many others who worked tirelessly to make sure that all who came found our Church ready for worship during this Holy season. We say thank you to all who made this year's Lent and Holy Week services memorable

# PENTECOST



## THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

This unique icon for the feast of Pentecost has traditional elements that teach the spiritual structure of the Christian church. Against the background of a temple, itself made around the huge central dome, the Apostles are depicted in a circular form giving the impression of unity.

But if the icon is a representation of the Church, then it must have more than Apostles depicted. And this is the case. Among the twelve, are a number who were not of the original Twelve. There is St. Paul and there are the Evangelists, Luke and Mark (who hold Gospels). The Apostles bear scrolls for they are essentially teachers of the Good News.



The Acts, describing the historic Descent of the Spirit, speaks of the multitude present on that occasion. Ancient icons did, in fact, depict multitudes in the lower central portion of the icon. This has been replaced by strange symbolic figure of a king. The man is in a dark place for the world before Christ was without faith; he is depicted aged for the sin of Adam has aged him; the crown signifies sin, which ruled the world; the cloth he holds, with the twelve scrolls, signifies the Twelve Apostles who brought light to the world through their proclamation of the news of Jesus Christ.

Because Pentecost was the baptism of the Church by fire, we see the rays and tongues of fire descending upon the gathered group. And so we have, finally, the fulfillment of the revelation of the Holy Trinity: the Father as Creator, the Son as Savior, and now the Holy Spirit, come as Comforter, as Sanctifier, as Indweller of the Church.



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**Visitations**, Valerie Wiegel

**Prosfora Ministry**, Christina Booth

**Senior Guild**, Artemis Martakis

**Stewardship**, Tom Camp

#### YOUTH

**Altar Service**, Chris Kourlos

**Basketball**, Jack Markis

**Church School**, Stavroula Gurguliatos

**Church School Music Director**, Jane Kourtis

**GOYA**, Fr. Vincent and Jill Kovatsis

**Greek Folk Dancing**, Margaret Talmers

**Greek Language School**, Avra Parpos

**HOPE**, Diana Katsikaris and Mina Johnson

**JOY**, Fr. Vincent Minucci

**OCF**, Fr. Vincent Minucci

**Young Professionals**, Samuel Johnson





## CHURCH SCHOOL

Christos Anesti! Christ is Risen!

Thank you to all who volunteered and participated in the many Holy Week activities sponsored by the Church School.

May 6	Church School Classes; Church School Staff Mtg.
May 13	Church School Classes
May 20	Church School Classes
May 27	Pentecost – No Church School Classes



## GREEK LANGUAGE & CULTURAL SCHOOL



On March 27, 2018, Greek School Grades 4-6 visited Maplewood Senior Living Community in Weston to celebrate Greek Independence Day. The students recited poems, sang songs, and performed Greek dances with the seniors. The senior community appreciated the student visit very much. It was also a good experience for our students.

### Greek School Graduation

This year the Greek School Graduation celebration will be held on Friday, May 18, 2018 at 7PM in the church social hall. Parent, grandparents and friends are invited to attend and celebrate the many accomplishments of our Greek School students.

Our staff and teachers would like to thank all for helping to make this a successful school year. In particular, we appreciate the commitment our families both parents and students made to coming week after week to experience the richness our Greek heritage has to offer through its language and customs.

The year has come to an end and it's time to say goodbye for now. We watched our children learn and grow and change from day to day. We hope that all the things we've done have helped in some small way. We hope to see you back in the Fall as we leap into another exciting year of learning.

## ASCENSION OF OUR LORD- MAY 25



The story of the Ascension of our Lord, celebrated as one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church, is found in the book of the Acts of the Apostles 1:3-11. It is also mentioned in the Gospels of Mark

(16:19) and Luke (24:50-53). The moment of the Ascension is told in one sentence: "He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight" (Acts 1:9).

Christ made His last appearance on earth, forty days after His Resurrection from the dead. The Acts of the Apostles states that the disciples were in Jerusalem. Jesus appeared before them and commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the "Promise of the Father". He stated, "You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:5).

