

# GOOD NEWS

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September 2023

From the Desk of  
Rev. Fr. Angelo Maggos

Parish Registry, Progress Report  
Upcoming Church Services and Events

Youth Ministry and Organizations News

## *From Fr. Angelo*

### **The 2023-24 Church and Community Events Begin!**

The fall season has arrived, and another school year is beginning. Our Youth Director (Demos) has been busy this summer working with both the Sunday School and the Greek School Directors to plan out some great events for the 2023-24 school year. (See his article in this issue)

**SECURITY AND SAFETY** Before I talk about all the great things that will be happening this Fall, the Parish Council and I want to let everyone know about the updated security measures we have put in place. Most of you are aware that last year we installed video cameras which are located both on the exterior and interior of the church and provide instant real-time 24/7 video capture. On the exterior, these cameras are located in the front, rear and left side of the church and in the interior, in the Narthex, Sunday School classrooms and upstairs Finance room.

In addition to this the Parish Council has recruited a security firm which will be present on-site at our church during Saturday Greek School (9am-2pm) and on Sundays from 9am-2pm. We feel that these measures help ensure the safety and security of the members of our church, their family and their guests.

**EDUCATION** If you have a child you want to enroll in Sunday School or Greek School, please go to our church website (<https://annunciationrochester.org>) and click on the "REGISTRATION" button. This button is located under either the "Education"/ "Sunday School" or "Education"/ "Greek School" tabs. (see the articles in this issue from Sunday School and Greek School)

We kicked off our Fall Education with the Dormition Youth Retreat held on 15 August. We had 30 kids in attendance and it was a fun and educational day for our youth. We began with our kids processing with the Dormition Icon which they decorated and then they sang the hymns of the Lamentations to the Theotokos. We then all celebrated Divine Liturgy after which the kids had lunch, craft activities and then finished off with outdoor fun and games. Thanks to all the teachers and parents who supported this and helped during the retreat. (See the pictures in this issue)

Also, Rhonda Stamatis is continuing in her role as a mentor for the newer Sunday School teachers and I have asked her help recruit new teachers so don't be surprised if she approaches you.

Also please remember that we are requesting families help to supply the snacks for our Schools. You can drop them off in the Sunday School office. Remember NO snacks that contain peanuts!

To ensure a successful start to the school year we strongly encourage parents to attend the parent orientation meeting. This will be held on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> for Sunday School and on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> for Greek School. They will review the new curriculum, talk about technology additions to classrooms, and discuss philanthropy opportunities we have planned for students and give parents the opportunity to follow-up with questions or comments regarding the surveys sent out by both Schools. These meetings will take place in the downstairs meeting room (across from the Choir Room) immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

**WEBSITE** Demos has done considerable work to update the website so that each of the Youth Ministry pages, Sunday School, Greek School, GOYA and Young Adult (ENA) have the same overall look making

navigation easy. Everything is there; registration, curriculum information, parent handbooks, event listings and more. We want our website to be a primary source for the latest information on events as well as a collection of educational resources on our Orthodox faith. To date Demos has produced 87 Sunday School videos, and 90 Orthodox Educational Videos, over 100 Orthodoxy Q&A videos, recommended reading guides, and the on-line Orthodox Catechism.

So *PLEASE GO AND CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE* at [annunciationrochester.org](http://annunciationrochester.org)

**UPCOMING EVENTS** Some of the events planned for September and October are as follows so please mark your calendars.

- Blessing of the Vehicles: Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> immediately following Liturgy
- Blessing of the Animals: Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup> at Noon
- Trunk-R-Treat: Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-3:00pm
- OXI Day Dance – October (sponsored by ENA)

Visit the “Events” tab on our church website where you can find more information on these Fall events and some of the charity events planned.

