

THE FINDING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE



**From the Desk of the Pastor**

On 1 January we celebrate many events. It is the secular New Year. We have already begun a new year of grace with the liturgical “new year” in November, but the secular new year still provides us with a sense of renewal of purpose and priorities.

We also celebrate the secular “World Day of Peace” which calls for common understanding, cooperation, and reconciliation between peoples. This is a laudable goal as we live in most *unpeaceful* times.



The First of January is also the feast day of Saints Basil and Gregory, two great men, two of the three great Cappadocian Fathers, who provided great influence in the development of monasticism and the battle against the heresy of Arianism.

We also celebrate the Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord. Even though He was not subject to the Law, Christ underwent circumcision to show us the fulfillment of the Old Law and the New Law of Grace given to us in Baptism, the feast that we will celebrate on the 6th of January.

With so many things to remember it gives us an opportunity to reflect on various aspects of our faith and culture to see how the Light of Christ can be lived out in the religious and secular world. Using the examples of Basil and Gregory and the graces given to us in Holy Baptism, we are called to go out into the world to spread the Gospel of Christ to all peoples and nations!



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*St. George Church is committed to sharing the fullness of the Gospel and living the richness of the Syriac Maronite Tradition through worship, charity, and striving for personal and communal holiness.*

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Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn

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Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Charles D. Machesky  
Rev. Subdeacon Charles J.R. Michael

**New to St. George?**

*Welcome! We are happy to have you worshipping with us! We hope that you will soon call our parish your spiritual home! Please contact the parish office for more information.*

LET THE EIGHTH DAY THAT CIRCUMCISED THE HEBREWS CONFESS HIM WHO COMMANDED HIS NAMESAKE JOSHUA TO CIRCUMCISE WITH FLINT THE PEOPLE WHOSE BODY WAS CIRCUMCISED BUT WHOSE HEART WAS UNBELIEVING FROM WITHIN BEHOLD ON THE EIGHTH DAY AS A BABE THE CIRCUMCISER OF ALL CAME TO CIRCUMCISION. - ST. EPHREM

# Parish Information

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# Parish Stewardship

## Week of 24 December 2023

1st Collection	\$1,057.00
Electronic Giving	\$222.00
Candles	\$130.00
Christmas	\$3,082.00
Donations	\$2,200.00
<b>Received</b>	<b>\$6,691.00</b>
Budget	\$7,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$309.00</b>

## Stewardship | 2023 YTD

Received	\$191,211.00
Budget	\$175,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$16,211.00</b>

Online stewardship is the easiest and most secure way of contributing to the financial stability and health of our parish. Please consider making your weekly or monthly contributions online. Instructions can be found on the parish website. Thank you for your continued generous support for St. George Church.

# Liturgical Schedule

Sat | 4:00 pm

Sun | 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Tue | Vespers | 6:00 pm (var)

