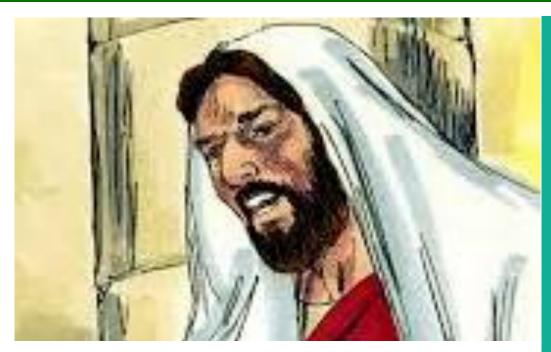
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# Saint Rafka

## **Catholics of the East in the Upstate!**



## **Season of Pentecost**

## **9th Sunday of Pentecost**

Saint Rafka Maronite Catholic Church is a Parish of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn. The Antiochene Syriac Maronite Church is one of over twenty Eastern and Oriental Catholic Churches in communion with the Bishop of Rome. Led by His Beatitude, **Bechara Boutros Rai**, Patriarch of Antioch and all the East in Berke, Lebanon, the Syro-Maronite Church has parishes and missions on six continents. Saint Rafka Parish was established as a mission in 2002. The community grew and flourished and was raised to the rank of parish in 2021.

#### Most Rev. Gregory John Mansour

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#### Parochial Vicar

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

10:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM, Thursday and Friday

**DIVINE LITURGIES** The Divine Liturgy is celebrated on

Saturday, 12 PM, Arabic 4 PM Vigil Sunday, 11 AM 7 PM Tuesday, 10:00 AM Wednesday, 7:00 PM Thursday 10:00 AM Friday, 10:00 AM

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday, 3:15 PM Sunday 10:15 AM 6:30 PM Weekdays before liturgy as requested

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass intentions are a good way to remember and pray for your loved ones, alive or deceased. If you would like to request an intention please remember to submit your intentions for Liturgy ASAP by calling the parish office at 864.469.9119 or by email at <u>secretary@saintrafka.org</u>. Please remember that it is rare to be able to have your intention the following Sunday! Masses are now generally booked up about three months in advance.

#### **BAPTISM & CHRISMATION**

Baptism in the Maronite Rite is always accompanied by Chrismation (Confirmation). Both Sacraments are given by a priest, and always in the same ceremony. Preparation to receive the Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation is required. We encourage this to happen before the birth of your child. Please contact the <u>Church Office</u> for more details.

#### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

The Anointing of the Sick is routinely offered during the Divine Liturgy on Wednesday evening and during pastoral visits by the priest to homebound and ill parishioners. Let me know if you will be in the hospital or have other special needs. Contact the <u>Church Office</u>.

#### THE MYSTERY OF CROWNING (MARRIAGE)

Couples must contact the pastor **at least** six months prior to the desired date of the wedding. To initiate the marriage preparation process or if you have questions for weddings taking place at Saint Rafka. Contact the <u>Church Office</u>.

#### PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms and welcome packets are available in the church office and the vestibule. Membership is a condition for the reception of the sacraments of baptism/confirmation, first reconciliation, first Eucharist, and Crowning (marriage). Registration is also required before the parish can issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be sacramental sponsors. You must be a registered, contributing member for at least three months before a certificate is provided.

#### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Teenagers are invited to join our Maronite Youth Organization, aka MYO. Contact **Lisa Advent** <u>**lisaadventphotography@gmail.com**</u> for more information.

### Ramsho (Evening Prayer)

Join us on Tuesday at 5:45 PM for evening prayer and blessing with the relic of Saint Sharbel. (Suspended during Summer months)

#### WICKETT HALL AND ASHY PAVILION

Wickett Hall and Ashy Pavilion can be used by our registered and supporting parishioners for family events, reunions, etc. Others may request permission to rent the Hall or Pavilion. Please contact the Church Office.

#### **MARONITE RESOURCES**

Daily <u>readings</u> for the Divine Liturgy. Daily morning prayer and evening prayer of the Divine Office <u>here</u>.

#### **TRAVELING AND NEED TO GO TO MASS?**

Where to go to Mass when traveling? Look here! <u>MassTimes.org</u> <u>The Catholic Directory</u> <u>Parishes Online</u>

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Please follow us at @saintrafkagreenville on Instagram and/or St. Rafka Maronite Church on Facebook. http:<u>www.facebook.com/strafka</u> Also <u>YouTube</u>!