**ADULT EDUCATION** Orthodoxy Q&A never stops, so tune in every Thursday evening from 78:30pm on our Annunciation YouTube page to have all your pressing questions about Orthodoxy answered. Tuesday Zoom Bible Study will resume on September 26<sup>th</sup> where we will continue our study of the Gospel of John, beginning with chapter 9, which we paused at the beginning of 2023. Remember that you can catch up on what we’ve already covered by going to the “Education” tab and clicking on the audio sessions under “Gospel of John” and follow along using the Study Guide. (Located just above the audio sessions)

We hope to see you all at these upcoming events and we look forward to working together with our parish community to continue the success of our educational programs.

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IC XC NI KA	<p><b>Parents:</b> Alexis Celerier &amp; Diamando Keisidis</p>	IC XC NI KA
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IC XC NI KA	<p><b>Parents:</b> George &amp; Alexandra Manou</p>	IC XC NI KA
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IC XC NI KA	<p>Helen Theodor Interred on August 3, 2023</p>	IC XC NI KA
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If you are not already a Friend of the Metropolis, I invite you to join us in supporting the ongoing ministries of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit.

Thank you for your kind and generous response.  
With paternal blessings and prayers, I remain,

+NICHOLAS  
Metropolitan of Detroit

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## EVENTS AND CHURCH SERVICES

4 September - Labor Day - Office Closed

5 September - PC meeting, 6:00 PM

8 September - Tentative overnight retreat at St. Nektarios Monastery, Roscoe, NY. Watch for details.

10 September - Sunday School Begins

11 September - Annunciation Golf Tournament

**+13 September – Vespers of the Holy Cross, 6:00 PM**

**+14 September – Divine Liturgy Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 10:00 AM**

15 September – Good News Submission deadline

16 September – Greek School Parent Orientation Meeting, 9:30 AM.

17 September – Blessing of the Vehicles, 12:00 PM

20-23 September – Father away for a Metropolis Clergy-Laity Conference

28 September – Seniors Meeting, 11:00 AM

30 September – GOYA & Youth Ministry Eternal Flame Falls Adventure Hike, 10:00 AM

2 October – PC Meeting, 6:00 PM

4 October - GOYA, Greek School & Young Adult Youth Ministries East Avenue Grocery Run, 8:30 AM

7 October – GOYA, AFSP, Young Adult & Youth Ministry, Out of Darkness, Rochester, NY 10:00 AM

9 October – Columbus Day

15 October – Good News Submission Deadline

20 October – GOYA & Youth Ministry Escape from Rochester, Escape Room Night, 7:00 PM

21 October – Sunday School & Youth Ministry Blessing of the Animals, 2:00 PM

26 October – Seniors' Meeting, 11:00 AM

29 October – Sunday School & Youth Ministry, Trunk or Treat, 4:00 PM

10/30–11/2 – Father attending APC Clergy Retreat

**Sunday School** every Sunday after Holy Communion, 10 September through May.

**On-going adult Orthodox study programs:**

- **Bible Study every Tuesday**, Zoom, 7:00 PM  
NOTE: 5 July – Last Zoom Bible Study until 19 September.
- **Orthodox Questions and Answers every Thursday**, YouTube, 7:00 PM
- On-Line Orthodox Catechism on our website under the **EDUCATION** tab

**Greek School** every Saturday, 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM September through May

### PHILOPTOCHOS

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**Continued donations are greatly appreciated!  
All donations and dues contribute to sponsoring the philanthropic work of Philoptochos**

Please submit payment to:  
Maria Economides  
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Penfield, NY 14526

Check payable to: **Philoptochos Society**

Dues: \$30.00 (\$25.00 for Seniors)

# GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Invites you to:

## Annual Golf Tournament

at

### COBBLESTONE CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

MONDAY, September 11, 2023

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Shotgun begins at 10:30 a.m. with Lunch at the turn.

Two (2) complementary drinks.

Awards and dinner following golf.



