

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, March 17: Fifth Sunday in Lent (*St. Patrick's Day*)

Church Offices Closed

- 7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word – Sanctuary
 9:30 AM Rite II with Music & Choir – Sanctuary
 Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
 Nursery Care – Little House
 10:30 AM Coffee & Conversation – Parish Hall
 11:15 AM Rite II with Music – Sanctuary
 Nursery Care – Little House
 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Choir Room

Monday, March 18

- 9:00 AM Pew Refurbishing Day – Parish Hall
 10:30 AM English Class – Little House
 6:15 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club Meeting – Library
 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Parish Hall

Tuesday, March 19

- 9:00 AM Al-Anon Meeting – Little House
 1:00 PM Refresh Group Meeting – Parish Hall
 4:00 PM Vestry Meeting – Office
 6:00 PM Bible Study with Janette – Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 20

- 10:30 AM Wednesday Bible Study – Parish Hall
 2:00 PM Food Providers of South Lake Meeting – Parish Hall
 4:00 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Choir Room/Sanctuary
 6:00 PM Healing Service – Sanctuary

Thursday, March 21

- 11:00 AM English Class – Little House
 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Parish Hall

Friday, March 22

Church Offices Closed

- 10:30 AM Palm Cross Making – Parish Hall
 6:00 PM Altar Guild Team Four Set-Up – Sanctuary
 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross – Sanctuary

Saturday, March 23

Church Offices Closed

No Events Scheduled for Today

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday

Church Offices Closed

- 7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word – Sanctuary
 9:20 AM Sunday School Classes – Little House
 9:30 AM Rite II with Music & Choir – Sanctuary
 Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
 Nursery Care – Little House
 10:30 AM Coffee & Conversation – Parish Hall
 11:15 AM Rite II with Music – Sanctuary
 Nursery Care – Little House
 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Choir Room

Vestry Members

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| 2025 | Cindi Curtis, <i>Treasurer</i> | ninicurtis55@msn.com |
| | Lorna Manny, <i>Sr. Warden</i> | lornamanny23@gmail.com |
| 2026 | Maxine Hylton, <i>Jr. Warden</i> | maxhyl1@gmail.com |
| | Kim Hunt, <i>Stewardship Chair</i> | kimhunt34711@gmail.com |
| | Elizabeth Nemeth, <i>Clerk</i> | edreis55@gmail.com |
| 2027 | Coleen Cox | drccoxmcintosh@gmail.com |
| | Rod Denslow, <i>Assistant Jr. Warden</i> | roddenslow@gmail.com |
| | Glen Martin, <i>Assistant Treasurer</i> | glenmartin286@gmail.com |

ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
3.10.24	7:45 AM Service	15
3.10.24	9:30 AM Service	77
3.10.24	11:15 AM Service	30
	Total	122
	<i>Online Views</i>	32
3.8.24	Stations of the Cross	21
3.13.24	Healing Service	8

Those on Our Prayer List

Parish Family

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

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| Joan Allabaugh | John Foster | Mike Meeker |
| Harold Andrews | Miranda Foster | Nembrotti Family |
| Geny Arrunategui | Connie Gamb | Elizabeth Nemeth |
| Ray Arthurs | Karlene Gordon | Megan Ogle |
| Linda Armstrong | Alice Grimes | Austin Parkinson |
| Kay Barnes | James Helm | Maria Rosado |
| Drew Bergeron | Jeannine Helm | Gene Ruryk |
| Anakin Boeni | Noel Kirton | Suzanne Ruryk |
| Josef Boeni | Theresa Knight | Sheila Seale |
| Jane Boyack | Larry Lock | Gina Storr |
| Sandra Bradshaw | John Luposello | Jim Storr |
| Gavin Bramwell | Longwater Family | Joe Sturges |
| Mother Jane Clark | Diana Mahoney | Mary Sturges |
| Steve Coole | Imantee Mallay | Connie Tracey |
| Donna Dyson | Sabrina Mallay | Obiajulu Udokwu |
| Anita Erickson | Stanley Mallay | Rick Unger |
| Ann Forehand | Don Manny | Sandy Unger |
| Buddy Forehand | Henrietta Martin | Keith Whitacre |
| Arthur Forrest | Mathews Family | Stuart Wilson |
| Phyllis Forrest | Lidio Nembrotti | Vera Wilson |

