

# 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***

## **Feast of the Glorious Epiphany**

# **January 5, 2025**

***Hebrews 7:11-19***

***Luke 2:41-52***



### **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.



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

John 1:29

### **Epiphany Bake Sale**

***Sunday Jan. 5th, after the 12:30pm Divine Liturgy***

**Traditional Lebanese Sweets will be available  
for purchase**



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 1.5.2025 @ 12:30PM **4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd**

Mon. 1.6.25 @ 6:30PM **2951 Brookridge Ln** *St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena* For Pina Habbal, Judge Moossa & Aleena Tashjian

Wed. 1.8.25 @ 6:30PM **2951 Brookridge Ln** *St. Rafka Liturgy & Novena*

Thu. 1.9.25 @ 10:00AM **2951 Brookridge Ln** Liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary

Fri. 1.10.2025 @ 10:00AM **2951 Brookridge Ln**

Sunday 1.12.2025 @ 12:30PM **4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd**

## Collection 12/29/2024



Church Collection	\$839.00
Online Weekly	\$260.00
Online Monthly	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,099.00</b>
<b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>\$204.00</b>

**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.*

**Church Attendance:**  
**Sunday 12/29/24: 60 People**  
**New Year's Day: 1/1/25: 36 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) **\$90,000.00**  
**Weekly Budget** (90,000 ÷ 52 weeks) **\$1,730.00**

**This week's Income** **\$1,099.00**

**Collected to Date** **\$41,450.55**  
**Catholic Extension Grant** **\$8,000.00**  
**Individual Donations** **\$19,162.00**  
**Festival Net Profit** **\$33,165.00**  
**Christmas Dinner** **\$3,756.00**  
**Total Income** **\$105,533.55**  
**Surplus over Budget:** **\$15,533.55**

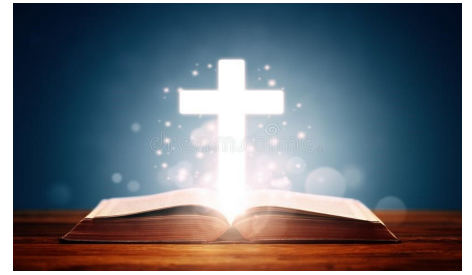
**Please keep in your Prayers:**  
 Elias Bou-Ghazale, Anna El Zayek, Pina Habbal, Saiid Khattar, Judge Robert Moossa, Mary Shaheen and Aleena Tashjian (John Najjar's Grand-daughter)

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**



## **Sunday's Readings**

# **Feast of the Glorious Epiphany**



### **Hebrews 7:11-19**

If, then, perfection came through the levitical priesthood, on the basis of which the people received the law, what need would there still have been for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not reckoned according to the order of Aaron? When there is a change of priesthood, there is necessarily a change of law as well. Now he of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, of which no member ever officiated at the altar. It is clear that our Lord arose from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious if another priest is raised up after the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become so, not by a law expressed in a commandment concerning physical descent but by the power of a life that cannot be destroyed. For it is testified: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." On the one hand, a former commandment is annulled because of its weakness and uselessness, for the law brought nothing to perfection; on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

### **Luke 2:41-52**

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

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

# Latest News

## **Prayers In Memory of**

Susan Enderle

Ann Marie Enderle

Armando Enderle

Patricia Annn Enderle

Ernesto Enderle

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## **Next Parish Council Meeting**

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

## **Hospitality Sign up**

Jan. 5: Del Pozo Family

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

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

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

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

Feb. 16: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Feb. 23: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* 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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SAINT RAFKA  
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Presents *The Annual* *Hafli* February 22nd  
2025



*Dj Khalil*

*Maestro Elias*

*Karim Jaber*

For Tickets Call: Paula Howard-Casby - (202) 538-1469

Lama Haddad (864) 978-1317

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**FEBRUARY 2025**



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THE  
Date*



**HIGH SPRINGS, FL**

**DETAILS &  
REGISTRATION  
INFORMATION  
TO FOLLOW**