**COST: \$ 185/person includes:** Registration, tee gifts, greens fees, cart, lunch, and beverages on the course.

**Sponsorships Available:**

Beverage (5)	\$ 750
Lunch (5)	\$ 1000
Golf Ball Sponsor (2)	\$ 1500
Tee signs (unlimited)	\$ 150
Golf Hole (18)	\$ 1000

**All Sponsors Receive:**

Advertisement at Tournament  
Hole Sponsors get signs on course  
Golf Ball Sp. – Logo on Golf Balls  
Raffle held while on course  
results will be posted at end.

Each hole sponsor will have a custom flag at their hole which will be framed and sent to you after completion of the tournament with your company name.

**1<sup>st</sup> Door Prize: Blackstone Pizza Oven**

Donated by Ajay Glass & Mirror Co.

Contact Valerie Lapp or Julie Marshall for all Sponsorships.

All proceeds to benefit the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation

Donated Door Prizes are encouraged.

CONTESTS THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT

**PREPAYMENT is required.**

TOURNAMENT IS LIMITED TO  
152 GOLFERS! WE EXPECT  
A FULL FIELD SO PLEASE,  
REGISTER EARLY!!!

Deadline for Registration is  
August 18, 2023

No Cancellations or Refunds  
After this date.

**For Questions/Registration**

Contact Valerie Lapp

Email: [vlapp@ajayglass.com](mailto:vlapp@ajayglass.com)

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## *From the Desk of the Annunciation Youth Director*

Happy Fall everyone!

We begin the youth season with many exciting new features and events including our brand-new Teen Ministry / GOYA website page featuring all the latest news, blogs, upcoming events, and more! We will be updating the page regularly so please make sure to bookmark!

One of the biggest changes this year is the addition of a Teen Ministry / GOYA *free* registration. To meet the requirements of the Archdiocese's Youth Safety policy and maintain the **highest levels of safety and coordination**, we will be requiring all our teens to be registered with emergency contact and allergy information. Thus, we are asking that all parents to complete the online registration for each of their teens. I have created the scan code below to easily access the registration form.



We're asking that parents complete this by September 20<sup>th</sup> since our first youth event is on SEP 30<sup>th</sup> (the Eternal Flame Falls Adventure Hike).

Additionally, as part of the registration we will be asking for volunteer chaperones, drivers, etc. In concordance with Archdiocesan policy, we require a certain number of chaperones for all teen events (the priest and youth director do not count as chaperones). We will need our community to pitch in and ensure that the development and safety of our youth is a focus.



Thank you all and let's make this a year to never forget!

Demosthenes Euclid  
Youth Director  
agocnyyouth@gmail.com

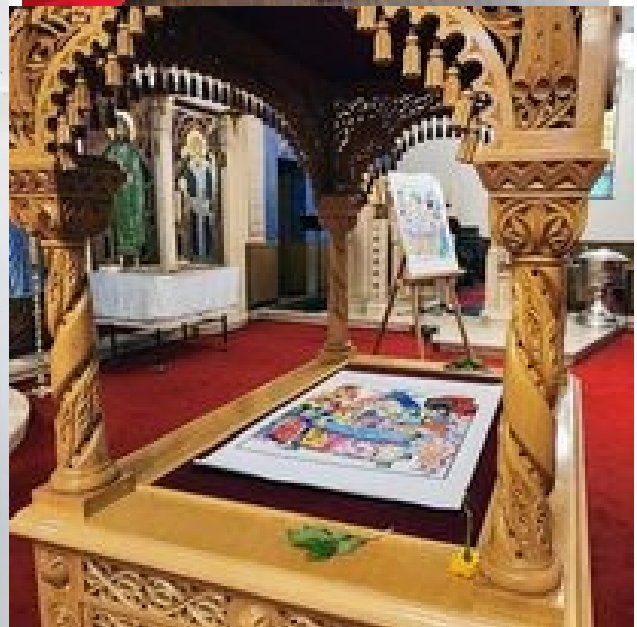
# VACATION CHURCH YOUTH RETREAT

August 15, 2023



# VACATION CHURCH YOUTH RETREAT, continued

August 15, 2023





## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dear Parishioners,

We are off to a great start to our Religious Education year. We had a successful Summer Youth Retreat on August 15th! We had 30 kids come and enjoy a day of fellowship, games, and fun! We want to especially thank all of our volunteers that helped with this event. Without you, this would not have been possible!

