

The Vineyard

“I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES” (*John 15:51*)

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PROISTAMENOS MESSAGE

CELEBRATE OUR JOY CHRIST IS RISEN

Dear Friends,

We have arrived to this most sacred and awe-inspiring Christian feast of Easter and we celebrate with joyous hearts and profound thanksgiving the triumphant Lord Jesus risen from the dead.

At every Sunday Orthros service we proclaim *“for joy has come to the world”*. What are we to be joyful about? I suggest, if you will, the joy caused by the Risen Christ. Such is the on-going primary proclamation at every Kyriaki, (Lord’s Day) in the Orthodox Church.

However, some of us will quickly respond, “where is this Easter joy to be found?” Other crucified brothers and sisters, will speak from their personal Calvarys and question, “what are we to be joyful about when so much misery surrounds us from our own streets and in so many other parts of the world?”

Again, the Church challenges us with the words, *“we have SEEN the Resurrection of Christ.”* Yes, we have seen the Risen Lord. Not in the way his mother, the disciples and those many others saw the Risen Lord. Only through the eyes of faith we see him, experience him, or taste him. He is not a different person but the self-same one who is thrillingly alive, whose bloodied body was cruelly lashed to two pieces of wood, who suffered immensely as any human would in similar circumstances, the same who cried out in agony, *“my God, my God why have you forsaken me?”* The same who breathed his last by whispering, *“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”*

Christ is Risen! He is alive! Do you believe this and experience it in your own every day existence? St. Paul saw this clearly. “If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.” Yes, empty, without content, without basis and without truth. Friends, let me be frank, if Christ is not alive, alive in the fullness of his humanity right now, go home. For, our creed makes no sense when we declare, “on the third day he rose from the dead.”

I suspect that some of us may have difficulty recapturing for ourselves the tearful joy of the Mother of Jesus, when he stood before her gloriously alive or the rapt amazement of the apostles when he walked through the locked doors and “showed them his hands and his side.” Can we ever forget the Apostle Thomas who upon seeing the Risen Lord went beyond the evidence at hand

*“Joy returns when I
can bring a smile to a
child who has rarely
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Schedule of Sunday Worship Services

Orthros & Divine Liturgy.....9:00 A.M.

Memorials at Conclusion of Divine Liturgy
Fellowship in Church Hall Following Divine Liturgy

WEEKDAY/HOLY DAY SERVICES.....9:00 A.M.

Parish Programs

ALTAR BOYS - Each boy serves in the Altar once every four weeks.

BIBLE STUDY - Tuesdays 11:30 A.M.

CHILDREN'S GREEK CLASS - Tuesdays - 4:00 P.M.

CLASS FOR THOSE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED - As scheduled.

CLASS ON THE ORTHODOX FAITH - Wednesdays - 7:00 P.M.

FOLK DANCE GROUPS - Rehearsals Sundays - 1:00 P.M.

J.O.Y - 3rd Sunday of the Month

Little Angels & H.O.P.E - 2nd Sunday of the Month

G.O.Y.A - 1st Sunday and 3rd Friday of the Month

Y.A.L - To be Announced

PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY - First Wednesday of the month - 7:00 P.M.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - September to June each year.

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and boldly proclaimed an affirmation of his risen Master with the words, “*My Lord and my God.*”

It is precisely this kind of joy we must recapture. It is certainly not enough to accept the resurrection of Jesus with my intellect. At some point in time I should feel it in my flesh, get goose-pimples on my skin, erupt with an uncontrollable joy.

Yet the question remains, “what does it mean for us to be alive in Christ?” It means to be delivered, to be saved from certain destruction. Only the Lord Jesus suffered for our transgressions, our many sins of disobedience. He alone brought us the certain hope of a life which does not end with our death. So whether our life is of short or long duration, joyful or sorrowful, eventful or uneventful, relatively healthy or beset with chronic illnesses, and has any meaning, we are forever precious in the sight of God.

