

St. George's Standard

July 18, 2025



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TRANSITIONS

Life is full of changes, challenges, closure, and new beginnings! As we have made our way through the summer adjusting to the construction needs in the church, and accommodating ourselves to worshipping in the parish hall, we are becoming excited finally to see an end to this process. We made it, and we're moving on!

Yes, there still will be construction in the parish hall, but we can more fully turn our attention to the reason for being Church: to grow in knowledge and love of our Lord, to assist one another in spiritual growth, and to recognize and attend to the needs of others through hospitality and outreach activities. We strive to be a welcoming and vibrant congregation.

To participate in and fulfill these goals, each of us depends on the inner spiritual strength and commitment that comes from a personal relationship with God, through Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Then our focus becomes less of what we **Do** to keep busy but focuses on who we **Are** as disciples of the living Christ.

What tools would assist us in this spiritual journey? We could each ask ourselves, "What do I need to assist me in deepening my faith?" Would practical suggestions and guidance on personal prayer, morning and evening prayer be helpful? "Teach us to pray," the disciples asked Jesus. Or what online resources could guide us through those prayers?

Would you like some guidance and opportunity to learn to meditate? Sit in silence and listen for the Lord? Would you like to be ready to offer a prayer the moment you are asked?

Are there new ways of connecting socially that that you would like to see: a monthly potluck lunch? A monthly games night? Bridge, anyone?

Can we provide more written guides or self-study resources to walk us through themes or books of the Bible?

Consider an active lending library, building on the spiritual books we have, and the process of signing one or two out, returning them in 2 weeks?

The clergy at St. George's would like to hear your ideas, and your willingness to make these things happen! May the grace of God strengthen and guide us. If it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a congregation to raise a Church!

Rev. Janet+

Important Info!

Weekly Worship Services

Sundays: 8.15 am Holy Eucharist BCP
10.00 am Choral Eucharist
Tuesdays: 6:00 pm Bible study
Wednesdays: 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Thursdays: 10.00 am Holy Eucharist

Memorial Flowers Placed on Altar

'Order Forms' are located at the back of the church or at the church office if you wish to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one. Requests and funds must be received **at least 2 weeks prior to placement**. Forms must be returned to the church office or placed on the offertory plate. Thanks so much!

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

JULY 20

World: The Church of Pakistan (United)
Diocese: Huronia Deanery
Oshawa Deanery: St. Paul's Uxbridge

JULY 27

World: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
Diocese: Giving With Grace – The Anglican Appeal
Oshawa Deanery: St. Thomas Brooklin

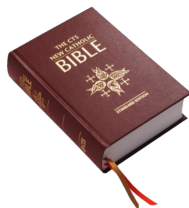
Church Leadership

Bishop of Toronto—The Rt Rev. Andrew Asbil
Suffragan Bishop—The Rt Rev. Riscylla Shaw
Suffragan Bishop—The Rt Rev. Kevin Robertson
Incumbent-- The Rev. Dr. Alvarado Adderley
Curate: Rev. Rajini Lyman
Honourary Assistant - Rev. Janet Stephens
Rector's Warden—Barb Wotton
People's Warden—Shelley Kossatz
Deputy Rector's Warden—Kevin Liyanage
Deputy People's Warden - Betty Hogeterp
Director of Music - Carmine Lappano
Parish Admin. - Amanesi (Ama) Maleghemi
Bookkeeper—Zsafia Halmay
Envelope Secretary—Barb Callery
Sexton—William Erwin

READINGS

JULY 20

Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42



JULY 27

Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)
Luke 11:1-13

Church Wifi

The GUEST network is **Church Hall** and the **password** is **9057237875**.

Office Hours

MONDAY-THURSDAY 10AM-3PM
FRIDAY 10AM-2PM



Givings through E-TRANSFER

PLEASE USE THE EMAIL ADDRESS
'TREASURER@STGEORGESOSHAWA.ORG'
SECURITY QUESTION— CHURCH
SECURITY ANSWER—GIVINGS

St. George's Memorial Church (Anglican) 51 Centre St. S. Oshawa ON L1H 3Z9
telephone: 905-723-7875 email: church@stgeorgesoshawa.org

Important Info!

