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Weekday Divine Liturgies: 8:00 am or 9:00 am or 7:00 pm

Holy Days Liturgy: 9:00 am or Previous Day at 7:00 pm

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CHURCH BULLETIN – ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

May 27, 2018 / Травень 27, 2018

DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

May 27, 2018, Sunday of All Saints. *The Holy Priest Martyr Therapontus.*

Tone 8: Epistle: Hebrews 11:32-12:2a. / Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38 & 19:27-30.

9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo – English

10:30 am – Pontifical Divine Liturgy offered by Bishop Paul Chomnycky in Thanksgiving to God for 20th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination of Fr. Olvian N. Popovici.

(God's Blessing upon Mychailo Shafranski & Family,
req. Maria Shafranski) - **Ukrainian.**

Note: This week's Sanctuary Candle Light for God's Blessing upon Fr. Popovici & Family, req. Nataliya Popovici

Monday, May 28, 2018. *Our Venerable Father Nicetas.*

Note: Civil holiday: Memorial Day.

8:45 a.m. - ☩ Panakhyda in memoriam deceased heroes in US.

9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo – Ukrainian.

7:00 p.m. – Special Intention, req. Mendyuk Family

8:00 p.m. – Devotion to the Mother of God (Moleben)
- (it's held every day except Sunday's during the month of May at 8:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 29, 2018. *Theodosia Venerable Martyr.*

7:00 p.m. – ☩ Yaroslav Popovych /Panakhyda/ {5th Anniv.},
req. Nadiya Popovych

Wednesday, May 30, 2018. *Isaac Venerable.*

9:00 a.m. – Good health for Concetta Scotto, req. Peter Tomeo

8:15 p.m. - Bible Study (Reading, Explanation, etc) – Ukr.

Thursday, May 31, 2018. *Hermas, Apostle; Hermeas, Martyr.*

9:00 a.m. – ☩ Georgianne Smith/Panakhyda/, req. M/M Martin Smith

**6:45 p.m. – Panakhyda in Memoriam ☩ Archbishop & Cardinal
Lubomyr Husar {1st Anniv.}**

**7:00 p.m. – (Bination Liturgy) – 40th day for ☩ Dannyk Shafranski,
req. Shafranski Family**

8:00 p.m. – Ending Devotion to the Mother of God (Moleben)

Friday, June 1, 2018. *Justin and Others Martyrs.*

**7:00 p.m. – (Special Intention) - God's Blessing upon All members of
the Rosary Society, req. Members of the Rosary Society**

8:00 p.m. – Starts Moleben to Jesus Christ

Saturday, June 2, 2018. *Nicephor Patriarch.*

**9:15 a.m. – Special Divine Liturgy for children of Saturday
Ukrainian Cultural School (ending school year)**

6:00 p.m. – Vespers (Вечірня)

7:00 p.m. – ☩ Dannyk Shafranski, req. Mr. & Mrs. Rocco Luca

June 3, 2018, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost.

9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo – English

**10:15 am – (God's Blessing upon Mychailo & Mariya Shafranski,
req. Shafranski Family) - Ukrainian.**

**12:00 Noon – Special Divine Liturgy for Family/children (First Solemn
Holy Communion for 11 children).**

Confessions: Can be heard by appointment daily and on Sundays before or after the Divine Liturgy.

Baptism and Chrismation: By appointment. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics.

Marriage: Please contact the Pastor at least six (6) months in advance.

Attendance at pre - Cana is required.

Ukrainian Culture School will be held Every Saturday from 9:15 am until 1:35 p.m. For more information please call the Rectory or contact the Director, Mr. Roman Vaskiv at (631) 225 -1203 or visit our Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HFUkrainianSchool>.

Ukrainian Cultural Dances for children ages 5 to 12 are provided by Mr. Gregory Momot and Khrystyna Momot of Paramus, NJ, every Saturday, by groups: ages (5 – 9) 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.; ages (8 – 11) 2:15 p.m. – 3:55p.m.; ages (10 – 14) 3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Religious Education: Classes for religious education will resume on September 18, 2017 and will be held every Monday from 5:00 p.m. until 5:55 p.m./6:00 p.m. – 6:55 p.m. Please contact the rectory for further information.

Ministry to the Sick: Father Popovici will make visits to the sick on the first Friday of the month. It is the responsibility of an immediate family member to kindly notify Rev. Popovici at the Rectory office about any sick or aged individual who is hospitalized or confined at home or in a nursing home, and he will gladly visit and administer the sacraments. In case of emergencies please call any time.

