

WELCOME TO ASCENSION

SAVE YOUR PEOPLE, OH GOD, AND BLESS YOUR INHERITANCE

“NOTHING EMBITTERS A PERSON MORE THAN SUFFERING. BUT WHEN IT IS CONSECRATED TO GOD, IT BECOMES HOLY”

THOMAS MERTON

SUN SEP 29

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

After – Hospitality

2 Cor 11: 31-12:9 Lk 6:31-36 Tone 2

11:00 Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners & + Bishop Basil Harry Losten by Fr. Alex

12:30 - Young Adults continue spiritual studies

Tue Oct 1

PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS

8:30 Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners & David Efimetz by Fr. Alex

Wed Oct 2

8:30 Divine Liturgy For All Our Parish and HGB Katharina Margan & her Family by Fr. Alex

MOLEBEN TO THE THEOTOKOS -Special Intentions-For Peace in Our Country

Thu Oct 3

8:30 Divine Liturgy For All Our Parish and HGB Peter & Lisa Margan by Fr. Alex

6:00pm - **ROSARY** - Prayer for Protection and Healing of the coronavirus and all serious illnesses by Men's Club

Sat Oct 5

1:00pm Church Cleaning Hours

SUN OCT 6

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

After – Hospitality-Pot Luck

Gai 1: 11-19 Lk 7:11-16 Tone 3

11:00 Divine Liturgy For All Our Parishioners & HGB Mary Ann Drumtra by Fr. Alex

Welcome Back ECF Students!

ECF - children's formation classes begin on October 6th at 10am! Come join us! All ages welcome!

Please see Lisa Edwards (our choir director) with any questions about registration or email at LisaCVoice@yahoo.com.

Young Adults, Children, Adult Bible Study Comity: Subdeacon Adithia Kusno, Dr. Michael Lechman, Lisa Edwards. Special Event/Retreat Speakers Comity: David Efimetz, Don Merkley, Dr. Mary Jean Sotack

October 20, after Divine Liturgy will be Security Team meeting - training. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. Fr. Alex

Ascension Young Adults will continue Byzantine spiritual studies from Philokalia at 12:30 pm on each Sunday: TODAY - September 29; October 6, 13, 20, and 27; and November 3, 10, 17, and 24. Come and pray together. In Christ, Adi

Bible Study: he Book of Genesis

The next adult Bible study will be held on Tuesday October 8 from 5:15 to 6:30 PM.

The session will cover study book in Genesis,

Dr. Michael Lechman

Please Join us on the (2nd and 4th Tuesday Evening Bible Study of St. John Hall at 5:15pm. in the Social Hall.

Attention all Parishioners, Visitors, and Guests: please do your part to help us keep the Social Hall clean. After Sunday Hospitality and Pot Lucks please make sure the table area where you were sitting is wiped clean. Also, please place your chair on top of the table. Doing these things will be a big help and save much time in maintaining and keeping the floors clean. Thanks for your help and cooperation Fr. Alex

The Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) is fully operational and located on the wall above the fire extinguisher in St. Phillips Hall. Eight parishioners were certified on the use of the AED on Oct 8, 2023 and other parishioners have been certified in the past. Periodic updates will follow. Dr. Michael Lechman

Liturgy and Candle Requests: Often we want to remember someone and offer special prayers for the departure of a loved one, special occasion, birthday, anniversary, etc. with celebration of a Divine Liturgy or lighting of a candle in front of an icon. To request a liturgy or candle, please complete the form in the appropriate envelope which you will find in the rack on the wall as you enter Ascension church and place it in the Sunday offering basket. Thank you. Fr. Alex.

Let's be prepared and proactive for any event that may happen on church property during our Sunday Divine Liturgy and every day.

