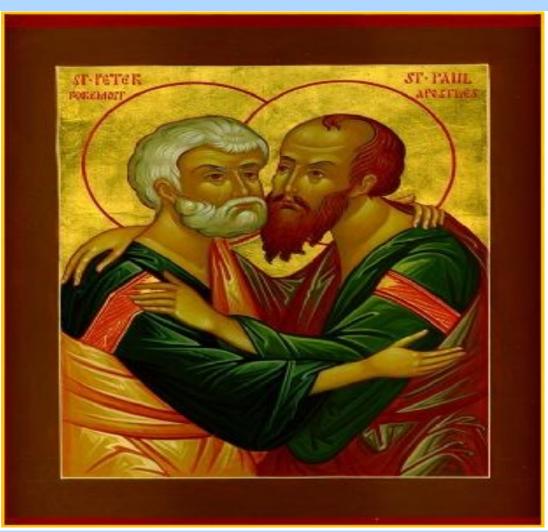
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PRIEST'S MESSAGE

KEEP THE FIRE ALIVE!

Dear faithful,

This past month was culminated with the glorious Feast of Pentecost. This is the day in which the Apostles, and those gathered with them, received the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit in the forms of tongues of fire, and gave them the gift of being able to speak in various languages and dialects. Of course, this gift was not given to the Apostles for their own glorification, but so that they could preach and go throughout the entire world to spread the glorious news of Jesus Christ, the God-man and true Victor over death itself, in all languages and to all peoples.

We too, though we may not have received tongues of fire or the ability to speak in all languages, have received grace and strength from on high through our own Baptism and Chrismation. Like the Apostles and the men and women with them, we are called to be the witnesses of Christ and His Church throughout the entire world.

These past two months we celebrated Holy Week & Pascha, as well as the Great Feast of Pentecost, and now we are able to look forward to the blessed feast day of our own Proistamenos, Fr. Peter, on June 29th when we celebrate the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul, followed by the celebration of the Holy Apostles on June 30th. This celebration is always preceded by the lesser known Apostles Fast, which is less strict and varies in length depending on when Pascha falls, beginning the Monday after All Saints Sunday (8 days after Pentecost) and ending on the feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

Unfortunately, this is also the time of year when we tend to see a decline in church attendance as our various group ministries take a summer "break." But, we are called, each and every one of us, to take this zeal and strength we have received from Pascha and Pentecost, and **keep this fire alive** in our hearts, and continue to pray together every Sunday of the summer. Fr. Peter and I have been very blessed these past years to see strong numbers of our faithful continue to come for worship during the summer months, and we also love to hear from our families about their visits to other Orthodox churches throughout the country or abroad that they found while on vacation. The Church does not close over the summer! We may seek vacation from our homes or school or from work, but we do not vacate our own calling as baptized disciples and apostles of Christ.

Lastly, we are especially proud here at St. Anthony of our extremely bright and talented young people, and wish to congratulate all of our graduates who have excelled in their studies and are extremely worthy of receiving their due accolades and degrees! As we say in Greek, "Και εις ανώτερα!" or "to an even brighter future!"

To our graduates, I pray you heed the words of St. Paul in his writing in 1 Timothy 4:12 – "Let no one look down on you because you are young, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." All too often we say that young people are the future of the Church, but the truth is that **you are the Church NOW.** The leadership and voices in the Church are not reserved for "older people" but for **YOU**. Engage a life in the Church, get involved, let your voice be heard, make an impact... and if you feel as though there is something blocking your way into getting more involved, then bulldoze your way through. The Church loves you, desires you, and needs you, **right now.**

Faithfully,

Fr. Chris



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

I first want to thank Stephanie Lubian and Fr. Christopher Retelas for helping to bring back our St. Anthony monthly newsletter.

Our 18th Annual St. Anthony Pasadena Golf Classic was a tremendous success. I want to thank our co-chairs, Roberto Crespo and our Tournament Godfather, Jimmy Christodoulelis, along with everyone else who helped this year.

One of the challenging issues we face is helping the homeless. St. Anthony supports efforts to help the homeless in a number of ways. We support various homeless organizations through Philoptochos, our Pasadena Greek Fest and our Souper Bowl Sunday event. This year, in conjunction with Philoptochos, we contributed \$7,500 to Friends In Deed, an organization that operates a number of programs, including a food bank, cold weather shelter, women's shelter, and a homeless prevention program. Several Members have brought to our attention that there seems to be an increase in the number of homeless people on our church property. This poses safety concerns for our members. This month, the Parish Council voted to retain a private security company to patrol our grounds to help address this issue.

