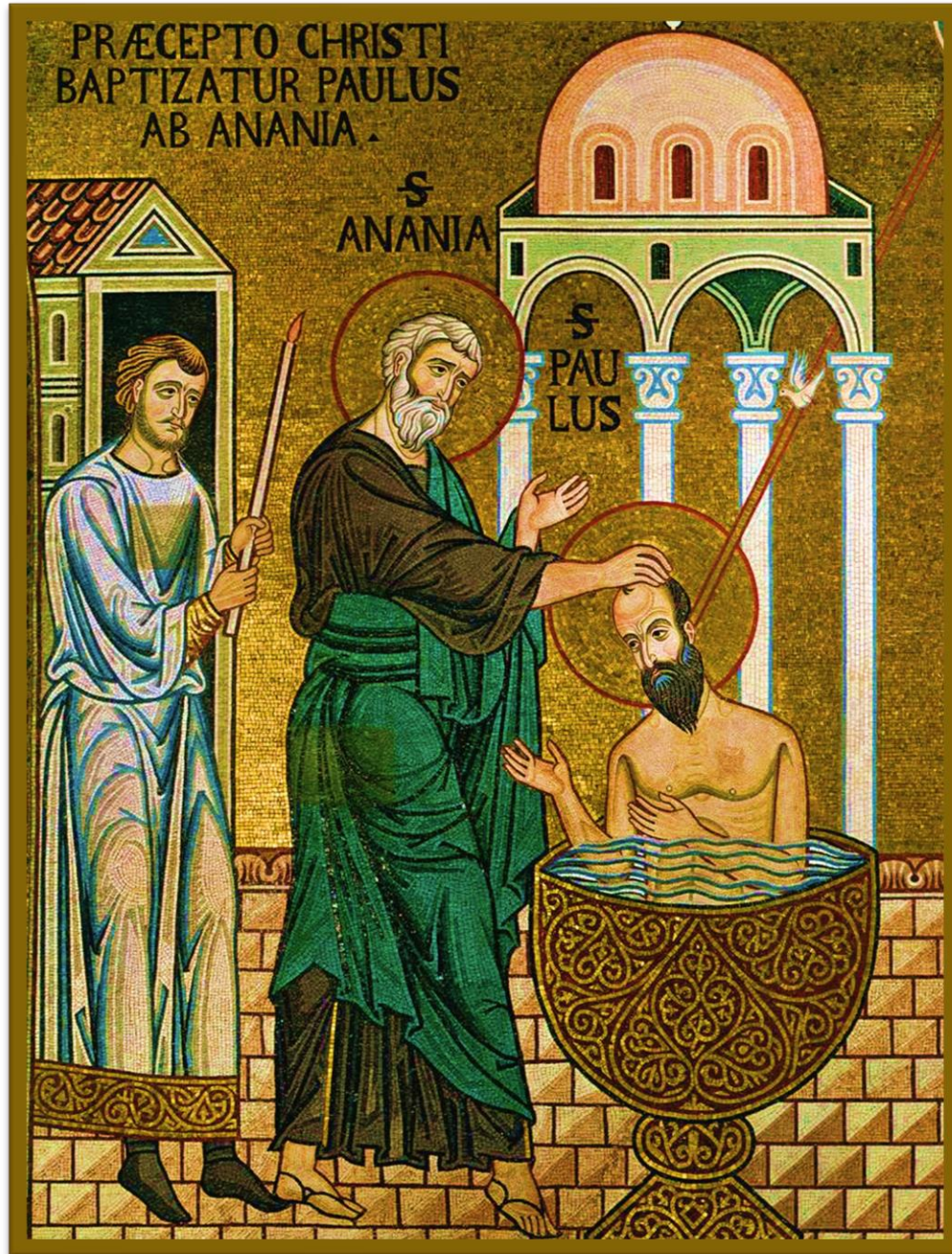


Second Sunday of Luke



St. Ananias the Apostle Baptizing St. Paul

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, New Jersey 07090

[Live streaming services](#) - 908/233.8533 - www.HolyTrinityWestfield.org

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizi, Parish Priest

On the First Day of the month, we commemorate: The Holy Protection of the Theotokos (Agia Skepi); St. Ananias, Apostle of the 70 (Acts 9:10-17); Our Righteous Father St. Romanos the Melodist; St. John Koukouzelis the Monk and Psalti of the Great Lavra on Mount Athos