Thompson Bursary

Mr. James Alfred Thomson, M.A., was a parishioner of St. George's Memorial Church, Oshawa. As a former teacher and educator, Mr. Thomson had a special interest in encouraging students to pursue a higher education. His bequest provided for the establishment of a permanent Trust Fund, from which the annual interest would be available to assist members of St. George's to attend the **university** of their choice.

Application forms are now available. Please call 905-723-7875 or email church@stgeorgesoshawa.org.

Please submit your completed application to the church office by **Thursday August 15, 2025 by 2:00 pm.**

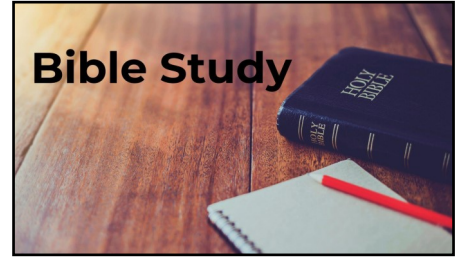


What's Happening!

Weekly Bible Study

Bible study is on break for summer.

Bible Study



Prayer of the week



Holy Spirit, come into my heart; Draw it to Thee by Thy power, O my God,
And grant me charity with filial fear. Preserve me, O beautiful love, from every evil
thought; Warm me, inflame me with Thy dear love, And every pain will seem light
to me. My Father, my sweet Lord, help me in all my actions.
AMEN.



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study • Evening Prayer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Week in Prayer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer Labyrinth (Fall 2025)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Spiritual Renewal Quotes in the bulletin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laying on of Hands and Anointing (1st Sunday of every month) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healing Service (Fall 2025) • Prayer Breakfast

What's Happening!



Scale Tales

Keeping warm in Canada in the winter and longer, means layering with warm clothing, like sweaters and jackets. This has secondary value in that all the clothes hide a variety of bulges and imperfections! Then summer appears, and the first time we don shorts and a tank top, or a bathing suit, we look in the mirror and say, "Oh my!"

Keeping a healthy weight is a challenge for most people. While we have come to understand and accept that there are many different 'body types,' which generally refers to natural body shape, muscle composition and bone structure, we still realize the importance of staying within certain guidelines related age, height and general health. Some advocate for using body Mass Index (BMI) as a better guide than just the scales. The formula is easy to find online.

There are several good weight loss programs, which offer the advantage of individual counselling, and group support and encouragement. When all is said and done, it comes down to this: calories from food, and calories from exercise. Burn more calories than we eat, and we lose weight. Eat more calories that we burn, and we gain weight!

For example, there are approximately 60 calories in a Timbit. To burn off 60 calories, you would have to walk briskly for 15 minutes! Eating well is choice we must make dozens of times a day. A balance of healthy diet and adequate exercise provides us with longer, stronger, better lives. It's a long term decision we all must make for ourselves.

What's Happening!



SPIRIT SEEKERS!

St. George's Anglican Church, Oshawa

Monthly

Meet & Greet

**Open to all youth - new and
returning members!**

Come hang out, make new friends, share laughs, and grow together in faith. Even if you're just curious, we'd love to meet you!

EVERY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

RIGHT AFTER THE 10 AM SERVICE

What's Happening!



St. George's Memorial Church

Presents

A Taste of the Cultures **Fundraising Dinner**



Date: Saturday, September 13, 2025

Time: 5:00 pm

Venue: Lower Parish Hall

Tickets: - Dine In \$30.00

Take Out \$25.00

Restoration of the Church



We're in the home stretch!
The finish line is in sight!!

As of **Sunday August 3rd** we are back in the church!!

Please join us for **ONE SERVICE AT 10:00am.**

Tours will be offered after the service.