After Jesus gave these instructions, He led the disciples to the Mount of Olives. Here, He commissioned them to be His witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). It is also at this time that the disciples were directed by Christ to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Jesus also told them that He would be with them always, "even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

As the disciples watched, Jesus lifted up His hands, blessed them, and then was taken up out of their sight (Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9). Two angels appeared to them and asked them why they were gazing into heaven. Then one of the angels said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

...but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity”  
(1 Timothy 4:12)

# YOUTH



## GOYA

Xristos Anesti! Christ is Risen! Our annual GOYA Lock-In and Saturday of Lazarus Pancake Breakfast was a great success. We learned how to bake prosphora (the offering bread used at Divine Liturgy) and even made some for the Holy Week services. We also helped serve breakfast to the entire St. Demetrios Community and made palm crosses in anticipation for Palm Sunday.

Some of our GOYAns are participating on the YOCAMA Mission Trip to Montana to help the Native American people. Please consider donating to this most worthy cause.

We will be gathering together as GOYA to help with fundraising initiatives for our fellow GOYAns going on this trip. More details to come soon!

Our GOYA is excited to participate in Week 4 of MBC. Be sure to register before the week fills up!



## METROPOLIS OF BOSTON 2018 SUMMER CAMP

Session 1: July 9th - July 15th  
\*\*\*Session 2: July 16th - July 22nd\*\*\*  
Session 3: July 23rd - July 29th  
Session 4: July 30th - August 5th

\*\*\*Olympiacos FC Soccer Camp  
will be held during  
Session 2\*\*\*







# PHOTOS

## HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA





# PHOTOS



## GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE



## PHILOPTOCHOS BOOK EVENT



## SENIOR GUILD LUNCHEON





# CALENDAR

## MAY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Greek School, 4 pm	2 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1 pm	3	4	5 Agape Prayer Group, 8:30 am
6 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	7	8 Greek School, 4 pm	9 Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting, 7 pm	10	11	12
13 Sunday of the Blind Man Mother's Day	14	15 Greek School, 4 pm	16	17 Holy Ascension Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 9 am Senior Guild Luncheon	18 Greek School Graduation Ceremony	19 Hellenic Nursing Home
20 Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council	21 St. Constantine and Helen Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 9 am Peter James Condakes Memorial Golf Tournament	22	23	24	25	26 Saturday of Souls, 9 am
27 Holy Pentecost	28	29	30 Philoptochos General Assembly	31		



# STEWARDSHIP & PHILOPTOCHOS



## PHILOPTOCHOS

Dear Philoptochos Memembers,

Come and join us for our last general assembly for this year. Please join us this year for our general assembly on Wednesday, May 30th at 7:00 pm church hall. We will review this past year, disburse our charitable funds and see what we have planned for the following year. Please know that you are welcome to come and join us. After the meeting, we will enjoy each other's company with a light collation.

We are pleased to let you know that Philoptochos of St. Demetrios, St. Christine Chapter, will disburse \$11,000.00 of scholarships this year. These scholarships will be awarded in June. More information will be forthcoming from Nancy Savage, chairperson for the scholarships.

In Christ,

Nikki

## STEWARDSHIP

Those who follow the Hindu religious teachings must bring their thank offerings to their local priest. The ceremony goes like this: they fall to their knees, close their eyes, and then place the offering in the open hand of the priest. When asked the reason why they do this they reply, "we close our eyes because we are ashamed to bring so little, and we fall on our knees because then this act humbles us."

A gift does not need to be large in order to be significant. It is great or small in proportion to the amount of other things we possess. One of the greatest of all examples of Christian stewardship is the woman who came in to the temple one day and gave "all that she had." It wasn't very much, just a fraction of a cent, but it caused the treasury bell to ring and Christ to give her a commendation that keeps ringing down the centuries.

