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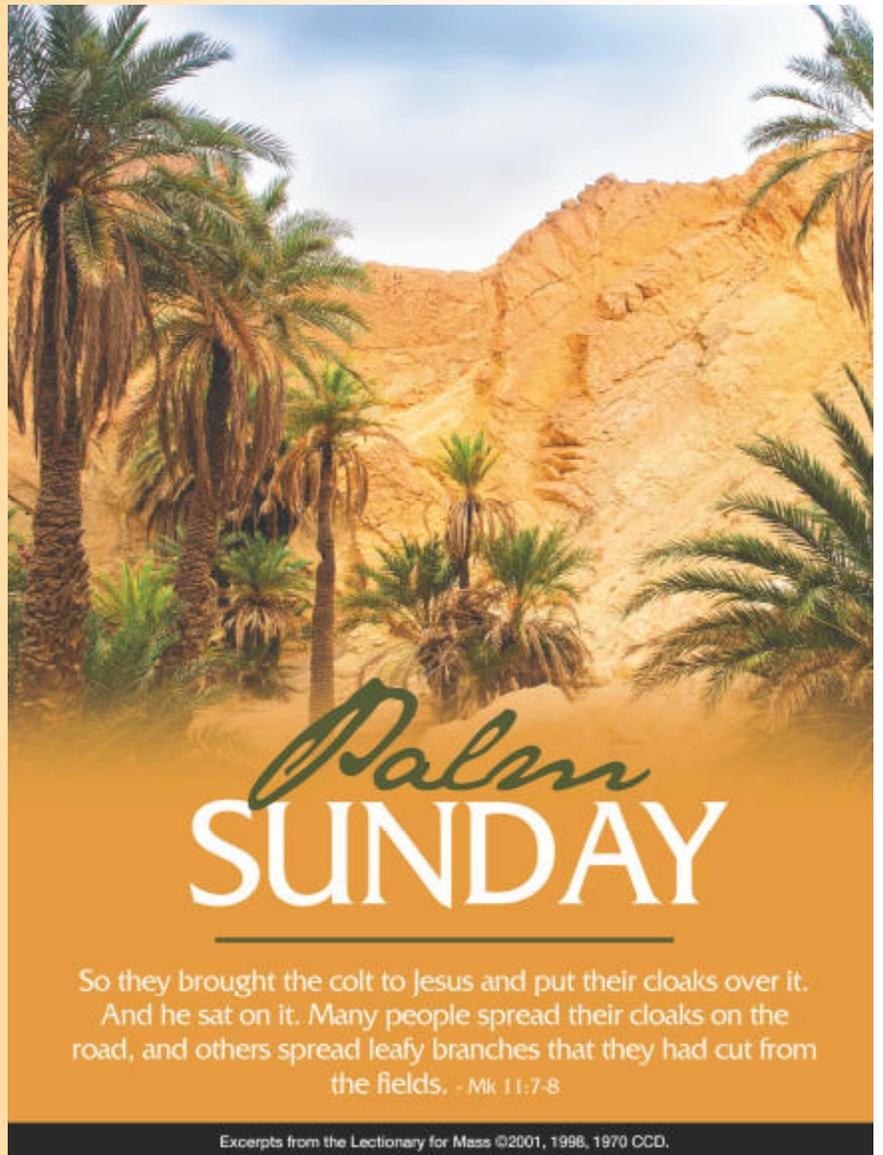
OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday: 9 AM-3 PM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:15 PM
or by appointment

St. Basil's Church will be open
during daylight hours for
people to pray individually.



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

March 28, 2021

Examination of Conscience

Responsibilities to God:

- Have I gone to Mass on Sunday or have I rebelled and been stubborn about going to Mass?
- Did I participate in the Mass or did I daydream?
- Have I prayed every day?
- Have I read the Bible?
- Have I been rebellious toward God and his commands?
- Have I misused the name of God by swearing and cursing?
- Have I told the Father that I love him for creating me and making me his son/daughter?
- Have I thanked Jesus for becoming man, dying for my sin and rising to give me eternal life?
- Have I asked the Holy Spirit to help me conquer sin and temptation and to be obedient to God's commands?

Responsibilities to others and myself:

- Have I been rebellious, disobedient or disrespectful to my parents, teachers and those in authority over me?
- Have I lied to or deceived my parents or others?
- Have I been arrogant and stubborn?
- Have I talked back to my parents or those in authority? Have I nagged or given my children cause to loose heart?
- Have I gotten angry or nurtured and held grudges and resentments? Have I refused to forgive others? Have I cultivated hatred?
- Have I treated my body with respect, have I been unchaste, masturbated, viewed pornography, have sex outside of marriage or been unfaithful to my spouse?
- Have I had an abortion or encouraged another to have one?
- Have I gossiped about others? Have I slandered anyone? Have I told lies about others? Have I mocked or made fun of others?
- Have I lied or cheated? Have I stolen anything? Have I paid it back?

