

The 11th Day of October

Holy Apostle Philip of the 70¹, One of the Seven Deacons; and the Commemoration of St. Theophanēs the Confessor and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicæa.

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera to the Apostle Philip, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “Called from on high....”*

As one full of wisdom and divine grace, /
O blessed apostle Philip, /
Thou wast elected together with Stephen /
And wast numbered among the seven deacons to minister to the needs of the saints. /
Then, having witnessed his death, thou didst hasten to Samaria by divine command, /
Preaching there the Word of God /
And enlightening those that were before in darkness, O most-wise one, ///
Making them the children of the Day by the Spirit of God.

Beholding the wonders of God wrought by thy hands, O apostle: /
The blind receiving their sight, the recovery of paralytics, and the expulsion of evil
spirits from where they lived, /
The people were astonished, O Philip, /
And they came to thee for spiritual cleansing, /
Being guided from unbelief to faith. /
Therefore, thou dost now hear the divine ranks of apostle rejoicing ///
For a multitude of Samaritans were led to God.

Being like a chariot bearing the Word, O eloquent Philip, /
Thou didst encounter the chariot bearing the treasurer of Candace, the Queen, /
Who questioned thee for he was in doubt, /
And thou didst explain to him the things he had found hard to understand, /
And having believed, he asked thee for divine cleansing. /
Then, receiving baptism, he too, became a preacher of the Omnipotent God ///
And became the first martyr of Ethiopia.

And 3 stichera to St. Theophanēs, in Tone 6: *To the melody, “Having set all aside....”*

Radiantly didst thou shine forth, O Theophanēs, /

¹ Not to be confused with the Apostle Philip of the 12, whose celebration is on November 14. In the Slav Menaion, the service for this date, October 11, mistakenly includes only the General Troparion, which should be taken out and replaced with the Troparion: “*The whole earth is splendidly adorned...*”. Likewise, in the Slav Menaion, the service for Nov. 14 (Apostle Philip of the 12) erroneously includes the Troparion of this Saint, which should be replaced with the General Troparion: “*O holy Apostle Philip, intercede with out merciful God...*”. The Kontakion for Nov 14 must also be disambiguated.

Bearing the virtues in firm faith, O glorious one; /
 Driving away the heretical darkness with rays of divine teachings /
 And enlightening all who turned to thee with thy luminous countenance. /
 Therefore, let us celebrate thy radiant feast, /
 O bearer of the Light, ///
 For thou dost pray with boldness on behalf of our souls.

Having armed thy soul by prayer and fasting /
 Thou didst quell the demands of the flesh, O holy father, /
 And didst make thy mind a dwelling place of the Divine Trinity. /
 Thou didst make thine ascent to join the army of martyrs /
 And the assemblies of hierarchs amidst the joys of heaven, /
 And standing now rejoicing in the glory of Christ, ///
 With boldness thou dost ever pray for our souls.

With the divine streams of thy tears, O holy hierarch, /
 Thou didst utterly drown the armies of the demons, /
 And didst cast to the ground the uprisings of thy pride before God. /
 Thus, thou didst make thine ascent to the mansions of heaven /
 There to abide with the angels, /
 And standing now with them before Christ our God, ///
 With boldness thou dost ever pray on behalf of our souls.

Glory..., now and ever... in the same Tone: (and melody)

My wicked pride enslaves me — /
 I am cast down by immorality, /
 Yet I run to thee, O all holy Maiden /
 And appeal to thy wondrous loving-kindness /
 And thy most fervent intercession: /
 Deliver me, wretch that I am, from the bonds of temptation and sorrow /
 And save me from the attacks of the demons, O pure One, /
 That I may worthily glorify thee ///
 And with love ever sing thy praises, O ever-blessèd Lady.

Or the Stavrotheotokion:

Beholding her Lamb upon the Cross, /
 The unblemished ewe-lamb, the immaculate Lady, /
 Cried out in maternal amazement: /
 ‘What is this new and all-glorious wonder, /
 O my Sweetest Child? /

How hath this ungrateful assembly betrayed Thee to Pilate, /
And condemn Thee to death, the Life of all? ///
Yet do I praise Thine ineffable condescension, O Word!’

