

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 27 26 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Cor 9:6-11; Mk 5:1-11 Tone 1

11:00 Divine Liturgy For Our Parish and + Steven Margan by Peter & Lisa Margan

After –Hospitality-

Tue Sep 29 26 8:30 Liturgy For HGB Emma Bernier by Fr. Alex

Wed Sep 30 26 8:30 Liturgy For HGB Lisa Branden by Fr. Alex

Thu Oct 1 26 PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS

5:30pm - ROSARY- For Peace in Our Country & for Protection and Healing of all illnesses by Men’s Club

6:00pm – Divine Liturgy For Our Parish, USA, Ukraine and for God's mercy and blessing on the occasion of our national elections.

Sat Oct 3 26 12:30pm Church Cleaning Hours

Sun Oct 4 26 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Cor 11:31-12:9; Mk 8:5-15 Tone 2

11:00 Divine Liturgy For Our Parish and Julianna by Fr. Alex

After –Hospitality-Pot Luck

Save the Date!

Saturday November 14, 2026

Parish Retreat to prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord.

Ascension prayer list - Kindly remember in your prayers our parishioners and friends who struggle with sickness, pain, hardship, or any special need:

Frank Janke; Mary Grace Dorsey; Betty May Hertz; Emma Bernier; Lolly Vinson; Myron Kotyk; Darren and June Ann Hall; Lary & Mary Ann Drumtra & their Family; Elaine Hampton; Dr. Micheal & Linda Lechman; Elisabeth Branden; Merly & Teresa Phillips; Mary Sullivan; Michael & Michaela Bross; Peter & Lisa Margan; Wayne Smith & his Family; Austin and his Family; Ron Gracik & Family; Mary Soupp; Yvette Louviere; Steve Guethe; Leila Asmar. If you would like to add your name or name of a loved one to this list, please contact Fr. Alex. Thank you.

Happy SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

14th Lolly Vinson; 21st Deborah Kotyk; 21st Sr Alphina Chepter; 23rd Peyton Karlson; 24th Zachary Karlson; 28th Lisa Cifrulak Edwards; 29th Christine Noonan; 29th David Efimetz

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.

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.

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

CPR and Defibrillator Training

Our parish is offering CPR and defibrillator training for parishioners interested in learning how to perform CPR and operate an automated external defibrillator (AED). We have 10 spots available, which will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Parishioners must: ☐ Be 18 years of age or older; ☐ Be in good health

☐ Be willing to make a one-year commitment to be available to assist in an emergency situation at the church and parish hall

The parish will cover the full cost of the training.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Dave Efimetz.

Candles for August

Sanctuary Lamp... For OUR PARISH; Tetrapod... For OUR PARISH

Theotokos & Child... For OUR PARISH; John Baptist... For OUR PARISH

St Nicholas... For OUR PARISH; Protection Theotokos... For OUR PARISH

Christ Teacher... For OUR PARISH

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INFORMATION REGARDING THE SACRAMENTS AND SACRAMENTALS

Father Alex is available for the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation before Diving Liturgy on Sunday (10:30 am) or half hour before weekly Liturgy (8:00 am) or by appointment.

MIROVANJA is a sacramental blessing with holy oil, which is applied to the forehead in the sign of the cross by the priest while proclaiming the appropriate greeting of the season. After kissing the hand cross, take a piece of the blessed bread. You may offer a donation.

The Bible’s Best Wisdom for Setting Goals That Actually Glorify God

6 Things That Happen When You Stop Complaining

4. Lament Instead of Complaining

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There is also space to [lament](#) things when we stop complaining about them. The two appear to be synonyms, but they are, in fact, very different. Lamenting over something is allowing space to grieve or mourn, whereas complaining is venting or whining about annoyances. In [Proverbs 13:12](#), we are shown there is a holy space for this: "hope deferred maketh the heart sick, but when the desire cometh it is the [tree of life](#)." The word for "sick" is [hū-lāh-](#), which can also mean "grievous." There is a sacred space for this grief, even when we know it is not the end of the story. Consider how [Jesus wept](#) over the death of Lazarus, even though He knew the end of the story would not end in death ([John 11:4](#)). When we stop griping about something, we can permit our hearts to do what they really cry out to do, to acknowledge the loss or delay of expectation or hope.