Security Team Recruitment

Fr. Alex is seeking additional volunteers to be part of the Ascension Security Team. All able-bodied adults (Men and Women) are welcome to participate. We need Greeters at the front entrance outside the church from 10:30am to the end of Divine Liturgy and Greeters inside the church from 10:30am to the end of the Divine Liturgy. Training and security updates will be provided once a month after Sunday Divine Liturgy at a scheduled Security Team meeting. To sign up for this important Church ministry please see Ann Merkley (Security Team Secretary) in the gift shop before or after Sunday Divine Liturgy.

Job descriptions will be available for each role.

SPECIAL ORDERS WELCOMED.

Many unique items come into the shop weekly. We have a great selection of special-occasion gifts and religious items unique to the Williamsburg area, including a wide selection of spiritual books, music, icons and devotional and inspirational articles plus hand-made soaps, local honey.

We have several faithful from Ascension who are in need of special prayer.

Some of those who need special prayer are:

Frank and Chris Janke, Mary Grace Dorsey, Ben Pawers, Betty May Hertz, Emma Bernier, Lolly Vinson, June Mathews, William McGraw, Myron Kotyk, Darren and June Hall, Aurora & Jaime Daquilanea, Lary, Mary Ann Drumtra & their Family, Katharina Margan, Elaine Hampton, Dr. Micheal & Linda Lechman, Orysia Stefaniv, Elisabeth Branden, Merly & Teresa Phillips, Mary Sullivan, Mary Saupp, Francis Fenderson, Gareth & Patricia Reeves. Abigail Johnson, Don Wilson & his Family, Johnny Morris, Hazel Reeres, Richard Bapst; Joan Ruszkowski and her Family, John Adzima, Michael Derkacz Thank you. Fr. Alex

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd Lisa Branden; 8th Jamie DaQuilanea; 14th Danny Montgomery; 14th Lolly Vinson; 20 Patty Piszko-Dunham; 21st Deborah Kotyk; 21st Sr Alphina Chepter; 23rd Peyton Karlson; 24th Zachary Karlson; 27th Lydia Marin; 28th Lisa Cifrulak Edwards; 29th Christine Noonan; 29th David Efimetz

Visitors, family and friends: Are you curious, do you have questions or inquirers about our church, icons, Divine Liturgy, or Byzantine Catholic traditions? Someone will be waiting to answer your questions after Divine Liturgy on Sunday mornings in the vicinity of the icon corner at the front of the sanctuary. Don't be afraid to ask, there are no wrong questions.

Old Testament Griller News - Thank you to all of those who have helped out with the grill and in the kitchen this year. For the October potluck we are excited to serve a parish favorite in anticipation of the upcoming Oktoberfest, Beer Brats! While we are pleased to continue to serve everyone's favorites for potluck we do rely on donations to buy the food. There is a donation box on the bar in the Hall for donations to the Griller fund. Please feel free to donate what you can so we can continue providing the delicious food.

Mike Olson

God bless America!!!

Prayer to Guardian Angel

**ANGEL OF GOD, MY GUARDIAN DEAR, TO WHOM HIS LOVE COMMITS ME HERE: EVER THIS DAY
BE AT MY SIDE, TO LIGHT AND GUARD, TO RULE AND GUIDE. AMEN**



FINANCIALS, Sep, 22, 2024

Monthly Dues –25.00; Offertory –515.00; Candles-14.00; Special Gifts-600.00
In –1,179.00; Out-781.19

Candles for October

Sanctuary Lamp...+ John & Betta Labanish

Tetrapod... HGB Lainie Noonan by Chris Noonan

Theotokos & Child... HGB Andrey by Keith & Nadia Shckly

John Baptist... + Jonathan Duttry by Patty Duttry

St Nicholas... HGB Hampton Family Nicole, Alex Allyson by Eleine & Joe Hampton

Protection Theotokos... In Love & Gratitude by Jim & Gia Hoolan

Christ Teacher... HGB Irene Slysh by Keith & Nadia Shockly

10 signs you're doing well in life:

- 1.) you have a roof over your head. 2.) You ate today. 3.) You have a good heart.
- 4.) You wish good for others. 5.) You have clean water. 6.) Someone cares for you.
- 7.) You strive to be better. 8.) You have clean clothes. 9.) You have a dream. 10.) You're Breathing.

