

# Saint Stephen Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekend Divine Liturgy: Sunday 12:30 PM**

**Location 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd, Waxhaw, NC 28173**

**Daily Liturgy: [At 2951 Brookridge Lane, Charlotte, NC 28211](#)**

Monday **6:30 PM** (St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena)

Wednesday **6:30 PM** (St Rafka Liturgy & Novena)

Thursday & Friday **10:00 AM**

***Eucharistic Adoration: Every Thursday @ 11 AM***

## **Glorious Birth of Our Lord**

# **December 25, 2024**

**Hebrews 1:1-12 Luke 2:1-20**

### **PARISH MISSION**

*The Mission of Saint Stephen Maronite Catholic Church, is to be anchored in the Lord Jesus Christ & the Teachings of the Catholic Church. United in Love & Faith, We Welcome with Open Arms and Hearts all Our Brothers and Sisters to join Our Family, God's Family.*

**BAPTISM & CHRISMATIONS:** Please contact Fr. Rodolph for the proper preparation.

**MARRIAGES:** Preparations are needed at least 6 (six) months in advance.

**CONFESSIONS:** Available before and after the Divine Liturgy and anytime upon request.

**SICK CALLS:** If someone is sick, hospitalized, homebound or in a Nursing Home, please contact Fr. Rodolph to let him know.

**MASS INTENTIONS :** Call (704) 412-1016 or email: [saintstephenmaronitechurch@gmail.com](mailto:saintstephenmaronitechurch@gmail.com)

**NEW COMMERS:** Welcome to your family. Please make yourself at home. When you are with us , you are not a guest, you are one of us.

*Wishing you  
and your  
families a  
Blessed &  
Joyful  
Christmas.  
May the  
Birth of  
Christ  
fill your  
hearts with  
His Love &  
Peace!*

*Fr Rodolph  
Wakim*





To Offer the Mass for your loved ones  
(Living or Deceased) email:  
[saintstephenmaronitechurch@gmail.com](mailto:saintstephenmaronitechurch@gmail.com)  
Or call: **(704) 412-1016**

Sunday 12.22.24 @ 12:30PM **4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd**

Mon. 12.23.24 @ 6:30PM **2951 Brookridge Ln** *St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena* For the Soul Almaz Nassar

**Christmas:** Tuesday Dec. 24 @ 4PM **The Chapel 2951 Brookridge Lane, Charlotte**  
Wednesday, Dec. 25 @ 12:30PM **St Matthew 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd, Waxhaw**

Thu. 12.26.24 @ 10:00AM **2951 Brookridge Ln** Liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary

Fri. 12.27.24 @ 10:00AM **2951 Brookridge Ln** For Pina Habbal, Judge Moossa & Aleena Tashjian

Sunday 12.29.24 @ 12:30PM **4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd** For the souls of Rolando and Manuela Llanos.

### Christmas Dinner

**Christmas Raffle: \$1,520.00**  
**Donations: \$ 2,021.00**  
**Baklawa Sale: 1,250.00**  
**Gross Income: \$4,791.00**  
**Expenses: \$1,035.00**  
**Net Income: \$3,756.00**

*Please note that these are approximate numbers.*

### Sunday Collection 12/22/2024



Church Collection	\$431.00
Weekly Online Giving	\$110.00
Monthly Online Giving	\$150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$691.00</b>

### Church Attendance:

**Sunday 12/22/24: 51 People**

**Annual Budget** (\$7,500 X 12 Months) **\$90,000.00**

Weekly Budget (90,000 ÷ 52 weeks) **\$1,730.00**

**This week's Income \$691.00**

**Collected to Date \$39,686.55**

**Catholic Extension Grant \$8,000.00**

**Individual Donations \$19,162.00**

**Festival Net Profit \$33,165.00**

**Christmas Dinner \$3,756.00**

**Total Income \$103,769.55**

**Surplus over Budget: \$13,769.55**

### Please keep in your Prayers:

Elias Bou-Ghazale, Anna El Zayek, Pina Habbal,  
Saiid Khattar, Judge Robert Moossa, Mary Shaheen  
and Aleena Tashjian (John Najjar's Grand-daughter)

Please let Fr Rodolph know of anyone who is sick, undergoing surgery, homebound or in Nursing Home so that we can all pray for them. Fr. Rodolph would give them the anointing of the Sick and bring them Holy Communion. Please Call Fr Rodolph: **704-412-1016**

GET STARTED!