Family & Friends

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| Sean | Emily Griffin | Danny Nemeth |
| Kendra | Jennifer Henderson | Andrew Nickolaou |
| Patricia Ainlay | Sharon Hess | Ophelia Nickolaou |
| Judith Bergeron | Nicole Hess | Karter Nickolaou |
| Jean Blume | Meraid Hess | Ethyn Nickolaou |
| Reta Bramwell | Nkenge Hewitt/Castro | Ty Nu |
| Gary Braner | Jordan Hofstetter | Ruth Rees |
| Marcia Brown | Mary Italia | Timothy Reid |
| Rose Brown | Mark Jenkins | Linda Rosenberg |
| Suzie Brownlee | Debbie Jordon | Jeannette Scanlan |
| Reverend Bill Boyer | Fran Jue | Inge Sebach |
| Robert Bucci | Henrirtte Karnik | Nary Singh |
| Nathaniel Carter | Frances LaCroix | Mary Sowers |
| Mary Ellen Cook | Normand LaCroix | Terry Vander Meer |
| Shedrick Cotton | Lantigua Family | Vannoy Family |
| Reverend Cass Daly | Anne Lee | Denise Thibault Vespa |
| Betty Davis | Bob Link | Kathleen Whitacre |
| James Dorn, Jr. | Peggy Link | Doris Wilson |
| Mary Dorn | Terry Macripo | Joyce Wilson |
| Mark Ellison | Sean Marcus | Tom Wilson |
| Cheryl Ferrell | Eleanor Meade | Richard Wolf |
| Telecia Francis | Sherrill Mizioch | |

Military & First Responders

- Jeff Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
 Nicole Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
 Vick Boothe, U.S. Army, Undisclosed Location
 Nicholas Buonocore, U.S. Navy, Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, WA
 Delani Carter, U.S. Military Academy at West Point
 Spencer Coole, U.S. Air Force, Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina
 Greta Gaasch, U.S. Army Reserve
 Lucas Freiberg, Federal Corrections Officer, Coleman Federal Prison
 Jeremy Linney, U.S. Army, Osan Air Base, Korea
 Tyler Mathews, U.S. Army, Iraq
 Ryan Moore, Clermont Fire Department Station #3
 Christopher Morelli, Orange County Sheriff's Office, Deputy
 Stephen Nettles, U.S. Navy, Officer Training
 Tyler Reece, U.S. Army, Afghanistan
 Ian Todd, NJ National Guard Bravo Company 1-114, Syria
 Logan T. Wells, U.S. Marine Reserves

Those Celebrating Birthdays

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| 3.18 | Tony Espinosa | 3.20 | Dolores Wilson-Malone |
| 3.20 | James Powell | 3.22 | Brent Wells |

Those Celebrating Anniversaries

- 3.19** Richard & Kathleen Ridenour

The Altar Flowers & Greens are given to the
 Glory of God & St. Matthias Church
 and in Celebration of Jason & Kailan Turner's Marriage

The Sanctuary Light is given to the
 Glory of God & St. Matthias Church

LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

SERVICE/EVENT	DATE	TIME
Healing Service	Wednesdays in Lent	6:00 pm
Stations of the Cross	Fridays in Lent	6:00 pm
Palm Cross Making	Friday, March 22, 2024	10:30 am
Palm Sunday Service	Sunday, March 24, 2024	7:45 am · 9:30 am · 11:15 am
Holy Week Healing Service	Wednesday, March 27, 2024	6:00 pm
Maundy Thursday Service	Thursday, March 28, 2024	7:00 pm
The Watch	Thursday, March 28, 2024	8:00 pm to Midnight
Good Friday Service	Friday, March 29, 2024	12:00 Noon
Tenebrae Service	Friday, March 29, 2024	7:00 pm
Easter Vigil Service	Saturday, March 30, 2024	8:00 pm
Easter Services	Sunday, March 31, 2024	8:00 am · 10:00 am
One Service & Church Picnic	Sunday, April 7, 2024	10:00 am

EASTER FLOWERS: If you would like to donate to the Easter Flowers, please use the Easter Flower donation envelopes located in the pews and at the back of the church. If donating via check, please be sure to indicate Easter Flowers in the memo line. You may also donate via online by choosing Easter Flowers as the giving fund. If you would like a loved one remembered in the bulletin, **all names need to be submitted no later than THIS Sunday, March 17, 2024. Please be sure to clearly print the names.** Please contact Hope Blume or Hannah Blume at the Church office (352.394.3855) if you have any questions.

PALM SUNDAY PASSION READING: If you would like to partake in the reading of the Passion for the Palm Sunday 9:30 am service, please add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the Parish Hall, **no later than THIS Sunday, March 17, 2024.** Please place your name next to the part you would like to read, one reader per part. Please contact Fr. Jim or Hope Blume if you have any questions.