Be Thankful For The Little Things

Our Daily Bread – Are All Religions the Same?

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

“All salvation comes from Christ the head through the church, which is His body.” CCC846

In Jakarta Indonesia recently, Pope Francis said, *“All religions are pathways to reach God.”* The statement was met with warm applause from the interreligious audience, but has been criticized by many Catholics. Provocative statements from the Pontiff are nothing new, but let’s consider Francis’ statement with Scripture and from Catechism. It might surprise you.

Let’s first turn to Scripture. Consider the Samaritan woman at the well. The Jews at the time looked down on Samaritans as being impure in their faith, yet Jesus spoke to her, letting it be known He is the salvation of all, He did not condemn her, but instructed her. Consider the story of the Roman Centurion. A pagan leader of pagan men, yet in his words to Jesus we hear sincerity and inspired belief, *“Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed...”* Jew or gentile, Jesus did not exclude anyone who came honestly and openly, yet He was firm in His message of salvation.

Now let’s turn to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. *“The plan of salvation also acknowledges those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the Muslims; these profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one merciful God, mankind’s judge on the last day.” CCC841*

A controversial statement? But wait, it is clarified: *“The Catholic Church recognizes in other religions that search, among the shadows and images, for the God who is unknown yet near, since He gives life and breath and all things and wants all men to be saved. Thus, the church considers all goodness and truth found in these religions as a preparation for the Gospel and given by Him who enlightens all men that they may at length have life.” CCC843*

Is this what Francis was getting at; religions searching among the shadows and images for God, in preparation for hearing the true Gospel? If you are still searching, you have not found the right path, you have not found Jesus Christ. If so, we should preach the true Gospel boldly, right? During his talk to the Catholic Clergy in Jakarta, Pope Francis warned against “proselytizing,” meaning forcing your faith on others; he did not speak however about evangelization, which the church has a duty to do, see CCC848. Francis did urge the clergy to share the “joy of encountering Christ” but with “great respect and fraternal affection”. Again, no mention of evangelization. It seems at the end of the day interreligious fraternity (just getting along) wins out over proclaiming the Gospel to loudly. What would Saint Paul say? Read Acts 17:22-32, and hear it in Paul’s own words.

Let’s return to the main subject, are all religions pathways to God? Is the Satanic Temple a religion? The U.S. government says so. With Satan as their leader, are they on the path to God? The same goes for the Wiccans, Voodoo practitioners and other so-called religions that worship the earth,

nature, fertility gods and goddesses. Are these “religions” on the path to God? This is a dangerous dance indeed, fraught with confusion and error, Satan’s handiwork.

Pope Francis’ statement, said to an interreligious gathering at Jakarta, was very popular with the young audience. But are we looking to be popular? To a young Catholic or otherwise ill-informed, it creates an impression of equalness of all religions, or that it just does not matter. Where does that lead?

Indifferentism is the belief that it does not matter what religion an individual professes; he can be saved. The Catechism notes that Indifferentism can easily drift into a form of “practical atheism”, see CCC2128. Indifferentism was identified by Pope Leo XIII in 1885: *“To hold, therefore, that there is no difference in matters of religion between forms that are unlike each other, and even contrary to each other, most clearly leads in the end to the rejection of all religion in both theory and practice. And this is the same thing as atheism.”* Immortale Dei, 31

Pray for our Pontiff, and pray for the clergy. We have an obligation to teach our children the one true faith. We also have a responsibility to bring the Gospel as we can, to all peoples.

