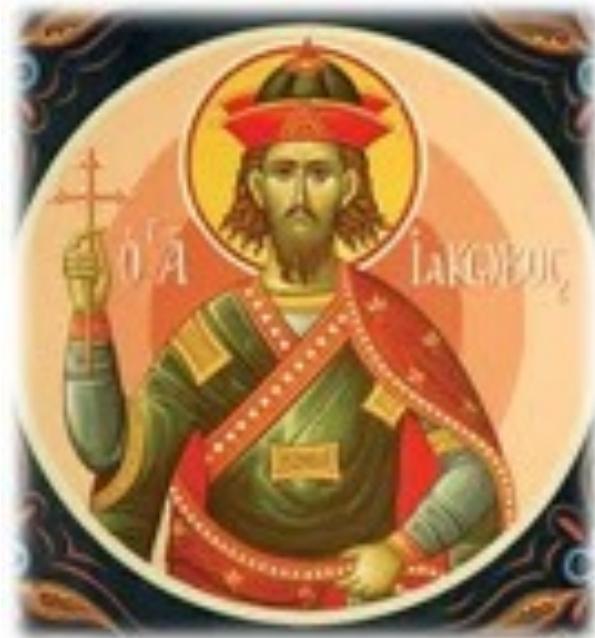


St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Lowell, Massachusetts



*23rd Sunday after Pentecost, 13th Sunday of Luke &
Great Martyr James, the Persian*

November 27, 2016

ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Rt. Rev. Fr. Leonard Faris, Pastor

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday: Matins (Orthros) Service 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School, Every other Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy begins at 10:00 a.m. and we should not arrive late. When we do arrive late and the Epistle or Gospel is being read or the priest is preaching the sermon or the Great Entrance is taking place, please **REMAIN** in the Vestibule until it is finished before entering the Church. At the end of the Divine Liturgy please keep your conversation until the "Coffee Hour". We should leave the Church in silence.

Important Notice: The reception of Holy Communion is limited to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and recent Confession. Confessions are heard on Sunday mornings during the Matins Service or by special appointment. The Eucharistic Fast begins at midnight on Saturday and ends up with the receiving of Holy Communion. If you are on medication or a young child, you can have a light breakfast before coming to church. If you have any questions, please call Fr. Leonard.

Our faithful are reminded that as you leave the sanctuary, to do so **reverently and quietly**. Properly, one should approach the celebrant to receive his blessings, kiss the cross, depart and **then greet neighbors and friends at fellowship hour**. We must never lose reverence for our church sanctuary as the house of God simply because services have ended. Also, please take the Sunday bulletins with you or return them to the Vestry Committee rather than leaving them in the pews or bookracks. Also, out of respect to your fellow parishioners and to God, **please turn off all electronic devices such as cell phones before entering** the church so as to not interrupt the solemnity of our prayers.

Thank you,
+ Father Leonard

Church Office Hours: If you would like to meet with the Pastor, please call the office to set up an appointment. Office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Prayer Requests and Bulletin News: All prayer requests and articles for the weekly bulletin must be submitted each week by **Noon, Tuesday:** emailed to Fr. Leonard at fatherfaris@comcast.net or call 978-452-4816, otherwise, the requests and articles will be published the following week.

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 6

When Mary stood at thy grave looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world; O thou Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Entrance Hymn

Ha-lum-mu li-nas-jud, wa-nar-ka' lil-ma-sih, khal-lis-na ya bna l-lah, ya man ga-ma min bal-nil-am-wat, li-nu-rat-til la-ka, Hal-li-lu-ia

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 6 (repeated)

Troparion of St. James the Persian, Tone 4

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For, since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

Troparion of St. George, Tone 4

As deliver of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirmed, champion of kings, victorious great martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

Kontakion of the Preparation of Christ's Nativity, Tone 3

Today the Virgin cometh to the cave where she will give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word Who is before all the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest it heralded: Glorify Him, with the angels and the shepherds, Who chose to be seen as a new-born babe, the God Who is before all the ages.

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. To Thee, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.’” And the man said, “All these I have observed from my youth.” And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus said, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.”