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS: Please join us on **Sundays in the Parish Hall from 10:30 am to 11:00 am** for fellowship, coffee, and conversation. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet others and sometimes enjoy a few home baked treats. All are welcome! Please contact Peggy Hope (352.988.7525) if you have any questions and/or would like to help.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Sunday school will meet this **Sunday, March 17, 2024, at 11:15 am** in the Choir room. Let us come together for thought-provoking, meaningful discussion, where we will exchange views and relay life experiences relevant to the scripture of the day. Everyone is welcome to join us! Please contact Dolores Wilson-Malone (856.625.1515) or Matt Mobley (407.267.2312) if you have any questions.

PEW REFURBISHING DAY: We will be holding a Pew Refurbishing Day this **Monday, March 18, beginning at 9:00 am** in the Parish Hall. This is something anyone can help with as there is only light sanding and staining involved. This will be an ongoing process with many scheduled pew refurbishing days. If you would like to volunteer in helping with the refurbishing of the church pews, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall and/or contact Bob Radovich (203.343.8443) or Fred Jones (407.325.2256) if you have any questions.

ENGLISH CLASSES: St. Matthias is offering classes for anyone in the community who may need help with literacy, including English conversation practice, English language, and grammar classes. The classes meet on Mondays at 10:30 am and Thursdays at 11:00 am in the Little House. Please contact Wanda Klaas (klaas46@yahoo.com) or Kathy Ridenour (kathyto8069@yahoo.com) for additional information. Classes will meet this **Monday, March 18, 2024, at 10:30 am, and Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 11:00 am.**

REFRESH GROUP MEETING: The Refresh Group will meet on **Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 1:00 pm** in the Little House. If you have a spouse or family member with Dementia or Alzheimer's disease and would like a safe place to share and find support and comfort, please reach out to Terri Kunze or Claudia Seitz-Ricklick. Please join these beautiful women as they provide support, comfort, and care for those caring for a loved one suffering from Dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Everything shared in the group is confidential and supported by Fr. Jim Dorn and the Care Ministry Team.

Claudia: 352.552.2469 or seitzric@earthlink.net / Terri: 352.552.5303 or terri@kunzefamily.com

VESTRY MEETING: Will meet this **Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 4:00 pm** in the Office. Please contact Lorna Manny (352.250.6202) or Fr. Jim (352.460.9580) if you have any questions.

BIBLE STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN: Class will meet this **Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. This session we will be studying Revelation Part Two, Unveiling the Book of Revelation. The focus is the end of time - discover exactly what God says will take place. Please contact Janette Dorn (jsmdorn@gmail.com or 352.235.5168) if you have any questions.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: The Wednesday Bible Study (formally called the Women's Bible Study) will meet this **Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 10:30 am** in the Parish Hall. Please contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653 or klaas46@yahoo.com) if you have any questions. All are welcome!

FOOD PROVIDERS OF SOUTH LAKE MEETING: Will meet this **Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 2:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please contact Keith Whitacre (952.239.5870) if you have any questions.

SINGING SAINTS: Will rehearse this **Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 4:00 pm** in the Choir Room. Please contact Hugh Dial (863.557.8803 or dizzyfingers103@msn.com) if you have any questions.

HEALING SERVICE: Please join us this **Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 6:00 pm** in the Sanctuary for our Healing service. Please contact Fr. Jim or Hope Blume if you have any questions.

PREPARING THE PALMS & PALM CROSS MAKING: Everyone is welcome to join us on **Friday, March 22, 2024, at 10:30 am** in the Parish Hall to help prepare the palms and make palm crosses for our Palm Sunday services. If you have never done this before, that is totally okay as there will be others to help show you how it is done. Please bring a pair of scissors with you. If you would like to stay for additional fellowship after the palms are completed, please feel free to bring a bagged lunch and/or snacks. Please contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653) or Margaret Jahreis (352.636.0061) if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays during Lent. Please join us on **Friday, March 22, 2024, at 6:00 pm**. Please contact Glen Martin (352.391.0430) or Megan Ogle (352.989.4676) if you would like to serve, read, and/or have any questions.