We are thrilled to have 19 St. Anthony members graduating from high school or college this year. Congratulations on this important milestone! May God bless you as you take the next steps in your life journey.

Happy Nameday to Father Peter as we celebrate the Apostles Peter and Paul at the end of this month.

Now that summer is here, we look forward to our Pasadena GreekFest which will be held on our church grounds on September 21, 22, and 23, 2018. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we hope everyone will help to make it a great success.

In Christ's Love,

John Vidalakis



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STEWARDSHIP

2018 STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

OUR STEWARDSHIP GOAL: \$425,000

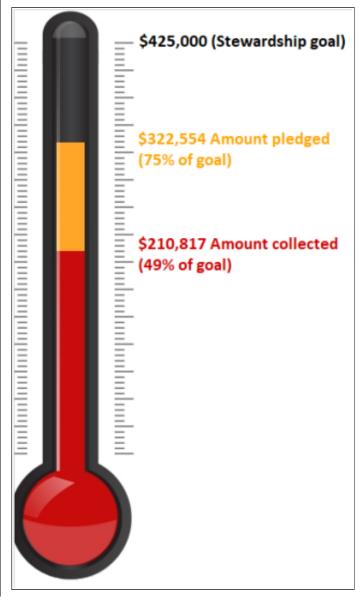
246 PLEDGES TOTALING: \$322,554

COLLECTED AS OF 5/8/18: \$210,817

AVERAGE PLEDGE GOAL: \$1,400

CURRENT AVERAGE PLEDGE: \$1,311

Stewardship Breakdown of Pledges					
2018 Annual Stewardship Pledged Amount	# of Pledges	% of Pledges Breakdown			
\$ 20 - \$299	46	19%			
\$300 - \$499	28	11%			
\$500 - \$749	48	20%			
\$750 - \$999	11	04%			
\$1,000 - \$1,499	49	20%			
\$1,500 - \$1,999	21	08%			
\$2,000 - \$3,999	26	11%			
\$4,000 - \$5,999	10	04%			
\$6,000 - \$7,999	2	1%			
\$8,000 - \$9,999	0	0			
\$10,000 - \$14,999	4	02%			
\$15,000 - \$99,999	1	0			
Total Pledges	246	100%			



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

KIDS N' CANCER DONATION

St. Anthony Philoptochos is proud to announce it has donated \$8000 to Kids n' Cancer.

Thank you to all who have supported our fund raising events especially the Easter bake sale.

END OF YEAR PHILOPTOCHOS DINNER

To be held at The Monrovia on Wednesday, June 20th.

Call Lisa Xanthos (626.445.6645) for details and reservations.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Dear Members of St. Anthony,

If you have not provided refreshments for at least one coffee hour in the past few years please choose a Sunday to do so. You might want to serve with a friend or relative to honor a birthday, celebrate a special event in your life, or remember a loved one.

A sign-up board is in the Trinity Ballroom for your convenience.

Guidelines are available.

Please contact Athena Dallas (818.790.1419) or athena_d@charter.net.

Donations collected during the coffee hour are used to purchase items needed in our St. Anthony altar.

Please sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your participation will be appreciated by all.



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CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

CHRIST is the Center of Our Lives

The 2017-2018 Church School year ended on May 20. To celebrate a year full of learning about our Orthodox Faith, we recognized our dedicated teaching staff and our beloved students at an Attendance Assembly. All of the students received a blessing from Father Peter and a Participation Certificate.

Students who attained **commendable attendance** were presented with a Certificate of Achievement and a gift. Those students were: *Nikolas Constantinou, Michael Akrotirianakis, Nickolas Akrotirianakis, Athanasios Mitis, Noah Nuñez, Mary Nuñez, Maria Syrengelas, Anna Bowers, Talia Grafos, Nicholas Nuñez, and Kostantinos Tsigkounis.*

Students who achieved **perfect attendance** were awarded a Certificate of Excellence and gift for their accomplishment. Those students were: **Evangelia Kleissas, Mary Tio, Theodora Trigonis, and Demetrios Trigonis**.

We congratulate these students for a job well done!



Commendable Attendance



Perfect Attendance



Church School Staff



Church School Children

YOUTH NEWS



Junior Boys Basketball Team



Junior Girls Basketball Team



Senior Boys Basketball Team

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Senior Girls Basketball Team

Saint Anthony's Volleyball Teams



Volleyball Tournament - All Teams



MINISTRIES

Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church

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Roberto Crespo

Tom Grafos

Chris Ioannou

Jim Pappas

Sophia Syrengelas

Perry Vidalakis

Vince Zarian

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Athena Serban – Events Coordinator (Trinity Ballroom)

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Carlos Sosa



CHOIR

Choir Director Jim Hronas

Sherese Akrotirianakis Maria Hronas
Dean Athans Elias Kalivas
Tina Athans Stavrula Kiotas

Or Rodanthi Kitridor

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CHANTERS

Patrick Lynch Please forgive any misspellings or omissions.