Click links for Scripture Readings

Morning Gospel:	St. Luke 24:36-53	Ελληνικά
Epistle Reading:	2 Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1	Ελληνικά
Gospel Reading:	St. Luke 6:31-36	Ελληνικά

Apolytikion of the Resurrection: “From on high You descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the Cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our Life and Resurrection, Glory to You, O Lord.”

Apolytikion of the Apostle: “O holy Apostle Ananias, intercede with the all merciful God, that for our faults He may grant forgiveness to our souls.”

Apolytikion of the Melodist: “In you, O Father, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the Cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Romanos, your spirit rejoices with the angels.”

Apolytikion of the Church: “Blessed are You, O Christ our Lord and God, You who made all wise the fishermen Your Apostles, sending down upon them Your Spirit, which is Holy and through their work drawing the world into Your net, glory to You Who loves mankind.”

Kontakion: “A protection of Christians unshamable,* Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering,* please reject not* the prayerful cries of those who are in sin.* Instead, come to us for you are good;* your loving help do bring to us,* who are crying in faith to you:* hasten to intercession* and speed now to supplication,* as a protection for all time,* Theotokos, for those who honor you.”

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, October 15, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Altar Donations

Altar Candles: In Memory of Sarandos Markos†

Vigil Light: In Memory of Steven Manos†

Large Candles: In Memory of Nicholas C. Pappas†

Sacraments and Rites

40-Day Blessing: On Sunday, October 1, we will be blessed to have the churching of Nikos (Nicholas) Stevens, son of Eva Evgeniou and Kevin Stevens.

Baptism: On Sunday, October 1, the baptism of Penelope Valentine Bell, daughter of Alexandra Terpos Bell and Terry Bell, will be celebrated. The Godfather is Peter (Petros) J. Theodorou.

Funeral: On Saturday, September 30, the funeral service for Michael Tsoukalas† was held. Eternal be his memory.

Welcome Visitors

We welcome you to the parish of Holy Trinity in Westfield. We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home, we hope that you will become part of our family. Fr. Peter would very much like to meet you. Please visit the Philoxenia/Fellowship table in the Bouras Center after services to meet parishioners and enjoy our Fellowship Hour.



St. Ananias the Apostle of the Seventy – Oct. 1

In the Book of Acts, three men with the name Ananias appear, and each plays a role in New Testament Church. Ananias is a common name among Jews. On October 1, the Holy Church celebrates Ananias the Apostle and baptizer of Paul the Great Apostle to the Gentiles. (Acts 9:10-17).



St. Ananias healing Paul's blindness

St. Ananias was a disciple of Christ living in Damascus three years after the Ascension. When the revelation on the road to Damascus left Paul blind from the overwhelming brilliance of the Divine Light, it was Ananias who was sent to him. He restored Paul's sight by the laying on of his hands, and baptized him. Later Ananias was consecrated bishop of Damascus by the Apostles.

St. Ananias performed many miracles in Damascus and Eleutheropolis by which a great number of pagans were brought to the faith. He became so well-known that the authorities regarded him as a dangerous man. The

Governor Lucian had him arrested and beaten with sinews of oxen. They lacerated his chest and burnt his flesh with flaming torches. Then, thrusting him outside the city walls, they stoned him, and so saw to his departure from this earthly dwelling place to the glorious assembly of the Elect.



St. Romanos the Melodist – Oct. 1

Our Father Romanos was from Emesa in Syria. He became deacon of the Church of Berytus (Beirut), and settled in Constantinople during the reign of the Emperor Anastasios I about the year 496 AD. His virtuous life was a shining example to the faithful, and he filled his duties conscientiously at the Church of the Mother of God of Cyrrhus to which he was appointed.