Pray the Rosary: The Apostleship of Prayer requests members and parishioners pray the Rosary on the **First Sunday** of each month, beginning 20 minutes before Divine Liturgy. The Rosary Society requests members and parishioners pray the Rosary on the **Third Sunday** of the Month beginning at 10:00 a.m. before Ukrainian Divine Liturgy.

Mothers in Prayer: Next prayer group will be held on **June 1, 2018 at 8:15 p.m.**

St. Joseph's Men's Prayer: group will be held every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

Rectory Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm; Evenings by appointment. **Attention:** Monday is a free day for the priest. In case of an emergency, please call at any time.

Divine Liturgy: Dear Parishioners! Remember your faith; please come every Sunday and Holy Days to Church.

Divine Liturgy for Children: Special Divine Liturgy (English/Ukrainian language) for family/children will be held on **Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 12:00 Noon. (Also children from our Parish will receive Holy Solemn Communion during this Liturgy).** All parents are requested to bring their children to church to celebrate the Holy Divine Liturgy.

Sunday Bulletin Deadline: Notices should be phoned in or brought to the Parish Office **NO LATER** than 12:00 noon on the Friday prior to the Sunday of publication.

Bequests: In making out your will, kindly remember your church. Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church of Lindenhurst, N.Y. is our legal title.

New Parishioners: Welcome to Holy Family Church! To all who are tired and need rest, to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are friendless and need friendship, to all who are discouraged and need hope, to all who are hopeless and need sheltering love, to all who sin and need a Savior, this Church opens wide its doors in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please stop by the Rectory to introduce yourselves and register. We look forward to meeting you.

Change in address or telephone? Parishioners, kindly provide the rectory with your new address and telephone numbers as soon as possible.

Parishioners and guests: after each Divine Liturgy, coffee, rolls, & cakes are served in the Parish Center for a donation of \$3.00 per person.

Sunday Collection – May 20, 2018.

"Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold." (Sir. 35: 9 – 10).

Candles: \$215, Sanctuary Light: \$20, Ascension: \$65, Liability Ins.: \$40, Coffee: \$165, **Pentecost: \$740**, Mothers' Day: \$40, Poor: \$10, 2nd Collection: \$235, **Pledge: \$175.00, Sunday Offering: \$527.00, Total - \$2,232.00.**

Dear Parishioners: *Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday', May 20th, 2018. May God bless you all for your generosity.*

Our Prayer: *Please remember all those parishioners who are ill or elderly within your families. They are part of our parish and need to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacraments of Confession and Communion. To schedule a visit by the priest, please call the rectory for an appointment.*

Attention: *To all who celebrate their birthday during the month of May our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God's Blessing.*

Our Church News:

1. Devotions to Christ the True Lover of Mankind: Moleben (Devotion) to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ or Akafist will be held every evening at 8:00 p.m. throughout the month of June except Sundays.

We are looking forward to your participation in this inspiring service. **Dear Parishioners:** Prayer makes our souls stronger and diminishes our infirmity and evil inclinations. Without prayer, it is impossible to be close to God. Please make every effort to come to pray the Moleben (Devotion) to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ during the month of June.

2. Please Note that Monday May 28, 2018 is Memorial Day, keep in your prayers the deceased who have served their country and please come to participate in a special **Panakhya prayer at 8:45 a.m.**

3. Reminder: The Month of May is almost gone and is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Moleben or Akatistos is celebrated every evening (except Sunday's) at 8:00 p.m. Please make a special effort to attend and participate in this Moleben (Devotional) service.

4. Upcoming events:

A. June collections: Regular church cleaning: The next second collection will be collected on Sunday, June 17th, 2018.

B. Stewardship Council and Pastoral Council will have a monthly meeting on Monday, June 4th, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. This is a request and invitation for all of you who would like to take part in the life of the Church and also take part in preparations for our Ukrainian Festival on June 10th.

C. On June 9th and 10th, 2018 – our Parish will hold our second Ukrainian Cultural Dance Festival. Mark the dates on your calendar.

5. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

a. An Anonymous donor who has donated \$4,500 to be used for the installation of the new altar in our church. (We are still in need of offerings to cover the \$1,000 cost of the icon of the Last Supper for our new altar, which will be painted in Ukraine. Anyone who is able to assist in this cost with a donation, please let us know.)

b. Mrs. Nadia Russo who came to help on various occasions either in the kitchen on Saturdays' luncheon and voluntarily cleaned and disinfected the walls of our Parish center.

c. M/M Slawomir & Helen Samilo who voluntarily changed the altar cloths in church this past week and prepared our church for Pentecost Liturgies and festivities for this Sunday.

d. all our Parishioners who participated in the voluntary collection this past Sunday which is used for church cleaning and lawn maintenance. The total amount collected was **\$235.00.**

e. those ladies and gentlemen of our Parish who see the work that needs doing around our church or interior work and who volunteer their skill and time but wish to remain anonymous.

f. Mr. Mychailo Kubarich who voluntarily pruned and tended all

of the church ornamental bushes, roses and other flowers; and purchased flowers to decorate the entrance of our Church this past week.

g. Mrs. Halyna Podolska, Mrs. Nadiya Moskalyuk, Mrs. Iryna Gereta, Mrs. Nataliya Popovici and Mrs. Laryssa Atamanov who came this past week on a few evenings and prepared and decorated the chairs and tables in our Parish Hall for this coming Sunday celebration.

h. Sandy Motekew, M/M James & Barbara Fromel who continued baking cakes this past week for our parish fund raiser.

i. **Nancy Baransky** who recently donated two 10 lb containers each of poppy seeds and lekvar for our fundraiser baking needs.

j. **Ivan Zakharyuk** who voluntarily performed needed work this past week in our parish rectory.

k. **Mothers in Prayer** for their generous **\$300** donation to cover part of the expense for a various brochures explaining the Liturgical celebrations. **May God bless all those who volunteered or made donations and may He reward you with His choicest Blessings.**

6. Congratulations to the Soriano Family who, after a period of discernment regarding the Eastern Catholic rite, recently asked to be released from membership in the Latin Catholic rite and were recently granted that release by the Archbishop of Rockville Centre in order to become members of the Eastern Catholic rite. They have also received the Blessing of our Bishop Paul Chomnycky.

7. We have for sale pyrohy with potatoes, meat, cheese or kapusta - \$6.00 per dozen/package. All proceeds go to our Church. This is a fund raiser.

8. Dear Parishioners, if anyone desires to have Rev. Popovici *visit the grave sites of your loved ones for Panakhya*, please call the Rectory for an appointment. This may be done until May 29, 2018.

9. Dear Parishioners! Join us for our next Pilgrimage: "Steps of the Saints" – Italy (Rome, Padua, Asisi, etc). Save the dates: **September 16 – 27, 2018.** More information is attached to our Church Bulletin.

GOD IS CLOSER THAN WE THINK: This is a story of a woman stricken by family problems. Her once happy family was shaken by sudden discord that destroyed her relationship with her husband of more than a dozen years. Living in such an environment and knowing that her children were distressed was really devastating for her. One evening, feeling that she could no longer stay at home she went to a nearby park. Although she wasn't a religious person, she was so emotional that she cried out inwardly, "Help me, God!" Shortly after that, out of the corner of her eye, she saw someone pass her by. It was a woman who looked like a nun. When the woman was already far behind her, she felt an inexplicable urge to talk to this strange woman and tell her about her problem. She turned around, followed the woman and caught up with her. The two women sat on a park bench and talked till late. Amazingly, this woman she had just met found all the right words to soothe her soul, and she made her feel peaceful and calm for the first time in a long while. After a while, her new acquaintance said that she had a car nearby and gave her a ride home. Before saying goodbye, the woman even wondered aloud if this meeting was a miracle and her new acquaintance simply smiled in response. When asked what her name was, she answered "Paracleta". The woman never heard this name before, so when she got home she and her daughter started looking for the meaning of the name on the Internet. They were surprised to find that it meant "the Comforter". It is difficult to say who was that mysterious comforter who came into the life of this woe-stricken woman so opportunely and provided such an amazing consolation. It is obvious, however, that this meeting was a manifestation of God's grace and His response to the sincere plea of a woman with a grieving heart. Incidentally, the next day this woman went to the park again and tried to find somebody who knew anything about the woman she had met there, but the park patrons said that they never saw such a person before. However, it is the ordinary nature of the miraculous help of the Creator that amazes us the most. It makes us take a closer look at our lives, for it is quite possible that we too have had a few such meetings or circumstances that we ignored at the time, failing to understand that they were arranged by the Hand of God and through His Grace. One of the most important aspects of Christian life is the ability to recognize God when He is manifests in the most natural circumstances, visiting us in the most ordinary situations.