Tu - Fri | 8:30 am

Feasts | 7:00 pm

## This Week @ St. George

Sat | 30 Dec | 4:00pm

**St. Alysia, M**

+ Loretta Joseph

*by Thad & Helen Durka*

Sun | 31 Dec | 8:30am

**St. Zoticus, M**

+ Pope Benedict XVI

*One Year Memorial*

*by Fr. Aaron*

Sun | 31 Dec | 10:30am

+ Deceased Children of St. George

*by Sherry & Family*

Mon | 01 Jan | 7:00pm

**Sts. Basil & Gregory, C**

+ Elizabeth "Libby" John

*by Simon & Sherry John*

Tue | 02 Jan | 8:30am

**Pope St. Silvester I, C**

Wed | 03 Jan | 8:30am

**Malachi the Prophet**

Thu | 04 Jan | 8:30am

**Pope St. Caius, M**

+ Rose Michael Swartz

*by Family*

Fri | 05 Jan | 7:00am

**St. Paul the First Hermit, C**

+ Jayne Sandbothe

*by Fr. Aaron & Family*

# PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>31</b> <b>Finding of Our Lord in the Temple</b> St. Zoticus, M</p> <p><b>Liturgy   8:30am</b> + Pope Benedict XVI One Year Memorial</p> <p><b>Liturgy   10:30am</b> + Deceased Children of St. George</p> <hr/> <p>1 Kings 3:5-14 Heb 7:11-19 Luke 2:41-52</p>	<p><b>01 Jan 2024</b> <b>The Circumcision of Our Lord</b> Sts. Basil &amp; Gregory, C</p> <p><b>Liturgy   7:00pm</b> + Elizabeth "Libby" John</p> <hr/> <p><b>Holy Day of Obligation</b> Gen 21:1-5 Eph 2:11-22 Luke 2:21</p>	<p><b>02</b> Pope St. Silvester I, C</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available</p> <hr/> <p>Heb 7:1-10 Luke 2:22-24</p>	<p><b>03</b> Malachi the Prophet</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available</p> <hr/> <p>Heb 7:20-28 Luke 2:25-35</p>	<p><b>04</b> Pope St. Caius, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am + Rose Michael Swartz</p> <hr/> <p>Heb 6:9-12 Luke 2:36-40</p>	<p><b>05</b> <b>Vigil of the Glorious Epiphany</b> St. Paul, the First Hermit, C</p> <p><b>Liturgy &amp; Blessing of Epiphany Water   7:00pm</b> + Jayne Sandbothe</p> <hr/> <p><b>Holy Day of Obligation</b> Rom 5:1-11 Luke 3:1-14</p>	<p><b>06</b> <b>Feast of the Glorious Epiphany</b></p> <p><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + Loretta M. Joseph &amp; Family</p> <hr/> <p>Ezek 36:22-28 Tit 2:11-3:7 Luke 3:15-22</p>
<p><b>07</b> <b>1st Sunday after Epiphany</b> Praises of St. John the Baptist, M</p> <p><b>Liturgy   8:30am</b> + Helen Unice Durka</p> <p><b>MCF   9:20am</b></p> <p><b>Liturgy   10:30am</b> + James &amp; Betty Mitchell</p> <hr/> <p>Is 40:6-11 2 Cor 10:1-11 John 1:29-34</p>	<p><b>08</b> St. Carterius the Priest, M</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>Col 2:1-7 Matt 3:13-17</p>	<p><b>09</b> St. Eustratius, C</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available</p> <p><b>Compline   6:00pm</b> <b>Bible Study   6:30pm</b></p> <hr/> <p>Gal 5:2-15 John 5:31-38</p>	<p><b>10</b> St. Gregory of Nyssa, C</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available</p> <hr/> <p>Gal 4:15-26 John 5:39-47</p>	<p><b>11</b> St. Theodosius of Antioch, C</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available</p> <hr/> <p>Gal 6:1-10 Matt 3:7-12</p>	<p><b>12</b> St. Tatiana, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available</p> <hr/> <p>Gal 6:11-18 Matt 11:11-15</p>	<p><b>13</b> St. Jacob of Nisibis, C</p> <p><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + Ann Gabriel</p> <hr/> <p>2 Cor 12:11-16 John 10:40-42</p>
<p><b>14</b> <b>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</b> St. Hilary, C</p> <p><b>Liturgy   8:30am</b> + Roger Jeffries</p> <p><b>MCF   9:20am</b> <b>Rosary   10:00am</b></p> <p><b>Liturgy   10:30am</b> + Adam Morris &amp; Kay Burkholder</p> <hr/> <p>Jer 1:4-10 2 Cor 4:5-15 John 1:35-42</p>	<p><b>15</b> Our Lady of the Sowing St. John Calybites, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>Col 1:9-17 Luke 11:27-32</p>	<p><b>16</b> Memorial of the Chains of St. Peter, Ap</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available</p> <p><b>Compline   6:00pm</b> <b>Bible Study   6:30pm</b></p> <hr/> <p>2 Cor 1:3-7 Matt 16:24-28</p>	<p><b>17</b> St. Anthony the Great, C</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available</p> <hr/> <p>Eph 6:10-18 Mark 10:28-31</p>	<p><b>18</b> Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome St. Athanasius of Alexandria, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>2 Cor 2:12-17 Matt 9:9-13</p>	<p><b>19</b> St. Macarius of Egypt, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>2 Cor 12:17-13:4 Matt 9:35-38</p>	<p><b>20</b> St. Euthymius the Great, C</p> <p><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + Loretta M. Joseph &amp; Family</p> <hr/> <p>2 Cor 13:5-13 Matt 10:1-6</p>
<p><b>21</b> <b>Sunday of the Priests</b> St. Sebastian, M</p> <p><b>Liturgy   8:30am</b> + John C. Myers</p> <p><b>MCF   9:20am</b></p> <p><b>Liturgy   10:30am</b> + Anthony &amp; Amelia George Lucas</p> <hr/> <p>Mal 2:1-9 1 Tim 4:6-16 Luke 12:42-48</p>	<p><b>22</b> St. Timothy, Disciple of St. Paul, Ap</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>2 Tim 1:1-11 Matt 16:24-28</p>	<p><b>23</b> Pope St. Sergius, I, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>2 Tim 2:1-13 Matt 18:1-5</p>	<p><b>24</b> St. Francis de Sales, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>2 Tim 2:14-16 Matt 20:20-28</p>	<p><b>25</b> Conversion of St. Paul, Ap</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>Gal 1:11-17 Matt 20:1-16</p>	<p><b>26</b> St. Agnes, M</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>2 Tim 4:1-8 Luke 22:24-30</p>	<p><b>27</b> St. Paula, C</p> <p><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + Mary Unice Rozgony</p> <hr/> <p>Tit 1:1-9 Luke 13:13-17</p>