Love Dad

Men's Club News Circle of Hope Awards - We are pleased to announce the next two recipients of the Circle of Hope awards. The first is the Latisha's House Foundation. Latisha's House provides a safe and secure home for women that have been sex-trafficked. A safe place where victims receive trauma counseling and can build skills to help them live a free and independent life. The second recipient is an old friend, FISH. For over 50 years volunteers at FISH has provided food, clothing and other essentials to those without. Interventions which help keeps families together and give people hope. More news will follow about these organizations and award presentations in the upcoming weeks.

OCTOBERFEST!!! Octoberfest is scheduled for the 12th of October. Tickets go on sale this Sunday. In addition to the traditional sit down evening dinner (a feast of traditional German fare) we will also sell bratwurst and pulled pork sandwiches, along with other treats in the afternoon. Weather permitting we will have outside activities in the afternoon for young and old. Additional information to follow.

Volunteers needed. These festivals and dinners are fun but require a lot of volunteers. We still need volunteers (men and women) for the Octoberfest. If you would like to help out, please volunteer at the ticket sales on Sunday, or contact Lee. Thanks you to the men and women who have already stepped forward.

Carpathian Kitchen news - The latest production run went very smoothly on Friday and Saturday. We packaged 35 dozen potato and cheese last week and they are now for sale. For the present, we are going to hold off sales of the Apricot pierogi. There were issues with them opening up during the freezing process and with the dough. We will try again at a later date. Lee

Octoberfest - 12 October, 3-8pm. From 3-5pm we will have a putt-putt golf game curtesy of Pirate's Cove, where you can try to win a free round of golf at the course. We are also planning for a corn hole tournament, so brush up on your skills, and get yourself a partner! Details to follow. During this time frame we will be selling (al-a-cart) pulled pork sandwiches and bratwurst, along with German pretzels, ice cream, and assorted beverages.

Be sure to get your ticket for the Octoberfest Dinner. Menu includes schnitzel, roasted pork loin, bratwurst and other sausages, German potato salad, roasted vegetable, spaetzle, and be sure to leave room for dessert. Tickets are the same price as last year...\$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Dinner starts around 5pm.

50/50 tickets are on sale now until the dinner that evening. The tickets are \$10 each so the winner's jackpot should be good.

We are still looking for a few more volunteers to operate the event. See Lee if you want to get involved. Thanks to the men and women who have stepped forward to help with this fun parish event. Remember, all proceeds go to support the parish.

Circle of Hope - Our next recipient of the Saint Nicholas Grant will be Latisha's House of Williamsburg. The \$1000.00 grant is scheduled to be presented on Sunday 6 October. Latisha's House Foundation frees young women from the slavery of being sex-trafficked on the streets of our nation! Literally rescuing these girls off the street, and providing trauma counseling along with necessary support to start a new, independent life. Please join us on the 6th, and welcome Heidi Wallace, Program Director and Elizabeth Ameling, Founder and Executive Director, and recognize their important work.

Lee.

Psalm 1

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Blessed the man who follows not
the counsel of the wicked
Nor walks in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the company of the insolent,
But delights in the law of the LORD
and meditates on his law day and night.

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

He is like a tree
planted near running water,
That yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves never fade.
Whatever he does, prospers.

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Not so, the wicked, not so;
they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
For the LORD watches over the way of the just,
but the way of the wicked vanishes.

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Psalm 95

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Messiah in the desert,
Where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works.”

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Psalm 23

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

Psalm 16

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;
I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you."
O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

I bless the LORD who counsels me;
even in the night my heart exhorts me.
I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,
my body, too, abides in confidence;
Because you will not abandon my soul to the nether world,
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Psalm 138

Your right hand saves me, O Lord.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple,
and give thanks to your name.

Your right hand saves me, O Lord.

Because of your kindness and your truth,
you have made great above all things
your name and your promise.
When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me.

Your right hand saves me, O Lord.

Your right hand saves me.
The LORD will complete what he has done for me;
your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

Your right hand saves me, O Lord.

Psalm 113

The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

Praise, you servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD.
Blessed be the name of the LORD
both now and forever.