#### SAINT RAFKA FOOD PANTRY

Established in 2019, the Saint Rafka Food Pantry is for those who need immediate food assistance. Need food? Call the church office or come by, 10 AM - 2 PM. You can also email **Marie Kidd** who is coordinating this project. All gifts of food are anonymous. Donations of food are accepted either at the Church Office or the back of the church.

#### **SCRIPTURE SHARING**

Scripture having discussion following the Carmelite Way with Saint Therese of the Little Flower and Saint John of the Cross

**IN DEFENSE OF CHRISTIANS** <u>IDF</u> Individuals banning together help and make know the plight of the Christians in the Middle East and their suffering.

**SHRINE OF THE PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS** in the United States. <u>Video here</u>.

## **Scripture Readings**

Isaiah 61:1-4; 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, release to the prisoners, To announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God; To comfort all who mourn; to place on those who mourn in Zion a diadem instead of ashes, To give them oil of gladness instead of mourning, a glorious mantle instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of justice, the planting of the LORD to show his glory. They shall rebuild the ancient ruins, the former wastes they shall raise up And restore the desolate cities, devastations of generation upon generation. For I, the LORD, love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, an everlasting covenant I will make with them. Their offspring shall be renowned among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; All who see them shall acknowledge them: "They are offspring the LORD has blessed." I will rejoice heartily in the LORD, my being exults in my God; For he has clothed me with garments of salvation, and wrapped me in a robe of justice, Like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its shoots, and a garden makes its seeds spring up, So will the Lord GOD make justice spring up, and praise before all the nations.

Il Corinthians 5:20 - 6-10 So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him. Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says: "In an acceptable time<u>\*</u> I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We cause no one to stumble<u>\*</u> in anything, in order that no fault may be found with our ministry; on the contrary, in everything we commend ourselves as ministers of God, through much endurance,<sup>±</sup> in afflictions, hardships, constraints, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, vigils, fasts; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, in a holy spirit, in unfeigned love, in truthful speech, in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness at the right and at the left; through glory and dishonor, insult and praise. We are treated as deceivers and yet are truthful; as unrecognized and yet acknowledged; as dying and behold we live; as chastised and yet not put to death; as sorrowful yet always rejoicing; as poor yet enriching many; as having nothing and yet possessing all things.

#### Luke 4: 14 - 21

esus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread<sup>±</sup>throughout the whole region He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

> "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO LET THE OPPRESSED GO FREE, LUKE 4:18

## Reflection

"Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing," our Lord tells us. What our Lord refers to is a prophecy from Isaiah that the Father sent Him to proclaim good news to the poor, bring freedom to prisoners, recover the sight of the blind and liberate the oppressed (Is. 61:1,2). These are quite remarkable objectives our Lord says have been fulfilled in our hearing. But though He says they have been fulfilled, we are still saddled with all the burdens of our life. What kind of good news and freedom has liberated us if we still endure the misery and constraint of the same old?

The Old Testament, as recorded by the prophets, often had an immediate historical meaning. In the case of Isaiah, he spoke for God promising the Jews that they would be returned to the Holy Land from their forced exile and deportation to far Eastern lands. But God did not simply wish to speak to the exiles of that short time through Isaiah, but all who suffer the more serious and permanent exile and enslavement under sin and death. If the Old Testament was purely historical and literal, we would not read it today. But the word was revealed to prepare all for the coming of the fulfillment of all: the Word God, Jesus Christ.

When Christ says He has come to announce good news to the poor and liberate the oppressed, it is clearly understood in a different way from those who listened to Isaiah centuries before. Christ came to free us as prisoners of Satan and break the shackles of death. To His enemies, it seemed He was defeated Himself – He was publicly beaten and executed. But He descended to the dead to liberate them, and by His Mysteries, He has given us life.

The Scriptures He has given us, both through the prophets in the Old Testament and the evangelists and Apostles in the New Testament, prepare us once again for the Coming of the Lord. They are our means of knowing the liberation and freedom that Christ has granted us by His life-giving life, death and resurrection. As St. Ephrem explains, Scripture is an inexhaustible fountain, which quenches the thirst of the soul. We should return to it again and again like water – never would we stop drinking water simply because we are tired of drinking for we need it to live. Likewise, the Scriptures are so rich the wealth of revelation can never be fully comprehended, yet repeated use of it brings about life and health of the soul.