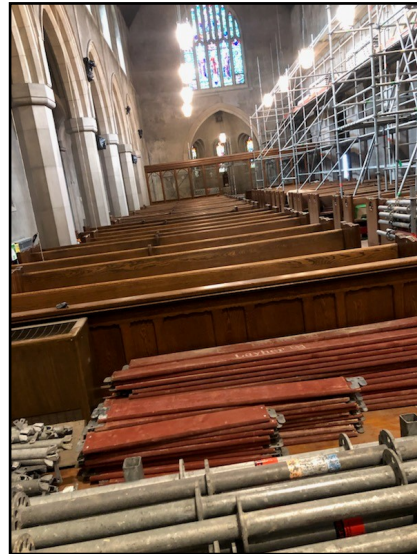
Restoration of the Church - Update

We're getting closer!! Here's where we're at as of July 18th:

- restoration work in the main church is almost complete!
- scaffolding is being removed
- stair well carpets will be removed and replaced once interior cleaning is complete
- exterior windows are being caulked
- the 'Great Division' of the organ will be returned
- the full organ will be cleaned and tuned

THE CHURCH WILL BE 'WEDDING READY' BY AUGUST 1st!

Reminder that this restoration work is being completed and paid for through an insurance claim (#1) re water ingress pre-roof restoration. It is totally separate from the Parish Hall Renovation Project.

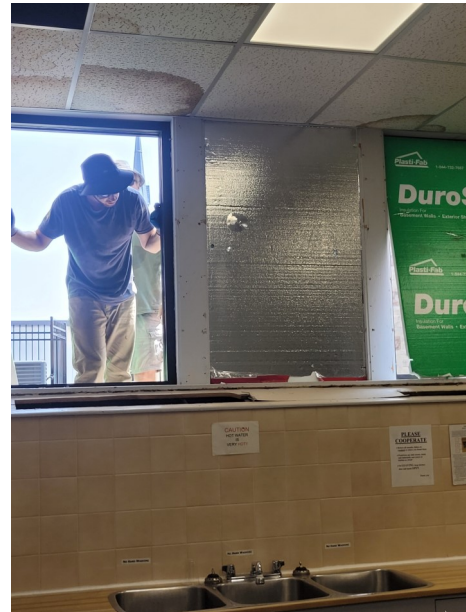


Insurance Claim #3 - Update

We are very pleased to report that Insurance Claim #3, opened August 2024 is finally coming to a close!! The property incurred damage as a result of a 'break and enter'. (triple glass doors broken, kitchen windows broken, stonework outside the kitchen windows damaged)

The scope of work was large and weather played a role in completing the repairs in a more timely fashion HOWEVER they are now DONE! Pics below show the kitchen windows being replaced!

Thanks for your continuing patience and support as we continue to make our property a clean, safe and beautiful place for our congregation and community to worship!



Project Update

We're making progress!

Our plans for the new elevator /lift and parish hall renovations are moving forward!

The motion (see below) from the Special Vestry Meeting held July 6th was passed unanimously. Thank you to everyone who turned out for this meeting and offered your valuable input.

Special Vestry Motion for the second phase of our Parish Improvement Project at St. George's Memorial Church, Oshawa

Whereas, the Corporation of St George's Memorial Church, Oshawa has proposed a Parish Improvement Plan, the second phase of which encompasses renovations to the upper and lower parish hall, installing an accessible washroom in the upper hall, installing a lift (LULA lift) to access all levels of the lobby and hall and refurbishing the Centre Street lobby.

Whereas during the Vestry Meeting held on July 6, 2025, comprehensive documentation regarding the proposed project was duly presented and reviewed;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that St George's Memorial Church:

1. Commits to initiating Phase 2 of the Parish Improvement Project as described herein;
2. Allocates a budget not to exceed \$1,310,433.00
3. Plans to finance the project via funds remaining from the sale of our Cowan House Property and Funding Sources from the Diocesan Baker Fund and Ministry Allocation Fund.
4. Undertakes to proceed with the project in accordance with the Anglican Diocese of Toronto's Canon 6 approval process for building or structural alterations; and,
5. Ensures that the project execution will be subject to a competitive procurement process, aimed at securing the best value for money.

Motion Moved By: Earl Wotton

Seconded By: Wendy Bott

In favor: all (54)

Opposed: none

Motion was carried unanimously.

We have received the 90% submission project report from our Architect, BBA (Barry Brian and Associates).