The psalmist asks God, “what is man that you are mindful of him?” Indeed, what is it about us that is so special? What unique quality is part and parcel of our common humanity? We can never fathom the mind of God who chose to become one of us.

To be truly alive in Christ, does not mean to have a strong heartbeat, fine muscle tone and energy to burn. It means for man and woman to be “once again made whole”, to be alive with the presence of the living God, the Risen Christ. Little wonder that St. Paul could cry, “if you are in Christ, you are a new creature” (2 Cor 5:17).

Where then will you find your Easter joy? Consider only one suggestion from my own personal experience. Joy, the joy of being alive in Christ is least likely to possess me when I let life revolve around me—my low blood pressure, my hurt feelings, lack of appreciation, slights, rebuffs, the hundred daily challenges that make us turn in on ourselves. Real joy returns only when I turn outward, as Jesus did—turn to others, especially the less fortunate images of Christ who experience far more of his crucifixion than of his resurrection. Joy returns when I can bring a smile to a child who has rarely felt love, visit and bring comfort to a brother or sister who is suffering from any number of serious illnesses, or perhaps bring some hope to one of the downtrodden who see no future. Or just be reasonably human to someone I don’t especially like.

Yes, besides the traditional taxes and death, there are two other realities of which we can be certain: (1) God will ceaselessly surprise us, and not always delightfully; (2) no matter how unwelcome the surprise, God will always be there—a Father who shaped us for joy, a Jesus who died that we might experience his joys.

Before Pascha ends, dear friends, resolve that for you it will never end. An infallible sign that Easter is still yours is the joy that lights your whole being because you are alive. Alive in Christ. Let’s celebrate that joy by sharing joyously this central paschal liturgy which has given and will continue to give us, the joy of being alive in Christ.



ARE WE TRULY BOLD?

On the second Sunday following Pascha, our Church commemorates five heroes, who, through their faith, boldness and dedication to Jesus, risked their very lives, not only to get to know Him better, but also, continued to love as well as to care for Jesus following His crucifixion and subsequent death. These heroes of faith, love, and dedication are the myrrh bearing women, specifically Mary Magdalene, Mary the sister of James, and Salome. Additionally, there were two men, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a secret disciple of Jesus, as well as the noble Nikodemos, who requested Christ's body from Pontius Pilate, in order to give it a proper and dignified burial. These five people reveal the true essence of faith, as well as the ontological bond of fellowship that exists between man and God.

As the Gospel tells us, faith is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. It is the vesture and presence of God within the person who believes. It is a result of the collaboration of man and God. It is through faith that man is reborn and it is through faith that man unites with Christ. It is through faith that we become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (2 Peter 1:4)

It is only with faith of such depth and intensity, that we are able to truly give witnesses to Christ, as well as overcome the tribulations and difficulties that constantly arise in our lives. Because of His fervent love for us, God, who is loving, protective, and forgiving of mankind, destroyed the darkness of Hades, and illuminated the world so that its beauty could be revealed. All He asks of us is simply to place our complete trust in him, as well as answer His calling. We must honor and glorify Him through our behavior and actions, even though we may be criticized or be persecuted, as were the early Christians. As witnesses of Christ, we must never allow ourselves to be controlled through fear. In his writings, St. John Chrysostom states that, "First (the angel that was at the tomb of Christ) freed them (the Myrrh bearing women) from their fear, and subsequently assured them with the words, Jesus of Nazareth, whom you seek, that was crucified, has risen, he is not here, see the place where he was buried."

The challenge in today's world is not only to deepen our participation in the mystical life of Christ, but also, as St. Paul writes in his letter to the Philippians, "That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain the resurrection of the dead." (Philippians 3:10). We also must become myrrh-bearers. Myrrh bearers are not only the women who went to anoint Christ, but rather, it is the totality of the human nature, which, following the Resurrection of our Lord, live mystically through the Church.

It is this type of faith, as well as fearlessness, that we must continue to demonstrate in order to truly witness Christ.

In His love,

Fr Nicholas

President's Message

Christos Anesti!