**Prayers are being offered for
the Health and Safety of:**

Nora Abdelahad
 Connie Abodeely
 Patti Aiken
 Yvette Ansara
 Ed & Lillian Betor
 David and Cindy Boragine
 Ida Boragine
 George Ellis
 Mr. & Mrs. Elias Grivas
 Nicholas, Veronique, Annabelle
 & Chloe Groff
 Duayne Habib
 Rosalind Hajjar & Family
 Mary Howie
 Lloyd Jennings
 Joe Kadir
 Fr. Stephen, and Family
 Rose Lowe
 Marcotte Family
 Thomas Marcotte
 Paul & Lillian Panagopoulos
 Freda Sadak & Family
 Fred Simon
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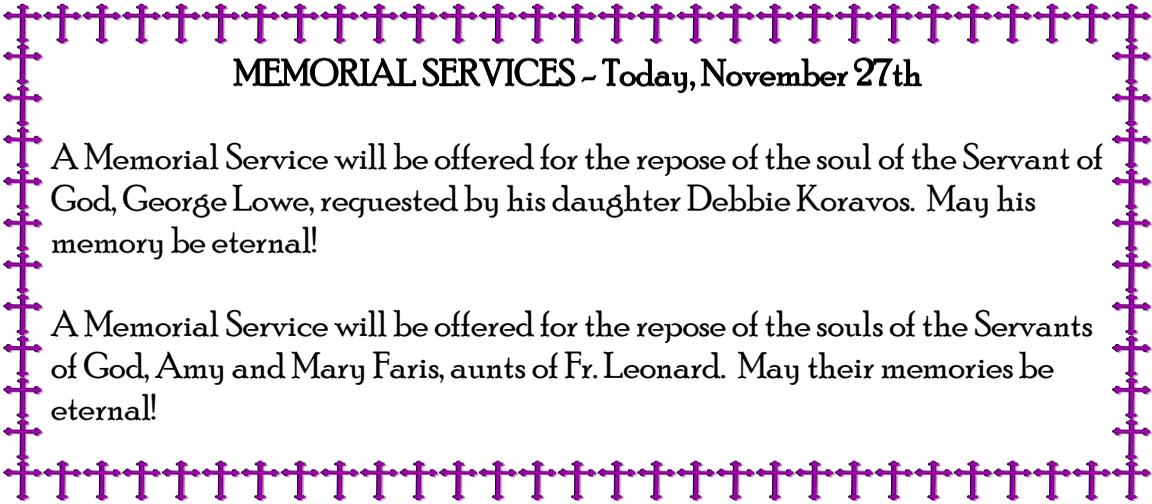
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Miriam Abodeely	Eleanor Husson
Mazen Alwarad	N. Mary Husson
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MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL!!

