

WELCOME TO ASCENSION

God bless America!!!

As our Bishop requests, every day we pray that all those voting in the upcoming elections will be guided by the Holy Spirit

Sun Oct 25 26 22st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gal 6:11:18; Lk 16:19-31 Tone 5

10:00am Eastern Christian Formation each Sunday before the Divine Liturgy

11:00 Divine Liturgy For Our Parish and HGB Anthony & Natasha Margon by Peter & Lisa Margan

After –Hospitality

Mon Oct 26 26 5:00 pm Liturgy For the upcoming elections by Fr. Alex

Tue Oct 27 26 8:30 Liturgy For HGB Joe & Elaine Hampton by Fr. Alex
5:15pm Bible Study

Wed Oct 28 26 8:30 Liturgy For “Ascension prayer list” by Fr. Alex

Thu Oct 29 26 8:30 Liturgy For the upcoming elections by Fr. Alex

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

Sat Oct 31 26 3:00pm Church Cleaning

Sun Nov 1 26 23st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Eph 2:4:10; Lk 8:26-39 Tone 6

10:00am Eastern Christian Formation each Sunday before the Divine Liturgy

11:00 Divine Liturgy For Our Parish and For the upcoming elections by Fr. Alex

After –Hospitality-Pot Luck

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; Joe & 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; John & Terri Adzima; If you would like to add your name or name of a loved one to this list, please contact Fr. Alex. Thank you.

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

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NEW ADULT EDUCATION VIDEO SERIES - OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Join us on four Tuesdays for dinner and video discussion. The Byzantine nuns at Christ the Bridegroom Monastery have produced an excellent series of short (average 20-minute) videos with reflections and commentary on a variety of spiritual topics. The format is similar to Bible Study—we will meet at 5:15 for dinner, watch the video, and have a discussion, ending around 6:30 or 6:45. No advance preparation necessary—just show up and enjoy the fellowship and learning, from a perspective within our Ruthenian Byzantine-Rite Catholic denomination.

Oct. 13: Sighs Too Deep For Words: Reflections on Prayer

Oct. 27: Silence, Prayer, Poustinia (Poustinia is the spiritual desert where we become open to God)

Nov. 10: Christ Our Bridegroom: Modeling the universal call to embrace Christ as Bridegroom

Nov. 24: Be Poor With Me: Reflections on Poverty

If you have questions, inquire with David C. Alan (chaim2000@att.net); or Mike Lechman and Linda Lechman (maclech@aol.com).

Please note that this program is NOT "Bible Study", as you said today during the church announcements. If the program is going to be a success, we need to describe it accurately and completely.

Also, it is not true that this is "for parishioners only, not the general public." If parishioners want to bring friends and family, they are welcome to do so. We want to attract new people to the church, not exclude them.

Have a good evening.

David C. Alan

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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

8 Reasons God Gives Us to Be Like Our Parents

6. Our Parents Are a Source of Godly Wisdom

SLIDE 6 OF 8

This series of commercials consistently undermines the wisdom many parents have to offer. As Job told his friends, "Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding?" ([Job 12:12](#)). Yet, these ads tell us the opposite: young adults should resist and reject their parents' wisdom. Yet, [Proverbs 1:8](#) encourages, "Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching." Likewise, [Proverbs 4:1](#) urges, "Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding." God's Word directs us to listen, pay attention, and to not forsake our parents' teaching, telling us we gain wisdom and understanding through them when we do.

7. Our Parents Have Life Experiences We Haven't Had Yet

SLIDE 7 OF 8

Growing and maturing in life, parents learn important lessons their children may not know or have learned yet. Because they have, parents have gained wisdom and understanding of things that can help their children as they grow and mature in life.

[Proverbs 15:20](#) describes how, "A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish man despises his mother." God created the family hierarchy as a way for parents to pass on the wisdom, truth, and understanding they've gained in life through their relationship with Him. This ad campaign opposes God's plan by diminishing parents as a rich resource in their children's eyes.

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

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

9th Donna Ross; 12th Vlodymyr Gavrilenko; 13th Jeff Carden; 14th Lily Olson; 19th Paula Peltier; 21st Lisa Margan; 22nd Linda Lechman; Katya DahDah; 25th Charlene Yackanich; 26th MaryAnn Drumtra; 30th Mary Grace Dorsey

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.

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



October 11 2026

Candles -9.50; Monthly Dues –70.00; Offertory –1,544.Kitchen Income-200.Special Gifts – 1,180.00; In –2, 823.50; Out- 7,810.07

The Bishop's Annual Appeal 2026–2027

The Bishop's Annual Appeal has begun! Our parish goal for the 2026–2027 campaign is \$6,800.

