

Saint Stephen Maronite Catholic Church

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Weekend 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

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 13th, 2026

1Corinthians 1:18-25 John 12:20-32

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.





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

Sun. 9.13.2026 @ 12:30PM **4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd** **Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
Thanksgiving for the 30th Anniversary of Fr Rodolph Wakim Priestly Ordination

Mon. 9.14.26 @ 6:30PM **2951 Brookridge Ln** **St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena** **Actual Feast of the Holy Cross**

Wed. 9.16.26 @ 6:30PM **2951 Brookridge Ln** **St. Rafka Liturgy & Novena**

Thu. 9.17.26 @ 10:00AM **2951 Brookridge Ln** **Liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary**

Fri. 9.18.26 @ 10:00AM **2951 Brookridge Ln**

Sun. 9.20.2026 @ 12:30PM **4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd**

Collection 9/6/2026

Church Collection	651.00
Online Weekly	\$230.00
Online Monthly	\$110.00
Total	\$991.00
Donation	\$500.00

May God bless you for your Generosity

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

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

Last week's Income \$991.00

Collected to Date \$33,110.00

Donations \$1,160.00

Total Income \$34,270.00

Needed to meet Budget: \$55,730.00

Church Attendance:

Sunday 9/6/2026: 45 People



Sign up for online giving.

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

Please keep in your Prayers:

Deacon Frank Enderle, Mary Shaheen
and Aleena Tashjian.

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 bring them Holy Communion and/or give them the anointing of the Sick.
Please Call Fr Rodolph: **704-412-1016**

Sunday's Readings

Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross **(Actual Feast is Monday Sept.14. 2026)**



1Corinthians 1:18-25

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the learning of the learned I will set aside." Where is the wise one? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish? For since in the wisdom of God the world did not come to know God through wisdom, it was the will of God through the foolishness of the proclamation to save those who have faith. For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

John 12:20-32

Now there were some Greeks among those who had come up to worship at the feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."

**YOUR WORD IS A
LAMP TO MY FEET
AND A LIGHT TO
MY PATH.**

PSALMS 119:105

Parish News

Festival Dabke Dance Groups

We have two Dabke dance groups.

They have been practicing and preparing to perform at our Festival:

1- Children (up to 13 years old)

2- Youth and Adults

If you or your children would like to participate in the future,
please let Rita, Monica, or Claudia know after Mass.

First Communion Registration

Registration for First Communion is now open.

Sign-up Sheet is available in the vestibule

If your child is eligible or you would like more information,
please see Fr Rodolph after Mass.

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Hospitality Sign up

Sep. 13: Fr Rodolph 30th Anniversary

Sep. 20: _____

Sep. 27: _____

Oct. 4: _____

Oct. 11: _____

Oct. 18: _____

Oct. 25: _____

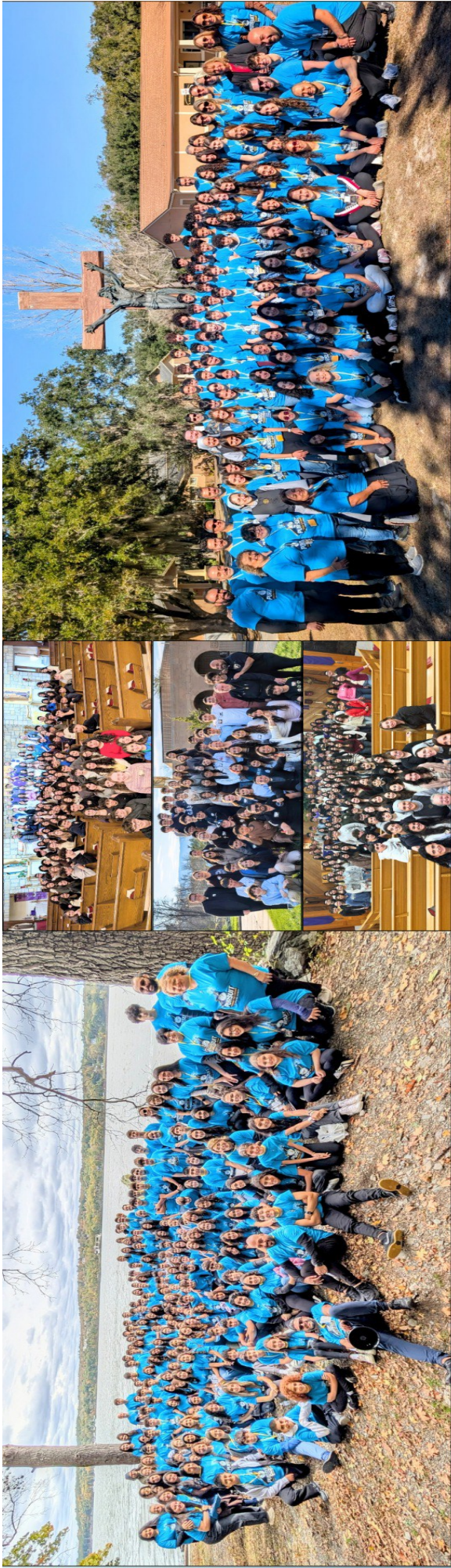
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***** Thank You *****