We have approximately \$600,000 left over from the sale of the Cowan House property (corner of Athol and Mary Streets). We anticipate the budget for the project to be approximately \$1,300,000.

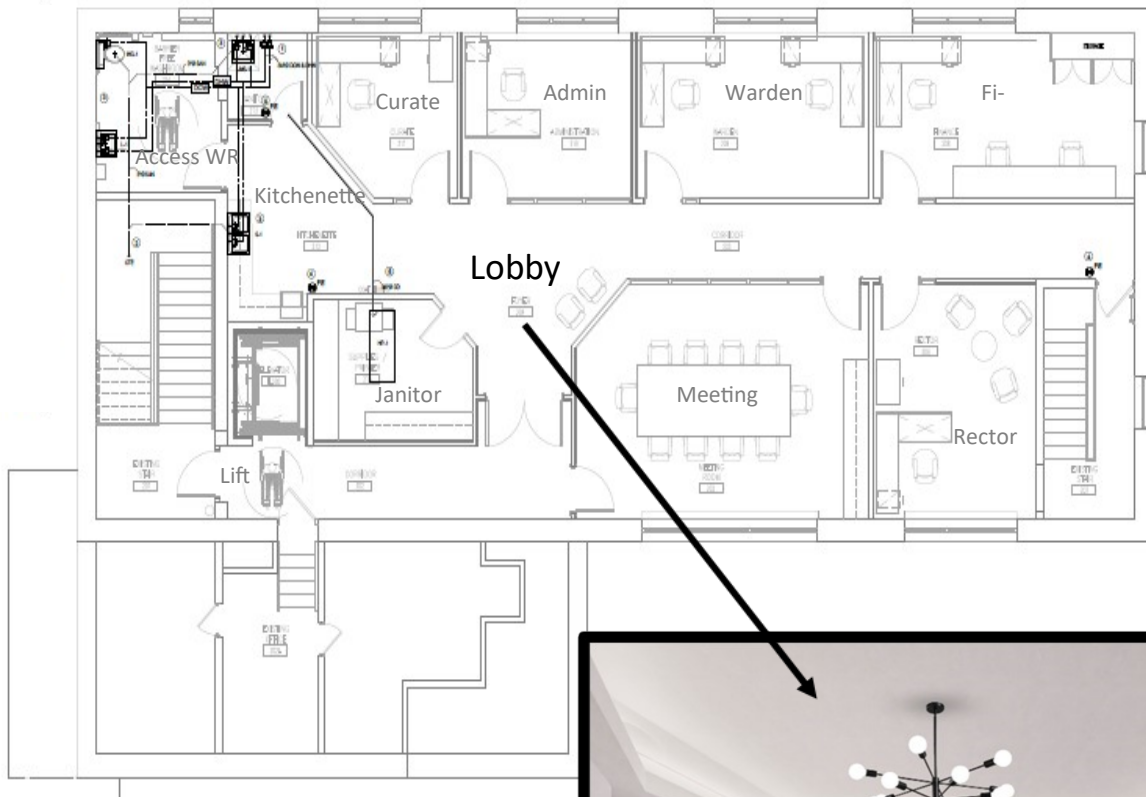
We have submitted applications to the Diocesan Ministry Allocation Fund and the Baker Fund for the remaining funds.

Project Update (contd.)

Please see the project wall in the Lower Parish Hall

Some Renderings of our Future Spaces

Upper Parish Hall



Project Update (contd.)



New Kitchen

**New lift/
elevator**



Organ Restoration Project

Our Organ Restoration Project, which began in February of 2023 continues on! The project is HUGE financially! It is our privilege to own such a beautiful instrument but with that privilege comes the responsibility of maintaining it. This incredible instrument is not only used in church services but has been featured in concerts, festivals and recitals, helping to increase revenue for the church. Many thanks to those who have already supported this project! Here's where we're at:

Projected Cost per Division (section of the organ) and Status

- Swell \$65,535 + HST - **COMPLETE**
- Positiv \$35,523 + HST - future
- Pedal \$38,335 + HST - future
- Great \$59,150 + HST - in progress - see below

Insurance claim #1 re water ingress pre-roof restoration will cover a portion of this Division as they had to remove pipes to access damaged wall areas.