In no time at all the May Festival will be upon us. All of our committees, chairmen, and volunteers are already hard at work to insure a very successful outcome for this very important event for our church. I urge all our members at St. John's to get involved by calling Lea Kiapos or the church office and let them know that you are available to help. It really is fun working at the various booths and food service inside the hall.

Over the 30 years that I have attended St. John's, I have spoken to many parishioners concerning the subject of stewardship. Many of them have complained that the priest would always bring up the subject of money during the sermons at Sunday Liturgy. Most interesting to note, I don't remember the service. I would like to take it upon myself to remind everyone that stewardship is our proper response to God for the gifts He has given us. In gratitude and thanksgiving, we give back of our time, talents and treasure in proportion to what we have been given. The more we are given, the more is expected of us. Each of us must determine what percentage of his or her time, talent and treasure will be committed to our church each and every year.

St. John's operating budget for the calendar year of 2010 is \$641,982.18. We should not depend on fundraising to meet our budget. Stewardship income is vital to our Church for:

1. Keeping in touch with our parishioners
2. Maintaining our Buildings
3. Paying those who serve us
4. Worship, Education and other programs that we offer
5. National Ministries Commitment

The quality of our service as a Parish, Metropolis, and Archdiocese depends directly on the level of our generous giving. We are all affected by the down-economic climate. Job loss, rising costs of higher education, furloughs...All of us are tightening our belts. Many members of our Parish have been very deeply affected by this current situation. Those who are fortunate and have not been affected are asked to step up in order for our ministries to grow and meet our expenses. Be assured that stewardship pledges are kept confidential and if you wish to revise your pledge during the year, you may send a note to the church office indicating your intention.

Thank you for allowing me to express myself on this very important subject.

Harry Benetatos

Parish Council President

Philoptochos News

We should always remember that the value of our good works is not based on their number and excellence, but on the love of God which prompts us to do these things. John the Cross

Kid 'n' Cancer - I hope you have all received your invitation to the annual Kids 'n' Cancer fund-raiser to be held on APRIL 11, 2010 at the Talega Golf Club in San Clemente, from 1pm to 5pm. We will have extra invitations during the coffee hour on Sunday. Please ask the ladies. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun and support this very worthwhile ministry.

Every year the custom has been for the Philoptochos Board and members to host the coffee and Lenten refreshments immediately following Friday night church service. The Salutations to the Theotokos are held the first five Fridays in Lent. My sincere thanks to Jerry Kallaos for making all the arrangements with board members and Philoptochos members to serve the coffee and light Lenten refreshments. Thank you ladies for your service to our church.

At our last Philoptochos General Meeting, Wednesday, March 3rd, the Philoptochos ladies gathered together and assembled 80 health kits to assist the IOCC in providing help to the citizens of Haiti and victims of disasters. The health kits included hand towels, wash cloths, bar of soap, combs, toothbrushes and Band-Aids. These kits are the most requested items when disaster strikes. Thank you for all your support, contributions and effort in putting these kits together.

Metropolis of San Francisco Spring Conference at St. Nicholas Ranch
Dates are April 16, 17 & 18, 2010

All Philoptochos members are invited to participate in the Metropolis of San Francisco Ladies Philoptochos Society Spring Conference. Registration is \$145.00 per person and includes meals, registration, lodging and materials. If you are interested in attending, please forward your registration fee directly to:

Saint Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center
P.O. Box 400
Dunlap, CA 93621

For additional information, please call (415) 431-2600

This year our St. John's Greek Festival dates are:
Friday, May 21st 3:00pm-11:00pm; Saturday, May 22nd 12noon-11:00pm;
Sunday, May 23rd, 12noon - 10:00pm

The Philoptochos ladies are working hard in many areas to get ready for this wonderful event. Julie Sarres has a baking schedule posted in the hall for anyone wishing to donate their time. Julie can use the help during the next month to bake all the delicious pastry we sell at the festival. Please call Lea Kiapos to volunteer your time in the many areas that need your assistance. We need volunteers to set-up, take down and work in all the booths. Your support is important to our Church for a successful festival. Thank you for your participation.