Katerina Lynch
Demetrios Baliotis
Mike Abi-Farah



CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF

Fotene Trigonis - Director

Anastasia Kalivas - Director

Irene Albeck - Preschool

Nikolitsa Vagenas - Preschool

Kathy Tsigkounis - Kindergarten & 1st

Kyriaki Tsigkounis - Kindergarten & 1st

Michael Nunez - 2nd & 3rd

Anna Nunez - 2nd & 3rd

John Vagenas - 4th & 5th

Tom Bouras - Middle School

Rebecca Russo - Middle School

Anastasia Kalivas - High School



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MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

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Connie Becker

Spiritual Advisor

Father Peter Stratos



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Bible Study Fr. Peter Stratos

Bookstore Jeremiah Courter

Chanters Patrick and Katerina Lynch

GOYA Fr. Christopher Retelas

GOYA Basketball Anthia Lucas

Pana Gelt

Greek Dance Groups Christine Pappas

Greek Festival John Vidalakis

Nick Demopulos

Greek Language School Anastasia McClain

JOY/HOPE Irene Albeck

Moms & Tots Rebecca Courter

Myrrh Bearers Irene Albeck

Oratorical Festival Maria Grover

Roberto Crespo

Vacation Bible School Sophia Syrengelas

Mary Udria

VIPs Helen Treantafelles

Young Adults Mike Abi Farah



COMMUNITY NEWS



Lacy Park - San Marino Sunday, June 3rd 1:00pm

Purchase your table now for \$40 (8 people)

Bring your own food or pre-purchase a lunch

\$15 adults / \$8 kids under 10

Purchase at coffee hour after church

Or call the church to purchase: 626-449-6943

Saint Anthony Vacation Bible School 2018

Come sail away with us as we learn how Jesus rescues us every day in every situation!

Date: June 18—21, 1pm—4pm

Location: Saint Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church

Ages: 4 1/2—10 Cost: \$25 per child

For more information, contact: Sophia Syrengelas (sophiajammie@gmail.com) Mary Udria (mary.udria@gmail.com) Page 12 June 2018

2018 GRADUATES



Nicholas Constantine Balas University of Southern California (USC) BA Economics with emphasis in Finance Parents: Dino & Julie Balas



Emily Baumeister

NYU Tisch School of the Arts Stern Business School and Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development

BFA in Drama and History Minor in Business, Entertainment, Media and Technology

Parents: Bryan & Anastasia Baumeister

Grandparents: +Rev. Fr. Efstathios V. Mylonas, Ph.D. & Presvytera Maria Mylonas



John Paul Caire Maranatha High School, Pasadena Attending Cal Luthern University in the Fall Parents: Terese & John Caire

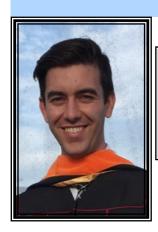


Amalia Chrysanthy Christodoulelis Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy Attending Drexel University in the Fall Parents: Jim & Tanya Christodoulelis



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2018 GRADUATES



George Dupas

University of Southern California (USC) BS in Mechanical Engineering and Minor in Accounting - Dec 2016 Masters in Mechanical Engineering - May 2018 Parents: Theodore & Evangeline Dupas



Katerina Dupas

University of Southern California (USC) BS in Business - Marshall School Minor in Business Analytics - Veterbi Engineering School Parents: Theodore & Evangeline Dupas



George H. Gallagher Pasadena High School Attending UC Santa Cruz in the Fall

Course of Study: Psychology Parents: Matthew & Eleni Gallagher



Ben Gelt

St. Louis University Business degree

Parents: Pana & Brian Gelt



Dennis Bernard Grover

Clemson University School of Business **B.S.**, Marketing Parents: Maria and Jim Grover



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2018 GRADUATES



Aliki Marie Kvitne
University of Southern California Marshall School of Business
Bachelor of Science in Business and Real Estate Finance
Parents: Dr. & Mrs. Ron Kvitne



Anastasia McGregor
University of Delaware
Bachelor of Science degree in Management and Marketing
Parents: Richard & Kristen McGregor