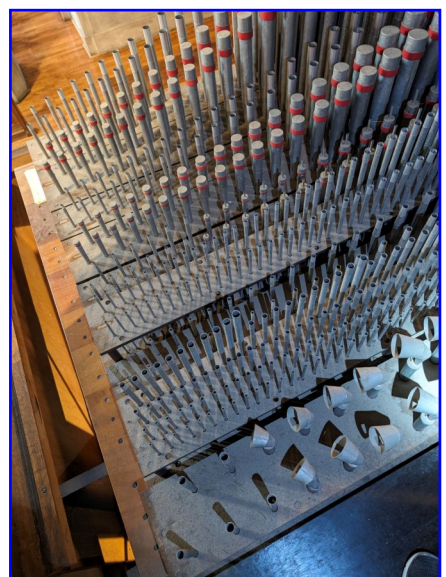
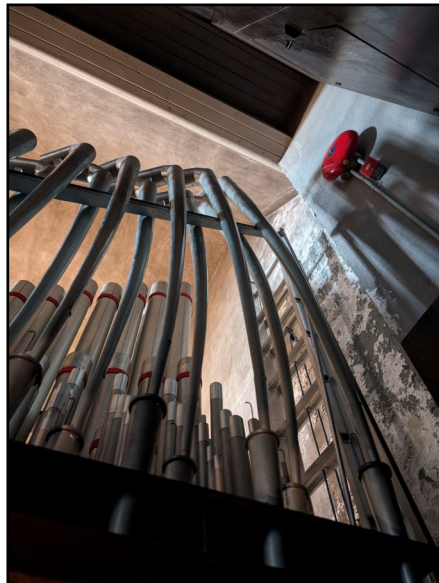
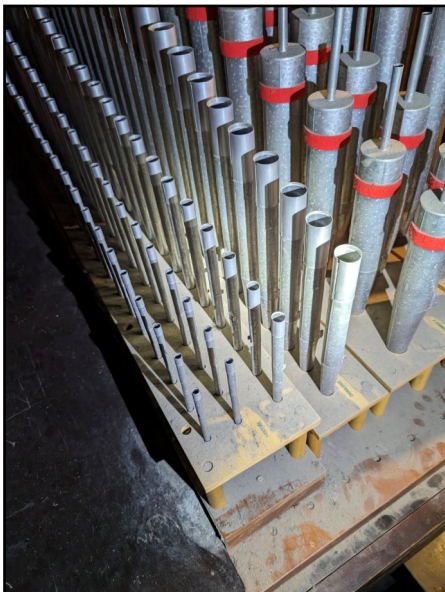
\$26,122 + HST remains to be covered.

\$10,699 is in our 'Organ Restoration Fund' account currently

Drum roll.....

\$15,423 + HST still needed!

Thankyou for prayerfully considering a donation.



Financial Update

A Message on Giving

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
— 2 Corinthians 9:7

As members of God's family, we are entrusted with the gifts He has generously given us. At St. George's, we strive to be a caring and compassionate community—sharing those gifts generously to support and uplift those in need.

Did You Know...?

- It costs the church approximately **\$400,000 each year** for clergy, staffing, utilities, music, insurance, and diocesan fees (55,000). This means we must raise \$400,000 annually (153 identified donors) from our congregation just to keep the lights on.
- If you place your weekly donation in an envelope with your **name and address**, you will receive a **tax receipt at the end of the year**, which provides a tax incentive on your return.