- Have I been selfish or spiteful toward others? Have I been jealous?
- Have I gotten drunk, or taken drugs?
- Have I participated in anything that is of the occult: ouija boards, fortune tellers, séances, channeling, astrology?
- Have I been patient, kind, gentle and self-controlled?
- When my conscience told me to do something good, did I do it or did I ignore it?

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.



Reflection

The **Gospel at the Procession** is from the Gospel of Mark (11:1-10). Jesus enters Jerusalem as the crowds shout, "Hosanna!"

The **First Reading** is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (50:4-7). The Lord's servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

The **Responsorial Psalm** (22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24) A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers .

The **Second Reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (2:6-11). Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him.

The **Gospel Reading** is from the Gospel of Mark (14:1—15:47). Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better?

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Readings

Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6b, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Good Friday)

Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

HOLY SATURDAY ~ THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

(1) Gn 1:1—2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35; (2) Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16:5, 8-11; (3) Ex 14:15—15:1; (Ps) Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; (4) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; (5) Is 55:1-11; (Ps) Is 12:2-6; (6) Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8-11; (7) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; (8) Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; (9) Mk 16:1-7

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Lenten Regulations 2021

- **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:** These are days of *Fast and Abstinence from meat*. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.
- **Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent)** All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.
- **Easter Duty Obligation:** After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

Weekly Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday, March 27

4:00 PM **Dushore** *Helen Saxe McGee by Joe Middendorf*

Sunday, March 28

7:30 AM **Mildred** *Mass for the People*

9:30 AM **Dushore** *Mr. & Mrs. Bernie Walsh by Ed & Mary Moll*

Monday, March 29

8:45 AM *Morning Prayer*

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Joseph & Nellie Bohensky by family*

Tuesday, March 30

8:45 AM *Morning Prayer*

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Helen & Martin Richlin by Sylvia Richlin*

Wednesday, March 31

8:45 AM *Morning Prayer*

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Father Joseph R. Hornick by Lorretta Kettleberger*

Easter Triduum

Thursday, April 1 - Holy Thursday

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Morning Prayer*

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 PM *St. Basil's Church, Dushore*

(Eucharistic Adoration will follow until 9:30 PM in St. Basil's Church. Night Prayer will be held at 9:30 PM)

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Tenebrae*

1:00 PM *Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord*
St. Basil's Church, Dushore

3:00 PM **Dushore** *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday, April 3 - Holy Saturday

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Morning Prayer*

Celebration of the Easter Vigil

8:00 PM *Vigil Mass at St. Basil's Church, Dushore*

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday

Celebration of the Easter Eucharist

7:30 AM **Mildred** *Easter Mass Intentions*

9:30 AM **Dushore** *Easter Mass Intentions*

Our Weekly Parish Offertory Collection

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

March 20 & 21, 2021
\$3,815.00

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the parish office if possible.
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Storm Damage Fund Total
\$177,016.41
**Fiscal Year (July 1, 2020 – June 30,
2021)**

Total Offertory

\$209,726.57

Total Expenses

\$265,006.51

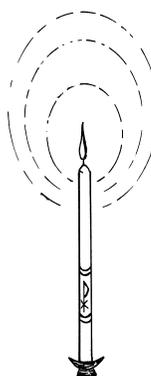
Storm Damage

\$45,026.00

Arrears (Debt)