Fulfilled in our hearing of the Scriptures is the reception of our good news, freedom, healing and liberation, which Christ brought us by His coming. We have the means to these in reading the Sacred Scriptures. Each book of Scripture is like a piece of armor - one a shield, one a sword, one a helmet, one a breastplate, and the like. One would not go into battle without armor, and likewise one should not enter the conflict of the world without Scripture, often polished and sharpened by daily reading. Of course, one can misuse armor – if one puts a helmet on one's foot, it not only does not work, but would probably be a hindrance. Likewise, Scripture does have proper interpretation. Not only has God sent us His revelation through the saintly prophets, evangelists and apostles, but also the means to interpret them in the Church – the great fathers, such as Ephrem the Syrian, Jacob of Sarug, Origen, and John Chrysostom. Wonderful places to begin are Ephrem's Commentary on Genesis or Jacob's many homilies on the Gospel.

If we neglect the Scriptures, we neglect what Christ has wished to reveal to us about Himself throughout thousands of years of revelation. But if we listen to them attentively, we shall find the good news and liberation which Christ Jesus has promised us.

#### **Father Michael Shami**

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## Church Offerings and Attendance

July 7, 2024		
12:00 Noon Saturday	12	\$80.00
4 PM	70	\$1284.00
11 AM	95	\$1175.00
7:00 PM	41	\$260.00
Mail		\$1,430.00
PayPal/Electronic		\$120.00
Total	206	\$4,269.00
Budget	225	\$4,100.00
+/-	-19	\$169.00
Year to Date		\$113,589.00
Budget for year +/-		\$2,889.00
Building Fund		
4:00 PM		\$579.00
10 AM		\$552.00
7 PM		\$328.00
Total		\$1,459.00
Holy Hour		30
Holy Day		0
Funeral		0
2024 Totals		
4 PM		2365
11 AM		3050
7 PM		1129
Weekday Masses		2456
Holy Hour		166
Holy Day		271
Special Liturgy		117
Funerals		372
Weddings		60
Pasta Supper		246

## Average Attendance

4 PM	11 AM	7 PM	Per Liturgy Average	
88	113	42	81	
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Bulletins emailed last weekend: 377 \* Percentage opened 58% -Opened emails: 217 - Unopened emails: 157 -

## Masses, Sanctuary Lamp & Flowers

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To have flowers for a memorial of a loved one, please use the envelope provided at the entrance. Donation is \$50.00 per Sunday.

If you would like a Mass offered for your loved ones, please call the church office at 864.469.9119 or secretary@saintrafka.org. Envelopes for Masses also available at the door of the church.





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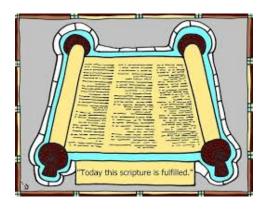
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# Liturgical Readings

Old Testament (English) Isaiah 61:1-4; 8-11	Assigned at Mass
New Testament (Arabic) II Corinthians 5:20 - 6-10	Assigned at Mass



## Mass Intentions

July 13 - 14	8th Pentecost		
Saturday, 4 PM	Lenore Ozzimo, Happy Birthday	Ronald Rossi, Sr.	
Sunday 11 AM	Intention of the Pastor		
Sunday, 11 AM (II)	Open		
Sunday, 7:00 PM	Taressa   Mom & Dad		
Tuesday, 10:00 AM	Aiden Killough	Kristie Killough	
Wednesday, 7:00 PM	Mary Killough	Kristie Killough	
Thursday 7:00 PM	Maria Killough	Kristie Killough	
Friday, 10:00 AM	Robyn Stanley	Kristie Killough	
Saturday, 12:00 Noon	Open		
July 20 - 21	Saint Sharbel		
July 20 - 21 Saturday, 4 PM	+Patricia Stewart	Jack Stewart	
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Saturday, 4 PM Sunday 11 AM Sunday, 11 AM (II) Sunday, 7:00 PM Tuesday, 10:00 AM Wednesday, 7:00 PM	+Patricia Stewart Open Open Chuck Foster + Open Open		

A **Men's Breakfast** for all men of the parish, meeting with men from Prince of Peace Parish, and their friends are invited to join for breakfast and fellowship on the first Thursday of the month. The men gather at 8:00 AM. For more information for location, etc., call **Jack Stewart** at 864.787.7592.