The Aposticha is from the Menaion.

The Troparion of St. Philip of the Seventy, in Tone 3:

The whole earth is splendidly adorned, /
And Ethiopia dances for joy, /
For, now she is graced with a beautiful crown /
Having been enlightened by thee, /
And she celebrates thy blessed memory,
O Philip, thou holy apostle; /
For thou didst instruct all to believe in Christ /
And didst complete thy course in a manner worthy of the Gospel. /
For this, the land of Ethiopia boldly lifts her hands to God. ///
Beseech Him to grant us great mercy.

Glory..., the Troparion of the Venerable Theophanēs, in Tone 8:

As an instructor of Orthodoxy, a teacher of piety and purity, /
A lamp of the universe, and divinely-inspired enrichment of hierarchs, /
O most-wise Theophanēs, by thy teachings thou didst enlighten all ///
O spirit-filled voice, beseech Christ God to save our souls.

Now and ever..., Theotokion.

Matins

One Canon from the Octoechos, and two of the Saints.

The Canon

Ode 1

The Canon of the Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy, in Tone 6,

having the acrostic: “I praise the divine glory of Philip,”

the composition of Joseph,

*Irmos: When Israel passed on foot over the deep as if it were dry land, and beheld their pursuer
Pharaoh drowning in the sea, they cried aloud: “Let us sing to God a song of victory!”*

Refrain: Holy Apostle of Christ Philip, pray to God for us!

Illumined by the splendid radiance of Christ, O wise one, thou didst shine like a second sun by thy partaking of divinity, bearing a lamp before the faithful, O glorious Apostle Philip.

The Word, who created our very being, appointed thee to be His holy disciple to deliver the Gentiles from the profound darkness in which they dwelt.

Thou wast chosen, by the laying on of the hands of the holy apostles, together with Stephen and the others, for thou wast full of the divine wisdom and grace of the Spirit of God, O all-wise Philip.

Theotokion: **H**e that created all things out of nothingness selected thee to be the vessel of His incarnation. Therefore, we, the faithful, rightly bless thee, O Theotokos.

**The Canon of the Venerable Father Theophanēs, in the same Tone,
and having the same Irmos**

Irmos: *When Israel passed on foot over the deep... (see above)*

Refrain: Venerable Father Theophanēs, pray to God for us!

Drive away the gloomy darkness from my mind by thy prayers, O hierarch of Christ, that with songs I may praise thy holy and radiant memory, O venerable and glorious one.

Thou didst flow like a river from Sion, O glorious one, and from thy divine streams hast thou given drink to the assemblies of the faithful, all the while crying aloud: Let us sing to God a song of victory!

Glory...

Having illumined thy soul with divine splendor, O Theophanēs, thou didst utterly extinguish the delight of the passions with the fire of abstinence, all the while crying aloud: Let us sing to God a song of victory!

Now and ever...

Theotokion: **I**lluminate thou my darkened soul with the splendid rays of the light of thy Son, O Theotokos, and still the turmoil of the passions by thy holy intercessions, O Lady, most pure.

Ode 3

The Canon of the Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy

Irmos: *There is none as holy as Thou, O Lord my God, who hast exalted the power of Thy faithful, O Blessèd One, and hast established us upon the rock of Thy confession.*

Thou didst make those who were in the darkness of unbelief into Sons of Light, O blessèd apostle, by teaching them the glory of the Word in awesome signs and wonders.

Proclaiming Christ, who shone forth from the tribe of Judah, O blessèd one, with grace-filled words, thou didst teach Him, whom Moses and the prophets foretold, to all.

With sweet and flowing words thou didst teach those long lost through ignorance, to reject the poison destroying their soul, and to accept the grace of salvation, O divinely inspired Philip.

Theotokion: **O** Maiden, thou wast revealed to be the mystical candlestick bearing the Light which, in His extreme goodness, doth enlighten those who once were held fast in the night of ignorance.

The Canon of the Venerable Father

Irmos: *There is none as holy as thou...(see above)*

Thou wast truly filled with the divine Spirit, O wise father, and didst richly nourish the hearts of those who now look to thee with the sweetness of piety and the living word.