Alexandra Matina Patzakis
Polytechnic High School, Pasadena
Attending the University of Chicago in the Fall
Parents: John & Andrea Patzakis



Sophia Pappas
Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy
Attending Texas Christian University in the Fall
Parents: Steven & Christine Pappas





Andrew Petrossian

San Gabriel Academy

Attending Pasadena City College in the Fall

Parents: Stacy & Rafic Petrossian

2018 GRADUATES



Ariana Saigh
Mayfield Senior School
Attending UCLA in the Fall
Parents: Mara Suchy and Mark Saigh



Demetrios Constantine Trigonis
Glendale High School
Attending Pasadena City College in the Fall
Parents: Constantine & Fotene Trigonis



James TsouvalasHarvard Law School graduate
Parents: John & Jenny Tsouvalas



Nikolitsa Vagenas
Azusa Pacific University
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Parents: John & Georgia Vagenas



Katherine Vavoulis
University of Miami, Florida
Bachelor of Arts and Sciences
Parents: Esther & Ted Vavoulis



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Another successful Pasadena Golf Classic was highlighted with a visit from **Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger**, who was so touched to have received an icon of St. Katherine, and presented a Los Angeles County Commendation to our community. She even posted about the Golf Classic on her own personal twitter page.

We are looking forward to another great Pasadena Golf Classic next year on May 10th, 2019!



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Saint Sophia Camp 2018 Calling all Campers !! Apply online starting May 1st

Session I Sunday, July 22 - Saturday, July 28, 2018

Session II Saturday, July 28 - Saturday, August 4, 2018











Saints of the Month

APOSTLE PETER

Peter was the son of Jonah and the brother of Andrew, the First-called. He was of the Tribe of Simeon from the town of Bethsaida. He was a fisherman and, at first, was called Simon but the Lord was pleased to call him Cephas or Peter: "And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, He said, You are Simon the son of Jonah: you shall be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, a rock" (St. John 1:42). He was the first of the disciples to clearly express faith in the Lord Jesus saying: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (St. Matthew 16:16). His love for the Lord was great and his faith in the Lord gradually strengthened. When the Lord was brought to trial, Peter denied Him three times but after only one glance into the face of the Lord, Peter's soul was filled with shame and repentance. After the descent of the Holy Spirit, Peter appears as a fearless and powerful preacher of the Gospel. Following one of his sermons in Jerusalem, three-thousand souls converted to the Faith. He preached the Gospel throughout Palestine and Asia Minor, throughout Illyria and Italy. Peter worked many powerful miracles; he healed the sick, resurrected the dead; the sick were healed even from his shadow. He had a great struggle with Simon the Magician who proclaimed himself as god but in reality Simon was a servant of Satan. Finally, Peter shamed and defeated him. By order of the evil Emperor Nero, Simon's friend, Peter was condemned to death. Installing Linus as Bishop of Rome, counseling and comforting the flock of Christ, Peter proceeded joyfully to his death. Seeing the cross before him, he begged his executioners to crucify him upside down for he considered himself unworthy to die as did his Lord. Thus the great servant of the Great Lord reposed and received the wreath of eternal glory.

APOSTLE PAUL

Paul was born in Tarsus of the tribe of Benjamin. At first, he was called Saul, studied under Gamaliel, was a Pharisee and a persecutor of Christianity. He was miraculously converted to the Christian Faith by the Lord Himself Who appeared to him on the road to Damascus. He was baptized by the Apostle Ananias, was called Paul and numbered in the service of the great apostles. With a fiery zeal, Paul preached the Gospel everywhere from the borders of Arabia to Spain, among the Jews and among the Gentiles. He received the title "Apostle to the Gentiles." As horrible as his sufferings were, so much more was his super human patience. Throughout all the years of his preaching Paul, from day to day, hung as one on a weak thread between life and death. Since he fulfilled all days and nights with labor and suffering for Christ, since he organized the Church in many places and since he attained such a degree of perfection he was able to say: "It is now no longer I that live, but Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). Paul was beheaded in Rome during the reign of Emperor Nero at the same time as the Apostle Peter.



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CONFESSING THE CREED

Rev. Father Steven Tsichlis Saint Paul Greek Orthodox Church – Irvine

Do you know what you believe?

Every Sunday, millions of Orthodox Christians around the world recite the Creed. When we say the Creed, do we realize what a remarkable thing it is that we're doing? Do we realize how different this makes us from the world around us? In a society that celebrates individuality above all else we doing something together as a community; in an age where the avoidance of commitment has been elevated to a virtue, we are pledging ourselves to a very specific set of convictions and to one another; in a culture that celebrates novelty, we are using words written long ago; in a throwaway, consumerist world we preserve the tradition of the "faith that was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3) for nearly two millennia; in a society where the accepted wisdom changes from minute to minute, we insist that some truths are so critical that they do not change and must be repeated over and over again. Reciting the Creed during the Liturgy is a counter cultural act and goes against the grain of many of the values espoused by contemporary American culture.