Sunday of All Saints



Introduction: The first Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pentecost is observed by the Eastern Church as the Sunday of All Saints. This day has been designated as a commemoration of all of the Saints, all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives.

Background

Honoring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, "But to me, exceedingly honorable are Thy friends, O Lord" (Ps. 138:16). And the Apostle Paul, recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue, says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1). This commemoration began as the Sunday (Synaxis) of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of "Martyr" in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require the shedding of their blood. Therefore, *guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition*, we honor all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are *keepers of God's commandments*, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. Of course, we honor the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, as is evident in the Menologion. But since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that "Grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died" (John 12:24); it is the glorification of the Saints as "the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Savior" (Sunday of All Saints, Doxastikon of Vespers). In this celebration, then, we reverently honor and call blessed all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added until the end of the world, who have been perfected in

piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. All these, as well as the orders of the Angels, and especially our most holy Lady and Queen, the Ever-virgin Theotokos Mary, do we honor on this day, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede in our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy be with us all. Amen.

Icon of the Sunday of All Saints: The icon of the Sunday of All Saints depicts our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ seated above the throne of heaven surrounded by the Saints. The rows of Saints included the Archangel Michael and other Angels, the Theotokos and John the Baptist, the Apostles, Bishops, Great Martyrs, Ascetics and Monastics. To the side of the throne are Adam and Eve, bowing in reverence to Christ. They are joined by the Saints, who are lifting their hands in worship to the King of Glory. At the lower left of the icon is the Patriarch Abraham who has a righteous soul in his bosom, as told in the story of Lazarus and the rich man in the Gospel. At the lower center is the Good Thief who was crucified with Christ. On the lower right is the Patriarch Jacob.

Eastern Christian Celebration of the Sunday of All Saints

The Sunday of the Fathers of All Saints is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. The services of Vespers, Orthros, and the Divine Liturgy include Resurrectional hymns of the tone of the week together with the hymns designated for the Sunday of All Saints. Scripture readings for the feast are the following: At the Divine Liturgy: Hebrews 11:33-40, 12:1-2 and Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30.

Epilog: We must confess Christ before men. Don't live your life according to the priorities of the world. Don't let anything get in the way of an all-out assault on your passions, and an all-out desire to follow the commandments. We have this cloud of witnesses. Look what they did: through faith they subdued kingdoms, they wrought righteousness, they obtained promises, they stopped the mouths of lions, they were sawn asunder, they wandered about in sheep skins and in goat skins. The world was not worthy of them. All of these things were struggles. All of them were difficult trials. The Christian life is indeed a trial, a difficulty; it is an arena, it is a life-or-death struggle. If this causes your heart to contract and be afraid, then you must beg the Holy Spirit to dwell in you more, and be joyful on this day that so many have entered into the kingdom of heaven, so many have endured struggles, and pain, and grief, and endured to the end, and come to the kingdom of heaven.

And they are all examples for us, all around. And they are proof that the resurrection is real. The resurrection is true. And it changes a man. This news is the best news that can be said. There is nothing greater. The resurrection changes us! Now our life sometimes is filled with bitterness and difficulty. Some of it is from without, brought on by those whom we know, or whom we don't know. Some of it is from within, from our own sinfulness, our lack of belief, our lack of constancy, our lack of good priorities. But regardless, life is struggle. Everyone understands this. But God has given us the tools to endure in the struggle. God has given us everything we need, and on this day we celebrate the whole panoply of saints that have endured to the end, as an example to us, but also – we must

understand, and we must be able to have these two thoughts together at the same time – also as a reproach against us. They are both a reproach against us, and also an encouragement to us, both at the same time, because they've all endured. They're made of the same stuff as we are. They had the same difficulties with sins that we have. They were given the same grace that we have been given, the same truth, the same God, the same Holy Spirit. But they fought the good fight, and endured; they finished the course. And now we ask their intercessions before God, for our sinful selves. We can attain; we *must* attain some measure of what they have attained.