\$18,350.00

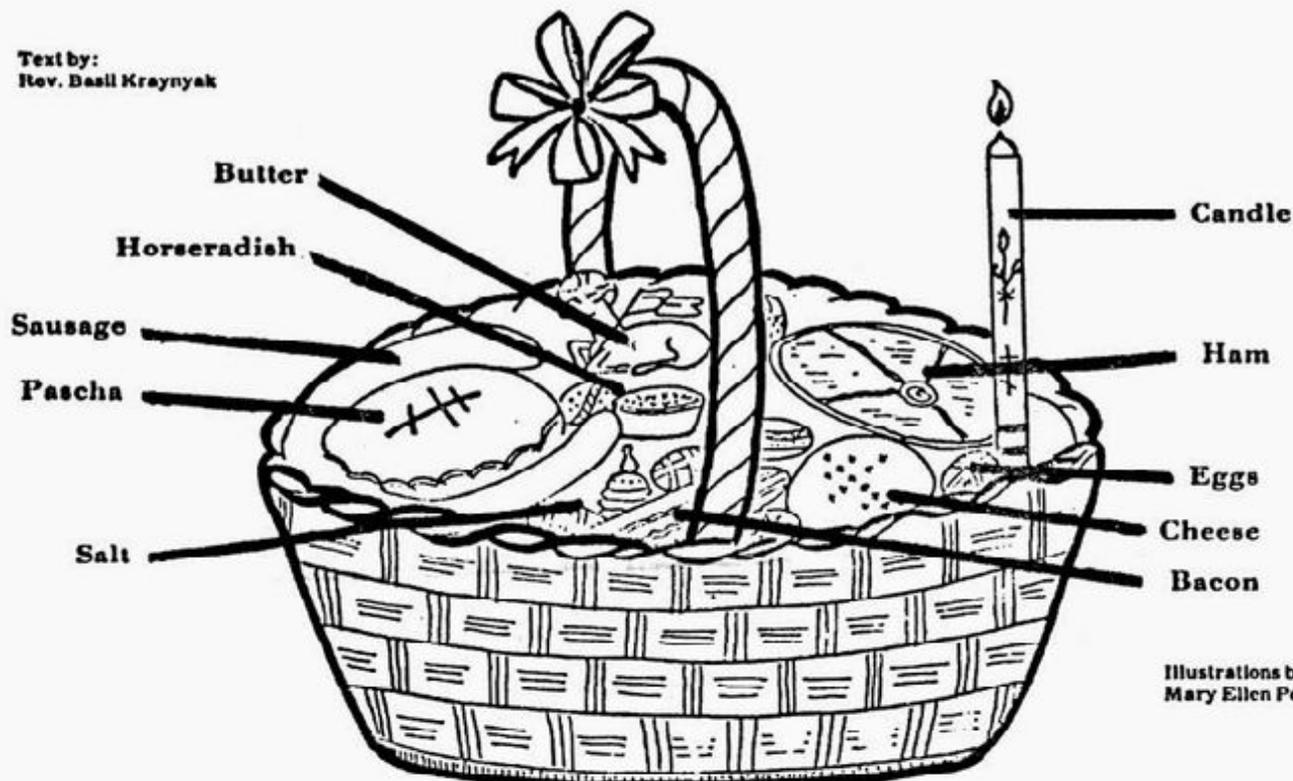
Total expenses have been updated and corrected to be accurate.



The sanctuary candles in St. Basil's Church and St. Francis of Assisi Church are burning in memory of Bernadette and Nathan Weaver by Dee & Ron Kulsicavage. The altar candles in St. Basil's Church are burning in loving memory of Grace Bohensky by Bob and Mary Getz and family.

How to Put Together a Traditional Easter Basket

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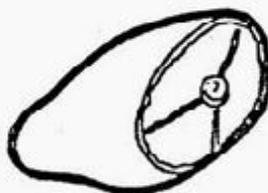


PASCHA - The Easter Bread (pron. pa-ska.) A sweet, yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually a round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross (+) of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait giving it a crowned effect or Greek abbreviations for the name of Christ. The letters XB indicate the Slavonic for Christ is Risen.

CHEESE (Slav. Hrudka or Sirets pron. hrood-ka or si-rets) A custard-type cheese shaped into a ball having a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things. Also, creamed cheese is placed in a small dish and both are decorated with symbols (see Pascha) out of cloves or pepper balls.



HAM (Slav. Šunka - pron. shoon-ka.) The flesh meat popular with the Slavs as the main dish because of its richness and symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Some may prefer Lamb or Veal. This is usually well roasted or cooked as well as other meats so that the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the Feast.



BUTTER (Slav. Maslo pron. ma-slo) This favorite dairy product is shaped into a figure of a Lamb or small cross and decorated as the cheese. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

BACON (Slav. Slanina pron. sla-ni-na) A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. Symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.



SAUSAGE (SLAV. Kolbasi - pron. kol-bu-si) A spicy, garlicky sausage of pork products, indicative of God's favor and generosity.

EGGS (Slav. Pisanki pron. pi-sún-ki) Hard-boiled eggs brightly decorated with symbols and markings made with beeswax. Indicative of new life and resurrection.



SALT (Slav. Sol' pron. sol') A condiment necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his duty to others.



HORSERADISH (Slav. Chrin pron. khrin) Horseradish mixed with grated red beets. Symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. A bitter-sweet red colored mixture reminds us of the sufferings of Christ.

These articles are placed in a wicker basket and a ribbon or bow is tied to the handle. A decorated candle is placed in the basket and is lit at the time of blessing. A linen cover usually embroidered with a picture of the Risen Christ or symbol with the words "Christ is Risen" is placed over the food when brought to the Church.

In some places a large Easter Bread (Pascha) is made and brought separately in a large linen cloth. If the origin of the people was from a wine growing area, a sweet wine may be brought.