Video on the Massabki brothers on Facebook. <u>https://www.facebook.com/NoursatEnglish/videos/1008068293229859</u>

## **Calendar of Events**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>7 8th Pentecost</b> 10:30 AM, Holy Rosary 11:00 AM, Divine Liturgy 3:00 PM, Holy Hour 5:00 PM Korean Mass 7 PM, Last Chance Mass	8	9 10 AM Divine Liturgy Arabic Devotions to follow	10 6:30 PM, Holy Rosary 7:00 PM, Divine Liturgy	11 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	12 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	13 12:00 PM, Arabic Mass 3:15 Confessions 4:00 PM, Vigil Liturgy
<b>14 9th Pentecost</b> 10:30 AM, Holy Rosary 11:00 AM, Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM, Syro-Malabar Liturgy 7 PM, Last Chance Mass	15	16 10 AM Divine Liturgy Arabic Devotions to follow	17 6:30 PM, Holy Rosary 7:00 PM, Divine Liturgy	18 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	19 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	20 12:00 PM, Arabic Mass 3:15 Confessions 4:00 PM, Vigil Liturgy
<b>21, St. Sharbel</b> 10:30 AM, Holy Rosary 11:00 AM, Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM Korean Mass 7 PM, Last Chance Mass	22	23 10 AM Divine Liturgy Arabic Devotions to follow	24 6:30 PM, Holy Rosary 7:00 PM, Divine Liturgy	25 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	26 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	27 12:00 PM, Arabic Mass 3:15 Confessions 4:00 PM, Vigil Liturgy
<b>28 11th Pentecost</b> 10:30 AM, Holy Rosary 11:00 AM, Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM, Syro-Malabar Liturgy 7 PM, Last Chance Mass	29	30 10 AM Divine Liturgy Arabic Devotions to follow	31 6:30 PM, Holy Rosary 7:00 PM, Divine Liturgy	<b>August 1</b> 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	2 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	3 12:00 PM, Arabic Mass 3:15 Confessions 4:00 PM, Vigil Liturgy



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## Saints of the Day

### July

July 16, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Our Lady of Einsiedeln (Benedictine Observance) July 17, Saint Marina, Nun of Qunnabine July 20, Saint Elias the Prophet July 22, Saint Nouhra July 23, Saint Sharbel July 24 Saint Christina of Tyre July 27, Saint Pantaleon July 31, 350 Maronite Martyrs **August** August 1, Saint Shmooni and Her Children, Martyrs August 3, David the Prophet

## **Prayer List**

Lisa Bolt, Crysten Yammine, L. Stadler, Mary Killough, Thomas Sloan, Ciera D, Irene Ponce, Philomena Reed, Rick Argon, Sister Mary Emmanuel, OSC, Hewitt Dickerson, Brielle Sheriff, Carol, Gina, Jeni Yacu, Rodena and Bruce Thompson, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Nadim Chebeir, Mike, Leo, B J Dursse, Deacon Dick Murtaugh, Vicki Gosnell, Sam Clutter, Michael Tierney, Paul Shimow, Betty Mileski, Doug Logan, Rita Charbonete, Frances Danton, Diane Hickey, Alan Frechette, Jacob and Jaxson Rivera, Andrea Wise, Patrizia, Susan Clarke, Andy Frisari, Beth, Mary Dowden, Karen Rodgers, Nancy Georgion, Rosemary & Jim King, Mark Knight, Stephen Wedgeworth, MR, Hilda Hix, Catherine Caul, Albert Martin, Nanine D'Aquin, Elizabeth Fallet, Anthony Kozakiewicz, Bill Riley, KG, Linda Crosby, Jenny Gould, Maurice Mercier, Breese, Jennifer Payne, Matt Smith, Leila Chebeir, Tammy Lopez, Anthony Fagliarone, Fernando, Carolyn Groner, Tim Eaton, Kelly Mullens, Carol Craven, Mel Casby, Vincent Howard, K.F., Eileen Howard, Jack Campbell, Hilda Hix, Sue Bauer, Chrisoula, Theresa Woodson, Noah Scott Kestler, Art and Judy Pape, Suhail Yousiff, Tom Craven, Jr., Michael Rau, Chris Davis, Pixie Geren, Mike Dyer, Christian Pereira, Art Newton, Nancy Georgion, Recovery of RS, Claire Barnett, Ethel Brassel, Katrina Shunk, George Vargo, Irma Galvan, Mary Cleary, Joe Lemire, Virginia LaFave, Nabeel Howard, Paul Cote and Family, Joan Bussemey, Joe Durham, Michael Bays, Patrick Lavelle, Tara Galvin, Susan Connor, Bill Hines, Beth Banks, Shawn