Our next ***Philoptochos General Meeting*** will be ***Wednesday, April 7th at 7:00pm*** in the small hall. Please join us at our April meeting to hear about upcoming activities and fund-raising ideas. We really want your input on what kind of fund raiser we can have. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Mary Ohanian, President

April 2010

St. John's Monthly Calendar

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Worship Services

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Thursday, April 1, 2010

Liturgy of St. Basil, 6:30am
Service of the 12 Gospels of the
Passion & Crucifixion, 7pm

Friday, April 2, 2010

Service of Royal Hours, 9am
Vespers of Descent from the Cross, 3:30pm
Service of Lamentation., 7:30pm

Saturday, April 3, 2010

Liturgy of St. Basil, 9am
Matins of the Resurrection, 11pm
Resurrection of Our Lord, 12 Midnight

Sunday, April 4, 2010

GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA,
Agape Vesper Service, 1pm

Friday, April 9, 2010

Theotokos of the Life-Giving Fountain, 9am

Sunday, April 11, 2010

Thomas Sunday,
Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9am

Sunday, April 18, 2010

Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday,
Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9am

Sunday, April 23, 2010

Feast of St. George, 9am

Sunday, April 25, 2010

Sunday of the Paralytic,
Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9am

PROSFORO SCHEDULE

April 01	Mrs. Alexandra Margias	April 09	Mrs. Demetra Klentos
April 03	Mrs. Voula Kitsigianis -Morning	April 11	Mrs. Demetra Klentos
April 03	Mrs. Catherine Glavas -Evening	April 18	Mrs. Anastasia Mandas
April 03	Mrs. Maria Frousakis -Evening	April 23	Mrs. Maria Frousakis
April 04	Mrs. Joanne Kalogeropoulos	April 25	Mrs. Eleni Kousoulas

NOTE: If you are unable to bring the Prosforo on your designated date, please call Joanne Kalogeropoulos at (714) 991-8126, or (714) 848-1422. We are looking for additional volunteers to help in this vital and ongoing aspect of Orthodox Church life. If you like to bake, and are willing to offer the Prosforo for Communion, please call the church office at (714) 827-0181, or Joanne Kalogeropoulos at the numbers listed above.

******* WANTED! WOMEN WHO LOVE TO BAKE! *******

Church Registry

APRIL 2010

MEMORIALS

February 28, 2010

EMANUEL J. VLACHOS - 2 Year
SOTIRIOS TRAVLOS - 17 Year

March 7, 2010

ANDREAS LAMBROPOULOS -11 Year

MARCH 14, 2010

PENELOPE YORGIADIS - 13 Year
ALEXANDER YORGIADIS - 10 Year
DIMITRI YORGIADIS - 9 Year
ELLI YORGIADIS - 2 Year
EKATERINE KARIFOTIS - 6 Month
THRASSIVOULOS MOYSIDIS- 8 Year
DIOGHENIS SARIDIS - 50 Year
EVANTHIA SARIDIS - 36 Year
ACHILLEAS MOYSIDIS - 67 Year
AGHATHONIKI MOYSIDIS - 27 Year

MARCH 21, 2010

GEORGE MASSOURIS - 40 Day
PENNY GALLANES - 3 Year

+ FELL ASLEEP IN THE LORD +

FEBRUARY 26, 2010

GEORGE TELEMAHOS MASSOURIS

MARCH 9, 2010

BILL D. ARVANITIS

+ *May their memory be eternal* +

FESTIVAL BAKING SCHEDULE

- Tuesday, April 6 @9am - Melomakarona
- Thursday, April 8 @9am - Koulourakia
- Saturday, April 17 @8:30am - Pasta Flora

Helping Hands Needed!

Please join Nancy and Lea prepare spanakopites, tiropites and dolmathes. They can use help on any and all of the following days:

Monday, April 12; Tuesday, April 13; Wednesday, April 14; Thursday, April 15; Friday, April 16. If you can give them an hour, a day, or all days, any help will be greatly appreciated!