5. Tree of Life

Drawing from [Proverbs 13:12](#) again is the other side of [lament](#), which is seeing the fulfillment. This fulfillment may not be the one we had originally considered, but that does not make it lesser. The Hebrew words for the [Tree of Life](#) here are, [êś hay](#). This is the same phrase used to name the [Tree of Life](#) mentioned in Eden. Refraining from complaining, widening the path for lament, and firmly standing in belief of good to come enables us to taste the sweet fruit of [êś hay](#). In a sense, such an experience is a glimmer of Eden for humankind. It is the gift and favor of fulfillment from our Creator, God, and it is life-giving. We miss this opportunity when we stay complaining.

6. Encouraging Others

When we stop complaining, we are moved to help encourage others in the process. Although many matters of life and of the heart are ones to be kept private, some are worth sharing as we journey. This is not to air every detail, but in the twists and turns, offering to others the information and experience with the right sentiment can then foster in them to do the same. Optimism can be contagious, and something we ought to spread as much as possible. When we do this, we move others to see that all is not lost, this life is not one of mere toil and sadness, and that the time here on earth is fleeting and swift. What awaits us in eternity through [salvation](#) in Christ is the real reward and goal. Remember, as a follower of Christ, you are an ambassador of Heaven, and you may be the only example of [Jesus](#) someone gets in their life. Will you showcase the fleshly urge to moan and protest like a child who did not get their way, or will you instead lead by example of someone who believes goodness awaits? Remember the words of David in [Psalm 27](#):

"Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."

Remain confident that you too will see the goodness of God in the land of the living, and that waiting upon God is worthwhile. We all have moments of weakness where complaining can arise, but when we snatch those thoughts and submit them to God, what we experience is hope everlasting. That is your portion, and it is something you can experience daily when walking with the Lord.

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



September 20 2026

Candles -72.00; Monthly Dues -750.00; Offertory -1,430.00; Donation Rental of Facilities -900.00; Special Gifts-2,000.00; In -5, 152.00; Out- 266.41

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.

Advisory Bord: Fr. Alex (Pastor)-Security; Don Merkley & Michelle Massie – Trustee, Property; David Efimizt – Office Manager; Patricia Duttry-Book Keeper; Linda Lechman - parish secretary; Dr. Micheal Lechman-Investment & Adult Bible Study; Betty May Hertz-outreach; Dicon Adithia Kusno--Children’s Christian Formation Directo -Young Adult Education; Don Merkley, Website-Facebookh; Lee Alexander-Men’s Club President; Lisa Edwardsr-Liturgical Committee; Ann Merkley-Bookstore Manager-Security

Our Daily Bread – Handling Criticism

In Fiddler on the Roof, Tevye responds to the idea of “an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth” with the line: “Very good. That way the whole world will be blind and toothless”.

*****With that lets begin...

“Brevity is the SOLE of wit”; that’s what I wrote in that essay on Shakespeare, somewhere in the depths of the 1960s... That one word led me to stand in front of my instructor’s desk, a Sister of Mercy, wearing a full black habit with white veil and white collar. She was seated erect behind the desk, the picture of stoic Catholic education. Reading my essay aloud, she paused when she got to my misquote. She took off her glasses and pinched the bridge of her nose as if in pain. She read it again, spelling the word sole. She followed that up with, “There is nothing more illustrative of your writing ability then that statement. You are either a gifted satirist in the making, or one of the most facetious students I have ever had.” I was still working on what satirist meant; facetious would have to wait.

How do you reply when you have no idea what was said? So, I smiled my best smile, with wide open eyes and said, “Thank you Sister!”. She plunged her head down for a moment, the black habit completely blocking out any signs of humanity under it. She started to shake ever so slightly. I heard the giggles from the class behind my back, and thought my goose was cooked... Then Sister raised her head suddenly, and with a wide radiant smile, said kindly; “You may take your seat.” As I turned to walk away, I heard Sister giggle also.