Support our mission and vision — anywhere, any time.

Online Giving



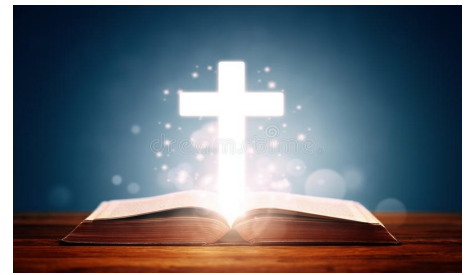
Sign up for online giving.

It is easy. Set it up once and you don't have to worry about it again!



## Sunday's Readings

# Glorious Birth of Our Lord



### Hebrews 1:1-12

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets many times and in many different ways. But now in these last days God has spoken to us through his Son. God has chosen his Son to own all things, and through him he made the world. The Son reflects the glory of God and shows exactly what God is like. He holds everything together with his powerful word. When the Son made people clean from their sins, he sat down at the right side of God, the Great One in heaven. The Son became much greater than the angels, and God gave him a name that is much greater than theirs. This is because God never said to any of the angels, "You are my Son. Today I have become your Father." Nor did God say of any angel, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son." And when God brings his firstborn Son into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." This is what God said about the angels: "God makes his angels become like winds. He makes his servants become like flames of fire." But God said this about his Son: "God, your throne will last forever and ever. You will rule your kingdom with fairness. You love right and hate evil, so God has chosen you from among your friends; he has set you apart with much joy." God also says, "Lord, in the beginning you made the earth, and your hands made the skies. They will be destroyed, but you will remain. They will all wear out like clothes. You will fold them like a coat. And, like clothes, you will change them. But you never change, and your life will never end."

### Luke 2:1-20

Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all <sup>[a]</sup>the inhabited earth. <sup>2</sup> <sup>[b]</sup>This was the first census taken while <sup>[c]</sup>Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all *the people* were on their way to register for the census, each to his own city. <sup>4</sup> Now Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, <sup>5</sup> in order to register along with Mary, who was <sup>[d]</sup>betrothed to him, and was pregnant. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the <sup>[e]</sup>time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a <sup>[f]</sup>manger, because there was no <sup>[g]</sup>room for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup> In the same region there were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock at night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord *suddenly* stood near them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. <sup>10</sup> And *so* the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; <sup>11</sup> for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is <sup>[h]</sup>Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a <sup>[i]</sup>manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly <sup>[j]</sup>army of *angels* praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among people <sup>[k]</sup>with whom He is pleased." <sup>15</sup> When the angels had departed from them into heaven, the shepherds *began* saying to one another, "Let's go straight to Bethlehem, then, and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> And they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the <sup>[l]</sup>manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen *Him*, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it were amazed about the things which were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
And a light to my path.  
Psa. 119:105

# Latest News

## **Christmas & New Year's Liturgies Schedule**

**Christmas Day Liturgy:** **Wednesday, Dec. 25th @ 12:30 PM**  
***at St Matthew 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd, Waxhaw***

**New Year's Day Liturgy:** **Wednesday, Jan. 1st @ 12:30 PM**  
***at St Matthew 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd, Waxhaw***

**Christmas Eve Liturgy:** **Tue Dec. 24, @ 4PM**  
***At the Chapel on 2951 Brookridge Lane, Charlotte***

## **Epiphany Bake Sale**

***Sunday January 5th, after the 12:30pm Divine Liturgy***  
**Macaroon & Awaymat will be available for purchase**

## **Next Parish Council Meeting**

**Thursday, January 16 @ 6:30pm @ St Matthew's Ballantyne, Rm 204**

## **Hospitality Sign up**

**Dec. 29:** Jowdy Family

**Jan. 26:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jan. 5:** Del Pozo Family

**Feb. 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jan. 12:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Feb. 9:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jan. 19:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Feb. 16** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* Thank You \*\*\***

*Sign up Sheet is on the table in the Lobby.*

**May God bless you for your generosity and support.**





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