VBS FUNDRAISER: We are sponsoring a fundraiser with Texas Roadhouse in Clermont to raise money for the upcoming 2024 Summer Vacation Bible School. Holy week is typically a busy week for all of us, so why not take a break from cooking and enjoy a meal at Texas Roadhouse! On **Tuesday, March 26, 2024, from 3:00 PM to 10:00 PM** we ask you to join us at Texas Roadhouse for a yummy meal and support of the VBS program. Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your purchase! Please be sure to bring the flyer included in this week's bulletin, extra copies are available at the Welcome Table and in the Parish Hall to share with family and friends. Please contact Karen Freiberg (freibergs4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. JIM REGARDING THE MAUNDY THURSDAY WATCH: Traditions surrounding the Maundy Thursday Watch or Vigil vary from church to church, with no set guidelines stating this is the right way to do it and you must do it for this long. Traditionally, in the churches I have been a part of, the Watch normally lasted from the end of the Maundy Thursday Service until Sunrise Good Friday with usually only one person signing up to wait with Jesus in prayer for one hour. This is a good tradition but as I worshipped, heard the scriptures, and prayed, especially during the Maundy Thursday Vigil, I began to realize Jesus didn't pray all night long because he was betrayed at some time during the night but when? And since Jesus was betrayed during the night, shouldn't we end the Watch sooner and maybe do it corporately? After all, Jesus took his disciples with him to Gethsemane.

The Scripture reference for the timeline from the last supper to the moment of betrayal is *Matthew 26:26-46*. Now we must keep in mind that the exact timing of Jesus' betrayal, i.e. Judas' kiss and hence the end of his prayer time in the garden isn't easy to figure out; however, theological historians, in general, think this timeline is fairly close but not perfect: Jesus and his disciples began eating at sundown and ate for two hours. Then it took them an hour to walk to the garden of Gethsemane where Jesus then prayed for three one-hour segments pausing to ask his disciples, "*So, could you not stay awake with me one hour,*" which brings us to midnight for Judas' kiss of betrayal.

Therefore, at the **end of the Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, March 28, 2024, we will corporately observe a silent Watch or Prayer Vigil until Midnight**. Please stay awake and pray in-person in the Sanctuary or from home with Jesus until the time of his betrayal.

CHURCH PICNIC SAVE-THE-DATE: The Annual Church Picnic will take place this year on **Sunday, April 7, 2024!** We will have **one service that Sunday at 10:00 am** with the picnic following immediately after. We hope everyone will come to worship and fellowship together! If you would like to assist with set-up, clean-up, and grilling, please add your name to the sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall. If you would like to oversee some indoor and/or outdoor games, please add your name to the sign-up sheets. The church will be providing hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, and drinks and we ask that you bring a dish and/or dessert to share. There will be indoor and outdoor seating, with lots of yummy food and fellowship. This is a great opportunity to spend time with all your church family members that attend different services. Please contact Fred Jones or Hope Blume if you have any questions.

CONFIRMATION/INQUIRER'S CLASS: If you are interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. **Classes will begin on May 9, 2024, at 6:00 pm** in the Office and will meet every Thursday evening during the month of May. This class is open to all adults and youth, please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you are an adult or youth. Please contact Fr. Jim (352.394.3855 or rector@stmatthiasfl.com) if you have any questions.

NAME TAGS: If you would like to order a name tag to wear at church and church functions, please email your first and last name to Hope Blume at hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com **by Monday, March 25, 2024.** If you are new to the church or have not yet ordered a name tag, there is no cost. If you have lost your name tag and would like a replacement one, the cost for a replacement one is \$12.00.

LADY BUGS: The Lady Bugs need an additional volunteer or two. They are the awesome group of volunteers that work behind the scenes ensuring all the buildings, doors, walkways, outdoor walls, breezeway area, outdoor light fixtures, and much more are all cleaned and brushed down for Sunday services. If you are interested in joining this amazing group of volunteers and/or have any questions, please contact Fanya Jones (fanneymay@cfl.rr.com or 407.760.1614). P.S., you do not need to be a lady to join Lady Bugs – all are welcome!

FAMILIES IN TRANSITION (FIT) PROGRAM: We have been told that the FIT program is running very low and in need of deodorant, shampoo, breakfast bars, and all children sized underwear. If you can provide any of these items, please place them in the red rolling bin in the Parish Hall. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of this vital program!

THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER OF SOUTH LAKE UPDATE: Demand continues to grow each week as more families seek help with basic needs. During 2023, 22,410 clients were served 1,814,322 pounds of food. We have outgrown our current building, and the City of Groveland has donated land to build a new facility. Without the support of local churches and organizations we could not operate. Donations and many volunteers keep the Center operating. The focus is to provide the healthiest food possible with lots of fresh fruit and produce and meat. For more information or to volunteer contact: Keith Whitacre (952.239.5870 or keith.whitacre@gmail.com) or Peggy Hope (352.988.7525 or rush1937@embarrqmail.com).