Adorned with the splendor of the divine commandments, O all-blessèd one, thou didst drive away the gloom of heresy, while singing to Christ, the Bestower of life: Holy art Thou, O Lord!

Ascending high upon the mountain of divine virtues, O hierarch, and entering into the divine Holies, thou didst unite thyself with God and received from Him the tablets of wisdom, the Law of grace.

Theotokion: **L**o! The ladder of Jacob which he once saw, upon which God hath established Himself, hath been revealed to be the pure and radiant Ever-virgin Theotokos.

The Kontakion of St. Theophanēs, in Tone 2:

Thundering forth the divine Incarnation of Christ, /
Thou didst denounce the bodiless enemies, O wise Theophanēs. /
Therefore, we all cry out to thee with faith and piety: ///
Pray thou without ceasing on behalf of us all.

Sessional Hymn to the Holy Apostle, in Tone 8: To the melody: “Of Wisdom...”

O holy Apostle Philip, /
Thou wast revealed to be a banisher of demons /
And a beacon enlightening those who were in darkness /
Revealing to them the Sun who shone forth from the Virgin. /
Thou didst destroy the temples of the idols, /
And raised up churches to the glory of God. /
Therefore, we honor thee and celebrate thy radiant memory, /
And together we implore thee to entreat Christ our God, /
That He grant the remission of sins to those who lovingly honor thy holy memory.

Glory..., Sessional Hymn to Venerable Saint, in Tone 4: *To the melody: “Thou hast appeared to the universe...”*

Thou hast appeared today, O ven’rable one, /
As a new luminary of the Church, /
Illumining her with the lightning flashes of thy divine words, ///
O disciple of the Lord, father Theophanēs.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone: *(and melody)*

Stretch forth thy most pure arms, O Virgin Mother, /
And shelter those who put their trust in thee, ///
As we call out to thy Son: O Christ God, grant Thy great mercy to us all!

Or this Stavrotheotokion:

Beholding thy Son nailed to the Cross, /
Thy maternal heart was pierced as with a spear /
And thou didst pitifully cry aloud: ///
“Woe is me! How art Thou gone down, O my ever-shining Light!

Ode 4

The Canon of the Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy

Irmos: Christ is my strength, my God and my Lord, the sacred Church sings in a manner befitting God, with a pure mind, keeping festival unto the Lord.

Seeing thee working wonders and great miracles, O Apostle Philip, Simon, the hypocrite, falsely received baptism from thee without abandoning his wickedness. Instead he received eternal damnation in its place.

Those dwelling in the city of Samaria, beheld thee wielding great power, O Philip, thou preacher of Christ, and joyfully accepted the light of divine knowledge.

“God,” said the angel of the Lord unto thee, “directed the way of the blessed Ethiopian, O Philip, that he might come to know the way of the Word’s incarnation.”○

The holy eunuch of Candace the Queen listened to thee whom he questioned, and was baptized at thy hand, O Apostle Philip; and being filled with the Holy Spirit, himself became a preacher of the Word.

Theotokion: **T**hy Son who was made incarnate of thy most pure blood, O all-immaculate Lady, hath made the children of men into the sons of God. Therefore, we all glorify thee.

The Canon of the Venerable Father

Irmos: Christ is my strength, my God... (see above)

Having cleansed thyself through fasting, O all-wise father Theophanēs, thou didst become filled with light and wast wholly embraced by God, through partaking of the Holy Spirit.

Wasted with starvation and cast into prison, thou didst endure great torments like a martyr, O all-blessèd one, rejoicing in the Lord with purity of mind.

Honed by thy sufferings, thou wast sharpened as a sword tempered by the divine Spirit of Christ and didst cut to pieces all the schemes of the heretics.

Theotokion: **T**hou was revealed as a most radiant beacon, a divine table, the dwelling-place of God, the ark and the rod, which put forth to the world the Blossom of Christ, O Virgin Mother.

