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October/November 2010

SOORP ASDVADZADZIN ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
Whitinsville, MA

Sunday Worship
All Welcome

Rev. Fr. Archpriest Aram Stepanian

Morning Service — 9:30am
Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak) — 10am
Sermon (English/Armenian) — 11am
Sunday School (Sept-June) — 10am

Divine Liturgy followed by coffee hour in the church hall.



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Արաստնան Ժամերգութիւն — 9:30

Սուրբ Պատարագ - 10:00

Քարոզ (Անգլերէն/Հայերէն) — 11:00

Կիրակնօրնայ Վարժարան (Սնպտունքներ — Յունիս)

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Heavenly King, Preserve Your Church Unshaken And Keep In Peace Those Who Worship Your Name.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

How Can We Overcome Lack of Faith?

In one story we read that Jesus rebuked his disciples because of lack of faith. I admit faith can be the difficult to find when you need it most. It is in the darkness of temptation and in the lonely, sinful distance we need its light most. In Ephesians 2:8, Paul reminds us that faith “is the gift of God” and that it comes from God; it is not something we can muster up or dig down deep to find. It is the fruit of God in the life of His surrendered child. In Him, this is omniscience. For the Christian, it is reliance upon His omniscience.

Four Basic Steps of Faith

1. Request. Reliance on God brings an ever-present asking, seeking, and knocking. When we realize that “without Him we can do nothing” and “with Him nothing is impossible,” we begin looking in the right direction: up! “*Seek ye first the kingdom of God...*” Matthew 6:33

2. Rest. Trusting God allows us to relax. Too many Christians only do the extremes of trusting God: either lazily, passively waiting on God to do everything or anxiously worrying about whether or not God will work things out. When we take our problems to God we must completely trust Him that He is able and willing to take care of our problems *the way He knows best*. It is hard to do this, because we want to fix our problems and when we can't, we blame God.

3. Receive. Since God is such a big giver and you are His child, you'd better get ready to receive! I don't speak selfishly, as if we do all this to get what we want. I speak this because you need to know how to get with grace and gratitude. “*Every good gift and every perfect gift cometh down from the Father...*” James 1:17 God gave us His Son. He offered salvation to those who ask, He gave His Spirit, and much more. He gives families, health, and financial blessings. Part of faith is learning how to receive from God and continue our reliance: to remain faithful through periods of blessings. We must learn to trust and be grateful in the One Blessing, not in the blessings themselves.

4. Respond. We are not the end of the pipeline. You are not a dead-end street. God seeks to bless you that we will bless Him and others. “*...Freely ye have received, freely give.*” Matthew 10:8. How we respond to God's blessings are as important as how we sought after them in the first place. Allow God's goodness to grow your faith; respond to God with an expanding trust. I also believe that a reasonable reaction to God's sacrifice is one of self-sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2).

Truly, our response should simply be a cycle back to “Requesting.”

More asking, more seeking, more knocking and more trusting. That's how we grow in faith.

Sunday School News

By Yeretsgin Margaret Stepanian

Summer has ended and another exciting year is ahead for Sunday School. We are blessed to have caring, dedicated staff who give of their time and talents to teach our children — who are our future — the beauty of an Armenian Christian education.

Our Sunday School is a team program. We have many volunteers to help organize activities, help in the classroom and develop outreach programs. Teaching staff for the 2010-2011 year is as follows:

Pre-K/K	Debbie Bedrosian and Laura Laverdiere
1 and 2	Aram Hazerjian
3 and 4	Joy Callan
5 and 6	Bob Torosian
7 and 8	Will and Nicki Whittlesey
9 and 10	Roy Callan
Interns	Linda Faltaous

We welcome Aram Hazerjian and the Whittleseys to our teaching staff this year. We will miss Knar Callan very

much who starts a new endeavor as a teacher in Haverhill, MA. Our prayers and wishes for success are with her. Our substitute teaching team this year includes BJ Bedrosian, Celeste Bedigian, Kristi Markarian, Linda Faltaous, and we welcome Seta Mammola, new to our substitute team.

