

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 21 **SUNDAY AFTER EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

Gal 2:16-20 Mk 8:34-9:1 tone 6 (F)

11:00 Divine Liturgy For Our Parishioners & HGB Morgan Kelly by Ann Kelly
After – Hospitality

Tue. Sep 23 **THERE IS NO MORNING SERVICE**

5:00pm - Moleben to the Theotokos (Subdeacon Adithia Kusno)

5:15pm Adult Bible study

Wed. Sep 24 **THERE IS NO MORNING SERVICE**

Thu. Sep 25 **THERE IS NO MORNING SERVICE**

6:00pm – ROSARY- Prayer For Peace in Our Country & **for Protection and Healing** of all illnesses by Men’s Club

Sat. Sep 25 1:00pm Church Cleaning Hours

Sun. Sep 28 **16 th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

2 Cor 6:1-10 Lk 5:1-11 tone 7*

11:00 Divine Liturgy For Our Parishioners & + Volodymyr Ovechko by Vladimir & Ludmila
After – Hospitality – Security Team Meeting

ECF REGISTRATION AND NEWS

It’s the start of another school year with our Children’s Formation classes! Please fill out a registration card for *each family member* that is interested (even if you can only pop in every now and then!) and give them to Lisa Edwards by Sept 15. Also, If you are interested in helping teach our children this school year (even if it is 1 Sunday a month!) please speak to Lisa Edwards after Divine Liturgy or email her at LisaCVoice@yahoo.com for more details. We will have a Catechist meeting on Sept 7th at 1p - lunch will be provided. All training and education needed for the school year will be provided at this meeting, so please plan to attend. Our School Year will kick off on September 21st when we attend Divine Liturgy with our families and other ECF classmates - and for special blessings from Fr. Alex! We will have pizza and fun afterwards!! Thank you all for your help and blessed new school year to you!!!!

SAVE THE DATE: Parish Retreat November 15, 2025 9am to 3pm

Subject: St. Phillips Fast and the Nativity

Retreat Master: Fr. Jerome Wolbert Franciscan Friar

More information to follow

For any questions please contact Dr. Maryjean Sotack

Ascension Young Adults Fellowship on Sunday after Potluck 1pm to 3pm: October 5, November 2, and December 7.

Subdeacon Adithia Kusno

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

Advisory Bord: Fr. Alex (Pastor)-Security; David Efimizt & Dr. Micheal Lechman-Trustees; Betty May Hertz-outreach; Michelle Massie- Property; Sb. Dicon Adithia Kusno-Facebook-Young Adult Education; Patricia Duttry-Book Keeper; Don Merkley, Website; Lee Alexander-Men’s Club President; Dr. Micheal Lechman-Adult Bible Study; Lisa Edwards-Children’s Christian Formation Director-Liturgical Committee; Ann Merkley-Bookstore Manager

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

Some of those who need special prayer are:

Frank Janke; Mary Grace Dorsey; Ben Pawers; Betty May Hertz; Emma Bernier; Lolly Vinson; William McGraw; Myron Kotyk; Darren and June Ann Hall; Aurora & Jaime Daquilanea; Lary & Mary Ann Drumtra & their Family; 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; Adzima & John Adzima; Michael Derkacz; Retha Williams; Michael & Michaela Bross; Halyna & Micheal; Caroline and Vince Spinella; Sharon & Steve Guethe; Christopher Berkery; Desiree & Brandon Hartlaub; Peter & Lisa Margan: Thank you. Fr. Alex

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.

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.

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

Parish Activities: All activities should be recorded on the main calendar. Please write in the activity you are responsible for and let Fr. Alex know the details so he can include it in the bulletin.

Bible Study: the Book of Genesis

The next adult Bible study will be held on Tuesday September 23 from 5:15 until 7:00 PM. The session will cover two lessons-Lesson 27, The Israelites in Egypt and Lesson 28, Jacob's Final Words. This will complete the study of The Book of Genesis. The study of The Book of Exodus will begin in 2026. Respectfully submitted, Dr. Michael Lechman

Please Join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday Evening Bible Study of Betta Hall at 5:15pm.

Young Adults Bible Study.

Ascension Young Adults Fellowship on Sunday, September 7 after Potluck 1pm to 3pm
In Christ,
Adithia Kusno

Happy SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd Lisa Branden; 8th Jamie DaQuilanea; 14th Lolly Vinson; 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

5 Ways Couples Can Forgive and Move Past Disagreements in Their Marriage

SLIDE 1 OF 5

1. Pray about It

We know that [prayer](#) and reading the Word are two critical elements of spiritual growth. When was the last time you really cried out to the Lord? We often pray for superficial prayer requests and selfish desires. But have we really set aside our selfishness and surrendered our will to the Lord's? When we surrender our will to Lord, we often find he wants us to give all of ourselves to others, including our spouse. We often spend our time talking about others, but do we do all that it takes to meet the needs in their lives? [Isaiah 58:10-11](#) speaks to this: "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame." Just as we need to do away with the oppression of the poor and needy, we need to release our spouses from the yoke of oppression as well. If we are going to put the best into our marriages, we need to spend ourselves on behalf of our [marriage](#).

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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, September 14, 2025

Monthly Dues –100.00; Offertory –701.00; Candles -11.00; Holyday– 25.00 In –
837.00; Out- 2,444.37

Candles for September

Sanctuary Lamp...+ Drago Margan by Peter Margan
Tetrapod... + Steven Margan by Peter Margan
Theotokos & Child... For Family by Oksana Makowiec
John Baptist... For Our Parishioners
St Nicholas... For Nicholas Yacknich by Evelyn Yackanich
Protection Theotokos... For Our Parishioners
Christ Teacher... + Katharina Margan by Peter Margan

Church Cleaning: We have a very dedicated team at Ascension who cleans God's house weekly generally on Saturdays. However, sometimes schedules run thin and so we are in need of a few more helping hands. Please find it in your heart to help us with this very important ministry for only one hour a week. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and time. Betty Mae Hertz

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 and local honey. Special orders welcomed.

