

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 Aug 9 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1Cor 9:2-12; Mt 18:23-35 Tone 2

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

After –Hospitality-Pot Luck

Tue Aug 11 8:30 Liturgy For + Sister Bernard (Magill Karen Ann) by Fr. Alex

Wed Aug 12 8:30 Liturgy For +Peter Nicholas Peltier by Pola Peltier

Thu Aug 13 8:30 Liturgy + Yaroslav Paranka by Fr. Alex

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

Sat Aug 15 **DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS** (Obligation)

8:30 Thanksgiving Liturgy by Fr. Alex

12:30pm Church Cleaning Hours

Sun Aug 16 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1Cor 15:1-11; Mt 19:16-26 Tone 3

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

After –Hospitality-Advisory Board Meeting

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Please pray for blessed repose and eternal memory of James Merkley, Donald Merkley’s brother, who fell asleep in the Lord last week in Florida, after a long battle with cancer. Please keep James’ family in your prayers also as they navigated the path ahead. James was preceded by his wife and daughter, but he leaves behind a grieving family of a son and daughter and fourteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. May God grant him eternal rest, comfort all who mourn their loss and surround them with His everlasting light in peace. Eternal Memory! Vichnaja Pamjat!

This birthday, I am once again reminded of the bountiful joys that I have reaped from my friends, family my parish family, and how blessed I am to have so much love from everyone around me.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart. God bless You All. *Fr. Alex*

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.

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.

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: Subdeacon Adithia Kusno, Dr. Michael Lechman, Lisa Edwards. Special Event/Retreat Speakers Committee: David Efimetz, Don Merkley, Dr. Mary Jean Sotack

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 and other parishioners have been certified in the past. Periodic updates will follow. Dr. Michael Lechman.

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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.

7 Bedtime Bible Verses for Spiritual Warfare

If sleep feels like a nightly battle, you're not imagining it. These verses will help you take spiritual authority over the fear and chaos keeping you awake.

6. 1 John 4:4

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“You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.” – [1 John 4:4](#)

This verse can give you the confidence that it's worthwhile to fight your spiritual battles, because God's power in you is greater than any type of evil you face. So, you're guaranteed to win your fight! The “one who is in the world” refers to Satan, a fallen angel who leads the spiritual forces of evil in this fallen world. But Satan's power is far less than the power of the “one who is in you”, which is [the Holy Spirit](#), the power of the living God.

This verse tells you that, with God's help, you have already overcome any evil that attacks you. So, go to bed in a position of authority and confidence. Say this verse as a final declaration of victory. You're on the winning side of the [spiritual warfare](#) in this world. You can confidently receive the rest that God has already secured for you because you have the greatest power in the universe living inside you!

7. Romans 8:38-39

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“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” – [Romans 8:38-39](#)

This verse is the ultimate victory statement for [spiritual warfare](#). Evil spirits want you to feel separated from God's love. But absolutely nothing can separate you from God's love. God loves you completely and unconditionally. God doesn't just give you love; [God actually is love at his core](#). So, whenever you connect with love, you're connecting with God. God's love is the final word on your security and worth. This verse covers every single type of force that could ever try to come between you and God's love. When you lie down at [bedtime](#), you can declare this verse over your life. It reminds you that evil can't win, and that you always have access to God's love, which is your ultimate security. Rest assured that you're loved by a power far greater than anything that could try to disturb your sleep or dreams.

In conclusion, [sleep is important for you spiritually as well as physically](#). Don't let evil interfere with your sleep. You have the right and the authority to fight against every evil attempt to disrupt your sleep. No matter how much you're struggling with your sleep right now, you can win your spiritual battles by using these powerful verses from God's Word. So, read them, meditate on them, and pray about them at [bedtime](#). Then enjoy the sweet sleep God wants you to enjoy!

Bible Study

The next BIBLE study in January to continue on the Prophets, cost \$25 to \$30 for book guide and video lectures. For questions, please text 757-880-5093.