## Welcome!

We wish a **warm welcome** to all our visitors and to those who already call St. George home. We are happy to have you worshipping with us. Please feel free to introduce yourself to the parish clergy. We hope you will soon make St. George your spiritual home!

## Thank You!

Fr. Aaron would like to offer a **very hearty thank you** to anyone who gifted him for Christmas! May God bless you for your generosity and love!

## Holy Days of Obligation

The Church celebrates numerous feasts throughout the year with varying degrees of solemnity, observance, and seriousness. There are a number of feasts that fall under the category of a divine precept - the **Third Commandment**:

*"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work."* Pope Benedict XVI taught on the Sabbath commandment: "to Israel, keeping this commandment was **more than ritual**; it was a way to **imitate God**, who rested on the seventh day after the creation." For Catholics, this commandment is fulfilled by *avoiding unnecessary labor and participating in Divine Worship* on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Only a truly **grave** reason would allow us to be absent from the divine services on these days without the need of sacramental confession. Over the coming days we have a number of sabbaths to observe: **Sunday, the Feast of the Circumcision, and the Feast of Epiphany**. All of these fall within one calendar week and **all are to be observed**.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

St. George will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, **12 January** from 11:30am-5:00pm in the Parish Hall.

## Collection Counters & Lectors

We are in need of volunteers for collection counters and Old Testament Lectors beginning in the New Year. Willing and interested parties are asked to contact the Parish Office.

## Liturgy Intentions

Liturgy Intention scheduling for the new year can now be done by contacting the Parish Office or in the binder in the narthex. If you would like to schedule a liturgy for a loved one or any other intention, please contact the parish office, send a note via mail or collection basket, or email. If you have already scheduled a specific or recurring monthly or yearly liturgy, please remember to send in your stipend before the liturgy is celebrated.

## Bible Study

Our Bible Study Program meets twice monthly for Vespers at 6:00pm followed by Bible Study at 6:30pm. The current study covers the Book of Psalms.

## Faith Formation

**All** school age children are expected to be enrolled and regularly attending Faith Formation, participating in the MYO, serving the Liturgy (for boys), or in other roles during and outside the liturgy (for girls).

## Maronite Youth Organization

All youth in **Grades 6-12** are encouraged to sign up for MYO. Please call or text Subdeacon Chuck Michael at 724.323.4653. Also, please sign up on Remind to keep up to date with any MYO events and announcements by texting @myo202 to 81010. To be eligible for any Parish Scholarships, or to be recommended for any NAM or Eparchial awards, a child must be a regular communicant at Sunday and Festal liturgies and an active participant in the MYO/Faith Formation program.



# PRAYER LIST

Michelle Sante | Lynda Handlin | Teresa Rogers |  
Aliya Davis | Kimberly Steinmiller | Patty Benson |  
Leonard W. Neill II | Davey Rusko | Jim Delgreco |  
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Brooklynn Dennis | Gina Michael | Cookie Shady  
Benson | Tammy McKenzie | Kamberly George |  
Lorraine Guynn | Marion Bryson | Eileen  
Crutchman | Barb Howard Misiak | Helen Adams  
| Tanya Loring Kizner | John Mansberry | Donald  
George | Larry Hicks | Subdeacon Mallard George



## Feast of the Circumcision

We will celebrate the **Feast of the Circumcision** on Monday, **1 January** at 7:00pm. **This is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

## Feast of the Glorious Epiphany

We will celebrate the **Feast of the Epiphany** on Friday, **5 January** at 7:00pm. During the Liturgy we will bless Epiphany Water. Please bring your empty bottles with you so you can take the blessed water home with you. **This is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