The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

From the rising to the setting of the sun
is the name of the LORD to be praised.
High above all nations is the LORD;
above the heavens is his glory.

The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

He raises up the lowly from the dust;
from the dunghill he lifts up the poor
To seat them with princes,
with the princes of his own people.

The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

Psalm 104

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!
How manifold are your works, O LORD!
the earth is full of your creatures.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD be glad in his works!
Pleasing to him be my theme;
I will be glad in the LORD.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

If you take away their breath, they perish
and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Psalm 11

The LORD is in his holy temple;
the LORD's throne is in heaven.
His eyes behold,
his searching glance is on mankind.

The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.

The LORD searches the just and the wicked;
the lover of violence he hates.
For the LORD is just, he loves just deeds;
the upright shall see his face.

The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.

Psalm 103

The Lord has established his throne in heaven.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven.

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.
Bless the LORD, all you his angels,
you mighty in strength, who do his bidding.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven.

Psalm 15

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who walks blamelessly and does justice;
who thinks the truth in his heart
and slanders not with his tongue.

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who harms not his fellow man,
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;
By whom the reprobate is despised,
while he honors those who fear the LORD.

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who lends not his money at usury
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things
shall never be disturbed.

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Exodus 15

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant;
horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.
My strength and my courage is the LORD,
and he has been my savior.
He is my God, I praise him;
the God of my father, I extol him.

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

The LORD is a warrior,
LORD is his name!
Pharaoh's chariots and army he hurled into the sea;
the elite of his officers were submerged in the Red Sea.

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

The flood waters covered them,
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O LORD, magnificent in power,
your right hand, O LORD, has shattered the enemy.

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

Psalm 69

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

I am sunk in the abysmal swamp
where there is no foothold;
I have reached the watery depths;
the flood overwhelms me.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

But I pray to you, O LORD,
for the time of your favor, O God!
In your great kindness answer me
with your constant help.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

But I am afflicted and in pain;
let your saving help, O God, protect me;
I will praise the name of God in song,
and I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

“See, you lowly ones, and be glad;
you who seek God, may your hearts revive!
For the LORD hears the poor,
and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.”

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Psalms 106

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Our fathers made a calf in Horeb
and adored a molten image;
They exchanged their glory
for the image of a grass-eating bullock.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

They forgot the God who had saved them,
who had done great deeds in Egypt,
Wondrous deeds in the land of Ham,
terrible things at the Red Sea.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Then he spoke of exterminating them,
but Moses, his chosen one,
Withstood him in the breach
to turn back his destructive wrath.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Psalms 99

Holy is the Lord our God.

Extol the LORD, our God,
and worship at his footstool;
holy is he!

Holy is the Lord our God.

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
and Samuel, among those who called upon his name;
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

Holy is the Lord our God.

From the pillar of cloud he spoke to them;
they heard his decrees and the law he gave them.

Holy is the Lord our God.

Extol the LORD, our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for holy is the LORD, our God.

Holy is the Lord our God.

Psalm 95

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
Where your fathers tested me;
they tested me though they had seen my works.”

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Psalm 106

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

We have sinned, we and our fathers;
we have committed crimes; we have done wrong.
Our fathers in Egypt
considered not your wonders.

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

But soon they forgot his works;
they waited not for his counsel.
They gave way to craving in the desert
and tempted God in the wilderness.

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

They forgot the God who had saved them,
who had done great deeds in Egypt,
Wondrous deeds in the land of Ham,
terrible things at the Red Sea.

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

Then he spoke of exterminating them,
but Moses, his chosen one,
Withstood him in the breach
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Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

Psalm 97

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;
let the many islands be glad.
Clouds and darkness are round about him,
justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the LORD of all the earth.
The heavens proclaim his justice,
and all peoples see his glory.

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

Because you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth,
exalted far above all gods.

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

Psalm 85

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD—for he proclaims peace
To his people, and to his faithful ones,
and to those who put in him their hope.

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him,
and salvation, along the way of his steps.

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.