Joy Callan will again lead opening worship and teach the sharagans and their meaning so our children will have an informed worship experience in church. They will also be taking active roles in church. Look for and listen to Mary DerKosroffian as she shares her beautiful voice with the choir. Also look for Alec Nashawaty and Gregory Mouradian filling various roles in church. These three young adults are our active interns and would appreciate your encouragement as they serve.

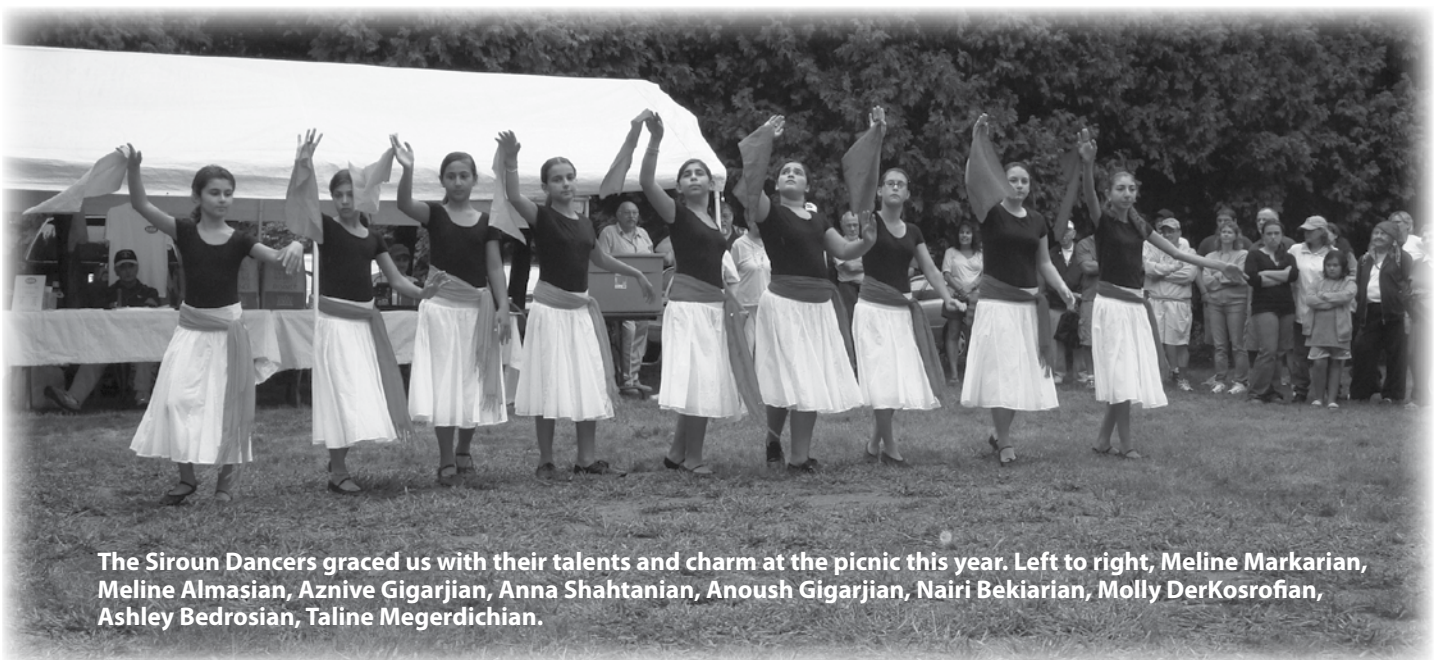
We will again be giving the children monthly Scripture verses to learn so they can “hide God’s word in their hearts.” We look forward to seeing everyone in church at 10am and will continue to inform you as we move through the year.

Bible Study

Please join our Bible Study on Thursday evenings from 7-8pm. We will be studying “*The Signs of the End Time:*” The Second Coming of Christ and the end of the world prophesied in the Book of Revelation. Refreshments will be provided. We urge you not miss this very timely study.