Ode 5

The Canon of the Holy Apostle and Deacon Philip

Irmos: *With Thy divine light, O Good One, illumine, I ask Thee, the souls of those who in love keep vigil, that they may know Thee, O Word of God, as the True God who recalls them from the darkness of sin.*

Not fearing the wrath of the impious, O Philip, thou didst truly walk like a lamb among the wolves, bringing them to piety through thy grace-filled words, O blessèd Apostle.

“Emmanuel was led like a lamb to the slaughter,” as the glorious Isaiah did say, but the eunuch of Candace, unable at first to fathom this, was taught by thee to understand.

We know thee to be a disciple of sacred eloquence, one of the seven chosen deacons, one of the founding pillars of the holy Church, and a beacon for all who languish in the darkness, O Philip.

Theotokion: **C**onfessing thee to be truly the Theotokos with all our heart, we are delivered from temptations and sorrows by thy holy intercessions before the Lord and God of all, O divinely bless’t Lady.

The Canon of the Venerable Father

Irmos: *With Thy divine light, O Good One... (see above)*

O most holy father, thou didst destroy the gloomy darkness of the heretics, illumining and enlightening the ends of the world with the light of divine knowledge.

The impious inflicted grievous wounds upon thee who art right wondrous, whom the ranks of angels have embraced as a hierarch and holy martyr for Christ

Thou art a radiant guide for those who are gone astray, O father, a helmsman for those who sail the sea, firm ground for those who are tossed about by the assaults of cruel enemies, and an immovable rampart.

Theotokion: **O** Theotokos, thou art the glory of mortals, the refuge of sinners, and the beauty of Jacob whom God so loved and wherein He chose to dwell.

Ode 6

The Canon of the Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy

Irmos: *Beholding the sea of life surging high with the storm of temptations, I have fled to Thy tranquil haven and cry out unto Thee: "Raise up my life from corruption, O greatly Merciful One!"*

Thou art overflowing with spiritual waters, like a divine river issuing forth from Eden, gently watering the ends of the earth and giving drink to the hearts of the faithful, O right wondrous Apostle Philip.

When thou didst open thy lips, O disciple of Christ, they were filled with divine knowledge; and when thou didst pry open the mouth of the evil one, thou didst rescue countless multitudes of those whom he had swallowed, saving them, O apostle.

The power of the invisible foe was cast down, and he perished when, with the might of the Holy Spirit thou didst preach Christ crucified, who hath called all the nations to Himself, O Apostle.

Theotokion: **T**hy most holy Mother gave birth to Thee, O Christ, Thou Author of all creation, and surpassing and transcending all the laws of nature, she truly remained a virgin undefiled.

The Canon of the Venerable Father

Irmos: *Beholding the sea of life... (see above)*

Like the sun, thou didst emit rays of divine splendor, O most blessed one, praising the sufferings, bonds, wounds and wondrous struggles of the martyrs, O hierarch of Christ.

Thou didst praise the most pure Lady with thy tongue in a pure manner, O divinely wise one, and thou didst compose beautiful hymns which now gladden the assemblies of the faithful and the hearts of the wise.

Thy writings revealed upon thy most honorable and pure nature, O wise in God, and they obliterate the writings of the impious and all their abominable and godless lies, and they proclaim the veneration of the icon of Christ.

Theotokion: **H**e who is God who hath created and sustaineth all things by His own will, and is infinite in His divine essence, wast contained within a body and wast borne in thine arms, O most pure Lady.

The Kontakion of the Apostle Philip of the Seventy, in Tone 4:

The first elected of the apostles, Philip, /

The most-wondrous fisher of nations, and converser with the apostles of Christ, /
Bestows today a wealth of healing to the world, /
And protects them that honor him from every calamity. ///
Therefore with one voice we cry out to him: Save us by thy holy prayers, O apostle!

Ikos: Declaring the heavenly glory of God, thou wast an eyewitness of Christ, and didst draw far-off nations into the faith, that they might draw close to God. Wherefore, like Moses, the giver of the Law, thou hast enriched thy flock, O all-famed one; for of old Moses divided the sea and led his people across it and afterwards fed them with heavenly manna in the desert; and thou, delivering all Christ's creation from a cold and cruel lack of faith, hast led up to the heavenly mansions those who cry: Save us all by thy prayers, O apostle!