Our success has always been made possible through the generosity and giving spirit of our parishioners. We are deeply grateful for your continued support and participation. You can make your donation online by visiting www.eparchyofpassaic.com and making your pledge directly to the Eparchy, or by mailing your completed pledge card to the Bishop's Office.

For your convenience, additional Bishop's Appeal envelopes are available at the front of the church.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate! Once our parish reaches its goal, 40% of the donations will be returned to our parish to support our local needs. Thank you for your generosity, faith, and continued support of our parish. May God bless you abundantly!

Advisory Board of Ascension of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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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

Our Daily Bread – For the Love of Money

Money Money Money Money; Money

I know that money is the root of all evil

Do funny things to some people

Give me a nickel, brother can you spare a dime?

Money can drive some people out of their minds

Lyrics from the song "For the Love of Money". The O’Jays, circa 1973.

Ok, I’d say you would have to be at least in your 60s to remember that one, but a good lead in to today’s letter.

For the love of money is the root of all evil, comes from 1Tim. 6:10. This one is familiar to all of us, and one of the most misunderstood passages of scripture. Paul is not condemning money here, he is pointing out that your hearts attachment to money is the problem. Paul is warning us against greed. He is warning us against setting up wealth as some kind of idol to be worshipped. He is warning us against coveting wealth at the expense of faith, ethics and relationships. For that often is the price of loving wealth to well.

So does the church want me to be poor?

It’s not a matter of rich or poor. God wants us to be content with our state in life, and not to become overly attached to our worldly treasure. To do so distracts us from God and limits our spiritual growth. The wealth of this world is only temporary. Scripture tells us to “Seek first the Kingdom of God...” Mt. 6:33. It teaches us to “Store up treasures in Heaven...” Mt. 6:19-21. It teaches us to “Set your minds on things above...” Col. 3:2.

Great!!!! That works for me. I’m perfectly content by not working. I’ll let others take care of me.

It doesn’t work like that. God also wants us to develop the unique talents he has given to each of us. He wants us to develop them and then use them in a productive fashion not only to our benefit but to the benefit of others. Within this we find contentment.

The Church teaches work is a duty. (CCC2427). For in our work, we honor God. Failure to develop and use our God-given talents would be an offense to God. Saint Paul, who supported himself in his ministry as a tent maker, gives us an example. He did not rely on donations, charity or hospitality of others. He worked hard to pay the bills. You could say he was a blue-collar kind of guy, and spells it out plain enough in 2 Thes. 3:10, *“If anyone will not work, let him not eat.”* Imagine how that would be received in the pews today!

But I love my life and the things I have acquired in it. I earned it.

That’s the conundrum faced by the rich man who wanted to follow Christ. The story is laid out in all three of the synoptic Gospels. *“Teacher, what good thing must I do to have eternal life?”* Jesus replied that only God is good and that to have eternal life one must keep the commandments. When the man listed the commandments and said he had kept them since youth,

Jesus told him, *“If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me”*. However, the young man, “very rich,” left sorrowful because he was unwilling to give up his possessions. The story challenges believers to examine their own attachments and ask whether wealth, comfort, or security are becoming obstacles to trusting and following Christ. It also reminds us that entering God’s kingdom is ultimately a matter of the heart’s allegiance to God, not human achievement.

Then there’s no hope for me.

Remember Jesus told the young man, “If you want to be perfect”, Jesus knows we are imperfect; and in fact goes on to say, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible”, Mt.19:20.

So what is the purpose of my wealth?

In one word, service. Service in providing for our own support in life, and that of our family. Service in contributing to serving the human community (CCC2428). The way I was brought up; just do the right thing. The Church calls us to be faithful stewards, using our resources to serve God and others, and to find our ultimate good in Him alone.

Save your soul, save your soul, don't sell it

For that mean, mean, mean, mean green... The O’Jays

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 - Our next event is a food tasting scheduled to coincide with the craft show on Saturday, 24 October. We are in need of several volunteers to help with ordering, food prep and food court. Please contact Lee if you are interested in lending a hand.

Safety and Security. One of the first jobs of the early church was assigned to designated "door keepers" , who were called "Porters" and were responsible for maintaining security. References to the doorkeeper's duties still exist within the life of the Church. For example, before the recitation of the Creed, the deacon or priest says, "The Doors! The Doors! In wisdom let us be attentive." Traditionally, at that point in the service, any unbelievers or catechumens were ushered out, and was direction to the doorkeeper to seal the church. We still maintain that tradition in the form of our safety and security team. If you would like to be a part, training is held monthly. See Ann Merkley or David Efimetz.

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

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.

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but Moses, his chosen one,
Withstood him in the breach
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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.