We are happy to see familiar and new faces starting in our Sunday School classrooms! If you have not registered your child please do so through the Sunday School tab on the church website! That way you will not only receive Sunday School updates, but many other youth event details as well. We have a lot of fall events for our youth to participate in. We hope you can make it to the events we have put together!

We want to remind everyone that there is a children's bulletin board for our youth to take each Sunday when you enter the narthex. There are readings that relate to age appropriate topics and are connected to the gospel lesson for that week. There are also some games and a coloring page of an icon as well. Please take advantage of this bulletin board to engage your child in the church service!

### **Events for the Fall:**

*September 17th: Blessing of the Vehicles at 12:00 pm*

*October 21st: Blessing of the Animals at 2:00 pm*

*October 28th: Trunk or Treat 4:00pm*

The Christmas Pageant feels like a long way off, but we are looking for a parent or teacher to organize and run the Christmas Pageant with our children this year. If you are interested in this, please reach out to the Sunday School directors. We have all the materials from previous years, and we can meet on how the practices and pageant usually run.

We are always looking for more help in our Sunday School program. You don't have to be a parent or have teaching experience to get involved. We are looking for substitutes for our Sunday School classes and volunteers for different events. If you are interested please contact us!

As always please reach out to us with any questions or comments at [recagocny@gmail.com](mailto:recagocny@gmail.com).

With love in Christ,

Karina and Lauren

## GREEK SCHOOL

Dear Greek School Families and Parishioners,

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and feel ready for the transition to fall.

We are excited to welcome your children back to Greek School and see our halls full again! Our teachers and directors continued throughout the summer to make improvements to our program and bring additional resources for the year ahead.

### SAVE THESE DATES:

We are looking forward to having our **Parent Orientation Day** on Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 9:30 - 11:00 AM. We encourage all parents to attend this day, so that you can receive important information for the Greek School year ahead, ask any questions you may have, and also connect with your children's teacher. A reminder email has been sent to the parents who have already registered their children.

**First Full Day of Classes:** Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 9:30 AM -1:00 PM.

Classes will start promptly at 9:30 am and will end at 1 pm. We are extending the time, based on what we did before Covid and based on parent feedback from the survey.

Check out our new **Greek School Website!** Thank you to Demos Euclid for this partnership in building our vision: <https://annunciationrochester.org/greek-school/>



SCAN TO REGISTER!

### **Online Registration is still Open:**

New families can register their children for Kindergarten using the **following link or QR code:**  
**<https://forms.gle/evJ2UAdE2FkrMiTG6>**

Greek School Tuition is \$450 for one child, \$800 for two children, and \$1100 for three children. If you need tuition assistance, please reach out to Elina or Maria in confidence and we will work with you and your family.

Looking forward to welcoming your children back to Greek School on Sep 23rd!

As always, feel free to reach out with your questions at [agreekschool@gmail.com](mailto:agreekschool@gmail.com)

Ευχαριστούμε,

Maria Dembeyiotis & Elina Kokorotsis

Greek School Directors



## 2023 ADVERTISING/SPONSORSHIP DIRECTORY

To increase awareness among our community of the broad range of experience and services available from our parishioners, we are encouraging both parishioners and any vendors to our church to advertise their business and/or family name in our monthly newsletter.

In order to help defray the costs of printing and mailing, this will be a Sponsorship Directory listing only. Advertising images will no longer be used in order to reduce the overall printing cost of the Newsletter. The Newsletter is printed each month during the year, except for one or two months that would be combined.

If you are interested in adding your business or family name to our Sponsorship Directory, the annual Sponsorship Fee is \$150.