Ode 7

The Canon of the Apostle Philip of the Seventy

Irmos: An angel made the furnace moist with dew for the Godly children, and the command of God, consuming the Chaldeans, made the tyrant cry out: "Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers."

God Himself led thee, O Philip, into the troubled sea to pacify the nations, crush the heads of the enemies, and to sing aloud to Him: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

Becoming a partaker of the holy mysteries, O Philip most-wise, thou didst teach the nations concerning the mystery hidden before all the ages, thus cleansing them of their abominable and mysterious sins.

Thou didst appear as a magnificent star, O glorious Philip, and the adornment of city of Trallēs, where thy precious body doth repose, working glorious wonders for the enlightenment of those who piously bless thee.

Theotokion: **B**eing saved by thee, both day and night, from the harmful attacks of the enemy and from all manner of spiritual temptations and defilements, rightly do we call thee, O most pure Virgin Mary, the Theotokos.

The Canon of the Venerable Father

Irmos: The children in Babylon were not afraid of the fire; when cast into the midst of the flames they were covered with dew and sang: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

Though subjected to persecution, O hierarch Theophanēs, for dividing the word of truth, thou didst endure a trial of great torments; yet thou didst sing aloud: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

The streams of thy dogmatic teachings, O wise father, have overwhelmed the waters of the impious who knew not how to sing to Christ our God: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

The rivers of thy words flow with honey, O father Theophanēs, and they fill with divine

gladness the souls of those who sing to our exceedingly glorious God.

Theotokion: **T**he Son of God, who was incarnate in thy womb, O Virgin Mother, hath appeared, working a great mystery within thee. To Him we sing with joy and gladness: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

Ode 8

The Canon of the Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy

Irmos: *Out of the flames Thou didst drop dew on the godly ones, and with water didst kindle the sacrifice of the righteous one, for Thou doest all things as Thou wilt, O Christ. We exalt thee throughout all ages!*

Using the divine word as a seasoning of salt, O all-bless't one, thou didst cleanse the foul stench of evil and didst heal the hearts of all, that they might honor and glorify the Trinity throughout all ages.

The legs of the lame were strengthened at thy word, O wise one, and evil and unclean spirits lamented, unable to endure the grace that was given thee.

Those who of old dwelt in Samaria, beholding the many wonders wrought by thee through the power of the Spirit, the Source of grace, received a ray of grace from thee O Philip.

Theotokion: **S**trengthen my soul which is vexed by the malice of the enemy, O thou, holy Virgin, who by divine condescension hast received within thyself Him who giveth life to all things, yet hast thyself remained virgin, as before.

The Canon of the Venerable Father

Irmos: *The blessèd children endangered themselves in Babylon for the sake of their father's laws; they ignored the ignorant command of the king, and cast into the furnace they suffered no harm, but sang a song pleasing to their mighty Master: Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord; exalt Him throughout all ages!*

Keeping fast to the Law of the fathers, O blessèd one, thou didst spit upon the senseless command of the impious ruler who sought to destroy those who piously venerated the image of the Lord, which He assumed when He came into the world through the Virgin Maiden. Him do we exalt throughout all ages!

Thou art revealed to all as a divine intellect, a harmonious harp of the most holy Spirit, a melodious nightingale, a summit of virtues for the faithful, a pillar and foundation of Orthodoxy, the firmament of the Church, the boast of monastics, and the glory and strength of the fathers, O wise Theophanēs, and thy hymns praise Christ throughout all ages.

Thou art a vessel of the Holy Spirit pouring out His scented myrrh and wise teachings, O father, destroying the corruption of falsehood; and perfuming the holy Church, with

the holiness of thy life; and we, the faithful ceaselessly sing the praises of Christ throughout all ages.

Theotokion: **T**hou art the most fertile mountain of God, O Lady, which thy forefather David described of old, as he sang prophetically, “from whence Christ, the Cornerstone, was cut,” and who hath crushed all the might of idolatry. Him do we ceaselessly praise and exalt throughout all ages!