Romanos was not blessed with a particularly good voice. It was not well-modulated, so he was unable to glorify the Creator melodiously as he wished to. One Christmas in the Church of Blachernae at the Vigil of the Nativity, the Mother of God appeared to him holding in her hand a



scroll which she gave him to swallow. As soon as he tasted it, an indescribable sweetness filled his mouth and, going up into the pulpit, he began to intone in an angelic voice the kontakion that we continue to sing today, “Today the Virgin gives birth to Him who is above all being...” (*I Parthenos Simeron*)

This gift of a sweet voice remained with him for the rest of his life. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, he adorned most of the feasts of the liturgical year with wonderfully didactic hymns. St. Romanos is said to have composed the Akathist Hymn that is still chanted in the Church every Friday night during Great Lent. St. Romanos has been called *Glykophonos* (Sweet Singer), *Melodhos* (Melodist) and *Psaltis Dhikeosinis* (Righteous Chanter). St. Romanos surrendered his spirit to the Triune God that he so eloquently praised with doxology on October 1, 510 A.D.



Leoneias, David, Elizabeth, Tara, Lambros, Anne, Maria, Mikos, Arthur, John, Al, Jessika, Anastasia, Robert, Joanne, Peter, Constantine, Vasileos, Tina, Gabby, Fran, Dayvon, Sunitha, Neil, Gus, Dimitri, Freddy, Shane, Lula, Christina, Diego, Michael, Katie, Joe, Theo, Barbara, Nicholas, Athanasios, Clarita, Georgia, Savas, Christodoulos, Sophia, Savas, Maria, Michelle, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Steve, Clem, Christos, Dorothy, Bill, Thomas, John, Keti, Dawn, Nick, Hilary, Nicholas, Matt, Diane, Cynthia, Patty, John, Isabel, Noella, Nevin, George, Diana, Lucia, Rich, Keti, Georgia, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, Gayle, William, Byron, John, Robert, John, Angela, Andrew, Dianna, Edward, Sue, Thomas

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Prophoro Cover and Antidoro Pouch

These beautifully embroidered covers and pouches are perfect to cover your freshly made *prophoro* (offering bread) and use to place the *antidoron* (blessed bread) inside. Pious Orthodox Christians will take extra *antidoron* home to consume throughout the week as part of their daily devotions. This pouch is ideal to keep the blessed bread covered and placed on the iconostasis.

High Quality Wooden Prophoro Seal

When making *prophoro* (offering bread) for the Eucharist and *antidoron*, a good quality seal is of necessity. Plastic and low-quality wooden seals are less than ideal. These new wooden seals, now available in our bookstore, are high quality featuring deep carvings to allow for a better impression on the bread. You can clearly see and distinguish each part of this prophoro seal.



ΙΣ ΧΣ – This is an abbreviation for **Ιησούς**

Χριστός or Jesus Christ

ΝΙΚΑ – Νικά means victory or to conquer

Taken together we translate this as “Jesus Christ Conquers” or in “Jesus Christ is Victory.”

The middle square is carefully extracted by the priest during the Service of the Proskomide and then placed on the paten. This center piece will be consecrated alongside the Offering Wine during the Divine Liturgy to become the very Body of Christ. This portion, also known as the Lamb of God or Amnos, is used for the Eucharist and is the portion that communes the faithful during Holy Communion.

October 1 is National Church Music Sunday

On National Church Music Sunday, we recognize the service of our choir members and chanters. October is considered Choir Membership Recruitment Month. Visit our Choir table during the Fellowship Hour to view posters showing some history of Holy Trinity choirs and to find out how you can join our Choir! A special collection to support The National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians will be available on Sunday, October 1.

Thank You!

We give thanks to God For our choir members, chanters, and church musicians, as they sing a new song unto the Lord!



On behalf of Holy Trinity, Fr. Peter receives GWACC award.


Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad You Did!

Adult Choir for ages 18 to senior citizens


Angel Choir for boys and girls ages 8-12


Byzan "teens" for boys and girls
Ages 13-17

Email the Choir Director
kathanasoulas@hotmail.com

Westfield Chamber of Commerce Celebrates Twenty Year Partnership with Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity enters the 20 Year Club of the Greater Westfield Chamber of Commerce. As seen in the picture, Gene Jannoit of GWACC presents Fr. Peter with a plaque commemorating our membership since 2003. Our parish is proud of serving Westfield and the surrounding area for over 56 years and we look forward to a bright future here.

Religious Education

Fr. Peter is happy to announce the appointment of Peter Markos as the new Director of Religious Education. Being in the field of education, Peter will make a most suitable and knowledgeable director. He has a passion for teaching and wishes to impart the faith to every child attending Sunday School.

Registration is Now Open

Sunday School Classes have begun. We ask that you complete the online form for each student: www.tinyurl.com/2023-24ReligiousEdRegistration

You can find the link on the church website <https://holytrinitywestfield.org/ministries/religious-education/>

★ Teach Religious Education ★

Looking for a fun way to serve the church and use your talents? Teach Religious Education! There are openings in Pre-K, 3, 8 and 9 grades and can use assistant teachers in various grades. Speak to Peter Markos or Father Peter for more details.

Greek School Registration is Now Open

Greek School registration is now open for all classes. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4PM - 6PM. Tuesday's are grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Beginners and Advanced, and 3rd and Thursday's are grades 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th. You can register at <https://holytrinitywestfield.org/ministries/greek-school/>

**We are excited to welcome everyone to a new ecclesiastical and school year.
Holy Trinity offers numerous youth programs, including GOYA, JOY/HOPE,
Greek Dance and TOTS.**



GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) is the ministry to teenagers for the purpose of fellowship, worship, service, and witness.

New members in grades 6-12 are welcome at any time. 6th graders may participate in Westfield only activities and 7-12th (ages 12-18) may participate in statewide activities. Activities include Christ Encounter Retreat (weekend away), athletics, outreach, Greek dance, Sights & Sounds

(performing and visual arts), and many others! Diving for the Cross on Sunday, September 24 are Alexandre Sulton, Melina Colonias, Dylan West, and Marina Skalkotos. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/53pp88nz>

SELECT UPCOMING EVENTS: (subject to change)

• **October 13-15:** 47th Annual Christ Encounter Retreat, Fairview Lakes YMCA Camp

GOYA Advisors: Maria Tarhanidis, Mary Carayannopoulos, Sophia Saketos, Catherine Kelly, Andy Zotos, and Christine Skalkotos. Please contact an advisor or email goya@htgocnj.org with any questions.

TOTS Playgroup – Wednesday, October 11

TOTS: (Trinity Orthodox Toddler Social) It is a fun way to connect with other Orthodox families with small children. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, October 11, from 9:30-11:30 AM in the preschool room. Children 18 months-Pre-K are welcome with their caregiver (younger siblings welcome!). Bring water, sneakers, and a snack. Contact Val Comprelli vcomprelli@gmail.com or 612-801-8608 to sign-up or with any questions.

JOY/HOPE: (the Junior Orthodox Youth group) of Holy Trinity is open to youth between the ages of five to eleven. The events are geared to bring the youth of Holy Trinity together in a fun and educational way and to start to plant the seeds of giving back to the community. Past events have included apple picking, making Valentine's Day cards for our Holy Trinity seniors, pizza night, and attending church services together. Past and new members can sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/n39edm2f> or contact Kathy Petsinis Paone at kathy@homesbykathyp.com or 201-344-4049.