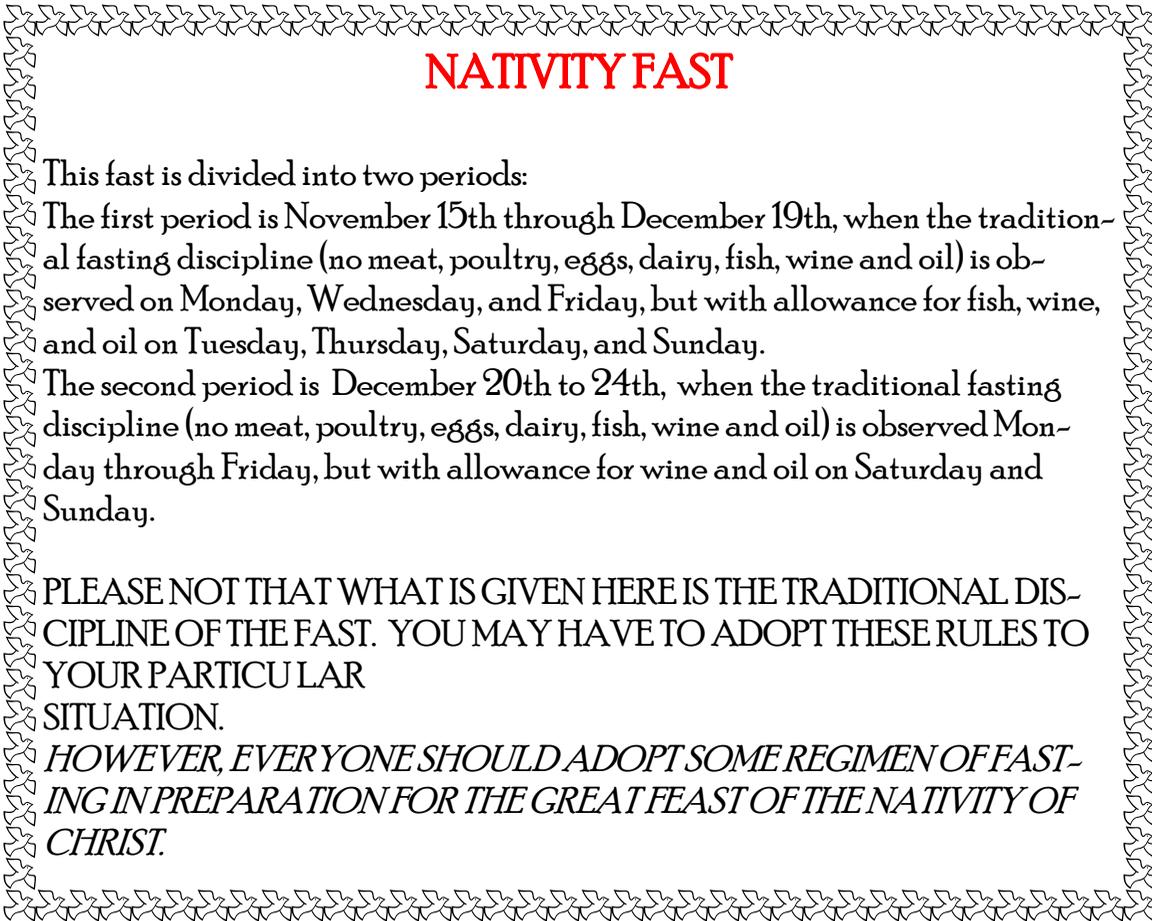




MEMORIAL SERVICES ~ Today, November 27th

A Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God, George Lowe, requested by his daughter Debbie Koravos. May his memory be eternal!

A Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the souls of the Servants of God, Amy and Mary Faris, aunts of Fr. Leonard. May their memories be eternal!



NATIVITY FAST

This fast is divided into two periods:

The first period is November 15th through December 19th, when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, but with allowance for fish, wine, and oil on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.

The second period is December 20th to 24th, when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed Monday through Friday, but with allowance for wine and oil on Saturday and Sunday.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WHAT IS GIVEN HERE IS THE TRADITIONAL DISCIPLINE OF THE FAST. YOU MAY HAVE TO ADOPT THESE RULES TO YOUR PARTICULAR SITUATION.

HOWEVER, EVERYONE SHOULD ADOPT SOME REGIMEN OF FASTING IN PREPARATION FOR THE GREAT FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST.

DUES

As we are closing in on the end of 2016, I wanted to send a reminder to those who have not fully paid their pledges. To get the full tax benefit, please have your donation made no later than December 11th.