## **Birthdays**

### July

- 15, Mary Yacu Coxey
- 16, Amy Brown
- 16, Fiadh Sandifer
- 17, Mary Souri
- 17, Jack Zarrouf
- 20, Michael Ryan Yammine
- 22, Helen Francis
- 22, Gretchen Shuler
- 24, Karen Wood
- 25, Margaret Seif
- 25, Patricia Stewart
- 27, Pat Bouharoun
- 27, Jeffrey Howard

## Anniversaries

## August

- 4, Laurent and Lilly Hage
- 7, Faris and Aida Farah
- 16, Ramez and Rosemarie Sleiman
- 25, Rich and Pat Washnock

## September

- 1, Rony & Michelle Aazan
- 3, Richard and Linda Wickett
- 3, Nazar and Nawal Yacu

## Necrology

## July

+Azariah Evelyn Sloan, July 19, 2023 +Louis Charles Howayeck, July 22, 2013 +Patricia Jean Stewart, July 23, 2021 +Rita Bitalke, July 24, 2015 +Josephine Nasser Howard, July 27, 2001 +Richard Anthony Kalata, July 27, 2016 +Jamile J. Francis, Sr., July 31, 2008

## August

+Emery Charles Dibo, August 1, 2012 +Mary Issa Yacu, August 3, 2016 +Ramon J. Ashy, Jr., August 4, 2008 +Anne Shaw, August 8, 2012

## **Important Dates to Remember**

Vacation Bible School, July 22 - 26 Golf Outing, September 16 Christmas Market, December 14 - 15 *Hafli*, February 22, 2025 Mary Dowden suffered a debilitating stroke on November 5, 2021 and she and husband Greg are in great need of having to add ramps, bars, etc. to their home as well as facing great medical bills. **Greg Dowden** has set up a <u>GoFund.Me page</u> for anyone who would wish to help with the great expenses involved. You can also write a check to



Saint Rafka for Mary Dowden. Thanks to all who have reached out. May God continue to heal Mary and bless each one who helps this loving family in their time of need.

## St. Clare's Home

St. Clare's Home is an upstate maternity home for expectant mothers who choose life and are in need of shelter, safety, and security. We are in need of more volunteers who support our mission!

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at <u>stclaresvolunteer@charlestondiocese.org</u> for the many ways you can get involved. Please donate to support our mission for St. Clare's Home at: <u>https://www.stclareshomesc.org/donate</u> or visit our wish list and Amazon wish list at <u>https://</u> <u>www.stclareshomesc.org/wish-list</u>

Thank you!





## Maron's Vine

is a new initiative by the National Apostolates of Maronites (NAM) to connect members of the Maronite community with businesses, services, and products at the local and national level- building upon our age old tradition of uniting our friends and family with members of our community to meet their needs. It is our vision that through a NAM membership all will have access to Maron's Vine registry, while anyone who wishes to become a part of our registry can do so without limitation.

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Vacation Bible School 2024

**St. Rafka Maronite Church** 1215 SC-14, Greer, SC 29650 saintrafkagreenville@gmail.com

# Exploring the Middle East with our Maronite Saints

When: July 22nd - 25th, 2024 (Monday through Thursday)

Ages: 3-12 years old

Time: 9:00 am - 1:30 pm (Lunch & snacks provided) Each day begins with Daily Divine Liturgy (Mass) in the Church at 9:00 am

Children are welcome to join us each day as we learn about our Maronite saints and how to imitate them in a life of virtue with prayer, music, crafts, games, and more!

For more information, please contact: Lisa at (864) 414-6957 or the Church Office at (864) 469-9119

Registration Deadline: No Later than July 7, 2024





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