NEEDS LIST FOR OFFICE

The office is in need of the following items, please consider donating towards the purchase.

- Upgraded computers w/newer operating systems (at least three, possibly four)
- (2) flat screen monitors (we have two)
- Microsoft Office XP or newer for newer operating systems
- Carpet for boardroom and offices

Church School News

APRIL 2010

As we approach the Resurrection of our Lord, our Church School students have completed many Lenten activities.

Lambathes Making - The entire Church School had so much fun decorating their own Lambatha (Resurrection Candle) for the Anastasi service. The students used their creativity in making beautiful and colorful Lambathes. Their hand-crafted candles can be seen at the Anastasi service.

Saturday of Lazarus Retreat - We would like to thank all those who attended our Saturday of Lazarus Retreat. With what the students learned, they developed a better understanding of the significance of Holy Week in our faith. We would like to thank all those who helped make the retreat a success, including all those who helped make the Lenten lunch, teach the sessions and make palm crosses.

Myrrhbearers - Our lovely Myrrhbearers are looking forward to participating in the Good Friday service. They have been rehearsing their role in the special service.

On Myrrhbearer Sunday, April 18, the girls who served as Myrrhbearers this year will celebrate by listening to the Gospel and receiving Holy Communion together.

Children Helping Children - Our 4th grade class led by Katherine Chatzipetrou put together Easter baskets along with the 3rd grade class. Foula Vanikiotis coordinates this yearly project along with Katherine and her class. With the generous donations from Foula, Katherine, Dr. and Mrs. Grammas, Anne Koutzoukis and the families of our 3rd and 4th grade students, the children were able to assemble and donate 14 baskets.

Schedule Change - Due to a change in the date of our church festival, we will be having Church School on May 16, 2010 and we will not have class on May 23, 2010. Please mark your calendars.

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JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

April 11 - Prayer Bracelet - Come and make your own prayer bracelet. We'll get you started and you do the rest. 5th - high school

May 16 - Prosforo Making - Learn about making a Prosforo offering and what it represents.

Above events take place during Church School.

June 6 - Last Day of Church School Luau- Plan on attending our festive luau celebration. We will have food, music and fun games.

**Even if this will be your first time joining us, we would love for you to come.*



YOUTH CORNER

GOYA

SUNDAY, APRIL 11- Next general business meeting. Agenda will include discussion/preparation for end of year Bar-B-Que.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11 (Evening) Anaheim Ducks Game at 5:30 P.M.

ACOLYTES

Please refer "Acolytes of St. John the Baptist" page for specific assignment of teams.

BASKETBALL

	NO GAMES		EASTER		
4/4/2010 Sunday					
WK#7	2PM	2 GAMES	St. George	St. Anthony	MARSHALL FUND.
4/11/2010	2PM	3 GAMES	St. Nicholas	St. Katherine	ST. KATHERINE
Sunday	2PM	4 GAMES	St. Sophia	St. John	SAINT JOHN
WK#8					
4/18/2010	NO GAMES		OPEN WEEKEND		
			USED FOR POTENTIAL MAKE UP GAMES		

LITTLE ANGELES AND HOPE

LITTLE ANGELS and HOPE -Due to scheduling conflicts, the next meeting of this ministry will be announced at a later date.

*****THIS JUST IN*****

NEWS FROM THE YOUTH OFFICE...

NEW Heritage Greece Program offers free trip to Greece for qualified Greek American Students: Now accepting applications!

I am pleased to bring you information about the launch of the "Heritage Greece" program, a one-of-a-kind program made possible through a grant from the National Hellenic Society that is collaborating with the DERE/ American College of Greece, the oldest and largest American university in all of Europe.

Heritage Greece will take place from June 11th-25th, 2010. It is a free, two-week cultural immersion program for qualifying Greek American students, 18-26 years old, who preferably haven't visited Greece. Interested candidates should visit www.acg.edu to learn more about the Heritage Greece program and apply online.