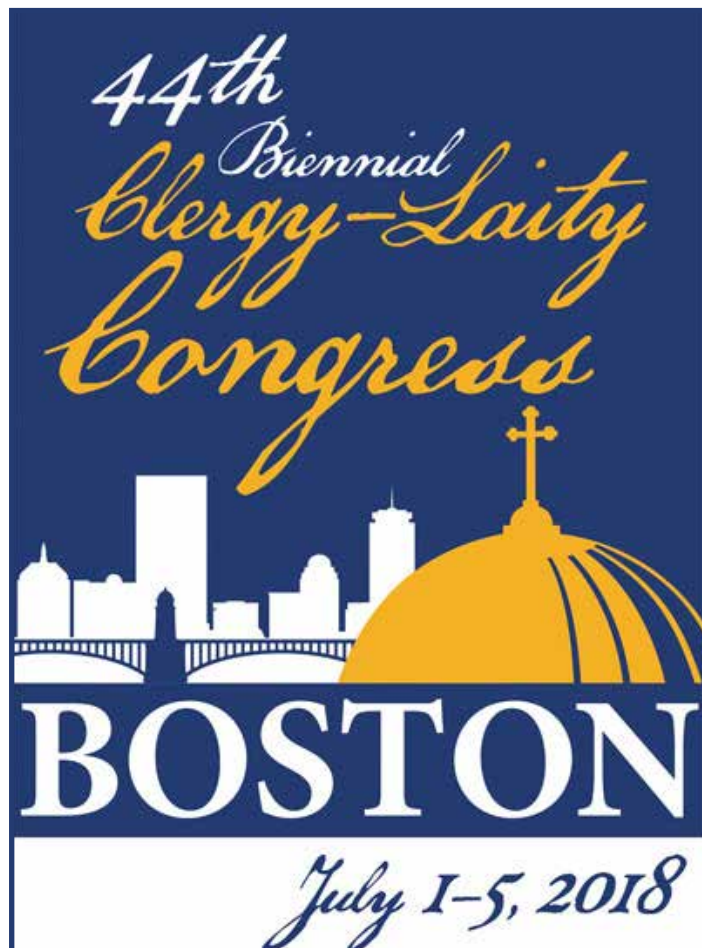
There was another who came to the Lord whom the evangelists call a rich young ruler. He had been greatly blessed, but was unwilling to pay the price of discipleship – to dedicate all he had to the service of the Lord. Scripture says that he went away sorrowful.

Are we giving to God in proportion as He has given to us? Are we giving Him not only our money, but our time and our abilities, and even our very lives? How much time do we spend working and doing things for Him in comparison to the time we spend to satisfy our physical needs? No matter how much we give Him, We ought to close our eyes and drop to our knees because we bring so little, and are therefore humbled as we think of how He gave His life for us upon the cross.

- Fr. Anthony Coniaris

In Christ,

The Stewardship Committee





# NEWS & EVENTS



*Christ is Risen from the dead,  
by heath trampling down upon death,  
and to those in the tombs, He has granted life!!*

## FR. MANIKAS LIBRARY

Book of the Month:  
*Transfigured in the Night:  
The Life and Teachings  
of Elder Aimilianos of  
Simonopetra* by Conostas  
(Monk Maximos)



Written by our former Psalter, Nicholas Conostas. Elder Aimilianos was a spiritual father and elder of Simonopetra, a monastery of Mt. Athos. He was instrumental in renovating a decaying monastic foundation and in transmitting the living experience of the light of Christ. You can find this book in our recommended shelf or under catalog Q (the spiritual life).

We invite you to come and visit the parish library. The library is opened every Sunday after Liturgy. However, you are welcomed to visit the library when the Church office is opened. As outlined in the Library Policies and Procedures please fill out both cards and leave the orange card in the metal box. Date is the month and year when you borrow the book. This will help us to keep track of our books. Remember, this library is for you and your family.

## PHILOPTOCHOS RECOGNIZES PARISH YOUTH WITH AWARDS- ACROSS A WIDE SPECTRUM OF ACHIEVEMENT

On Sunday, June 17, following the Divine Liturgy, our parish will honor a number of its younger members who have excelled across a wide spectrum of achievements, including scholastic, leadership, service to community, devotion to our parish, love of the arts and beyond. The awards are given by the families of some of our community's most treasured former members. Recognized this year will be:

- 39th James Salas & Maria Salas Papoulias Award -  
Overall Academic Performance

Maria Groussis, daughter of George & Helen Groussis of Hopkington  
George Washington University

- 32nd Nicholas & Effee Voss Award -  
Leadership & Scholastic Performance

John Markis, son of Emanuel & Donna Markis of Wellesley  
Georgetown University

- 14th Dr. Demetre & Ann Hoty Decaneas Award -  
Leadership & Community Service

Katerina Maheras, daughter of Stylianos & Kristie Maheras of Needham  
University of Maryland