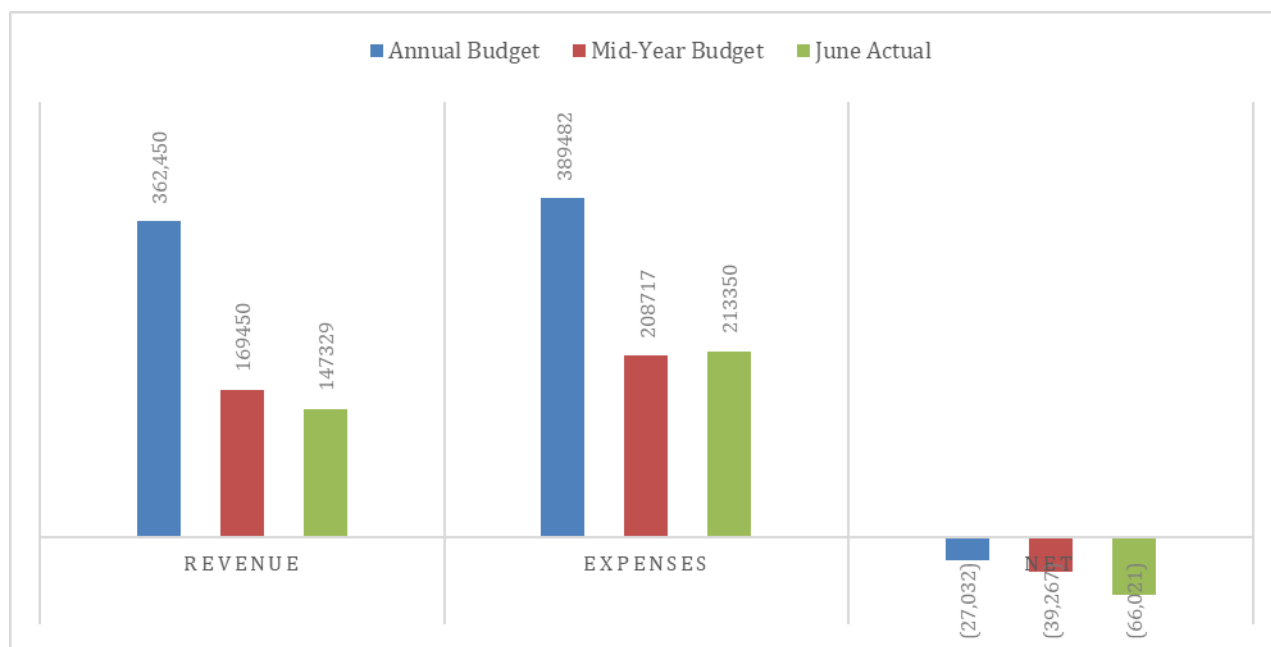
Financial Update (June 2025)

Here is an update on our financial picture as of the end of June 2025. The chart below provides an overview of our actual revenue and expenses compared to our budgeted revenue.

- Our annual revenues are currently **\$22,100 below budget**
- Our expenses are **\$4,600 over budget**
- This means **our budget is off by \$26,700**

We encourage you to prayerfully consider your faithful financial contributions and sincerely thank you for your continued support of the work we are doing in our church, community, and beyond.

Blessings to you all.



Financial Update (contd.)

St. George's 2025 Budget

REVENUE	
White Envelopes & PAR	207,000
Special Donations	35,000
Memorial Donations	5,000
Open Offerings	7,000
Facility Rentals	20,000
Parish Groups	4,500
Restoration & Maintenance	7,500
Donations for Church Out-reach	4,800
FaithWorks Donations	650
Donations to Specified Project	10,000
Total Revenue	301,450
Interest from Investments	61,000
Revenue with Investments	362,450
EXPENSES	
Stipends + Visiting Clergy	128,100
Staff Salaries and Benefits	55,000
Office and Admin	13,000
Telephone	3,300
Insurance Premium	31,000
Professional Fees	14,715
Utilities	7,000
Fuel	14,000
Contracted Services	25,515
Building & Grounds Maintenance	30,000
Sanctuary Supplies	1,600
Music, Musicians, Organ, Piano, Bells	3,500
Archives	350
Worship & Mission	1,700
Allotment (annual amount to Diocese)	55,132
Church Outreach	5,400
Faith Works Submitted	170
Total Expenses	389,482
Net Income/Loss	(27,032)

Events!

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ST. GEORGE'S SUMMER OUTDOOR Market

77 Randall Dr., Ajax

905-683-7981

BAKE Sale, BOOT Sale, Vendors

SAT., JULY 26, 2025

9AM TO 2PM

★ **Free Admission**

in parking lot

(weather permitting)

\$50 for vendor table

\$15/ car for boot sale

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