Business or Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please make your checks payable to “Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church”.*

## GOOD NEWS SPONSORS

### RESTAURANTS

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### ANNUNCIATION FAMILIES

*Have a wonderful fellowship*

Jennefer & Perry Noun, Bill Noun

Mary Manou

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## Hall Rental Policy for 962 East.

We are excited and eager to finally be able to safely reopen our beautifully renovated church Hall to our community. However, the new renovations, along with the intent to lease the Hall to non-parishioners also, requires us to establish a higher degree of formality regarding rental of the new Hall. To assist in this transition, we have secured a dedicated Hall Manager, Sara Tone, who will be responsible for maintaining the Hall Lease calendar, process booking for both parishioner and non-parishioner, showing of the Hall and coordinating contract requirements and signatures. Our church secretary is no longer responsible for Hall scheduling or coordinating any Hall lease activities. With this in mind, we are establishing the following set of guidelines when leasing our Hall.

Attached is a pricing schedule and usage guide for both parishioners and non-parishioners. The fee to rent the Hall for a Parishioner in Good Standing is \$500 total. A signed Rental Agreement and payment of lease fee are required to reserve a date. All guests are expected to respect all Hall rules laid out in the Hall Lease Agreement. All trash and food stuffs must be disposed of properly at the end of your event. See the Hall Lease Agreement for specific information on the use of decorations.

To qualify for the parishioner rate, the person leasing the Hall must be a member in Good Standing for the current year. *Member in Good Standing* status requires a stewardship card on file for the current year and a reasonable payment amount made towards the current year's stewardship pledge.

To begin the Hall Lease process please go to the homepage of our Annunciation Church website. At the bottom of the home page, you will see a button labeled "**Hall Rental**." Click there to fill out the request form and you will then be contacted by our Hall Manager.

**Note that use of the Hall for recognized church organizations or ministries is at no cost, however they are still required to complete the [Hall reservation form](#),<sup>1</sup> to ensure their dates are blocked from use by the Hall manager.** This form can be accessed at the bottom of the home page of our church website.

Generally speaking, Hall rental *includes* the following. (Please see the HALL Contract for the full details)

- a) Six (6) hours of rental time
- b) Tables and chairs setup according to a previously agreed upon floor plan\*
- c) Limited kitchen access (warming and cold storage privileges only)
- d) Hall cleaned prior to event
- e) Trash bins and bags

The six (6) hours of rental time does not count against setup time and the timing for this should be arranged with the Hall Manager. This rental *does not include* the following.

- a) Linens for tables, glassware, flatware, and china
- b) Food service utensils and dishes

Full kitchen privileges requires a \$350 kitchen usage fee if the food will be prepared using the Hall kitchen(s). If the lessee plans on using a catering service that cater, if they are not on the Approved Cater List, must be approved by the Hall Manager prior to use of the Hall kitchen(s).

\* Set-up of the hall does not include taking down or removing any tables due to lack of personnel to do this. Parishioners are free to take down tables but must reset them after the event. Taking tables down could be done through the set-up fee. For non-parishioners events set-up fees are added to the lease price.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we transition to this new policy which we believe will serve to benefit us both from a financial and community perspective.

*Angelo E. Maggos*  
Fr Angelo E. Maggos  
Priest, Annunciation GOC

*Jim Stathopoulos*  
Jim Stathopoulos  
President, Annunciation GOC

<sup>1</sup>Note: The link to the [Hall reservation form](#) is available on our website. The form is also available in the Church Office.

