

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 6 26 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2Cor 4:6-15; Mt 22:35-46 Tone 6

11:00 Divine Liturgy For Our Parish and + Bernice Miceli by Orlando & Nancy Jaime

After –Hospitality-Pot Luck

1:00pm Young Adults first meeting-Introduction to the Philokalia: A Guide to Eastern Spirituality.

Tue Sep 8 26 BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS (solemn)

8:30 Liturgy For Our Parish and HGB Emma Bernier by Fr. Alex

Wed Sep 9 26 8:30 Liturgy For + Ronald Radda by Fr. Alex

Thu Sep 10 26 8:30 Liturgy For + Betta & John Labanish by Fr. Alex

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

Sat Sep 12 26 12:30pm Church Cleaning Hours

Sun Sep 13 26 SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

Gal 6:11-18; Jn 3:13-17 Tone 7

11:00 Divine Liturgy For Our Parish and HGB Austin James by Fr. Alex and

Ivan Culjak by Peter & Lisa Margan

After –Hospitality-Advisory Board Meeting

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 Glues That Hold a Marriage Together

As a kid, I loved cutting, pasting, and making collages out of magazine clippings. I loved putting two ends of a paper together and watching the glue bond the two pieces together. When the glue dried, it was difficult to tear the paper apart. However, with some work, I could always tear it apart. The enemy loves to destroy marriages. But it doesn't have to be that way.

Marriage Is a Covenant

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 says, "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

Marriage is a covenant that we make before God and man. We take vows on our wedding day and pledge before God and others that we will love, honor, and cherish our significant other. Yet, even the strongest marriages can go through rough patches from time to time. If we are not careful, the glue that holds our marriages together may fall apart, causing us to seek separation or divorce. How do we keep our marriage bond together? Here are six types of "glue" that hold the marriage together:

SLIDE 1 OF 5

Whether you got married in a courthouse or a church, you made a vow before God to commit yourself wholeheartedly to your spouse. When you place a wedding ring on your finger, you show the outside world that you're dedicated to your spouse. Even through difficult times, your commitment to God must be at the forefront of your [marriage](#). Knowing this is part of God's overall destiny for your life will help you honor your commitments, even when it's difficult. The marriage relationship mirrors Christ in the church. It can be messy at times, but marriage helps purify us and makes us the spotless bride he desires for his church when he returns. One of the ways we keep ourselves blameless before him is if we honor our commitment to our marriage.

2. Communication

Imagine claiming you were a Christian. You went to church, served on committees, and helped out in your community. But you never spoke to, thought of, or communicated with God the other six days of the week. What type of relationship would you have? Yet, that is the nature of some of your relationships with God. He desires an intimate connection with us. He never forces his will on us because he wants us to want to be with him.

It's the same in [marriage](#). What type of relationship would you have if you went weeks without speaking to each other? A marriage cannot survive without good communication. This means going deeper than just surface-level communication. We need to talk about emotional needs, deep wounds, and other issues that may come between us. Conflict may arise when this happens, but when you are committed to your marriage, you can be assured that you will always work things out.

Forgiveness

SLIDE 2 OF 5

People in this world will let you down. This is especially true for your spouse. In our humanity, we often put our own needs ahead of our spouses, causing hurt and betrayal. Yet, you must be quick to forgive one another when your spouse hurts you. God says when we forgive others, he is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins. More than likely, we've committed the same sins against our spouse that they have committed against us. When we see our [marriage](#) relationship from that perspective, it is easier to forgive and let it go than to hold a grudge. Be quick to forgive your spouse when they hurt you. Although some offenses may be harder to forgive or take longer, we are all called to forgive each and every wrong committed against us. Jesus tells us we must forgive others repeatedly even when we don't feel they deserve it. Ask God to help you forgive if forgiving on your own proves too difficult. It not only improves your marriage relationship but also frees you from the emotional and spiritual bondage that holding onto that offense may cause you.

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

Help support our church



August 30 2026

Candles -13.00; Monthly Dues –300.00; Offertory –201.00; Rental of Facilities-900.00;
In –1,414.00; Out- 707.59

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

To Be a Saint – Sometimes You Have to Walk Away

“Do not be misled: ‘Bad company corrupts good character.’” – 1 Corinthians 15:33

In the verse above, Paul warns us from listening to those with false teachings about Jesus’ resurrection. He is telling us that surrounding yourself with false teaching can lead you away from God’s path. I believe this concept has application in a broader context.

Sometimes in life we find ourselves in a situation, a group, or an environment that is not right. Most of us see it, or feel it for what it is, and walk away quickly. Some, for whatever the reason, fail to recognize it. They may put up with it, make the best of it, and so-on, for after all, we dislike change. No matter how bad the situation becomes, some prefer to stay with what they have rather than choose a different course. A good example is abusive relationships. A person can be ill-treated and abused in the worse way, yet remain in the relationship for fear of the unknown of breaking free. Another example is the company we keep. Some choose to associate themselves with those who hold them back, or lead them astray. Preferring to stay with the crowd they’re in, they will find blame with everything else.

Unless you have led an extremely sheltered life, we will occasionally find ourselves in the wrong place, or with the wrong people. We may not at first recognize the situation, but it becomes clear enough in time. Well enough; the problem comes when we linger; the problem develops deeper when we continue to come back, when we incorporate that exposure into our life. There are many reasons. Maybe it the excitement or thrill, or it just may be a novelty. Maybe we think we might bring some good out of it, but overall, the experience only pulls us down. It leaves us exhausted, frustrated and feeling a sense that something is not right. Our energies are consumed not by worthy challenges but by forces that debilitate us, leave us feeling empty, nothing to show for the effort. But we tend to put a mask on it and continue on, never fully understanding, or admitting the situation. Friends may warn us, loved ones plead with us, but often to no avail. We see what we wish to see, hear what we want to hear, and with that paint our own understanding.

And that then becomes the hardest thing to do; recognizing the situation for what it is. There are obvious signals and signs. Your priorities are not your own, respect is absent from the relationship, ingratitude, misaligned values, manipulation, conflict, situations that greedily consume what you offer, but offer nothing sustaining back in return; these are all signs. Health is a big telling point. Have you ever noticed when you are pursuing a healthy lifestyle you have better energy, focus and vitality. Your outlook on life is positive. That is the way we are meant to live. Those in unhealthy situations or relationships will feel drained, they may not sleep well, their diet leads to problems, and their health will eventually be affected.

But still it’s not uncommon for those who find themselves in a bad relationship or untenable situation, and still not act on it. There is a mix of reasons including emotional and psychological. There is a certain amount of fear and uncertainty in how to escape, and there also may be a sense of self-blame. How then to change direction?

It starts with your mindset and a plan. Put aside the self-doubt and uncertainty. Make a plan that includes setting boundaries that eliminate exposure. Change your personal routine that includes a plan for self-care and promotes a healthy lifestyle. Seek support from family, trusted loved ones and professional services. Above all, I would recommend strengthening your relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Many Saints have done just the same. Saint Mary of Egypt is one of the great examples.

Recognizing and walking away from a bad situation is not defeat, it is not about being weak; it is not about losing something. Walking away from a bad situation is about opening new possibilities. It is about finding what you are meant to be.

Yours in Christ
Brother Joseph

Men's Club - Our next meeting is scheduled for September 15th at 6pm. Among the topics will include the Saint Joseph educational grants. Please schedule to attend.

Carpathian Kitchen - Our next production run is scheduled for 2-3 October. We will be making pierogi for the upcoming Parish craft-show scheduled for Saturday, 24 October.

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)

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,
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.