Joy/Hope Greek Dance: Registration Deadline - Sunday, October 1

Greek Dance classes for children in grades K-6 will once again be offered at Holy Trinity. Classes will be taught by Niko Nikolovienis from Hellenic Roots. The children will be divided into two groups based on their level of experience. Classes will be every Sunday (excluding holidays) beginning October 8, 2023, a complete schedule will be distributed prior to the first day of class. Class times are 12-12:30 PM (beginners) and 12:30 -1 PM (Intermediate). The cost of the class is \$200/dancer. \$175 each for two or more siblings. Please register using this link: <https://forms.gle/ZeXwhgSARuTTF33N7> For further information contact Mary Carayannopoulos (carayannopoulos@comcast.net or 314-623-5493).

Joy/Hope Apple Picking - Saturday, October 14

Join us for apple picking on Saturday, October 14 at 11:30 AM at Wightman Farms in Morristown. Joy/Hope and the Holy Trinity Family are welcome to partake in the fun fall festivities. The cost is \$25 per person to be paid directly to the farm. Fee includes entry to the farm, a hayride, a pumpkin, and access to the apple picking and picnic area. There is an additional fee to pick apples. Please RSVP to Kathy Paone at 201-344-4049 or joyhopehtgoc@yahoo.com if you plan on attending so we can pick a meeting spot.

Trinity Circle - Tuesday, October 3

Lunch/meeting 11 AM - 2 PM in the Bouras Center. Lunch donated in honor of Chris Steele's birthday. Kindly join us if you are over 55 years young for friendship and camaraderie! Hunterdon Hills Playhouse "Christmas Show & Lunch" outing by bus, Thursday, November 16, 10 AM - 4 PM. Only 30 tickets available. Members \$85; non-members \$90. Make your reservations with Cassandra Romas at 908-296-1586 or kromas22409@gmail.com

Giving Thanks Eucharistic Stewardship



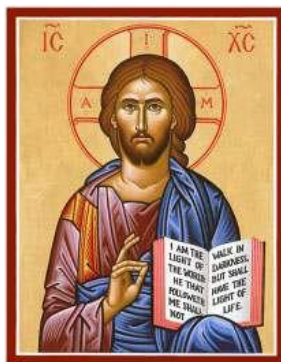
In January we started our annual Stewardship Campaign by reaching out to all Holy Trinity parishioners. As of August, we graciously received 400 steward pledges in the amount of \$493,223.

Please remember to submit your pledge card to meet our operating budget of \$885,000.00. Your stewardship is crucial to maintaining our spiritual home based on Christ's teaching and example.

Our goal includes spiritual health and growth by actively participating in the life of the church as the body of Christ by attending worship services and prayers, fasting, and almsgiving. Our Christian stewardship is a way of life that acknowledges our responsibility before God.

Your offerings of "Time, Talent, and Treasure" to date have allowed our parish to achieve 56% of our budget, fund our annual Archdiocesan commitment, present a gift to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, and support our growing and vibrant ministries.

Consider inviting family and friends to come visit and worship with us. Sponsor a new steward and invite them into our Holy Trinity family. Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also". May God multiply your blessings. Thank you.



Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
47th Annual Christ Encounter Retreat
for all 6-12th grade students
"My Temple – My Body"
October 13-15, 2023

Camp Fairview Lake,
Newton, NJ
Meet at church at 6:15pm on Friday
Return Sunday around noon
\$190 per person

Includes transportation, 5 meals, ice cream social and two nights lodging in a well-maintained cabin with built in bunks, electricity, flush toilets and hot showers.

(financial assistance is available—please speak to Fr. Peter)
Join us for a spiritual weekend of themed sessions, fun and games, boating, hiking, team building, campfire, friendship and fellowship

Attendance is mandatory for GOYA members.

Register by October 4

<https://tinyurl.com/4c6ne3k5>

Karaghiozi Shadow Puppet Show-Sunday, October 22, at 12:30 PM in the Bouras Center

KARAGHIOZIS THE BAKER!

Yia sou! I'm Karaghiozis, the most famous puppet character in all of Greece! I'm starring in a new show to be performed on the unique and fabulous Greek Shadow Puppet Stage!