- 12th Nychis Family Award -

Love of Life & Arts - Commitment to Social Justice  
Rebecca Skedros, daughter of James & Stephanie Skedros of Sudbury  
Loyola University of Chicago

- 5th Cynthia Speare Zervas Award -

Excellence in Academics & Extra-Curricular Participation  
Nicholas Stathos, son of Philip Stathos & Alice Murphy of Wellesley  
Bates College

- 1st Second Lieutenant Ian McVey Award -

Service to Family, Church & Community  
Elias Tsiantoulas, son of James & Christofile Tsiantoulas of Framingham  
Springfield College

- 1st Bessie Coclin Award -

Love of Music & Devotion to Orthodox Ministries  
Alexa Katsaros, daughter of Theodosios & Laurel Katsaros of Franklin  
Providence College

- 1st Peter & Flora Souris Award -

Commitment to Church & Community  
Genna Katsikaris, daughter of Paul & Stacy Katsikaris of Medfield  
Providence College

- 1st Marion Lucas Award -

Participation in School & Community  
George Katsikaris, son of Peter & Maria Katsikaris of Wellesley  
Merrimack College





## Peter James Condakes

### Memorial Golf Tournament

**Monday**

**May 21, 2018**

12:30 PM Shotgun



### Woodland Golf Club

1897 Washington Street  
Auburndale, Massachusetts 02466

### Saint Demetrios Church

## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BOOKSTORE

Graduation Day is right around the corner and the bookstore has a variety of items to offer.

One of the latest arrivals is the *English Words Deriving from the Greek Language* by our own Matina Psyhogeos. It is an 'inexhaustible' linguistic source", highlighting approximately 30,000 English words, whose origin is Greek. It is a wonderful graduation gift for home and a valuable resource. Also, there are many religious books for adults and children, icons and St. Demetrios crosses.

### SENIOR GUILD

Dear Senior Guild Members,

The next meeting of the Senior Guild will be on May 17th (The Ascension) following the Divine Liturgy. We will discuss the trip to Cape Cod. We continue to need 40 people for the bus and the cost of the trip is \$65.00 which is payable to *St. Demetrios Church*, due on May 17. If you have any questions please contact Artemis Martakis @ (508) 785-0045. The Senior Guild hopes to see you there! Thank you.

Sincerely yours,  
Artemis Martakis

### THREE GOOD RULES FOR THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

1. We must never be self-centered in our happiness. While we prosper and enjoy life, there are always those near us who suffer from poverty, unemployment, grief, sickness, or from some difficult condition beyond their control. "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

2. We must never be selfish in our prosperity. When God permits us to obtain wealth, He does so in order for us to share it with others and to make life more hospitable for those we can reach out and touch in love. "The love of money is the roots of all evils."

3. We must never be self-righteous in goodness. Our Lord came down hardest on people who thought highly of themselves. The Parisee epitomized this attitude when he said, "I thank you God that I am not like the other men." God can do nothing for the person who thinks he/she is good enough. "I came for sinners not the righteous," Jesus said in the face of self-righteousness. True goodness implies humility. "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

(Adapted from William-Barclay)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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*Altar flowers were generously donated by  
the following parishioners:*

April 8:  
Sotir Family in memory of husband and  
father, Arthur.

April 15:  
In memory of Thomas Hatzis  
from wife Anita.

April 29:  
From the Spiliakos Family.



## BAPTISMS

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The daughter of Nicholas and Jill  
Mavro was baptized on April 14th  
and named Lucille. The sponsors  
were Andreas and Alycia Savvrides.

The son of Alfredo and Alexandra  
Ruggiero was baptized on April 15th  
and named Sophocles. The sponsor  
was Sophocles and Renee Sophocles.

The son of Nicholas and Allison  
Melahouris was baptized on April  
21st and named Nicholas. The  
sponsor was Gary Bennos and Joelle  
Colon.

The son of Dimitrios and Caitrin  
Spiliakos was baptized on April  
28th and named Panagiotis. The  
sponsors are William and Elizabeth  
Triant.

The son of Bryan and Rhiana Ash  
was baptized on April 29th and  
named Michalis. The sponsor was  
Maria Martinez.

## FUNERAL

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Dorothea Ann (Lynch) Anthony of  
Allston, April 11

May her memory be eternal!

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