Blessing of the Foods at Easter

In earlier times meats and dairy products were excluded from the diet during lent. As the end of the rigorous fast approached people showed their joy and gratitude by taking their food to church for a blessing on Holy Saturday. They then reserved it for eating after the Easter Mass.

The custom remains widespread in Eastern Europe among Christians of both Eastern and Western rites. Brought to the United States by immigrants, it's popularity is increasing, and it has meaning for us today. As we celebrate the Easter feast of new life, we bless the food which sustains our physical life and our whole being. We express our joy and gratitude for the food which nourishes us.

Because of Covid, we can't bring our food to church, but the blessings that follow may be given by families before the Easter festivities.

For the Blessing of the Paschal Lamb

Byzantine Ukrainian Ritual

Father, giver of all good things, you commanded our ancestors in faith to partake of lamb on Passover night. Bless this lamb prepared for our celebration in honor of your SON's Passover from death to life, for he is truly the Paschal Lamb by whose blood we are saved. As we enjoy the food which you sanctify for our nourishment, may we also obtain your blessing through the cross and resurrection of your Son. Yours is the power, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever, Amen.

For the Blessing of Other Meats

O God, through Moses you commanded your people in the deliverance from Egypt to kill a lamb and mark their doorposts with it's blood. We understand this to prefigure our deliverance by Jesus' shedding of his blood. May it please you to bless and sanctify this meat which we desire to eat in praise of Him, our Paschal Lamb, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

For the Blessing of Bread

Almighty, everlasting God, be pleased to bless this bread. May it be healthful food for body and soul, a safeguard against every disease, and a defense against all harm. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, who came down from heaven and gives life and salvation to all the world, who lives and reigns forever and ever, Amen.

For the Blessing of Dairy Foods

Byzantine Ukrainian Ritual

O God, creator and author of all being, bless these cheeses and butter and other dairy foods. Keep us in your love, so that as we partake of them, we may be filled with your bountiful gifts on account of our Lord's glorious resurrection from the dead. We give glory to you, our Father, without beginning, to your Son who is our true Food, and to you good and life filling Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

For the Blessing of Eggs

Father in heaven, let your blessing come upon these eggs. When we break them, we see a sign of your Son rising to new life from the tomb. May we eat them in joyful celebration of his resurrection, for he lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. Amen.

For the Blessing of Cakes and Pastries

Lord Jesus Christ, living bread of everlasting life, bless these cakes and pastries as you once blessed the five loaves in the wilderness. As we eat them may we receive the health we desire for body and soul. We ask this of you, our risen Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

For the Blessing of Other Foods

O God, through Moses you directed the Israelites to carry their sheaves to the priests for a blessing. Hear our prayers and shower abundant blessings on us and these assorted foods which we gratefully present to you in honor of your Son's resurrection. Grant that we may find them a remedy against sickness, a source of strength for our bodies, and a protection of soul by calling on your holy name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Blessing of Wine

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, in Cana of Galilee you changed water into wine. Bew pleased to bless this wine which you have give us as refreshment. Grant that whenever it is taken as drink, it may be accompanies by an outpouring of your life-giving grace, for ever and ever. Amen.

Grace before the Easter Meal

Ritual of Synod of Piotrkow, 15th century, adapted

Father, you graciously give us nourishment and strength for life's needs. We call your blessing on our meal and our companionship. Let us not eat to excess to displease you, and let not the sparkling wine tempt us to misdeeds. While we enjoy our feast, in charity let us also remember those who suffer hunger and want. Let not the pleasures of this life stifle the inspirations of your Holy Spirit. We ask this through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Lenten Reminders

Lent is a time for sacrifice and for spiritual renewal as we reflect upon our baptism and the call given to each of us to walk as disciples of the Lord.

As faithful followers of Jesus, we are traditionally encouraged to honor the sacred season of Lent by embracing the three pillars of Lenten observance:

- Almsgiving—generously giving to those in need
- Fasting—practicing self-discipline and self-denial
- Prayer—reading, hearing and reflecting on the Word of God

Lent is also a penitential season. It is a time to seek forgiveness, to look inward, and to admit our shortcomings and failures. It is a time to regroup and to prepare. How can you spend your time during Lent?

- By “giving up” things you hunger after, such as sweets or alcohol; or activities you desire, such as vacations, concerts or movies.
- By “doing” things to help others, such as offering an extra donation to the poor or helping those in need by providing food or clothing.
- By “adding” to our normal routine, such as going to daily Mass, praying the Stations of the Cross and going to confession.

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Our Parish Goal: \$38,000
Total Raised: \$23,736
Percentage of Goal Pledged
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