Crop Walk for Hunger Saturday, Oct 16

Mark your calendars, get out your walking shoes and please plan to join the Sunday School on our annual Crop Hunger Walk. Meet at the United Methodist Church, 61 Linwood Ave at 8:30 for registration; the 3-mile walk begins at 9. Walkers will seek sponsors from our church. Contact Celeste Bedigian for information at 508-278-0614 or to make a donation in support of the walk.



The Siroun Dancers graced us with their talents and charm at the picnic this year. Left to right, Meline Markarian, Meline Almasian, Aznive Gigarjian, Anna Shahtanian, Anoush Gigarjian, Nairi Bekiarian, Molly DerKosroffian, Ashley Bedrosian, Taline Megerdichian.

Potpourri

by Alice Sagherian

The rains came but we carried on with our picnic and many of our friends did come: from the Indian Orchard area, Margaret (Bagian) Garibian along with her sister Mary from the Detroit area; Sonia (Mangasarian) Merigian with her lovely daughter and her sister Takouhi McCarthy; Mike Goshgarian from Arizona, looking very handsome with a touch of gray in his hair. Nice to see Nay Avakian's sister Zarie Ahlijanian, who is recovering from a major illness, and Dot Arakelian's two sisters Gloria and Shirley, were there with their brother Gary. Gosh, so many "Whitinsville natives"... Bobby Mantashigian from Las Vegas, our "cousins" Gloria Ahmadjian and her brother Mark, Sally (Garabedian) Kaligian from Watertown, and, oh yes, Sylvia Simonian from Providence, RI. It was wonderful to see our own Sylvia Bedrosian attending and greeting old friends. We missed our annual visitor George Mooradian from California; hope all is well! The rains did not deter the Siroun Dancers who danced and brightened us all up. They were terrific. Thank you Kristie Markarian.

Congratulations to Michael DePasquale who graduated from NHS in May and is now studying finance at Quinnipiac University in CT. Mike is the son of David and Melanie DePasquale and grandson of Joyce and Ted Torosian.

Congratulations to Dr. Bruce M. Boghosian (grandson of Digeen Almas Boghosian) and family. Bruce was recently appointed President of the American University of Armenia in Yerevan. Bruce and wife Laura (daughter of Carol Tosoonian) made the move to Armenia this past summer.

Congratulations to Lindsey DerMugrditchian who mar-

Mystery Photo

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Guess who?



Answer on page 7.

ried Dustin Brown on Saturday, September 18th in Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Church in Providence, RI. To Lindsey's parents, Mark and Cindy, ARCH KER NED LOOS!

Ground breaking ceremonies for the Armenian Heritage Park took place on Thursday, September 16 at Parcel 13 on the Rose Fitzgerald Greenway in Boston with an estimated crowd of one thousand. Distinguished guests in attendance included His Holiness Catholicos Karekin II, Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan and Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, along with Massachusetts governor Deval Patrick and Mayor Thomas Menino of the city of Boston.

October Happy Birthday wishes to Joanne Khoury and Sandra Ovian. And a very Happy Anniversary to Sebouh and Margaret Kalousdian, and Ted and Joyce Torosian. November Happy Birthday to Michella Bedrosian, Jamie Hoard, Ann Samkiranian, Pete Andonian, Ted Torosian, Sarah Barsamian, Levon DerKosroffian, Grace Kazarian, Sue Bedrosian and Peter A. Bedrosian. Please let me know your birthday month and anniversary. We'll be happy to add you to our list.

Golf Tournament

The Church's annual golf tournament was held on Tuesday, August 3, co-chaired by Gerry Gonyor and Hagop Antranigian. With 77 golfers, the event profited over \$11,000. Many great prizes were auctioned off leaving our guests very satisfied with the event. Thank you to past co-chairs David and Jeanne Papazian for their coaching and guidance, as well as volunteers Ara Stepanian, Ashley and Betty Jean Bedrosian and Joe Montecalvo. Special thanks to Digin Almas Boghosian, Margo Montecalvo, Martha Garabedian and Araxie Kourkounian for their delicious yalanchi!