The Creed, which is also called the Symbol of Faith, is a brief summary of the essentials of the Christian faith written in the 4th century at the first two ecumenical councils: the Council of Nicea in 325AD and the First Council of Constantinople in 381AD. These councils, attended by bishops from all over the ancient Roman world, were called to clarify the Christian teaching about God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. In the ancient world – like today – many individuals and groups who claimed to be Christian - but were not - taught things about the Lord Jesus at odds with the authentic Christian faith.

The Creed is a summary of how we as Christians view God, the world and ourselves. It is, in fact, a very specific view of the world, a worldview that constitutes the lens through which we are to see everything and the structure by which we frame our thoughts, experiences and ideas. What we believe about the relationship between God and humanity, sin, redemption and forgiveness, good and evil, heaven and hell, as well as our responsibilities in this life, will affect what we do and determine how we live. For an Orthodox Christian to simply say the Creed by rote, without understanding what these words imply for our lives, is to stumble through life as if blindfolded, unable to see reality as it truly is. When we say "I believe" we are affirming that we see things as they really are and that we have a personal responsibility to live the vision contained in the words of the Creed. In the end, we are what we believe.

We believe that our God is the one God revealed in the book of Genesis as the utterly transcendent creator of everything, both visible and invisible - from whales and stars to mountains and grasshoppers, from photons and quarks to black holes and angelic hosts - and that in Jesus Christ we are able to address Him with intimacy as our Father. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah awaited by ancient Israel, the only-begotten and unique Son of God, of the same essence as the Father, being fully divine; and yet, in taking flesh from the Virgin Mary, becoming fully human. We believe that in the Word of God becoming human and being crucified for our salvation, we have been set free from sin; and in His rising from the dead, death has been conquered by God and the possibility of eternal life in His kingdom "that will have no end" is now open to us. We believe that the Holy Spirit is also divine and proceeds only from the Father and is to be worshipped by us together with the Father and the Son. We believe in the Church, the community of believers that the apostle Paul says is the Body of Christ and which the Creed describes as one, holy, catholic and apostolic – as possessing the fullness of faith and open to all; as being rooted in the teaching of the apostles and sent out into the world to proclaim the truth of God's love for the human race. We believe in the necessity of the sacrament of baptism for the forgiveness of our sins and to fully participate in the death and resurrection of Christ (Romans 6:3-11). We believe that Christ will come once again and that the entire human race - both those who are alive and those who are dead - will be under His judgment for how they have lived (Matthew 25:31-46 and Romans 2:6). We look forward to that day when Christ will return in glory and we eagerly await the resurrection of all the dead, and the life of the age to come, that time "which no eye has seen nor ear heard, nor has the human mind even conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Corinthians 2:9).

If we live with this faith as the prism through which we view the world and our lives, we shall become what God has called us to be: His saints, a chosen and holy people and a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9) that offers His love and the gift of immortality to a fallen world wrapped in evil and death.





JUNE 2018

SUN	Mon	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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All Saints 8:45am Orthros 9:45am Memorials 10am Divine Liturgy Church Family Picnic 1pm & 2:30 Greek Dance	Apostles Fast Begins	7pm Ahepa	7pm Union Station Philoptochos	7 7pm Choir Rehearsal	Greek School Graduation	9
2nd Sunday of Matthew 8:45am Orthros 9:45am Memorials 10am Divine Liturgy 1pm Greek Dance	11	12 10am VIPs 7pm PC Meeting	7:15 Philoptochos Board	7pm Choir Rehearsal	15	16
3rd Sunday of Matthew 8:45am Orthros 9:45am Memorials 10am Divine Liturgy 1pm & 2:30 Grk Dance	Vacation Bible School	Vacation Bible School	Vacation Bible School	Vacation Bible School 7pm Choir Rehearsal	22	23
Nativity of John the Baptist 8:45am Orthros 9:45am Memorials 10am Divine Liturgy	25	26	7pm Philoptochos General Meeting	7pm Choir Rehearsal	Apostles Peter & Paul 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy	30 The Synaxis of the Holy Apostles
	Fast Free	Strict Fast	Fish Allowed	Wine and Oil Allowed	Dairy, Eggs, and Fish Allowed	
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