## HALL Rates, Access and Requirements

	Recognized Church Organization	Parishioner in Good Standing	Non-Parishioner
<b>Hall Lease Fee</b>	No Charge	\$500	Starting @ \$1000. Final price dependent on type of package selected.
<b>Hall Lease Deposit</b>	N/A, however, the Church Organization MUST complete the <a href="#">Hall Registration<sup>1</sup></a> form to secure the date/time.	Full amount required at time of reservation.  Completion of the <a href="#">Hall Registration<sup>1</sup></a> form to secure the date/time.	\$500 deposit at time of reservation.  Completion of the <a href="#">Hall Registration<sup>1</sup></a> form to secure the date/time.
<b>Hall Balance</b>	N/A	N/A	Balance due two (2) weeks before event takes place.
<b>Hall Lease Time</b>	No later than 10pm	No later than 10pm 6-hour event time. Setup time does not affect this time. Additional time is \$100/hour	No later than 10pm 6-hour event time. Setup time does not affect this time. Additional time is \$100/hour
<b>Kitchen Privileges</b>	Full privileges	Full privileges but requires a \$350 usage fee	None
<b>Cancellation Policy</b>	N/A, however Church Organization MUST notify the Hall Manager 2 weeks prior to the event if their event is cancelled.	Hall lease fee recoverable if Hall Manager is notified no later than two (2) weeks prior to event.	Hall lease fee recoverable if Hall Manager is notified no later than two (2) weeks prior to event.
<b>Use of Caterers</b>	At discretion of the Organization but must be approved by PC.	At discretion of the organization but must be approved by PC.	Must be selected from church approved catering list.
<b>Setup and Cleanup</b>	Responsibility of the church ministry or organization that is leasing the Hall.	If the Lessee is not providing the setup, then setup fee is \$100.  Setup plan required no later than 2 weeks prior to the event.	Setup is included in Hall leasing fee.  Setup plan required no later than 2 weeks prior to the event.

<sup>1</sup>Note: The link to the *Hall reservation form* is available on our website. The form is also available in the Church Office.

# Annunciation Policies

## MEMORIAL FUNDS DISTRIBUTION POLICY

All monies received during a funeral or memorial service that are made out to the church, that is, checks marked with “Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church” or cash with the envelope marked with “Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church” will be used for purposes in support of church operation.

These could include support of recognized church ministries, sacramental articles purchased for the church proper or for ongoing campaigns such as Hall Renovation or other capita improvements.

If it is desired that these monies are to be used for other wishes that the family may have the family must ensure that they announce that these checks or cash be designated as such.

All monies received for funerals are tracked and family members will receive a listing of those who donated, typically within 40-60 days following the date of the funeral. In addition, for all monies received designated “*Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church*,” donors will receive a letter thanking them for their donation to the church in memory of the deceased.

## POLICY FOR DOCUMENT PREPARATION:

There is a required processing charge of \$40 per document. This charge covers research, preparation and routing of documents such as Certificate of Residency, Certificate of Freedom to Marry, Reissued Marriage Certificate, Reissued Baptism Certificate and Certificate of Death. Additional documents are \$20.00 per document.

## WEDDINGS:

We have wedding candles in the office for purchase which is required at the time of the ceremony. The donation for the plain one is \$30.00. \$100 would be for the decorated ones. Lena has them in the office. The Stefanos are sold out - Lena does have catalogs for Stefanos in the Office if anyone is interested in shopping on-line.

## BAPTISMS:

We also have baptismal candles, \$30 for the large plain candle and \$7 each for the two (2) smaller plain candles. If you are interested in purchasing decorated candles, the larger one is \$50, the two (2) smaller ones are \$25 for the set.

## MEMORIALS:

Coffee Hour scheduling for family memorials is the responsibility of the Philoptochos unless other arrangements have been made by the family sponsoring the Memorial. The family which is sponsoring the Memorial is asked to :

1. Contact the Parish Secretary to arrange scheduling for Coffee Hour that day. The Secretary will contact the Philoptochos President.
2. Arrange for or pay for Coffee Hour food items that are in excess of the standard menu (coffee, drinks, and simple snacks).
3. Coordinate the preparation and delivery of Koliva (if used). The Philoptochos or Church office can provide information on persons who can prepare Koliva. The standard rate for the preparation of koliva is \$150 .



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