Grilling in the Rain

The rain may have soaked the grounds, but it didn't dampen our spirits. Despite the forecast and steady rain on Sunday, August 22, our picnic committee made the decision to forge ahead with our annual picnic plans for the day. Much to our surprise, our faithful supporters came in great

numbers, both locals and out-of towners, to enjoy our delicious food and friendly community. At 12:00 sharp, we had people in line waiting for food. What a sight for our weary and tired eyes! The skies even opened up just long enough for our Siroun Dancers led by Kristi Markarian to wow us with their dance performance. As usual, the members of our church came out in full force Friday, Saturday and Sunday to help cut, chop, cook, clean, setup and organize. From our youngsters to our elders, everyone pitched in to make our picnic the success that it was, despite the rain.

The picnic committee wishes to thank each and every person who lent a hand one way or another to show our visitors that nothing holds Whitinsville back! If you have any suggestions or comments from this year's picnic, please don't hesitate to contact Rick, Pete, Joanne or Ani.

It's Bazaar Time Again!

The Silent Auction Table at the bazaar needs your donations. All new or unused items will be considered. Please

also reach out to businesses that you frequent and ask them for a gift certificate or merchandise. Monetary contributions are also welcome, as you can “sponsor” a themed basket or contribute towards a merchandise purchase. We are always looking for new and exciting items, so please contact Ani Gigarjian if you have any ideas or suggestions. You can email her at gigarjian@comcast.net or contact her by phone at 508-650-3453.

The Ladies Guild will be making Lahmajun for the bazaar on the following five Wednesdays and is looking for 20 volunteers each day. We need everyone’s help at these baking sessions; no experience is necessary and lunch and fun are always provided. Even if you have never helped before, please consider pitching in this year. Come any time after 9am or contact Vivian Nigro at 508-234-5261. We also need help on each preceding Tuesday with food prep. Call Vivian for details.

Lahmajun dates include:

October 6	October 18
October 20	October 27
November 3	



The following recipe is a Ladies Guild favorite, served at many of our parties, potlucks and bake sessions. It was Sue Mouradian at the picnic worker’s Saturday prep session who asked for the recipe. It’s perfect for a crowd, but don’t forget it needs to be made 24 hours in advance. This one’s for you Sue!

Joyce Torosian’s Asian Slaw

Serves 8-10

Chill for 24 hours before serving.

- 2 packages beef ramen noodle soup, dry
- 16 oz slaw mix
- 1 cup slivered almonds, toasted
- 1 cup sunflower kernels
- 1 bunch chopped scallions
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup canola oil
- 1/3 cup white vinegar

1. Toast almonds at 350 degrees for 5-10 minutes, stirring frequently.
2. Remove flavor packets and set aside. Crush noodles and put in the bottom of a large serving bowl. (Do not cook.) Top with slaw. Sprinkle with nuts and onions.
3. In a small bowl, whisk soup flavor packets, sugar, oil and vinegar. Pour over slaw — DO NOT TOSS. Cover and chill 24 hours. Toss before serving.

Coffee Hour Sponsors

We all enjoy socializing with each other after Badarak on Sundays. Please volunteer to provide simple refreshments for any Sunday by signing up on the chart outside the church hall. Donuts or mini-bagels are fine! If you have questions, please contact Joy Callan.

October Sponsors

- Oct 3: Kathy Gonyor, Mary Amorello, Rachael Gallant
- Oct 10: open
- Oct 17: Faltaous
- Oct 24: open
- Oct 31: Alice Sagherian, Carol & Michella Bedrosian

Please sign up for a week in November! Thank you.

CALENDAR

- Ongoing: Bible Study 7:00-8:00pm (Thursdays)
- October 2: Ladies Guild Meeting (Saturday)
- October 9: Church Dinner (Saturday)
- October 16: Crop Walk for Hunger (Saturday)
- November 6: Ladies Guild Meeting (Saturday)
- December 4: Annual Church Bazaar (Saturday)

Help Us Grow Our Email List!

