

# 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***

**Birth of John the Baptist**

**December 8, 2024**

***Feast of the Immaculate Conception***

***Galatians 4:21-5:1***

***Luke 1:57-66***

## 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.

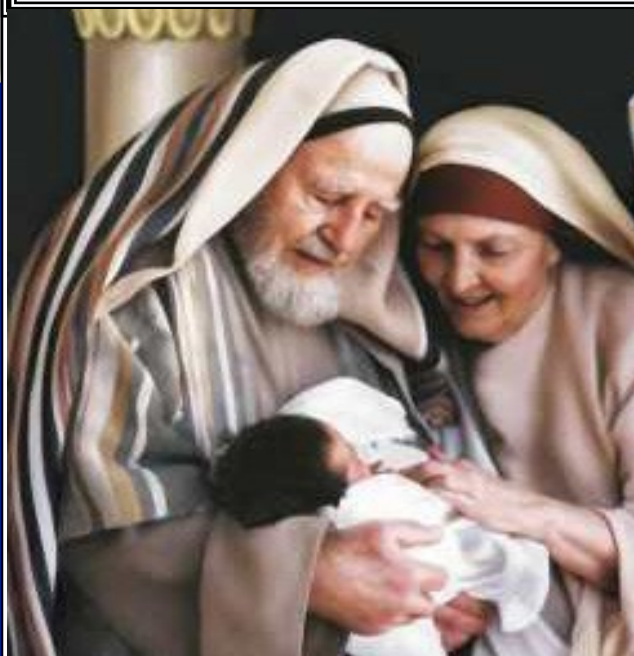
**SICK CALLS:** If someone is sick, hospitalized, homebound or in a Nursing Home, please contact Fr. Rodolph to let him know.

**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.

***Blessed be  
the Lord,  
the God  
of Israel***

***For He has  
visited and  
brought  
redemption  
to His  
people!!!***



**Christmas Dinner**

**Saturday December 14 at 6PM**

**@ St Matthew's, Banquet Room**



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 12.8.24 @ 12:30PM	4116 Waxhaw -Marvin Rd	For Peace in the world specially in the middle East & Lebanon
Mon. 12.9.24 @ 6:30PM	2951 Brookridge Ln	St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena For the well being of Pina Habbal
Wed. 12.11.24 @ 6:30PM	2951 Brookridge Ln	St. Rafka Liturgy & Novena For the Recovery of Judge Moossa
Thu. 12.12.24 @ 10:00AM	2951 Brookridge Ln	Liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary
Fri. 12.13.24 @ 10:00AM	2951 Brookridge Ln	For the well being of Aleena Tashjian
Sunday 12.15.24 @ 12:30PM	4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd	For the Soul of Marie Daou Mousa Medawar

+ Thank you +



May God bless you for your Generosity



### Sunday Collection 12/1/2024

Church Collection	\$476.00
Weekly Online Giving	\$260.00
Monthly Online Giving	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$736.00</b>

**Church Attendance:**  
Sunday 12/1/24: 53 People



**Sign up for online giving.**  
It is easy. Set it up once and you don't have to worry about it again!

Annual Budget (\$7,500 X 12 Months)	<b>\$90,000.00</b>
Weekly Budget (90,000 ÷ 52 weeks)	<b>\$1,730.00</b>
<b>This week's Income</b>	<b>\$736.00</b>
<b>Collected to Date</b>	<b>\$36,418.55</b>
<b>Catholic Extension Grant</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>
<b>Individual Donations</b>	<b>\$19,162.00</b>
<b>Festival Net Profit</b>	<b>\$33,165.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$97,532.55</b>
<b>Surplus over the Budget:</b>	<b>\$7,532.55</b>

