

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

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.

Saint Stephen Maronite Catholic Church

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Weekend Divine Liturgy: Sunday 12:30 PM

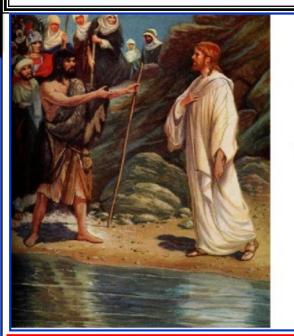
Location 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd, Waxhaw, NC 28173

Daily Liturgy: At 2951 Brookridge Lane, Charlotte, NC 28211 Monday <u>6:30 PM (</u>St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena) Wednesday <u>6:30 PM</u> (St Rafka Liturgy & Novena) Thursday & Friday <u>10:00 AM</u> <u>Eucharistic Adoration:</u> Every Thursday @ 11 AM

1st Sunday after Epiphany

January 12, 2025

2Corinthians 10:1-11 John 1:29-34



"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

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



To Offer the Mass for your loved ones (Living or Deceased) email: saintstephenmaronitechurch@gmail.com

Or call: (704) 412-1016

Sunday 1.12.2025 @ 12:30PM 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd For the Soul of Alex Del Pozo (Cousin of Claudia)

Mon. 1.13.25 @ 6:30PM 2951 Brookridge In St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena Pina Habbal, Judge Moossa & Aleena Tashjian

Wed. 1.15.25@ 6:30PM 2951 Brookridge Ln St. Rafka Liturgy & Novena

Thu. 1.16.25 @ 10:00AM 2951 Brookridge Ln Liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary

Fri. 1.17.2025 @ 10:00AM 2951 Brookridge Ln

Sunday 1.19.2025 @ 12:30PM 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd

Epiphany Bake Sale

Cash Sale: \$470.00 Credit Card Sale: \$480.00 Expenses: Square Fees \$14.81 Thanks to the generosity of all donors, we almost had no expenses <u>Net Profit: \$935.19</u>

May God bless all the Men and Women who worked hard to make this fundraiser a Great Success!!

Church Attendance:

Sunday 1/5/2025: 60 People

Congratulations

Thank God, in the Year 2024 we exceeded our Budget. Annual Budget : \$90,000 Total Income : \$105,533.55

<u>Surplus: \$15,533.55</u>

Sign up for online giving.

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

Collection 1/5/2025				
Quatchil	Church Collection	\$552.00		
Grateful	Online Weekly	\$110.00		
Hivers	Online Monthly	\$300.00		
	Total	\$962.00		
	Bake Sale	\$935.19		
Annual Budget (\$7,500 X 12 Months) \$90,000.00 Weekly Budget (90,000 ÷ 52 weeks) \$1,730.00				
This week's Income \$962.00				
Collected to Date \$2,101.19				
Total Income \$2,101.19				
Needed	to meet Budget:	\$87,898.81		
Plea	se keep in your	Prayers:		
Flias Bou-Ghazale, Anna Fl Zavek, Pina Habbal,				

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: <u>704-412-1016</u>

Sunday's Readings

1st Sunday after Epiphany

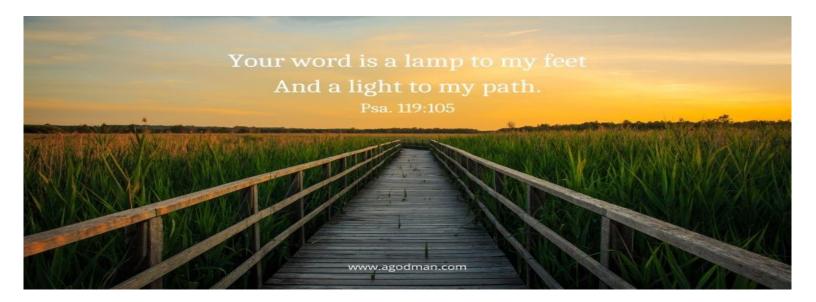
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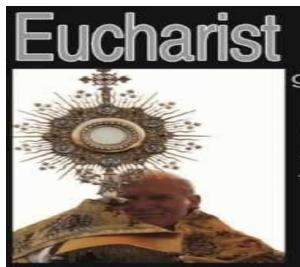
Now I myself, Paul, urge you through the gentleness and clemency of Christ, I who am humble when face to face with you, but brave toward you when absent, I beg you that, when present, I may not have to be brave with that confidence with which I intend to act boldly against some who consider us as acting according to the f lesh. For, although we are in the flesh, we do not battle according to the flesh, for the weapons of our battle are not of flesh but are enormously powerful, capable of destroying fortresses. We destroy arguments and every pretension raising itself against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive in obedience to Christ, and we are ready to punish every disobedience, once your obedience is complete. Look at what confronts you. Whoever is confident of belonging to Christ should consider that as he belongs to Christ, so do we. And even if I should boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I shall not be put to shame. May I not seem as one frightening you through letters. For someone will say, "His letters are severe and forceful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible." Such a person must understand that what we are in word through letters when absent, that we also are in action when present.

John 1:29-34

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the holy Spirit." Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."



Latest News



"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease." -Pope John Paul II-

*** At the Chapel on 2951 Brookridge Lane, Charlotte ***

Every 1st Monday of the Month

The 6:30PM Liturgy is offered for all the sick, in hospital, homebound or nursing homes **Every 1st Wednesday of the Month**

The 6:30PM Liturgy is offered for Vocations to the priesthood & Religious Life

Every Thursday:

Eucharistic Adoration following the 10AM Liturgy with the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Parish Council Meeting

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

<u>Hospitality Sign up</u>

Jan. 12: Joseph & Bertine Francis	Feb. 9:
Jan. 19:	Feb. 16:
Jan. 26: Moubarak Family	Feb. 23:
Feb. 2: Casaceli Family	March 2:

*** Thank You ***

Sign up Sheet is on the table in the Lobby. May God bless you for your generosity and support.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2025

JAN 23 - 26 WASHINGTON, D.C.

Thursday January 23

5:00 PM Evening vigil at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

TBD Social Outing

Friday January 24

11:00 AM	Meet at Starbucks for the March	
5:00 PM	Dinner and Talk with Father Rudolph at the Seminary Library	

TBD Social Outing

Saturday January 25

- 10:30 AM Maronite Mass in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- TBD Social Outing

Sunday January 26

- 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy at Our Lady of Lebanon
- 12:30 PM Brunch at the Parish Hall
- 2:00 PM Tour Monuments

Questions? Contact mya.eparchystmaron@gmail.com or the Eparchy Family and Sanctity of Life Office (540)520-1679 Hotel block information can be found at myaeparchystmaron.org/events



*Schedule is subject to change

MARCH FOR LIFE 2025

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

400 MICHIGAN AVE. NE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20017

Starbucks

325 7TH ST. NW 100 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church and Seminary

7142 ALASKA AVE NW #7142 WASHINGTON, D.C.20012

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JANUARY 23-26, 2025 WASHINGTON, D.C.

Join us for the National March for Life! Together, we stand for the unborn.

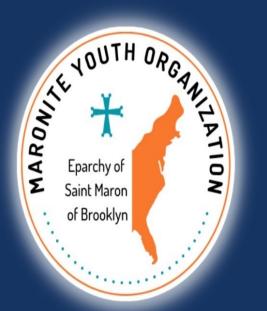
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