VERONICA EVAN'S BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS: In 2021 in honor of our very dear friend and fellow parishioner Ronnie Evans, we changed the name of the Boys & Girls Club Summer Scholarship Fund to the Veronica Evans Boys & Girls Club Scholarship Fund. Ronnie brought awareness of the program to the St. Matthias Community Outreach Committee and played a major role in the development and the church's partnership with the local Boys & Girls Club program. Ronnie was a huge advocate for children and children's programs and the Boys & Girls Club was a program that was very near and dear to her. We are so pleased to honor our dear friend by continuing to provide safe and fun summer experiences for these well-deserving children. Please help us continue to raise funds in Ronnie's memory for this very vital community program.

The Lenten Season is known as a season of sacrifice; of giving up something that is dear. Once again, the annual Lenten sacrifice for our St. Matthias family will be to provide scholarships for community children to attend the Summer Program at the Boys and Girls Club. The mission of the Club remains the same: to provide a safe place to learn and grow through caring, positive relationships with adults.

What a wonderful way to participate in the Season, a period of self-denial and action.

There are four ways you may participate:

- (1) Blue colored envelopes located in a basket at the back of the Church for regular or one-time offerings.
- (2) A container labeled "Boys and Girls Club" is available at the back of the Church and in the Parish Hall for regular or one-time offerings.
- (3) You may donate on-line via the St. Matthias website at <https://onrealm.org/StMatthiasEpisc37600/-/form/give/now> and choosing "Veronica Evans Boys and Girls Club Scholarships" as the fund.
- (4) By mailing or dropping a check to the Church office (528 West Montrose Street, Clermont, Florida 34711) and, again, indicating "Veronica Evans Boys and Girls Club Scholarships" on the memo line on your check.

The cost to send a child (6 to 12 years old) to camp for the full 2024 summer session is \$390 plus a \$30.00 registration fee for the first child and \$300.00 plus a \$30.00 registration fee for a second child in the same family. Children that are 13 years and older attend for free. They are expecting 50 children in the age range of 6 to 12 years old to attend the South Lake location this summer. A donation in any amount is greatly appreciated and will help go towards the summer camp scholarships. Please contact Ann Forehand (352.242.6073) or Diane Gustafson (352.394.6514) if you have questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: The poster board on the wall next to the kitchen passthrough are samples of items we are looking for to create our coral reefs and more.

If you can help, all these items can be purchased at the Dollar Tree:

- Pool Noodles
- Pipe Cleaners
- Plastic Table Coverings
- Green Onion Grass Sprays
- Straws
- Mesh Ribbon
- Bath Luffas
- Cotton Nautical Rope
- Hairstyling Sponge
- Pompom Gift Bows
- Inflatable Fish

Please begin/continue saving the following items for us:

- 1- & 2-Liter Soda Bottles
- Bottle Caps
(*water bottles, soda bottles*)
- Egg Cartons
- Paper Towel Tubes
(*please no toilet paper tubes*)
- Newspapers
- Styrofoam Packing Peanuts
- Bubble Wrap
- Empty Cardboard Boxes

We also need:

- Wooden pallets if anyone has access to them. We will need about twelve and will return them after VBS, if necessary.
- Coconuts in the husk. Yes, coconuts! Do you have family or friends in the more southern areas of Florida? When you visit, please bring back as many fallen coconuts as you can get your hands on. Please no one buy any, just the free ones.

Thank you very much for your help and generosity!

Hugs and Blessings,
Karen

THE BIG RED BUS IS COMING TO ST. MATTHIAS!

Sunday, March 24, 2024

8:30 am to 1:30 pm

In Front of the St. Matthias Church Office

Appointments can be made using the following link:

https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1372950

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL IN SAVING LIVES!


We are hoping for at least **12 to 15 donors** for the blood drive.

If we reach our goal, we could be a part of saving up to 36 to 45 lives!

Please come out and donate, receive some cool donor gifts, and most importantly, help save many lives!

Each donation helps save up to three lives!

THANK YOU!



DONATE BLOOD


St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Sunday, March 24
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

All donors receive*:


- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **Insulated Tote Bag**
- **One Free Lake County Fair Ticket**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: Approximately 62% of the population is eligible to donate blood.


Donors Receive



- PLUS -



- PLUS -



Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code **58636**

ID REQUIRED

*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not-transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit oneblood.org/details.

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