**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.

## Sunday's Readings

# Birth of John the Baptist



### Galatians 4:21-5:1

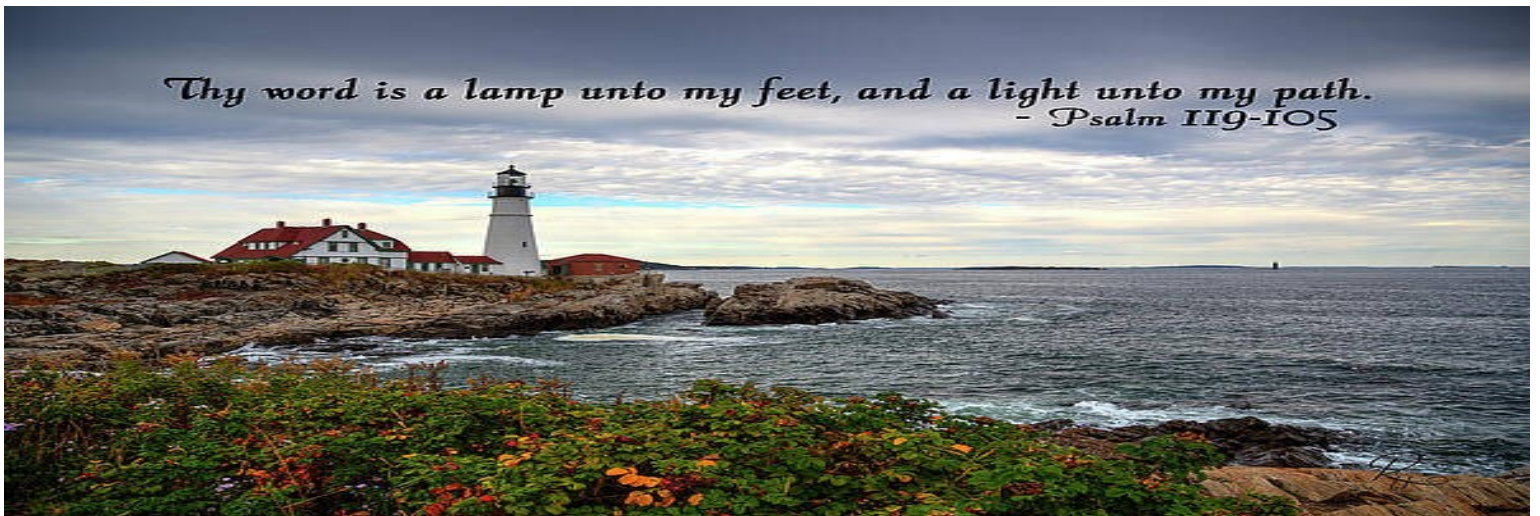
Tell me, you who want to be under the law, do you not listen to the law?

For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the freeborn woman. The son of the slave woman was born naturally, the son of the freeborn through a promise. Now this is an allegory. These women represent two covenants. One was from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; this is Hagar. Hagar represents Sinai, a mountain in Arabia; it corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery along with her children. But the Jerusalem above is freeborn, and she is our mother. For it is written: "Rejoice, you barren one who bore no children; break forth and shout, you who were not in labor; for more numerous are the children of the deserted one than of her who has a husband." Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of the promise. But just as then the child of the flesh persecuted the child of the spirit, it is the same now. But what does the scripture say? "Drive out the slave woman and her son! For the son of the slave woman shall not share the inheritance with the son" of the freeborn. Therefore, brothers, we are children not of the slave woman but of the freeborn woman. For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

### Luke 1:57-66

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her. When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, "No. He will be called John." But they answered her, "There is no one among your relatives who has this name." So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, "What, then, will this child be?" For surely the hand of the Lord was with him.

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.  
- Psalm 119-105*



# Latest News

**Christmas Novena** From Thurs Dec. 15 to Fri. Dec. 23

Everyday Before the Divine Liturgy

**Mon & Wed @ 6:30PM, Tue, Thu & Fri @ 10 AM, Sat & Sun @ 12:30 PM**

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

**Christmas Day Liturgy: Wednesday, December 25th @ 12:30 PM**

**New Year's Day Liturgy: Wednesday, January 1st @ 12:30 PM**

*At St Matthew Church 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd. Waxhaw*

## **Christmas Dinner**

**Saturday December 14 at 6PM @ St Matthew's, Banquet Room**

## **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 8:** Pierre & Madelene Haddad      **Jan. 5:**      Del Pozo Family

**Dec. 15:** Chaaya Family

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

**Dec. 22:** Joe & Kelly Brais

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

**Dec. 29:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

# St Stephen Church



## Christmas Dinner



You are all invited to join us

Saturday December 14th @ 6pm

St Matthew's Banquet Hall

8015 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy,

Charlotte, NC 28277



**Free Admission**

**All Are Welcome**

*Santa is Coming with Bag Full of Gifts*

**Delicious Lebanese Food and Sweets**

**And Great Raffle Prizes**

**For information Call 704-412-1016**



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FAR SOUTH  
EPARCHIAL  
RETREAT**



**FEBRUARY 2025**



**MIRROR**  
REFLECT YOUR LIGHT

**Save  
THE  
Date**



**HIGH SPRINGS, FL**

**DETAILS &  
REGISTRATION  
INFORMATION  
TO FOLLOW**