This time, I'm going to work for my friend, Hatzivatis, who owns a bakery. Let's see how well I do - or not!

Either way, it's going to be a lot of fun!

It will be performed by the Robert Rogers Puppet Company, which is celebrating its 43rd year!

Sunday, October 22nd, 2023, at 12:30 pm.



Robert Rogers Puppet Company will be performing a live shadow puppet show titled "Karaghiozi the Baker." The comedy will be performed in English and promises to delight all age groups. Robert Rogers will also give a behind the scenes explanation of the art form of shadow puppetry for our audience. His company is celebrating its 43rd year! For more information contact: Soula Campbell at soula73@hotmail.com

Capital Campaign Progress



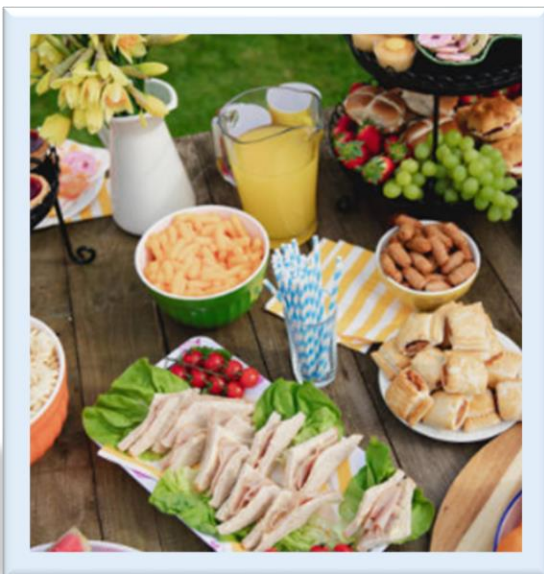
Capital Campaign
How your donation is
working...
and making
improvements to the
church.

Church Dome

Work on the dome and protective membrane that covers it from the elements has been completed! We thank everyone who contributed to our Holy Trinity Capital Campaign. God's Grace and your generosity and support enabled the achievement of this phase of our project.

Upcoming Parish Events

Sunday, October, 1



Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
invites you to
Our Annual Church Picnic
(Sponsored by Your Parish Council)
(immediately following liturgy
under the parking lot tent)

Join us for Delicious Food &
an Afternoon Gathering of Family & Friends

Thursday, October 5

**41st ANNUAL
HOLY TRINITY GOLF CLASSIC**



Thursday, October 5, 2023

**Echo Lake Country Club
515 Springfield Avenue
Westfield, NJ 07090**

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Our golf tournament this year, limited to 52 golfers, has been sold out for October 5 at Echo Lake. Thank you to all who have registered. Next year we will have a bigger field available.

If you are not a golfer, please consider joining us afterwards for drinks and snacks, and enjoy the amazing facilities at Echo Lake.

There are still many sponsorship opportunities, beginning as low as \$150 for a hole or tee sponsor. These can be used to advertise a business, remember a loved one, or simply to show support. Additional categories can be found on the attached form, and some of the major items can be split among donors.

We know that there are other financial requests being made and simply ask that you support as you can. We appreciate widespread participation.

If you have questions regarding any of the categories, or can donate items for auction, please call George Paras on 201-681-5366 or George Colonias on 908-294-7414.

Thank you!!

Sponsorship Opportunities

<i>Grand Benefactor</i>	<i>\$ 10,000</i>
<i>Cocktail Hour Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 4,000</i>
<i>Lunch Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 2,500</i>
<i>Prize Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 1,500</i>
<i>Kyle House Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 1,000</i>
<i>Golfer Gift Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 1,000</i>
<i>On Course Beverage sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 400</i>
<i>Putting Green Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 500</i>
<i>Range Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 500</i>
<i>Cart Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 500</i>
<i>Closest -to -the- Pin Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 300</i>
<i>Hole Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 150</i>
<i>Tee Sponsor(s)</i>	<i>\$ 150</i>
<i>Hole in One Prize Sponsor Opportunity</i>	

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GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

✠ AMEN ✠