## MEMORIALS

### Sanctuary Light

James & Ann Mullen  
*by Family*

### Altar Candles

Eli & Rodie Gabriel  
*by Sherry Pollick & Family*

### Altar Bread & Wine

Ellwood, Freda, & Michael Kelly  
*by Sherry, Ellwood, Mary, & Families*

## Epiphany Home Blessings

If you would like a Home Blessing during the Epiphany Season, please let me know and I would be happy to bless your homes and businesses!  
**Epiphany Blessings will be available 6-15 January.**

## SACRAMENTAL & PASTORAL CARE

### Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation

Sacramental Preparation is required before a baptism can be scheduled.  
We encourage this to happen before the birth of a child.

### Mystery of Crowning

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.  
Marriage Preparation is required as part of the process.

### Pastoral Care for the Sick

If a loved one is hospitalized, ill, or homebound, please call or email the Parish Office.  
**For emergencies, please call Father Aaron directly at 315.790.0059.**

### Religious Education

Faith Formation for both Children and Adults will be available during the academic year.

### Confessions

Confessions are held on Saturday from 3:30-3:55pm or by appointment.

# AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Epiphany Blessing of the Waters

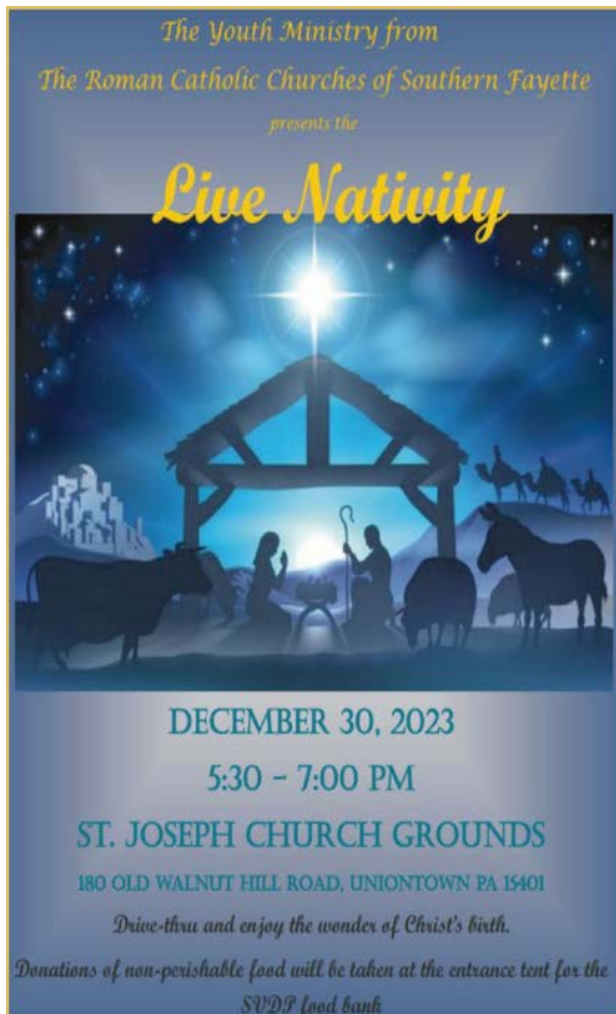
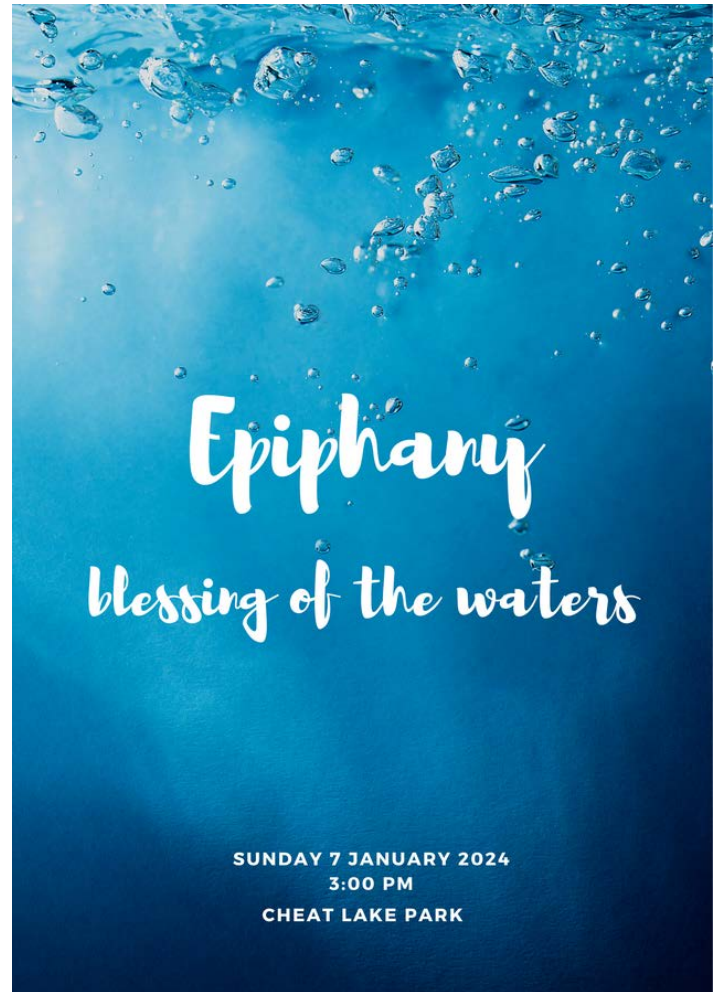
Catholics from the Latin, Byzantine, and Maronite Churches will gather at **Cheat Lake Park** in Cheat Lake, WV on **Sunday, 7 January at 3:00pm** for the annual **Blessing of the Waters** for the Feast of the Epiphany. Those truly pious and adventurous spirits who wish to celebrate by taking a festal Polar Plunge are *warmly* invited to do so!