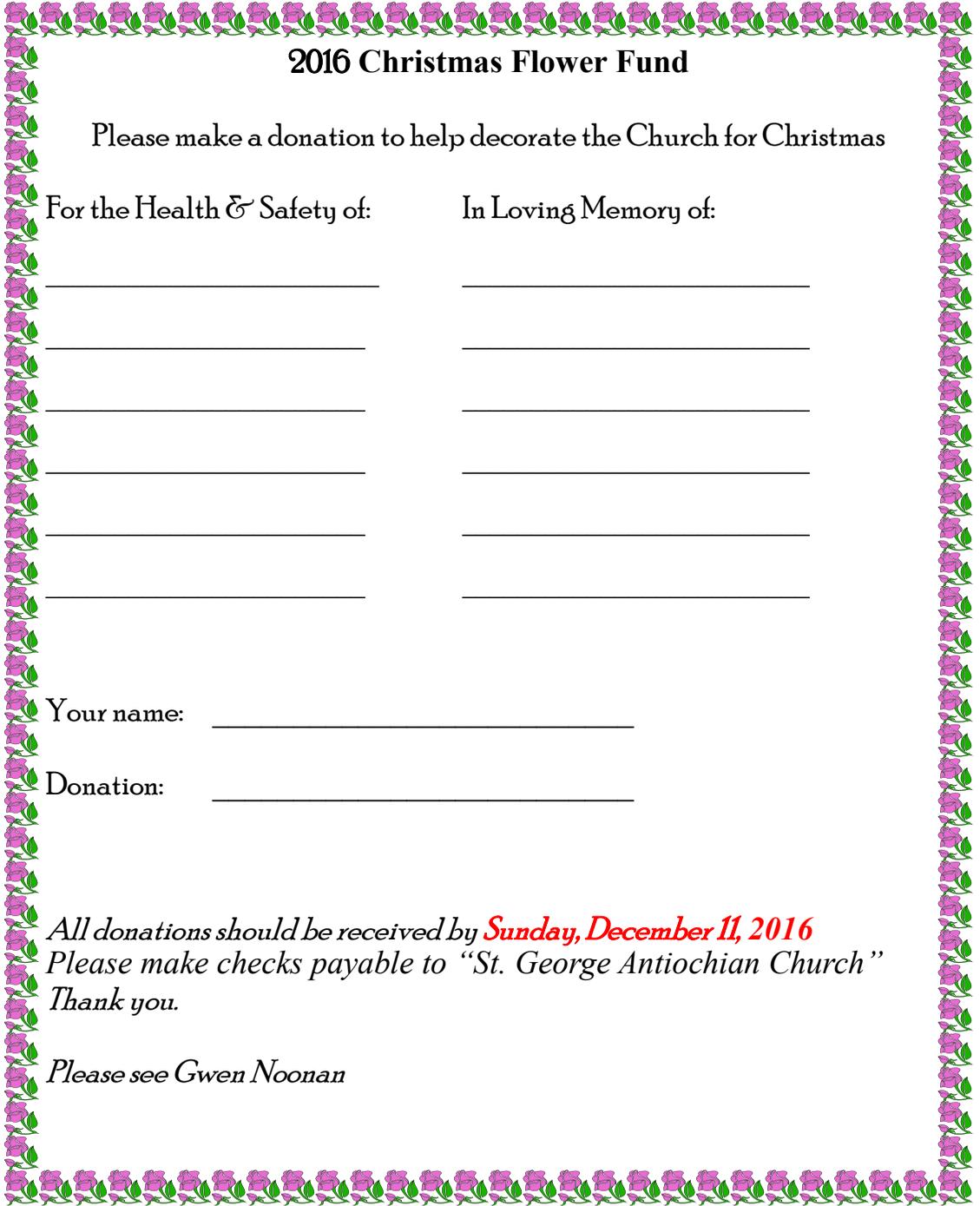
For those who have not committed a pledge but would still like to submit a donation please send a check via mail to the address below or place it in the basket when you enter the church.

St. George Church
Attn: Treasurer
44 Bowers Street
Lowell, MA 01854

As a way to better communicate and manage questions I have created a mailbox.

Please feel free to ask questions, provide feedback or submit requests by email at stgeorgeTreasurerlowell@gmail.com

Thank you
Mack Lou



2016 Christmas Flower Fund

Please make a donation to help decorate the Church for Christmas

For the Health & Safety of:

In Loving Memory of:

Your name: _____

Donation: _____

*All donations should be received by **Sunday, December 11, 2016**
Please make checks payable to "St. George Antiochian Church"
Thank you.*

Please see Gwen Noonan



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



On Saturday, December 10th, the Annual Salvation Army radiothon will take place with our own Fred Simon chairing this year, again, with the hopes of raising \$150,000. for the Needy here in Lowell and its surroundings. Listen to WCAP on the radio and if you can help with a donation, that would be great! Remember what Christ said: "What you do to these the least of my brethren, you do to Me" (Matthew, 25). As we approach the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, let us remember those less fortunate then we are.



SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 11TH, FOLLOWING LITURGY

ST. GEORGE LADIES

ANNUAL BAKE SALE



2016 PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Once again the Ladies Society is sponsoring a Parish Christmas Card to send your Christmas greetings to your parish family and friends. It is a way of helping to raise money.

Here's how it works. For a donation of \$15.00 (or more):

We will purchase a beautiful Icon Christmas Card.

We will have your name printed on the card in the manner of your choosing.

We will address all the cards.

We will mail the cards to all who gave a donation.

If you would like your name to appear on this year's Christmas card, please complete this form (please **print** names – include your address so that we may mail the card to you!) and return the form to Gwen Noonan by December 4th. Checks should be made to St George Ladies Society.

Name _____

Address _____

Name(s)* as you wish them to appear on the Christmas card.

***Follow the format below:**

Mr. & Mrs. John Doe and family

The Doe family, John, Mary, Laura and Elias

John, Mary, Laura and Elias Doe

John and Mary Doe, Laura and Elias

John Doe

Mary Doe

Please return this form to Gwen Noonan
by Sunday, **December 4, 2016**



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EVENT #1

100th Year Celebration Dinner Dance (Featuring Mitch Kaltsunas and his Ensemble)

Saturday, September 30, 2017

Four Oaks Country Club

80 Meadow Creek Drive

Dracut, MA 01826

6:00pm-7:00pm: Cocktail Hour (cash bar)

7:00pm-10:00pm: Dinner (Surf&Turf) * Historical Presentation * Dancing

*\$100 per person

EVENT #2

100th Year Fellowship Reception

(Following our *Hierarchical Liturgy* beginning at 10:00am)

Sunday, October 1, 2017

University Crossing (U Mass Lowell)

220 Pawtucket Street

Lowell, MA 01854

12:30pm-2:30pm

*\$10 per person

*To purchase tickets, contact **Gwen Ghareeb Noonan**: 8 Santa Fe Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824. Tel# 978-256-6855
(In addition, Gwen is available for ticket purchases every Sunday in church)

Any questions, contact Chairperson **Laurie Andersson**: Tel# 978-441-1322 * Cell# 978-407-6523

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Parishioner Appreciation Schedule

It may have been years since you were an altar boy, sang in the choir, taught Sunday school or were a parish council member. It's possible that you have belonged to many of our organizations or just one or two. We want you to know that St. George Church appreciates you and recognizes that we would not be where we are today without you.

In honor of our 100th Year, we are celebrating the following people who have blessed St George's with their hard work and dedication. At the end of the designated Liturgy, the listed organization(s) will be asked to join Father Leonard in which he will say a blessing and an Orthodox Service Lapel pin will be given out to each member. There is a different pin which is unique to the group(s) you have served on. Please make sure you are recognized at each month's blessing and receive the appropriate pin(s).

Although our deceased parishioners are not forgotten and continue to be in our prayers, it would be impossible to recognize all our family and friends that have passed away. Our departed loved ones will be celebrated through the slide show presentation during our 100th Year Celebration on 9/30/2017. (So please make sure you submit pictures of your loved ones).

Please join us on the following dates and help us celebrate your hard work and dedication!

1/8/2017	Father Leonard Current and Former Sub Deacons Current and Former Altar Boys
2/12/2017	Current and Former Church Caretakers Current and Former <i>Bulletin</i> Editors
3/12/2017	Current and Former Ladies Society Members
4/2/2017	Current and Former Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers Current and Former Teen SOYO Leaders All Children and Teens
5/7/2017	Current and Former Choir Directors and Choir Members Current and Former Chanters
6/11/2017	Gentlemen that tend to the Vestry Current and Former Ladies that bake Holy Bread for Sunday Liturgy
9/10/2017	Current and Former Parish Council Presidents and Parish Council Members
10/1/2017	Hierarchal Divine Liturgy in Celebration of our 100 th Year

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