Ode 9

The Canon of the Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy

Irmos: *It is not possible for men to see God, upon whom the ranks of angels dare not gaze. But through thee, O all-pure one, was the Word Incarnate revealed unto men, whom magnifying together with the heavenly hosts, we call thee blessed.*

Beholding the things promised from of old coming to pass and having received divine and unchallenged authority as an apostle, O divinely eloquent Philip, thou didst teach all concerning them. Adorn thyself and dance, delighting in divine enlightenment and consolation!

Like a radiant star, like a great sun, thou hast circled the world with thy luminous rays, announcing thy divine proclamations. And having come to the city of Trallēs, in Asia, as its bishop, O blessed one, there thou didst find thy repose.

To those both near and afar didst thou proclaim the Cross, death and Resurrection of the Redeemer, being thyself a starry heaven shimmering with divine radiance, O Philip, radiant and wondrous apostle of Christ.

The earth covered thy much-suffering body, which doth now emit the warmth of healings, and thy spirit, which now dwelleth in heaven, doth rejoice together with all the apostles. With them do thou remember us who praise thee, O glorious Apostle Philip.

Theotokion: **E**very breath doth offer thee a cry of thanksgiving, sounding forth with joy and gladness, saying: Rejoice, thou fiery throne of the Most High! Rejoice, most spacious field of God! Rejoice, O pure one, magnificent crown of the apostles!

The Canon of the Venerable Father

Irmos: *Ineffable is the childbearing of a seedless conception: a mother remaining pure. For the birth of God renews nature's birth, so in all ages we magnify thee in an Orthodox manner as the Mother and Bride of God.*

The slayer of men who fought against thee and the church of Christ, laid temptations for thee. Yet, thou didst valiantly remain unmoved, and courageously opposed the impious emperor, exhorting him to worship the image of Christ, O Theophanēs.

Adorned with the ineffable beauty of the Trinity and robed in splendid vestments, O divinely wise father, thou dost shine forth standing before the throne of thy Creator and

thy God, where the voices of those keeping festival is heard, O most richly-blessed and God bearing father Theophanēs.

Thou hast received great honors for thy struggles, and rightly, thou art now crowned, and dost rejoice together with the angels in the heavens, where the assembly of prophets and apostles, the great army of martyrs and the choirs of patriarchs dwell. Remember us all, O father Theophanēs.

Theotokion: **O** Virgin Birthgiver of God, thou blessed and exceedingly glorious pure Mother, who knewest not wedlock, who dost fight on behalf of faithful kings as they battle against barbarians and dost protect us from all the curses of the enemy, grant us victory, that, singing the praises of thy Son, we may ever magnify thee.

The Exapostilarion of the Apostle:

Thy teachings have gone out throughout the world, O apostle of Christ, by which thou didst preach God to us, beseech Him now, on our behalf, that He may shine the Light of understanding on us all.

Glory..., Exapostilarion of the Venerable Hierarch:

Thou didst shine forth upon the Church as a divine light, O Theophanēs, illuminating it with the splendor of thy hymns and with the light of thy face which was adorned with the wounds of Christ. Cease not to pray to Him on behalf of thy flock, O venerable father.

Now and ever...,

Theotokion: **I** have defiled the garment given me in the font of baptism through my wanton passions, wretch that I am, and frightened, I am mindful of the hour of the divine and truly fearful Judgment that awaits me. O immaculate Virgin, intercede for me and deliver me from the fearful condemnation.

The Aposticha is from the Octoechos.

Liturgy

At the Beatitudes, 8 Troparia: 4 from the Octoechos, and 4 from the Third Ode of the Canon of the Apostle.

1-4. *From the Octoechos.*

5. **T**hou didst make those who were in the darkness of unbelief into Sons of Light, O blessed apostle, by teaching them the glory of the Word in awesome signs and wonders.

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Prokeimenon, Tone 8: Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe! *Verse:* The heavens are telling the Glory of God,

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and the firmament proclaims His handiwork!

The Epistle: (20) Acts 8:26-39

The Alleluia, Tone 1: The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints! *Verse:* God is glorified in the council of the saints!

The Gospel: Gospel: (50) Luke 10:1-16

Communion Hymn: Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

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