Sign up Sheet is on the table in the Lobby.

+++ May God bless you for your generosity and support +++





NEW ENGLAND

26
SEP
2026

**YOUTH LEADER
ENRICHMENT DAY**
St. Anthony Church
Lawrence, MA

10-12
OCT
2026

**REGIONAL
WEEKEND RETREAT**
Camp Pontiac
Copake, NY

27
FEB
2027

**LENTE
DAY RETREAT**
St. Anthony Church
Springfield, MA

22-27
JUN
2027

**NATIONAL
MYO CONFERENCE**
(TBD)

MID-ATLANTIC

10-12
OCT
2026

**REGIONAL
WEEKEND RETREAT**
Camp Pontiac
Copake, NY

7
NOV
2026

**YOUTH LEADER
ENRICHMENT DAY**
(TBD)

6
MAR
2027

**LENTE
DAY RETREAT**
Our Lady Star of the East
Pleasantville, NJ

22-27
JUN
2027

**NATIONAL
MYO CONFERENCE**
(TBD)

MID-ATLANTIC

5
DEC
2026

**CHRISTMAS
DAY RETREAT**
Our Lady of Victory
Pittsburgh, PA

19-21
FEB
2027

**REGIONAL
WEEKEND RETREAT**
Camp Weed
Live Oak, FL

22-27
JUN
2027

**NATIONAL
MYO CONFERENCE**
(TBD)

SOUTH

19-21
FEB
2027

**REGIONAL
WEEKEND RETREAT**
Camp Weed
Live Oak, FL

16-18
APR
2027

**EASTER
RETREAT**
St. Anthony Church
Glenn Allen, VA

22-27
JUN
2027

**NATIONAL
MYO CONFERENCE**
(TBD)



**2026 & 2027
EPARCHIAL EVENTS**



CELEBRATING
50 Years



OF THE
**CREIGHTON MODEL
FERTILITYCARE SYSTEM**

A MILESTONE IN WOMEN'S HEALTH, AUTHENTIC REPRODUCTIVE CARE



**EMPOWERING
WOMEN AND
COUPLES**



**EVIDENCE-BASED,
EFFECTIVE, AND
RESPECTFUL OF FERTILITY**



**MORALLY
ACCEPTABLE AND
HOLISTIC CARE**



**OFFERING TRUE SOLUTIONS
FOR SERIOUS PROBLEMS
INCLUDING MISCARRIAGES,
INFERTILITY, PMS, ETC**



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**JANET SMITH, PhD
VIA ZOOM**



*Come to be inspired,
encouraged and equipped to
support women and couples
in a natural holistic and
faithful way.*

FERTILITYCARE PROFESSIONALS



**DR. PAUL CARPENTIER
MD, CFCMC**



**DR. SHIRLEY GONZALEZ
MD, CFCP, CFCMC,
ABOM DIPLOMATE**



**DR. DAMIAN OLSEN
MD, CFCMC**



**KATHY RIVET
BS, CFCP, CFCE**



**SATURDAY 9AM -4PM
NOVEMBER 14, 2026**



**OUR LADY OF MERCY
341 JUNE ST
WORCESTER MA 01602**



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REGISTRATION ARE AVAILABLE HERE
WWW.CEDAROFLEBANONFCC.COM**