We are called to perfection. **Christianity is not just a belief system, or membership; it is the continual, extreme change of a man.** And this is good news. There is so much wrong with us, so much incomplete, so much that hurts, so much that is imperfect, so much that we don't know, so much that makes us sad; all of that God will change. No sadness, no incompleteness, no sickness, no bad thoughts, nothing whatsoever that causes our faces to be downcast, but instead all light. This is what God wants to give us. We must live our life according to this promise, aim for this promise, and struggle for this promise. Then we will truly be called friend by our Lord. He will call us friend, and we will be able to cry, "Abba, Father." Such incredible intimacy with God! The saints obtained it. And we can attain it. *But only by struggle, only by confessing Christ, only by living according to His commandments.*

We see their righteousness, how God brought them home. We also see their struggles, and we should compare their struggles to our own, and mix always the knowledge of what God has predestined for us with the knowledge of what kind of person we are. They always must be mixed together. And then we will struggle. We will push on, and we will fight, and we will finish the course. The Holy Spirit has made it possible for us. The Holy Spirit enlightens us, and lives within us if we live according to His commandments. May God help you to confess Christ in everything you say and everything you do, in how you prioritize and live your life. Amen.

ymns of the Feast: Apolytikion (Fourth Tone)

Adorned in the blood of Your Martyrs throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Your Church, through them, does cry unto You, O Christ God, "Send down Your compassion upon Your people; grant peace to Your commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls."

Kontakion (Plagal of the Fourth Tone)

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, the world presents the God-bearing martyred Saints in offering unto You, O Lord. Through their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, through the pure Theotokos, O You Who are most merciful.

HOMILY OF St. John Chrysostom on St. Ignatius the God-Bearer. ...continued from previous Bulletin....

....so we ought to wonder at, and admire those who then had the Church committed to their hands, much more than those who now have the management of it; when there was a great war without and within, when the plant of the faith was more tender, and needed much care, when, as a newly-born babe, the multitude in the church required much forethought, and the greatest wisdom in any soul destined to nurse it; and in order that you may more clearly learn, how great crowns they were worthy of, who then had the Church entrusted to them, and how great work and danger there was in undertaking the matter on the threshold and at the beginning, and in

being the first to enter upon it, I bring forward for you the testimony of Christ, who pronounces a verdict on these things, and confirms the opinion which has been expressed by me. For when he saw many coming to him, and was wishing to show the apostles that the prophets toiled more than they, he says: Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour (Jn. 4:38). And yet the apostles toiled much more than the prophets. But since they first sowed the word of piety, and won over the untaught souls of men to the truth, the greater part of the work is credited to them. For it is by no means the same thing for one to come and teach after many teachers, and himself to be the first to sow seeds. For that which has been already practised, and has become customary with many, would be easily accepted; but that which is now for the first time heard, agitates the mind of the hearers, and gives the teacher a great deal to do. This at least it was which disturbed the audience at Athens, and on this account they turned away from Paul, reproaching him with, 'You bring certain strange things to our ears' (Acts 17:20). For if the oversight of the Church now furnishes much weariness and work to those who govern it, consider how double and treble and manifold was the work then, when there were dangers and fighting and snares, and fear continually. It is not possible to set forth in words the difficulty which those saints then encountered, but he alone will know it who comes to it by experience.

4. And I will speak of a fourth crown, arising for us out of this episcopate. What then is this? The fact that he was entrusted with our own native city. For it is a laborious thing indeed to have the oversight of a hundred men, and of fifty alone. But to have on one's hands so great a city, and a population extending to two hundred thousand, of how great virtue and wisdom do you think there is a proof? For as in the care of armies, the wiser of the generals have on their hands the more leading and more numerous regiments, so, accordingly, in the care of cities. The more able of the rulers are entrusted with the larger and more populous. And at any rate this city was of much account to God, as indeed He manifested by the very deeds which He did. At all events the master of the whole world, Peter, to whose hands He committed the keys of heaven, whom He commanded to do and to bear all, He bade tarry here for a long period. Thus in His sight our city was equivalent to the whole world. But since I have mentioned Peter, I have perceived a fifth crown woven from him, and this is that this man succeeded to the office after him. For just as any one taking a great stone from a foundation hastens by all means to introduce an equivalent to it, lest he should shake the whole building, and make it more unsound, so, accordingly, when Peter was about to depart from here, the grace of the Spirit introduced another teacher equivalent to Peter, so that the building already completed should not be made more unsound by the insignificance of the successor. We have reckoned up then five crowns, from the importance of the office, from the dignity of those who ordained to it, from the difficulty of the time, from the size of the city, from the virtue of him who transmitted the episcopate to him. Having woven all these, it was lawful to speak of a sixth, and seventh, and more than these; but in order that we may not, by spending the whole time on the consideration of the episcopate, miss the details about the martyr, come from this point, let us pass to that conflict. At one time a grievous warfare was rekindled against the Church, and as though a most grievous tyranny overspread the earth, all were carried off from the midst of the marketplace.

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