The church email newsletter is sent out every other week with news and announcements. For those who do not have email, a printed version is available on Sunday when you pick up the bulletin. Ask your family members and friends to sign on to receive church news and stay connected. Please email Ani Gigarjian at Gigarjian@comcast.net or sign the guest book in the foyer to add your address to the email list. It costs our church nothing to send email but provides a priceless service of free communication. Thank you!

Next Chalice Deadline Is Nov. 1

Next Chalice deadline is November 1 for the December/January issue. Please email your announcements, news, photos, article ideas or other items of interest to carol.bedrosian@gmail.com or give them to Alice Sagherian in church.



*Annual Bazaar:
December 4
See you there!*





In Lieu of Flowers

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

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Rose Malkasian
May 26, 2010

Our sympathies to her daughter Katherine Roberts and her husband Richard Roberts; her brother, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Toumasian; her devoted niece Shirley Demagian and her many nieces and nephews.

- Mr. & Mrs. Harry Toumasian
- Ann Samkiranian
- Enoch & Claire Malkasian
- Ted & Joyce Torosian
- Ted & Vivian Nigro
- Nazely Avakian
- Paul & Dorothy Arakelian
- Mary Gigatjian
- Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Bagdasarian
- Alice Sagherian

Total: \$ 210

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Additional Donations in Lieu of Flowers

In memory of Pauline Ovian
Barbara Chandler
Richard Kazarian



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Sarah S. (Almasian) Twomey
July 7, 2010

Our sympathies to her sisters, Mary Almasian and Rosalie Schweinfurth, and her brother Walter Almasian; her two nieces Christine Jordan and Lori Tomanini.

- The Almasian, Schweinfurth, Jordan and Tomanini Families
- Roxie and Irene Tiberian
- Arakel and Lillian Almasian
- Joseph and Lucy Almasian
- Mr. & Mrs. Peter Andonian
- Ms. Grace and Mr. Harry Kazarian
- Sandra Ovian & Cina Kajoian
- Sylvia Almasian Roche
- Mr. & Mrs. Enoch Malkasian
- Suzanne Bedrosian
- Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Markarian
- Mr. & Mrs. Hampton Almasian
- Arthur and Carol Foley
- Lillian Malkasian
- Alice Sagherian
- Sylvia Bedrosian
- Ampagoomian Family
- Pauline Hagopian
- Carol Tosoonian
- Florence Vareca
- Mrs. Agnes Tebeau
- Margo Montecalvo
- Sally Kulegian
- Irwin & Margaret Hanny
- Julia Garabedian
- George and Joanne Khoury
- John and Margaret Tohigian

Total: \$1,445

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Rafael DerTorossian
July 10, 2010

Our sympathies to the Moundjian, DerTorossian, Boghosian, and Aboyan families.

- Mrs. Tamara Boghosian
- Mrs. Knarig Aboyan and Family
- Peter & Celeste Bedigian
- Anne & Greg Keikian
- Mark & Veron Sagherian
- Hagop & Claudia Antranigian
- Mrs. Alice Sagherian
- Aracse Kurkjian
- Carol Tosoonian
- Dona Nashawaty
- Agnes Tebeau
- Margaret Shenian
- Nazely Avakian
- Ted & Vivian Nigro
- Linda & Magdy Faltaous
- Margo & Joe Montecalvo
- Roxie & Irene Tiberian
- Ms. Grace & Mr. Harry Kazarian
- Mr. & Mrs. Peter Andonian
- Paul & Dorothy Arakelian
- Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Almasian
- George & Joanne Khoury
- Sara Barsamian & Susan DerSarkisian
- Margaret Hougasian
- Shirley Demagian
- Kevin Curtis and Carol & Michella Bedrosian
- Suzanne Bedrosian
- Sebouh & Margaret Kalousdian
- Martha B. Garabedian
- Sandra Ovian
- Ann Samkiranian
- Nish & Vicky Ovian
- Annie Malkasian
- Barbara Shamshoian Chandler

Total: \$1,280

Additional Donations to the Building Fund

\$1,000-\$2,499

Roy and Joy Callan Paul and Susan Mouradian

Under \$1000

Joe and Margaret Derderian	Sylvia Roche
Enoch and Claire Malkasian	Irene Tiberian
Nancy Moscofian	Helen and Varteras
Nishan and Victoria Ovian	Varteressian

So far, over \$110,000 has been raised for the building fund. A sincere and enthusiastic thank you is extended to all who have donated thus far and we'd like to remind everyone that we are still in need of additional contributions to reach our goal. Please make checks to Soorp Asdvadzadzin Armenian Apostolic Church and mail to Hagop Antranigian, Building Fund, 17 Bicknell Drive, Mendon, MA 01756.