ACOLYTES OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 2010



TEAM 1	TEAM 2
<p>Yianni Vestakis Armodios Vestakis George Dalis Nicholas Foutris Sotirios Eliopoulos Kosta Dalis Gregory Roumpos</p>	<p>Dimitri Pappas Bradley Jung Kyriakos Alyousef Michael Bangos Kyriakos Psaras Stephen Stylianides</p>
<p>April 18, 2010 May 16, 2010</p>	<p>April 25, 2010 May 23, 2010</p>
TEAM 3	TEAM 4
<p>John Hourigan Stefan Malmlund Alexander Malmlund Aristos Malmlund Carl Cantonis Aleko Culp Dean Athanasiou</p>	<p>George Alexopoulos Niko Begakis Argirios Alexopoulos Speros Mantas Dimitri Dimopoulos Paul Stephens Kyle Manes</p>
<p>April 4, 2010 May 2, 2010</p>	<p>April 11, 2010 May 9, 2010</p>

1.) The Divine Liturgy begins promptly at 10:00 AM. Please be vested no later than 10:05 AM.

2.) Clothing preference is white (or light) shirt and tie with dark shoes. NO SNEAKERS PLEASE.



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 We thank them and we invite the others to make their gift to their church.

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Total Pledges: 275

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Applications are also available
In the Church Office



2010 OC GREEK FEST UPDATE

April is here and that means our 2010 OC Greek Fest is just weeks away. The activity level around the Church is starting to increase. Supplies are being delivered, our advertising program is about to start rolling and the kitchen has the wonderful aroma of warm greek pastries. Its time for us to put the final touches on this year's festival.

Festival Club— our new Festival sponsorship club. You can sponsor at any amount...it is a convenient alternative way to contribute to the success of our Festival. We also want to acknowledge the wonderful sponsors who bake our delicious pastries, wrap our dolmathes, or donate other products for our many food booths. If you have any questions, contact Chris Gallanes at 714-292-2996.

OCTA Buses— Look for the OC Greek Fest advertisements starting the middle of April.

Baking Schedules— Mark your calendars for April 12-13-14 for Tiropita and Spanakopita. Pasta Flora is scheduled for April 17. Don't forget to save your grape leaves and give them to Lea Kiapos. We're making dolmathes for the Festival.

Program Book— There is still time to place an ad in the Program Book. Contact Lee Petros or Andrew Hatzis or stop by the Festival Table on Sundays to pick-up program book form. Don't forget your neighborhood businesses. Sign them up!

Festival Information Table—Every Sunday in the Cultural Hall, stop by the Festival Table to learn more about our upcoming Festival and how you can get involved. We will have information on upcoming Festival activities; including:

Grand Raffle— Pick up raffle books and sell tickets to your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, baseball coach, girl scout troop.

Kid'z Zone / Pre Sale Tickets— Pre-sale ride tickets will be available during April.

Volunteer Opportunities— Stop by to sign up to volunteer at the Festival.

Festival Flyers and Post Cards— Available now every Sunday. Hand out those post cards—they are a great way to advertise our Festival.

We will continue to provide you updates and new activities in the upcoming May Vineyard and Sunday Bulletins. We know that with your love and commitment, we will have another successful year!

Harry Klentos, Chairperson, and the Festival Committee



Performing this year at
OC Greek Fest
"FOTIA"

The Festival Club

We want to acknowledge and thank our generous family members who have joined the Festival Club.

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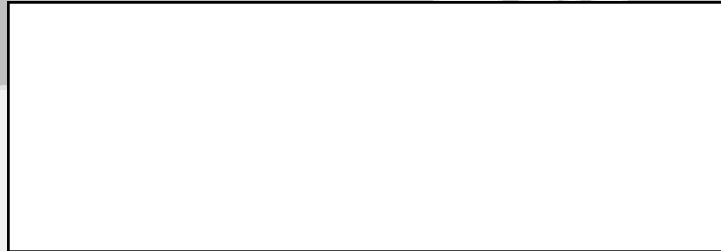
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