I understand many more words these days, even learned a bit of Greek rhetoric along the way. But all these years later, I find that response, done out of simply not knowing what to say, seems to me the best. Even if I had understood, voicing any defense would have only made it worse. As it was, the situation was diffused. Don’t misunderstand, I still got my normal “C” with the immaculate handwriting at the top saying “You can do better!!”

A lighthearted start in to a complex and at times painful subject. Just or unjust, verbal criticism and attacks are frustrating. No one escapes it. Criticism stings our pride, and leaves us wanting to fight back, but often that first instinct is not the best. Put a pause in there to understand the nature of the criticism. The Sister was trying her best to make me realize something for my own good. It was a learning opportunity. This type of criticism is not always comfortable to endure, but it is not done out of meanness. To my mind many have lost the capacity to take that kind of honest criticism, too many are thin skinned, and society suffers for it.

Other criticism becomes attempts to belittle, to insult. Some folks just like to get under your skin and bait you, to control you, or the situation. You find those who like to guilt trip others so they can play the victim, or gas-light to make you doubt yourself.

Depending on the criticism, there is a number of ways to deal with it, but getting down in the mud and responding in kind to these attacks never works out well. As in life, trading jabs leaves both fighters bloodied. I’ll refer you to Tevye’s quote at the start of this letter.

If it is a verbal attack only, control your emotions. Their words reflect on their behavior not your worth. If it is a casual acquaintance, you can normally shake it off, or turn the conversation. If it is someone who you have to deal with professionally, then keep it professional, but firmly set boundaries. If you respond to unjust criticism the response needs to be done clearly to establish those boundaries, without vitriol or emotion.

In a situation where you are the junior my advice is to remain respectful but unemotional. Think how Jesus handled the Good Friday accusations. The Sanhedrin feared Jesus, so maligning and abusing Him was done so as to diminish Him. Those types of leaders will undo themselves in the end.

Sometimes the pain of these attacks stays with you, becoming emotional scars. It holds you back. Learn to let them go, focus on your true worth, seeking positive reinforcement and support from friends and family, or seek professional counseling. A well-practiced prayer life can also help heal you and keep you balanced. Remember, humility and meekness are Christ-like virtues that reflect your trust in God, keep your passions under control, and condition you to overcome this kind of adversity.

Love Dad

Men's Club - The club continues its work around the parish into the fall and winter. Members meet (normally on Friday) to do lawn work, maintenance and other work vital to keeping the parish running. If you are interested in getting involved contact Lee after Liturgy._

Carpathian Kitchen - The Kitchen is preparing to restart the pierogi production line! Our next event will be October 2-3. Both days start at 9am. We could really use your help on Saturday the 3rd. New to the Parish? This is a great way to mix in with parishioners and have fun.

Security - Our security team also plays an important role in church safety. As part of that, we are looking for a used transport wheel chair that will be kept on-hand in case we need it. The wheel chair should be in good condition and ideally be foldable for compact storage until needed. If you have one or know of one available please see Fr Alex or Dave Efimetz (Office Manager)

Please be mindful when using the kitchen to not leave the stove or ovens unattended when in use.

Bible Study

The next BIBLE study in January to continue on the Prophets, cost \$25 to \$30 for book guide and video lectures. Respectfully submitted, Dr. Michael Lechman

Thank You for your generosity and giving spirit!

This year, because your support to the Bishop's 2025 Stewardship Campaign, we were able to raise \$7,800. We exceeded our goal of \$6,800 by \$1,000! Your generous donations to the campaign will assist Bishop Kurt in providing much needed resources to the Eparchy, to Parishes not as fortunate as us at Ascension, and the Ukraine Relief Fund.

Our Parish will receive a check from the Bishop's Office in the amount of \$3,120. The 40% reinvestment to our Parish for meeting and exceeding our goal. I cannot help but think of the founding members of our Parish and how proud they must be of us for continuing the legacy they began.

Thank you again. Ascension Of Our Lord Advisory Board

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.

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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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.