Wish List

The church needs a new printer, \$3,000. Please contact Der Hayr or the Board of Trustees.

Donations to the Church

Alice Sagherian, \$50 donation in honor of her grandson Samuel M. Sagherian, who served as godfather during the Trnpatsek service on Palm Sunday.

Picnic donations totaled \$3457 this year. The picnic committee thanks all the many generous donors who supported our annual event.

Candle, Flower and Plaque Donations

Donations of candles on the altar may be made in memory of your loved one. The annual cost is \$300.

Commemorative plaques in the foyer of church may be donated in memory of your loved ones for the cost of \$200. Please contact the church office at 508-234-3677.

To donate flowers for the altar on any Sunday, please contact Lusiya Thibault at 508-476-2920.

Mystery Photo Answer: Martha Garabedian and Nay Avakian in 1964.

Building Addition Update

The long-awaited addition and finishing up of hall renovations should be completed by September 30. The new addition houses a handicapped entrance and bathroom, lift entrance, Trustee storage closet and pump room on the lower level. The upper level includes the upper lift entrance and new Der Hayr's office. The existing Trustee office will be upgraded for space efficiency and remain in place,

connecting the addition to the church lobby and sanctuary. Files, records and archives currently stored in the Trustee office will be moved downstairs to declutter the office. The building fund is still in need of contributions to meet our goal. Please consider a generous donation and watch for updates on the final completion and opening date.



The foundation is complete.



A mold and mildew problem was discovered behind church walls during construction this summer. A full clean up of the mold and restoration of the walls was completed.



Whitinsville Church Bazaar



Saturday, December 4, 2010

Held at the Christian Reformed Church
Cross Street, Whitinsville
Dinner serving begins at 11:30 am

Come join us for a delicious Armenian meal! Shop our fresh Armenian baked goods and homemade desserts. Stock your freezer for the holidays! Relax with friends, browse the Silent Auction and get your Christmas shopping done early this year! Plenty of seating and free parking.

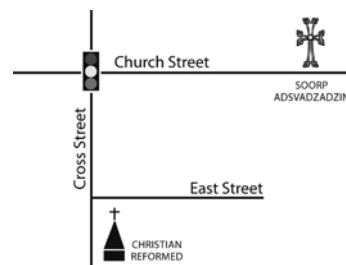
For more information please call the church office at **508-234-3677** or visit **www.armenianchurchofwhit.org**

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Take Mass Pike to Route 495 South (exit 11A). Follow South one exit to Exit 21B, West Main Street, Upton. Go right off of exit. Stay on this road for roughly 5 miles until the intersection (lights) of Route 140 (Century 21 office and a church on the corner). Go straight through intersection onto Maple Avenue. Follow to set of lights at the end. Take a tight onto Pleasant Street and follow for 2.5 miles to the beginning of Church Street (cemetery on right). Turn right onto Church Street and follow for 0.8 miles to the intersection of Route 122 (Burger King on corner). Go straight through intersection and continue for 1 mile (past Armenian Church and Friendly's Restaurant). At the set of lights at St. Patrick's Church, take a left onto Cross Street. Follow to the Christian Reform Church (on your left).

From Providence:

Take route 146 North to Main Street/Whitinsville exit. Continue to lights at town hall and bank building. Go straight through this set of lights. Bear left at next light onto Church Street thru downtown Whitinsville. At the set of lights at St. Patrick's Church, take a right onto Cross Street. Follow to the Christian Reform Church.



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