Respectfully submitted, Dr. Michael Lechman

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



August 2 2026, 2026

Candles -91.00; Monthly Dues -570.00; Offertory -971.00; In -1,632.00; Out- 3,081.00

Happy August BIRTHDAYS

10th Frank Janke; 11th Adithia Kusno; 17 Sydney Marie Karlson; 21st Loretta Fetsko

A Joyful Parish Celebration

With great joy, we announce that our own Subdeacon Adithia Kusno was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on Sunday, August 2, 2026, at Carpathian Village in Cresco, Pennsylvania. In thanksgiving to God for this wonderful blessing, our parish family will celebrate with a potluck luncheon following the Divine Liturgy today, Sunday, August 9, 2026, in honor of our newly ordained Deacon Adithia Kusno. Please join us as we congratulate Deacon Adithia, offer our prayers for his ministry, and ask the Lord to grant him Many Years!

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.

To Be a Saint – Cultivating Beauty in Your Life

A follow-on to the recent letter “Put It in God’s Hands”.

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” Phil. 4:8

True beauty always leaves you wanting more. You are drawn to it. Beauty is balance and harmony. It moves us and inspires. It brings us joy. Beauty is not burdensome or ponderous; it does not leave you exhausted. It does not repulse or offend. We instinctively want to be surrounded by it. That is a God-given trait. For the ultimate beauty lies in God.

The truth is beautiful. In fact, these words are interchangeable. In his poem Ode to a Grecian Urn, Keats writes “Beauty is truth and truth beauty”. You see truth is timeless. It resonates across every culture and countless generations. It is not bound by cultural change as many today are seeking to imply. Truth is transcendent. It crosses both the physical and spiritual realm. Truth is found in the unchanging, timeless nature of God. *“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever”*, Isa. 40:8. Jesus declared, *“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away”*, Mt. 24:35. So, in seeking beauty, seek that which is true. Not necessarily the truth proclaimed by the world, but the truth of God.

There is beauty in nature. John Muir once said that *“In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks”*. Thoreau said *“Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads”*. Is it any wonder why? Both nature and humans are part of God’s creation. Nature feels beautiful because your brain is wired to find it that way. Throughout our existence, we have been drawn to lush landscapes, clean water, and open skies. That deep biological pull hasn’t faded just because most of us live in cities now. The beauty you feel looking at a sunset or standing in a forest is your nervous system recognizing an environment it was built for.

There is beauty to be found in human creativity. Human creativity is a divine gift. Saint Paul tells us that *“We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”* Eph. 2:10. Our creativity reflects God’s own creative nature and is another sign of His immense love for us. What other physical creature was given the capacity and drive to create? Recognizing our creative gifts as being from God and using them to serve others is a way of honoring God.

Enter the Prince of the World - Traditionally, beauty has always been tied to truth, goodness, and the divine; a moral and spiritual ideal rooted in the west within Greek philosophy, and Christian thought. Every age has had its challenges, but with the rise of industrial mass production and marketing, a consumerism was created, in which beauty is leveraged and marketed for profit. It is not allowed to stand on its own. The universities and the art world play their role also. With their need to stand out, it’s easier to produce and peddle the outrageous. Avant Garde became a code word to break with established styles and norms. They often seek to challenge established truth, often with an atheist’s zeal. These and other forces

seek to shock and provoke; they seek to impose; something that true beauty would never seek to do. And so, we have come full circle. Truth endures while what is false quickly fades away.

Has society completely lost its moral compass? I think not, but do not be troubled by it. As you learn to control worry, and put your life in God’s hands, always seek out what is beautiful. Not what the world calls beautiful, for the world will mislead you, but that beauty which lifts you and inspires you.

For in the search for peace and balance in life we will at times wax and wane. You must withstand trials and stress; but throughout it all, always with your eyes on Christ. Cultivate beauty with Christ at the center. In His truth you will keep your balance, you will find peace.

Yours in Christ

Brother Joseph

Men's Club - Our membership congratulates Deacon Adithia Kusno on his ordination! May God grant him and his family many happy years!

Carpathian Kitchen - We recently held a successful public sale raising \$300 for the Circle of Hope charitable program. Thanks to all involved for your efforts. Our next pierogi production will be announced soon.

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)

Sponsorship Opportunity

2027 Byzantine Catholic Parish Calendar – SPONSORED! We are delighted to announce that the 2027 Byzantine Catholic Parish Calendar has been fully sponsored! A heartfelt thank you to our anonymous donor for your generous gift. Your kindness and support are deeply appreciated and help make this resource available for our parish community.

May God abundantly bless you for your generosity!

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

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.