Our Daily Bread – Socialism in Their Own Words

The current poll leader in New York’s Mayoral Race, Zohran Mamdani is an avowed Communist. Among the changes he says he will implement is the city taking over and running grocery stores and supermarkets, overseeing food distribution. You see, a free market does not fit a socialist’s agenda, they need control.

Nationally, there are currently seven members of congress who identify themselves as socialist. Among these include Senator Bernie Sanders, Congress women Cori Bush, Alexandria Ocasio Cortez and Rashida Talib. They support sweeping gun control, free government provided health care, living wages, free government-controlled education, government control of media, and so on. A rainbow stew of socialist ideas that have failed repeatedly across the globe.

None-the-less, socialism is trending. A new Gallup poll shows that just over half of U.S. adults, 54%, have a positive view of capitalism, a noticeable decline from 61% in 2010. For Democrats that number drops to only 31%. According to a recent Cato/YouGov survey, 62 percent of American adults under 30 say they hold favorable views of socialism. In a Heartland/Rasmussen poll, 53% of likely voters aged 18-39 said they would “like to see a democratic socialist candidate win the 2028 presidential election.” So, socialism appears to be hot, especially with the young folks. It promises a lot for very little return. But with those promises, we should also be aware of the conditions that come with it. I thought it would be interesting to hear from the creators and leaders of modern socialism and communism. Hear it in their own words. See if you identify with what they say.

On God and Capitalism

"My objective is to dethrone God and destroy capitalism" “Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world, the spirit of soulless stagnation. It is the opium of the people.” “Communism begins where atheism begins." Quotes by Marx

“Every religious idea; every idea of god, even flirting with the idea of god, is unutterable vileness.”

Lenin"Socialism is precisely the religion that must overwhelm Christianity." Gramsci

On the right to have private property

"The theory of Communism may be summed up in one sentence: Abolish all private property." Marx

On the traditional family and indoctrination

Give me your four-year-olds, and in a generation I will build a socialist state." Lenin

“Before puberty the child's personality has not yet formed and it is easier to guide its life and make it acquire specific habits of order, discipline, and work.” “In the new order, Socialism will triumph by first capturing the culture via infiltration of schools, universities, churches and the media, by transforming the consciousness of society.” Quotes by Gramsci

Pay heed to Gramsci’s last quote. Has that not been largely fulfilled?

On freedom of information

“The press should be not only a collective propagandist and a collective agitator, but also a collective organizer of the masses.” Lenin

“The first thing dictators do is finish free press, to establish censorship. There is no doubt that a free press is the first enemy of dictatorship.” Castro

On the right to bear arms

“One man with a gun can control 100 without one.” Lenin

“Power comes from the muzzle of a gun, those that have the guns have the power, those that have the power dictate what type of government there shall be.” Mao

There’s many more examples, but by now you should get the point. Socialism promises utopia and brings with it slavery and dictatorship, ask someone who had to live under it and they will tell you clearly. It has failed every time it’s been tried, yet many still seek it out; like moths to a flame, they will try the same thing expecting a different result, the very definition of insanity. The Catholic Church has consistently rejected all forms of socialism and communism due to its totalitarian and atheistic ideologies. So, let’s finish with one more quote.

‘Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy, its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery.’ Sir Winston Churchill
Love Dad

Octoberfest - The parish Octoberfest is scheduled for Saturday 11 October. Tickets are on sale now after Liturgy. Also be sure to buy your 50/50 ticket!

Men's Club - The Men's Club will have it next business meeting this Tuesday (16 Sep) please mark it on your calendar and plan to come. Topics include Octoberfest preps and the parking lot.

Carpathian Kitchen. Pierogies and Piroshki remain on sale after Sunday Liturgy. The Kitchen is also planning to sell ready to eat products at the annual craft show scheduled for **25 October**. The menu will also include kielbasa sandwiches and more of your ethnic favorites! Shop your favorite crafters and join us in the food court. There is no better way to spend the day!

Craft Show/Food Tasting... The Kitchen is also planning to sell ready to eat products at the annual craft show scheduled for **25 October**. The menu will also include kielbasa sandwiches and more of your ethnic favorites! Shop your favorite crafters and join us in the food court. There is no better way to spend the day!

We will still collect donations for the **Ukrainian Humanitarian Cause**. You may place your generous gift in the basket with the Ukrainian Flag. You will find it at the Icon Screen. Thank you for your gift of hope! Fr. Alex

Parking Lot Replacement Fundraiser - Our parking lot is in a terrible state. There is one section in front of the church hall that is actually leeching dirt from the subsurface during heavy rains. At best that area is a tripping hazard; at worst, continued erosion will one day create a terrible sinkhole. Other sections of the parking lot are so weak that leaf blowers will actually blow away rotten asphalt. We've done sealing repairs twice over the last few years, but that no longer remains a viable option. We need a new parking lot. The Plan..... Estimates are being gathered, but the simple fact is we do not have the amount of money required to contract the job out. As those numbers come together, we will make it known, but the cost could be in excess of \$75K-\$100K. In the interim, the parish plans to install a professional asphalt repair in the area in front of the hall, where the subsoil is leeching through. The cost of the repair is something the parish can afford now, while buying us needed time..... In that time Ascension will be conducting a fund raiser to install the new parking lot. Details will be announced soon. Father Alex.

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.

Psalms 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.

Psalm 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.

Psalm 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,
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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.