## Overnight Silent Retreat for Women

February 23-24, 2024: beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday the 23rd until after lunch on Saturday the 24th at the Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer with Sister Carol, OSBM. Offering \$40. Registration due February 19th. Call (724)438- 7149 or email: [hpmsm@verizon.net](mailto:hpmsm@verizon.net).

## Men's Evening of Recollection

Thursday, February 29th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer. Presenter TBA. Offering \$35. Registration due February 26th. Call (724)438-7149 or email: [hpmsm@verizon.net](mailto:hpmsm@verizon.net).



## Blood Drive Uniontown Community

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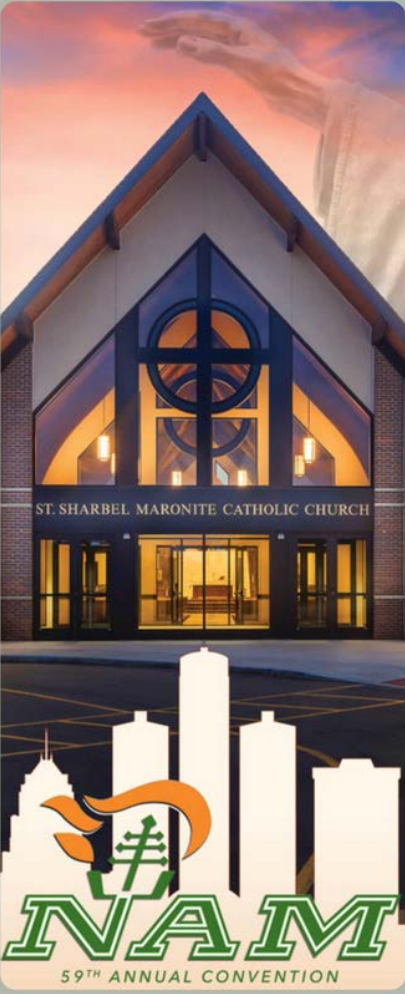
Friday, January 12  
11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.  
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# MARONITE HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATES



**Save The Date!**  
**July 4-7,  
2024**



## MARCH FOR LIFE 2024

**JAN 18-21 WASHINGTON D.C.**

**Thursday January 18**

**5:00 PM** Evening vigil at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

**Friday January 19**

**11:00 AM** Meet at Starbucks for the March  
**6:00 PM** Dinner at the Seminary Library  
Talk/Q&A with Father Rudolph  
**TBD** Social Outing

**Saturday January 20**

**10:30 AM** Mass in the Byzantine Chapel at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.  
**TBD** Social Outing

**Sunday January 21**

**11:00 AM** Liturgy at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church and Seminary  
Reception to follow in church hall

*\*Schedule is subject to change*

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Hotel block info can be found at [myaeparchystmaron.org/events](http://myaeparchystmaron.org/events)



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*"Wise men came from the East."  
(MATTHEW 2:1)*

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By Mr. Arthur Gabriel  
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